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Q.1) Who has become the highest wicket-taker for Team India in T20I history?

T20I इतिहास में टीम इंडिया के लिए सबसे ज्यादा विकेट लेने वाले गेंदबाज कौन बन गए हैं?

- (1) Jayant Yadav**
- (2) Yuzvendra Chahal**
- (3) Kuldeep Yadav**
- (4) Mohammed Siraj**

- **Yuzvendra Chahal** has become the highest wicket-taker for Team India in T20I Cricket history.
- He achieved the landmark during the second T20I against New Zealand in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- Chahal has taken 91 wickets in 75 matches, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar is second on the list with 90 wickets in 87 T20Is.

Q.2) Who has been conferred with the FIH's President's award?

FIH के राष्ट्रपति पुरस्कार से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (1) V Karthikeyan Pandian**
- (2) Saswat Mishra**
- (3) Ashok Chandra**
- (4) Pradip Amat**

- An IAS officer, and private secretary to Odisha CM, **V Karthikeyan Pandian** