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1. Which of the following government agency has been awarded the Data Security Council of India's (DSCI) award 2022 in Best Security Practices in Government Sector category?

- A. NIC
- B. UIDAI
- C. IRCTC
- D. BIS

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has won Data Security Council of India's (DSCI) award 2022 in Best Security Practices in Government Sector category.
- \* The award was given to UIDAI during DSCI's three-day Annual Information Security Summit (AISS) in New Delhi.
- \* Reason: For its significant role in securing national critical Aadhaar infrastructure that provides digital identity-based welfare services to residents.
- \* UIDAI CEO: Dr. Saurabh Garg

2. Who among the following awarded the 2022 BBC Sports Personality of the Year?

- A. Ben Stokes
- B. Beth Mead
- C. Mark Selby
- D. Stephen Hendry

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* English football player, Beth Mead (27) has been awarded the 2022 BBC Sports Personality of the Year as she was the player of the tournament and top scorer at Euro 2022.
- \* Beth Mead has defeated Germany in the finals at Wembley to win England's first major women's football trophy.
- \* She has competed against Ben Stokes and Ronnie O'Sullivan for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022 award.
- \* While, Sarina Wiegman (England's manager) has won the Coach of the Year.

3. In a written reply in Rajya Sabha, Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Parshottam Rupala has informed that Department of Fisheries, under PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) has provided an insurance coverage to fishers. In this context, which of the following statements are incorrect?

- (1) Under this scheme, government provide Rs.5,00,000 against accidental death or permanent total disability.



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(2) This scheme will be implemented in all the States and Union Territories for a period of 5 (five) years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25.

(3) The entire scheme cost will be borne by the central and state government.

- A. Only (1)
- B. Only (2)
- C. Only (3)
- D. Both (1) and (2)

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

\* Parshottam Rupala (Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying) has informed that Department of Fisheries, under PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) has provided an insurance coverage to fishers.

\* The insurance coverage provided under the PMMSY includes:

- o Rs.5,00,000/- against accidental death or permanent total disability
- o Rs.2,50,000/- for permanent partial disability
- o Hospitalization expenses in the event of accident for a sum of Rs. 25,000/-

\* PMMSY will be implemented in all the States and Union Territories for a period of 5 (five) years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25.

\* The entire scheme cost will be borne by the central government.

4. In December 2022, the Union Cabinet has approved the revision of the pension for family pensioners of armed forces under One Rank One Pension (OROP) from \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. July 1, 2015
- B. July 1, 2016
- C. July 1, 2018
- D. July 1, 2019

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

\* Union Minister of information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur has informed that the Union Cabinet approved the revision of the pension for family pensioners of armed forces under One Rank One Pension (OROP) from July 1, 2019.

\* The revision will entail an estimated annual expenditure of Rs 8450 crore.

\* The arrears will be with effect from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

\* The decision to implement OROP was taken by the Narendra Modi government on November 7, 2015.



5. Sitiveni Rabuka has been elected as the 12th prime minister of which of the following countries?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Nepal
- C. Fiji
- D. Singapore

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

- \* Sitiveni Rabuka has become the 12th prime minister of Fiji after a coalition of parties voted to elect him.
- \* His appointment has ended 10 days of uncertainty after an election delivered a hung parliament.
- \* Social Democratic Liberal party held the balance of power and voted to form a coalition with Rabuka's People's Alliance and the National Federation party.
- \* In secret parliamentary votes, 28 members of parliament voting for Rabuka while 27 voted in support of Bainimarama.

6. In December 2022, which of the following ministries launched the Prajwala Challenge, that aims to invite ideas, solutions and actions to transform rural economy?

- A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* The Ministry of Rural Development under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission has launched the Prajwala Challenge
- \* Aim: To invite ideas, solutions and actions that can transform rural economy
- \* The broad contours fall into following categories: Focus on Women and Marginalized section of community; Localised Models; Sustainability; Cost Effective solutions; Multi sectoral ideas and solutions
- \* Top 5 ideas will be rewarded with Rs. 2 Lakh each

7. In January 2023, who among has been sworn-in as the 39th president of Brazil?

- A. Jair Bolsonaro
- B. Ciro Gomes
- C. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
- D. Alexandre de Moraes

**Ans:** C



**Sol:**

- \* Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (77) has been sworn in as the 39th president of Brazil.
- \* He has defeated Jair Bolsonaro in October 2022 to win an unprecedented third presidential term.
- \* In election, he has secured 50.83% of the votes, whereas his opponent, Bolsonaro got 49.17% votes.
- \* He was served as the president of Brazil for two terms from 2003 to 2006 and then 2007 to 2011.
- \* He is the first Brazilian president to have been elected to a third term in office.

8. Who among has been appointed as the state icon for Bihar by the Election Commission to spread awareness among the voters for their participation in the electoral process?

- A. Sharda Sinha
- B. Hansraj Raghuvanshi
- C. Maithili Thakur
- D. Malini Awasthi

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

- \* The Election Commission has appointed folk singer, Maithili Thakur as the state icon for Bihar.
- \* She will create awareness among the voters for their participation in the electoral process.
- \* She was born in Madhubani district of Bihar.
- \* She is a trained in Indian classical and folk music.
- \* She was recently selected for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of the Sangeet Natak Akademi for her contribution to the folk music of Bihar for 2021.

9. Which of the following countries has become the 20th member of the eurozone with effect from 1 January 2023?

- A. Latvia
- B. Luxembourg
- C. Malta
- D. Croatia

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- \* Croatia has adopted the euro as its currency with effect from 1 January 2023 and become the 20th member of the eurozone.
- \* Croatia has entered the EU in 2013.
- \* It becomes the 27th country to join the Schengen area.
- \* Schengen Area: It is an area that comprises 27 European countries that have abolished all passports and border control at their respective mutual borders
- \* Eurozone: It is officially called the euro area.
- \* The monetary authority of the Eurozone is the Eurosystem.



10. Which of the following international professional boxing organizations announced to introduce a transgender category from 2023?

- A. World Boxing Association
- B. World Boxing Council
- C. International Boxing Council
- D. International Boxing Association

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

\* The president of World Boxing Council, Mauricio Sulaiman has announced that it will introduce a transgender category from 2023.

\* A 'at birth rule' will be used, which means a transgender boxer who is registered as male at birth will be allowed to fight others who have also been registered as male at birth.

\* While, those registered as female at birth will be allowed to fight others who have been registered as female at birth.

\* World Boxing Council HQ: Mexico

11. In January 2023, Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the 100-metre long Siyom Bridge in which of the following Indian states/UTs, that become an alternative route to the India-China border?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Ladakh
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

\* Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the 100-metre, Siyom Bridge in Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.

\* This bridge will open an alternative route to the India-China border.

\* The Siyom Bridge is one of the 28 projects completed by the Border Roads Organisation at a cost of Rs 724 crore to strengthen border infrastructure.

\* He has virtually inaugurated other 27 projects in Ladakh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Punjab and J&K.

12. How many overseas Indians have been selected by the government of India for the highest honour for overseas Indians, Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) 2023?

- A. 20
- B. 23
- C. 27
- D. 30

**Ans:** C



**Sol:**

- \* The government of India has selected 27 people for the highest honour for overseas Indians, Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) 2023.
- \* The awards will be conferred by the President Droupadi Murmu at 17th edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention held at Indore in Madhya Pradesh from January 8-10, 2023.
- \* President of Guyana Mohamed Irfaan Ali will be the chief guest this year.
- \* PBW 2023 theme: Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal

13. In January 2023, the Ministry of Home Affairs constituted a 17 member, High Powered Committee (HPC) to protect unique culture, language and employment of Ladakh, under the chairmanship of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Amit Shah
- B. RK Mathur
- C. Nityanand Rai
- D. Jamyang Tsering Namgyal

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

- \* The government of India has constituted 17 member, High Powered Committee (HPC) under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai.
- \* Reason: To discuss measures to protect unique culture, language and employment of Ladakh.
- \* The committee includes Ladakh LG, RK Mathur; MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; Chairmans of Leh and Kargil Hill councils, representatives of Apex Body Leh, Kargil Democratic Alliance and nominee officials of Home ministry.

14. Who among will take charge as the interim chief executive officer (CEO) of BharatPe, after the stepping down of Suhail Sameer as CEO of BharatPe?

- A. Nalin Negi
- B. Ashneer Grover
- C. Rajnish Kumar
- D. Shashvat Nakrani

**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

- \* BharatPe has appointed current chief financial officer (CFO), Nalin Negi as the interim chief executive officer (CEO).
- \* He has replaced Suhail Sameer, who stepped down from the position.
- \* He will take on the role of strategic advisor, effective January 7, 2023.
- \* Negi has previously worked at GE Capital and SBI Card.
- \* He was the CFO of SBI Card for over ten years.
- \* BharatPe was founded in March 2018.
- \* BharatPe Board Chairman: Rajnish Kumar



15. Who is the writer of a book titled 'Ambedkar: A Life', that was launched at the Kitaab Kolkata event, organized by Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF)? (January 2023)

- A. Mallikarjun Kharge
- B. Priyanka Gandhi
- C. S. Jaishankar
- D. Shashi Tharoor

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

\* A book titled 'Ambedkar: A Life', authored by Shashi Tharoor has been launched at the Kitaab Kolkata event.

\* The event was organized by Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF) at the ITC Sonar presented by Shree Cement.

\* The event was attended by bibliophiles young and old, members of Ehsaas Women and FICCI FLO.

\* Other notable books of Shashi Tharoor: Riot (2001), Why I Am A Hindu (2018), The Paradoxical Prime Minister (2018), India: From Midnight to the Millennium (1997)

16. As per the news article, India will take charge of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) from January 2023 for four years. Where is the headquarters of APPU?

- A. Singapore
- B. Beijing
- C. Jakarta
- D. Bangkok

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

\* India will take charge of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) in Bangkok, Thailand from January 2023.

\* Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh will take over the charge of Secretary General of the Union for a tenure of four years.

\* The APPU is an intergovernmental organization of 32-member countries of the Asian-Pacific region.

\* Aim of APPU: To extend, facilitate and improve postal relations between member countries and to promote cooperation in the field of postal services.

\* HQ of APPU: Bangkok, Thailand

17. Name the Indian-American, who has been selected to National Space Council Advisory Group to maintain a robust and responsible US space enterprise and preserve space for current and future generations?

- A. Harjit Singh
- B. Prafulla Masalkar
- C. Iyappan Ramachandran
- D. Rajeev Badyal





**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- \* USA Vice President, Kamala Harris has named Indian American Rajeev Badyal to National Space Council Advisory Group.
- \* He will be responsible to maintain a robust and responsible US space enterprise and preserve space for current and future generations.
- \* Presently, he is serving as the vice-president of Project Kuiper of Amazon.
- \* Prior to this role, he was the vice president of satellites at SpaceX.
- \* Harris had named US Air Force Rtd General Lester Lyles as chair of the UAG.

18. In January 2023, which of the following space sector start-up has launched its Pushan-Alpha satellite as rideshare onboard SpaceX's Transporter-6 mission from Cape Canaveral in Florida, US?

- A. Gather AI
- B. Digantara
- C. Astrome Technologies
- D. Kawa Space

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* Digantara (Space start-up) has launched its second satellite Pushan-Alpha as rideshare onboard SpaceX's Transporter-6 mission from Cape Canaveral in Florida, US.
- \* The satellite will serve as a space weather testbed in the sun synchronous orbit.
- \* It will also enhance precision driven situational space awareness applications.
- \* Its observations will help complement Digantara's ROBI (ROBust Integrating proton fluence meter) mission.
- \* Digantara Aerospace CEO: Anirudh Sharma

19. In January 2023, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the BIND scheme. In the context of this scheme, which of the following statements are correct?

- a. BIND scheme refers to Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development.
  - b. Government has approved an outlay of 2,539.61 crore rupees up to 2026-27.
  - c. This scheme aims to develop infrastructure of public broadcaster, Prasar Bharati.
- A. Only a
  - B. Only b
  - C. Both a and c
  - D. Both a and b

**Ans:** C



**Sol:**

- \* The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved Central Sector Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme with an outlay of 2,539.61 crore rupees up to 2025-26.
- \* Aim: For the infrastructure development of Prasar Bharati i.e. All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD).
- \* At present, Doordarshan operates 36 TV channels including 28 regional channels and All India Radio (AIR) operates more than 500 broadcasting centres.

20. On January 5, 2023, Ministry of Jal Shakti has organised the first All India Annual State Ministers Conference on Water in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. What is the theme of this conference?

- A. Jal Shakti @2050
- B. 5P of Water Harvesting
- C. Water Vision @ 2047
- D. Har Ghar Jal hi Jal

**Ans: C****Sol:**

- \* The Jal Shakti Ministry has organised the first All India Annual State Ministers Conference on Water in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on January 5, 2023.
- \* Theme: Water Vision @ 2047
- \* Aim: To bring together key policymakers to discuss ways to harness water resources for sustainable development and human progress.
- \* The Conference has also deliberated on '5P' mantra (Political will, Public financing, Partnerships, Public Participation and Persuasion for sustainability)

21. In which state the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the three-day 'North East Krishi Kumbha-2023'?

- A. Assam
- B. Tripura
- C. Manipur
- D. Meghalaya

**Ans: D****Sol:**

- \* Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the three-day 'North East Krishi Kumbha-2023' in Meghalaya.
- \* He also participated in the 49th Foundation Day celebration of the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam.
- \* The event included live demonstrations and exhibition of recent technologies through 102 stalls, by the host institute and its regional centers along with all the ICAR institutes.



22. Which state has won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission (5T initiative of the state)?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Odisha
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. West Bengal

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* Odisha has won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission (5T initiative of the state).
- \* 5T: Team work, Technology, Transparency, Transformation and Time limit.
- \* It is the world's largest land titling and slum upgrading program that aims to empower the lives of slum dwellers.
- \* Under this mission, 100% households in 2,724 slums have been provided with pipe water connections, and 8 cities become slum-free.

23. The G20 foreign minister meet is scheduled to take place in which city of India in March 2023?

- A. Jammu
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Lucknow

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* The G20 foreign minister meet is scheduled to take place in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi in March 2023.
- \* The government has issued an expected guest list that includes Joe Biden (US President), Vladimir Putin (Russia President), Rishi Sunak (UK Prime Minister), Xi Jinping (China President), among others.
- \* Special invitee guest countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE.
- \* India's G20 Sherpa: Amitabh Kant

24. Who is the present chairman of the University Grants Commission's (UGC)?

- A. M Jagadesh Kumar
- B. Ajay Kumar Srivastav
- C. Praveen Kumar Srivastav
- D. Arvind Walia

**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

- \* University Grants Commission's (UGC) Chairman, M Jagadesh Kumar has unveiled the draft norms to allow foreign universities to set up campuses in India.



- \* As per the draft norms, foreign universities can set up their campuses in India after receiving the approval from UGC.
- \* The initial approval will be for 10 years.
- \* Foreign varsities with campuses in the country will only be allowed to offer full-time programmes in physical mode (No online or distance learning).

25. In which of the following state, Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has inaugurated the 122-foot-high Sagol Kangjei Statue?

- A. Manipur
- B. Assam
- C. Sikkim
- D. Nagaland

**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

- \* Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has inaugurated the 122-foot-high Sagol Kangjei Statue at the Ibudhou Marjing complex at Heingang in Imphal, Manipur.
- \* He has also inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several projects in the state.
- \* He has also inaugurated Churachandpur Medical College and hoisting of 175 feet tall National flag at INA headquarters, Moirang.
- \* Sagol Kangjei: It is the name of the game of polo played in Manipur.

26. In January 2023, the traditional Cherchera festival has been celebrated in which of the following state in the happiness of taking the crops to their homes after cultivation?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Bihar
- C. Goa
- D. Chhattisgarh

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- \* Chhattisgarh CM, Bhupesh Baghel has celebrated the traditional Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in Raipur.
- \* This traditional festival is celebrated on the full moon night of 'Paush' Hindu calendar month.
- \* It is celebrated in the happiness of taking the crops to their homes after cultivation.
- \* According to mythological belief, on this day Lord Shankar has begged from Mata Annapurna, so people used to donate green vegetables along with paddy on this day.



27. In January 2023, the former Chief Justice of India, Ranjan Gogoi has released a book titled 'Chief Minister's Diary No.1', this book has recorded the daily activities of Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, who is the current chief minister of which of the following states?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Manipur
- C. Assam
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

- \* Former Chief Justice of India and member of the Rajya Sabha, Ranjan Gogoi has released a book titled 'Chief Minister's Diary No.1'.
- \* This book containing the account of events of the first year in office of Assam CM, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- \* The book featured accounts of daily activities he undertook as a Chief Minister.
- \* His diary essentially featured the growth initiatives that the state has witnessed over the last 11 months.

28. In January 2023, the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports has launched the themes, logo, and website of Y20 summit India in Curtain raiser event in New Delhi. In this context, which of the following is incorrect theme of Y20 summit India?

- A. Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century skills
- B. Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a way of life
- C. Recover Together, Recover Stronger
- D. Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: Ushering in an era of No War

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

- \* Anurag Singh Thakur (Minister of Youth Affairs) has launched the themes, logo, and website of Y20 summit India in Curtain raiser event in New Delhi.
- \* **Themes:**
- \* Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century skills
- \* Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a way of life
- \* Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: Ushering in an era of No War
- \* Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance and Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth.

29. The International Kite Festival 2023 is being organised in which of the following states from the 8th to the 14th of January, 2023?

- A. Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- B. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- D. Panaji, Goa



**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

- \* Gujarat Chief Minister, Bhupendra Patel has inaugurated the International Kite Festival 2023 in Ahmedabad, organised from the 8th to 14th January, 2023.
- \* The theme of this festival will be held with the theme of G20 - One Earth, One Family, One Future.
- \* The event is organized after a gap of two years due to the covid 19 pandemic.
- \* The delegates from G20 countries have been invited to the inauguration of the international kite festival 2023 to exchange their culture.
- \* Ahmedabad has hosted the International Kite Festival as part of the official celebration of Uttarayan.

30. India's first 3x platform wind turbine generators (WTGs) has been installed in which of the following states by ReNew Power?

- A. Kerala
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Rajasthan

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

- \* ReNew Power has installed India's first 3x platform wind turbine generators (WTGs) in Gadag, Karnataka.
- \* The WTGs have a nameplate capacity of 3.3-3.465 MW and are 128-140m in height.
- \* Aim: To improve capacity over models installed in India, which typically have a nameplate capacity of 2-3 MW.
- \* This project will produce enough energy to power over 1 million households in India annually.
- \* Chairman and CEO, ReNew Power: Sumant Sinha

31. What is the theme of the two-day 2023 Global Investors Summit that was virtually inaugurated by PM Modi in Indore, Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Cohesive and Responsive
- B. Partnership for Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth
- C. Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century Madhya Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh - a future-ready state

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- \* Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually inaugurated the two-day Global Investors Summit, organised in Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 11th-12th January 2023.



- \* The inaugural session of summit was attended by Chandrika Prasad Santokhi (President of Suriname) and Dr Mohammed Irfan Ali (President of Guyana).
- \* Theme of the Global Investors Summit is 'Madhya Pradesh - a future-ready state'.
- \* Environmental protection has been taken care of in this summit that will be completely based on Carbon Neutral and Zero Waste.

32. Which of the following movies has won the 2023 Golden Globe Awards in Best Film Drama category?

- A. The Fabelmans
- B. RRR
- C. Abbott Elementary
- D. The Banshees of Inisherin

**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

- \* SS Rajamouli's "RRR" has won the 2023 Golden Globe Awards for the best original song–motion picture for "Naatu Naatu" track.
- \* The movie was also nominated for the 'best picture-non English'.
- \* This track was composed by veteran music director, MM Keeravaani and sung by Kala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj
- \* Best Film:-
- \* Drama: The Fabelmans
- \* Musical or Comedy: The Banshees of Inisherin
- \* Best Drama Series: House of the Dragon
- \* Best Musical or Comedy Series: Abbott Elementary

33. Who has composed the "Naatu Naatu" track, that won the 2023 Golden Globe Awards for best original song–motion picture?

- A. MM Keeravaani
- B. Ram Miriyala
- C. Punarnavi Bhupalam
- D. Kala Bhairava

**Ans:** A

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- \* This track was composed by veteran music director, MM Keeravaani and sung by Kala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj
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- \* Drama: The Fabelmans
- \* Musical or Comedy: The Banshees of Inisherin
- \* Best Drama Series: House of the Dragon
- \* Best Musical or Comedy Series: Abbott Elementary



34. The Henley Passport Index 2023 has been released. In this context which of the following statement is correct?

- A. This report was released by Henley & Partners.
- B. India ranked 86th with 59 destinations worldwide.
- C. Japan has topped this report with 192 destinations.
- D. Iraq has placed bottom with 27 destinations.

**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

- \* According to the Henley Passport Index 2023, released by Henley & Partners, Japan with 193 destinations topped the list.
- \* While, Singapore and South Korea with 192 destinations ranked second, followed by Germany and Spain (190 destinations); Finland, Italy, and Luxembourg (189 destinations).
- \* India has ranked 85 with 59 destinations worldwide.
- \* Bottom: Afghanistan
- \* The list was prepared on the basis of data provided by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

35. PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 26th National Youth Festival, organized in Hubballi, Karnataka on 12th January 2023. What is the theme of this event?

- A. Viksit Yuva - Viksit Bharat
- B. Rozgaar Bharat - Rozgaar Yuva
- C. Surakshit Bharat - Viksit Yuva
- D. Surakshit Yuva - Surakshit Bharat

**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

- \* Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 26th National Youth Festival, organized in Hubballi, Karnataka from 12th -16th January 2023.
- \* This festival is held every year to provide exposure to our talented youth at the national level.
- \* It is being held on National Youth Day (12th January), which is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
- \* Theme of this event: "Viksit Yuva - Viksit Bharat"
- \* The event also included folk dances and songs.

36. In January 2023, the new Integrated Food Security Scheme has been named as PMGKAY by the Union Cabinet. In this context, what is the full form of PMGKAY?

- A. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Antodaya Yojana
- B. Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana
- C. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana
- D. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kraykaram Antodaya Yojana

**Ans:** C





**Sol:**

- \* The government of India has renamed the new Integrated Food Security Scheme as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY).
- \* Prior to this, the Union Cabinet had approved this scheme for providing free food grains to Antodaya Ann Yojna (AAY) and Primary Household (PHH) beneficiaries.
- \* This scheme came into effect on 1st January 2023.
- \* Under PMGKAY, free foodgrains will be provided to all PHH and AAY beneficiaries, as per entitlement under National Food Security Act.

37. In January 2023, the Health and Family Welfare Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya launched a book titled 'Braving A Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story'. This book was written by Aashish Chandorkar and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Sambhav Jain
- B. Sanjoy Das
- C. Srinidhi Goud
- D. Suraj Sudhir

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- \* Health and Family Welfare Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya has officially launched the book titled Braving A Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story.
- \* It was co-authored by Aashish Chandorkar and Suraj Sudhir.
- \* This book has explained the growth of India as a self-sufficient nation where all sections of society contributed to fighting the pandemic.
- \* The book was launched ahead of India's second anniversary of starting its COVID-19 vaccination drive in January 2021.

38. Who is the author of the book titled Revolutionaries- The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom, released by Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi?

- A. Sanjeev Sanyal
- B. Vikram Sampath
- C. J Sai Deepak
- D. Bibek Debroy

**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

- \* Home Minister, Amit Shah has released a book titled Revolutionaries- The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom.
- \* The book was authored by veteran Economist Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.
- \* The book has written the stories of freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh, Chandra Shekhar Azad, V D Savarkar, Aurobindo Ghosh, Rashbehari Bose, and Bagha Jatin, in a collective manner.



39. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has notified comprehensive regulatory standards for Basmati Rice for the first time. In this context, which of the following statements is correct?

- (a) New standards will come into effect from 1 August 2023
- (b) Basmati rice shall possess the natural fragrance characteristics of basmati rice
- (c) They will be free from artificial colouring, polishing agents, and artificial fragrances.

- A. Both (a) and (b)
- B. Only (c)
- C. All statements are correct
- D. Both (b) and (c)

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

\* The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India** (FSSAI) has notified comprehensive regulatory standards for Basmati Rice for the first time and will come into effect from **1 August 2023**.

\* **Aim:** To establish fair practices in the trade of Basmati rice and protect consumer interest.

\* As per the standards, **Basmati rice shall possess** the natural fragrance characteristics of basmati rice and be free from artificial colouring, polishing agents, and artificial fragrances.

**Hence option (C) is correct.**

40. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has unearthed two miniature votive stupas dating back 1200 years near the Sarai Tila mound within the grounds of the world heritage site, "Nalanda Mahavihara". This site is located in which of the following states?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Odisha
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bihar

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

\* The Patna circle of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has discovered two miniature votive stupas dating back 1200 years near the Sarai Tila mound within the grounds of "Nalanda Mahavihara".

\* The stupas, carved from stone, depict Buddha figures.

\* Nalanda Mahavihara is a world heritage site in Bihar's Nalanda district.

\* This site comprises the archaeological remains of a monastic and scholastic institution dating from the 3rd century BCE to the 13th century CE.



41. In January 2023, which of the following drone manufacturers launched a surveillance drone named 'Droni' and a short film 'Kheton Ke Kaptan' to encourage youth and farmers to lead in their respective farms?

- A. Skylark Dronetech
- B. IdeaForge
- C. Garuda Aerospace
- D. Airpax

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

- \* Garuda Aerospace and Former cricketer, Mahendra Singh Dhoni have launched a surveillance drone named 'Droni.'
- \* M S Dhoni is an investor-cum-ambassador of Garuda Aerospace.
- \* Droni is a battery-operated quadcopter surveillance drone.
- \* MS Dhoni and Garuda had also launched a short film 'Kheton Ke Kaptan'
- \* The film was conceptualized by Garuda Aerospace and jointly produced with Dhoni Entertainment.
- \* Garuda Aerospace recently became the first-ever drone company in India to get dual DGCA approvals for both drone manufacturing type certificate and RTPO.
- \* In 2022, he unveiled the camera drone called Droni at The Global Drone Expo in Chennai.

42. What is the theme of the 53rd annual meeting of the World Economic Forum 2023?

- A. Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World
- B. Cooperation in a Fragmented World
- C. Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World
- D. The Great Reset and Restart

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* The annual meeting of the World Economic Forum started in Davos, Switzerland, on January 16 and will continue till January 20, 2023.
- \* The theme of the 53rd annual event is 'Cooperation in a Fragmented World'.
- \* Aim: To address the pressing issues the world is facing and promote innovative solutions
- \* A range of topics will be discussed at the 2023 meeting - New Energy, Climate Change, Jobs, Travel and Tourism, Health, Tech, and Banking.

43. Name the writer who won the first-ever Federal Bank Literary Award 2022 for his autobiography 'Oranweshananthinte Katha'?

- A. K Venu
- B. K. R. Meera
- C. Jayakanthan
- D. Meena Kandasamy



**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

- \* Noted writer K Venu has bagged the first-ever Federal Bank Literary Award 2022 for his autobiography 'Oranweshananthinte Katha'.
- \* The award was presented by the chairman and independent director of the Federal Bank, Balagopal Chandrasekhar.
- \* It was presented at an event held as part of the ongoing sixth edition Kerala Literature Festival, Kozhikode beach.
- \* The prize money was handed over by Nandakumar V (executive vice-president of the bank).

44. DNPA has announced Digital Impact awards 2023 in eight categories. What is the full form of DNPA?

- A. Digital News Publishers Association
- B. Digital Network Publishers Association
- C. Digital Network Public Authority
- D. Digital News Production Authority

**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

- \* The Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) has announced Digital Impact awards 2023 in eight categories.
- \* Categories (Best Use of Digital Media):
  1. For Health – CoWIN App
  2. For Women & Child Welfare Reforms – (A) Poshan Tracker App, (B) Himmat Plus Ap
  3. For Ease of Living – Digilocker
  4. For Financial Reforms – PMJDY
  5. For Human Resource Development & Education – DIKSHA
  6. For Sustainability and Environment Protection – CAMPA

45. Miss USA, R'Bonney Gabriel (28) becomes the \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Universe 2022 which was organized in New Orleans, Louisiana.

- A. 70th
- B. 71st
- C. 72<sup>nd</sup>
- D. 73<sup>rd</sup>

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* Miss USA, R'Bonney Gabriel (28) has been crowned the Miss Universe 2022 at the 71st Miss Universe pageant organized in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- \* She is a model, fashion designer, and sewing instructor who prioritizes the environment in her work.



- \* She is also the first Filipino American to win Miss USA.
- \* Amanda Dudamel from Venezuela was the first runner-up, and Andreína Martínez from the Dominican Republic was the second runner-up.

46. In January 2023, a naval exercise 'VARUNA' organized on the Western Seaboard, is a bilateral exercise between India and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. USA
- B. Australia
- C. South Korea
- D. France

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- \* The 21st edition of the bilateral naval exercise between India and France 'VARUNA' was organized on the Western Seaboard from 16 -20 January 2023.
- \* It will witness advanced air defense exercises, tactical manoeuvres, surface firings, underway replenishment, and other maritime operations.
- \* This exercise will provide an opportunity to learn best practices from each other.
- \* It was initiated in 1993 and was christened 'VARUNA' in 2001.

47. A Business-20 (B-20) inception meeting that is a part of G-20 presidency will be organized by which of the following states from 22 -24 January 2023?

- A. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bangalore, Karnataka
- C. Jaipur, Rajasthan
- D. Gandhinagar, Gujarat

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- \* As part of G-20 presidency, a Business-20 (B-20) inception meeting will be organized at Gandhinagar in Gujarat from 22- 24 January 2023.
- \* Agenda: To formulate policy recommendations to be submitted to G-20 ahead of the leaders' Summit.
- \* Attended by: Union Ministers Piyush Goyal and Ashwini Vaishnaw, CM Bhupendra Patel, Amitabh Kant (India's Sherpa to G-20), and N Chandrasekaran (Tata Sons Chairman).
- \* It will be the first of 15 events that Gujarat will organize.

48. In January 2023, which edition of the bilateral naval exercise between India and France named 'VARUNA' commenced on the Western Seaboard on the 16th of January 2023?

- A. 22nd
- B. 21st
- C. 30th
- D. 10th

**Ans:** B



**Sol:**

- \* The 21st edition of the bilateral naval exercise between India and France 'VARUNA' was organized on the Western Seaboard from 16 -20 January 2023.
- \* It will witness advanced air defense exercises, tactical manoeuvres, surface firings, underway replenishment, and other maritime operations.
- \* This exercise will provide an opportunity to learn best practices from each other.
- \* It was initiated in 1993 and was christened 'VARUNA' in 2001.

49. Which of the following districts was declared the country's first Constitution-literate district? (January 2023)

- A. Mairang
- B. Resubelpara
- C. Nongpoh
- D. Kollam

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- Kerala CM, Pinarayi Vijayan has declared Kollam district as the first Constitution-literate district in the country.
- It is achieved through 'The Citizen', a Constitution literacy campaign.
- This campaign was jointly launched by the Kollam district panchayat, the District Planning Committee, and the Kerala Institute of Local Administration.
- Aim: To provide constitution literacy to 23 lakh citizens belonging to 7 lakh families in the district.

50. PM Modi has inaugurated the second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 in Basti District, Uttar Pradesh. This district is a Lok Sabha constituency of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Harish Dwivedi
- B. Ajay Kumar Singh
- C. Kavindra Chaudhary
- D. Rajendra Chaudhary

**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

- Basti district is a Lok Sabha Constituency of Harish Dwivedi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 in Basti District of Uttar Pradesh via video conferencing.
- It organizes diverse competitions in both indoor and outdoor sports.
- Apart from these, competitions in essay writing, painting, and rangoli making will also be organized.
- This event is being organized in two phases.



51. The writer of the book titled, 'Broke to Breakthrough' has won Gaja Capital Business Book Prize 2022. Who is he?

- A. Pravin Rao
- B. Kris Gopalakrishnan
- C. Harish Damodaran
- D. Ram Charan

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

- Indian Express journalist, Harish Damodaran was awarded the Gaja Capital Business Book Prize 2022 for his book 'Broke to Breakthrough'.
- This book is a detailed and perceptive account of the rise of dairy company Hatsun Agro and its founder R.G. Chandramogan.
- Gaja Capital Business Book Prize:
  - o It was instituted in 2019.
  - o Aim: To encourage Indian entrepreneurs, writers, and journalists to tell stories

52. Who among the following was appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) in National Security Council Secretariat for two years?

- A. Subhash Joshi
- B. Pankaj Kumar Singh
- C. D.K. Pathak
- D. K.K. Sharma

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- Former Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF), Pankaj Kumar Singh was appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) in National Security Council Secretariat for two years.
- He is a 1988-batch IPS officer of the Rajasthan cadre.
- He retired as the BSF chief on December 31, 2022.
- Earlier, he served as Inspector General of the CRPF in Chhattisgarh and IG (Operations) at CRPF, Delhi.
- He has also served in the Rajasthan Police and CBI.

53. "Naanera" has won the 'Golden Kailasha' award for the best movie at the 8th Ajanta-Ellora film festival. This movie belongs to which regional cinema?

- A. Bengali
- B. Gujarati
- C. Marathi
- D. Rajasthani

**Ans:** D



**Sol:**

- \* "Naanera", a Rajasthani film has bagged the 'Golden Kailasha' award for the best movie at the 8th Ajanta-Ellora film festival, organised in Aurangabad from January 11 to 15.
- \* It was directed by Deepankar Prakash.
- \* It has also bagged awards for best director, best screenplay, and best editor.
- \* Best Actress: Akshatha Pandavapura
- \* Best Actor: Jeetu Kamal (Bengali film: Aparajito)
- \* As many as 55 films were screened in this five day film festival.

54. Under how many sub-events, the second edition of "SAINYA RANAKSHETRAM 2.0", a Cyber Threat Seminar cum Workshop, was organised by the Indian Army from October 2022 to January 2023

- A. Three
- B. Four
- C. Two
- D. Five

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* The second edition of "SAINYA RANAKSHETRAM 2.0" was organized by the Indian Army under the aegis of HQ Army Training Command from October 2022 to January 2023.
- \* It was held under four sub-events: Cyber Deterrence, Security Software Coding, Electro Magnetic Spectrum Operations, and Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning (AI/ ML).
- \* Aim: To provide a platform to identify indigenous talent in niche domains and enhance the standard of training in domains.
- \* The winners of the event were felicitated by Gen Manoj Pande (Chief of the Army Staff).

55. Lakshmi Vishwanathan, who passed away, was a renowned dancer of which of the following classical dances?

- A. Odissi
- B. Manipuri
- C. Kuchipudi
- D. Bharatanatyam

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- \* Renowned Bharatanatyam dancer and guru, Lakshmi Vishwanathan passed away at the age of 78.
- \* She was awarded many awards such as Kalaimamani from the Tamil Nadu government, and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.





- \* She was a gold medallist in English literature from Madras University.
- \* She authored four books Kunjamma-Ode to a Nightingale (a biography of M.S. Subbulakshmi); Women of Pride-the Devadasi Heritage; Kapaliswara Temple; and Bharatanatyam: The Tamil Heritage.

56. Who among the following was awarded the ISA Award for Service to Humanity, the top civilian award of Bahrain? (January 2023)

- A. Mahabir Pun
- B. Anuradha Koirala
- C. Anoop Misra
- D. Dr Sanduk Ruit

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- \* Dr Sanduk Ruit (Nepalese ophthalmologist) was awarded the top civilian award of Bahrain, the ISA Award for Service to Humanity.
- \* He is a co-founder of the Himalayan Cataract Project.
- \* He is a pioneer in delivering high-quality microsurgical procedures in remote eye camps.
- \* The award carries a cash prize (\$1 million), a certificate, and a gold medal.
- \* He was awarded the Honorary Officer of the Order of Australia (2007), the Ramon Magsaysay Award (2006), and Padma Shri (2018).

57. What is the minimum contribution required to open a National Pension System (NPS) Tier-II account?

- A. Rs 500
- B. Rs 1000
- C. Rs 1500
- D. Rs 2000

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- It is not mandatory to have a Tier-II account in order to invest in NPS.
- All members of the Tier-I account can open a Tier-II account.
- It is mandatory to have a bank account to open a Tier-II account.
- The minimum contribution at the time of opening a Tier-II account is Rs.1,000.
- At least one contribution must be made in a year.
- The minimum amount of contribution that must be made is Rs.250.
- The minimum balance that must be present in the account is Rs.2,000.
- Transfer of funds from a Tier-II to a Tier-I account can be easily done.



58. In January 2023, which of the following state government organized a first-of-its-kind craft summit, 'International Craft Summit'?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Odisha
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* Odisha Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated an 'International Craft Summit' in Jajpur, Odisha.
- \* This is the first-of-its-kind craft summit featuring a confluence of pioneering craftspeople, culture, and art enthusiasts.
- \* International delegates from 15 countries have joined with the local artisans and other stakeholders.
- \* Four UN agencies and five UNESCO Creative Cities have partnered with the District to realize this event on behalf of the State Government.

59. In January 2023, which of the following ministries issued 'Endorsements Know-hows!' guidelines for influencers, celebrities, and virtual influencers on social media platforms with the objective that individuals do not mislead their audiences?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- \* The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution has released 'Endorsements Know-hows!' guidelines for celebrities, influencers, and virtual influencers on social media platforms.
- \* Aim: To ensure that individuals do not mislead their audiences.
- \* It also ensures that they are in compliance with the Consumer Protection Act 2019.
- \* Endorsements must be made in simple terms such as "advertisement," "sponsored," or "paid promotion" can be used.

60. In January 2023, which of the following states/UTs celebrated the annual Ethnic Mamani Festival at Historical Styangkung Village by the Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation (HCHF), and Tourism Department?

- A. Jammu & Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

**Ans:** B



**Sol:**

- \* The annual Ethnic Mamani Festival was organized at Historical Styangkung Village and Chiktan Shagaran by the Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation (HCHF) and Ladakh Tourism Department.
- \* This village is being developed as one of the well-maintained heritage villages in Ladakh.
- \* During Mamani, people would exchange food with their relatives and neighbours and worship a variety of spirits.
- \* These festivals have helped in the revival of more than 35 cuisines of Kargil Ladakh.

61. Name a six-day-long mega biennial tri-services amphibious exercise that was conducted by Indian Navy in partnership with the Indian Army, and IAF near Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh from January 17 to 22, 2023?

- A. VARUNA 2023
- B. INDIA 2023
- C. AMPHEX 2023
- D. VIRAG 2023

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

- \* The Indian Navy has organized a six-day-long mega biennial tri-services amphibious exercise 'AMPHEX 2023' near Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh from January 17 to 22, 2023.
- \* The military exercise was organized between the Indian Navy, Army, and IAF.
- \* It included complex activities in all domains that demonstrated and validated the high level of preparedness and excellent coordination
- \* It took place amid growing concerns over China's increasing military forays into the Indian Ocean

62. In January 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi renamed how many unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar after Param Vir Chakra awardees?

- A. 20
- B. 21
- C. 75
- D. 40

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* Prime Minister Narendra Modi renamed the 21 largest unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar after Param Vir Chakra awardees on January 23, 2023, via video conferencing.
- \* He has also unveiled the model of the National Memorial dedicated to Netaji, to be constructed on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep (earlier known as Ross Islands).



- \* The event was attended by Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief of Defence Staff General, Anil Chauhan.
- \* The Param Vir Chakra awardees who have the unnamed islands named after them include Major Somnath Sharma, Subedar and Honorary Captain Karam Singh, Second Lt. Rama Raghoba Rane, Nayak Jadunath Singh, Company Havildar Major Piru Singh, Capt GS Salaria, Lieutenant Colonel Dhan Singh Thapa, Subedar Joginder Singh, Major Shaitan Singh, Company Quartermaster Havildar Abdul Hamid and Lt Col Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore.

63. In January 2023, the Odisha cabinet, headed by CM Naveen Patnaik, cleared the inclusion of how many castes in the list of Socially and Economically Backward Classes (SEBC)?

- A. 20
- B. 22
- C. 24
- D. 27

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- \* Odisha cabinet has cleared the inclusion of 22 castes in the list of Socially and Economically Backward Classes (SEBC).
- \* The state government has approved the proposed Amendment of the Odisha State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 by inserting subsection 3 under Section 9
- \* This enables the State Government to include such Backward Classes in the State list of SEBCs
- \* Article 15(4): It enables the State to make any special provisions for the advancement of any SEBC

64. The International Cricket Council (ICC) revealed the Men's T20I Team of the Year 2022. In this context, which of the following is not included in the list?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Glenn Phillips
- C. Finn Allen
- D. Suryakumar Yadav

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

- \* The ICC has revealed the Men's and Women's T20I Team of the Year 2022.
- \* The ICC has recognized the 11 outstanding players.
- \* **Men's:**
  - \* India: Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya
  - \* Pakistan: Mohammad Rizwan, Haris Rauf



\* Jos Buttler(ENG), Glenn Phillips (NZ), Sikandar Raza (ZIM), Sam Curran (ENG), Wanindu Hasaranga (SL), Josh Little (IRE)

\* **Women's:**

\* India: Smriti Mandhana, Deepti Sharma, Richa Ghosh, Renuka Singh

\* Australia: Beth Mooney, Ash Gardner, Tahila McGrath

\* Nida Dar (PAK), Sophie Ecclestone (ENG), Inoka Ranaweera (SL), Sophie Devine (NZ)

65.What is the capacity of North India's largest floating Solar project, which was inaugurated by Punjab's governor Banwari Lal Purohit at Water Works in Chandigarh? (January 2023)

- A. 500kWp
- B. 1500kWp
- C. 20000kWp
- D. 2000kWp

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

\* The Governor of Punjab, Banwari Lal Purohit inaugurated North India's largest floating Solar project of 2000kWp at Water Works in Chandigarh.

\* He has also inaugurated a 500kWp floating Solar Project with Fountains at Dhanas Lake in Chandigarh.

\* These projects were designed and executed by CREST (Chandigarh Renewable Energy and Science & Technology Promotion Society).

\* It will generate a minimum of 35 Lac Units(kWh) of Solar Energy per year with 20% module efficiency.

66.Which of the following state governments collaborated with the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to organize a two-day agriculture event, 'Krishi-Mahotsav: Pradarshani evam Prashikshan'?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Punjab
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bihar

**Ans:** A

**Sol:**

\* The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has organized a two-day event, 'Krishi-Mahotsav: Pradarshani evam Prashikshan' at Kota, Rajasthan.

\* It was organized in association with the Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan.

\* Aim: To make Kota Division advanced and leading in the field of agriculture and rural development.



- \* Through the exhibition, the government can also spread awareness about the schemes of governments.
- \* Rajasthan CM: Ashok Gehlot

67. In December 2022, which state's cultural symbol 'Gamochoa' has been accorded the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag by the Government of India (GoI)?

- A. Bihar
- B. Assam
- C. West Bengal
- D. Jharkhand

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

- The **Geographical Indication (GI) Tag** has been granted by the Government of India (GoI) to 9 new products from different states, including the Attappady Aattukombu Avara, Alibag White Onion, Raktsey Karpo Apricot, Tandur Redgram, and Gamosa of Assam.
- Out of the 9 GI tags that are granted, five are for products from Kerala.
- The 9 products and their respective states are depicted in the table below:
- With this announcement the **total number of GI tags in India reached to 432.**
- Among these 401 are for products with Indian origin and 31 are for products with foreign origin.

Thus, option 'B' is the correct answer.

68. In January 2023, the Reserve Bank of India ordered to stop all transactions under the LRS with immediate effect till further orders. In this context, what is the full form of LRS?

- A. Liberal Remit Scheme
- B. Law Remittance Scheme
- C. Liberalized Rupees Scheme
- D. Liberalized Remittance Scheme

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- RBI ordered the SBM Bank (India) Ltd to stop all transactions under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) with immediate effect till further orders.
- Reason: Certain material supervisory concerns were observed in the bank
- In December 2018, the RBI sanctioned the Scheme of amalgamation of the entire undertaking of SBM Bank (Mauritius) Limited, India with SBM Bank (India) Limited which was granted a licence to carry on the business of banking in India through a wholly-owned subsidiary.
- Under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme, Indian residents (including minors) are allowed to freely remit up to USD 2,50,000 per financial year (April - March) for any permissible current or capital account transaction or a combination of both



69. In January 2023, which of the following government department launched a massive District Outreach Programme, "Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0"?

- A. National Securities Depository Limited
- B. Defence Research and Development Organisation
- C. Food Corporation of India
- D. Employees' Provident Fund Organization

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has launched a massive District Outreach Programme "Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0".
- This programme was launched by Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Arti Ahuja.
- Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0:
- It is a grievance redressal platform and information exchange network for employers.
- It also exchanges information with the district-level authorities of various State and Central Government departments.

70. In January 2023, which of the following women's teams was sold for the highest price at the BCCI Women's IPL teams auction for the inaugural edition?

- A. Mumbai Indians
- B. Delhi Capitals
- C. Royal Challengers Bangalore
- D. Adani Group

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- Adani Group (Ahmedabad team) was sold for the highest price INR 1289 crore, followed by Mumbai, Bengaluru, Delhi, and Lucknow.
- BCCI secretary, Jay Shah has confirmed that the total bids received from the winners were worth Rs 4,669.99 crore (USD 572.78 million).
- Mumbai Indians, Delhi Capitals, Royal Challengers Bangalore, Adani Group, and Capri Global won the bid for the inaugural edition.
- The teams will be based in Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, and Lucknow respectively.

71. What is the theme of the 30th National Child Science Congress, which is being organized in Ahmedabad, Gujarat from 27th -31st January 2023?

- A. Science for Sustainable Living
- B. Science, Technology and Innovation for a Clean, Green and Healthy Nation
- C. Know your ecosystem
- D. Understanding Ecosystem for Mental and Wellbeing

**Ans:** D



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**Sol:**

- The 30th National Child Science Congress started at Ahmedabad in Gujarat on 27th January 2023.
- The five-day event is being organized at Science City and will conclude on 31st January 2023.
- Focal theme: Understanding the Ecosystem for Mental and Wellbeing
- The program is being hosted by the Gujarat Council on Science and Technology (GUJCOST), the Gujarat Council of Science City, and SAL Education.
- According to the officials, more than 1400 delegates including child scientists, and government officials will attend the congress.

72. Which of the following men's cricket teams topped the ICC ODI rankings after defeating New Zealand? (January 2023)

- A. England
- B. Australia
- C. New Zealand
- D. India

**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

- India's men's cricket team has become the No. 1 team in the ICC ODI rankings after defeating New Zealand by 90 runs in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- India won the first match by 12 runs in Hyderabad and the second match by 8 wickets in Raipur.
- This was India's second consecutive clean sweep after defeating Sri Lanka last week.
- At present, England with 113 ratings placed second, followed by Australia (112), New Zealand (111), Pakistan (106), and South Africa (100).

73. In January 2023, Balkrishna Vitaldas Doshi, who passed away at 95, was a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Classical Dancer
- B. Architect
- C. Journalist
- D. Scientist

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

- Renowned Indian architect Balkrishna Vitaldas Doshi passed away at the age of 95 in Gujarat.
- He was honoured with the Padma Bhushan (2020), Pritzker Architecture Prize (2018), Padma Shri (1976), and many more awards.
- He was credited with designing some of the country's most iconic structures, such as IIM Bangalore, NIFT Delhi, and CEPT University in Ahmedabad.
- He also worked under Le Corbusier and Louis Kahn.





74. North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project owned by NTPC has crossed 71 GW with the successful completion of the trial operation. This thermal plant is located in which state of India?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Odisha
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Bihar

**Ans:** C

**Sol:**

\* NTPC (India's largest power generator) Group capacity has crossed 71 GW with the successful completion of the trial operation of the first unit of 660 MW North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project, Jharkhand (3x660 MW).

\* Impact: It will provide affordable power to Jharkhand, Bihar, WB, and Odisha.

\* With this addition, the total installed capacity of NTPC has become 71544 MW

\* The foundation for this NTPC project in Jharkhand was laid by the former PM, Atal Bihari Vajpayee

75. Who among the following appointed as the new director general in the Directorate of General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) with effect from February 28, 2023?

- A. Arun Kumar
- B. Vikram Dev Dutt
- C. Aditya Kumar Anand
- D. Ajeet Vasant

**Ans:** B

**Sol:**

\* The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Vikram Dev Dutt as the next director general in the Directorate of General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) with effect from February 28, 2023.

\* He is a 1993-batch IAS officer of AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, and Union Territory) cadre.

\* He will be succeeding the incumbent DGCA chief, Arun Kumar.

\* He was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Air India Ltd in 2022.

\* DGCA is a statutory body to regulate civil aviation in India.

76. In January 2023, which of the following paramilitary force commenced an "Ops Alert" exercise to enhance security along the India-Pakistan border in the Kutch district of Gujarat and Barmer in Rajasthan?

- A. National Security Guard
- B. Sashastra Seema Bal
- C. Central Reserve Police Force
- D. Border Security Force



**Ans:** D

**Sol:**

\* The Border Security Force (BSF) has started an "Ops Alert" exercise with an aim to enhance security along the India-Pakistan border in the Kutch district of Gujarat and Barmer in Rajasthan.

\* As per the release, this exercise commenced on January 21 and will continue till January 28 along the International Border from Sir Creek (marshy area).

\* It is being carried out to "thwart any ill-designs of anti-national elements" during the Republic Day celebrations.



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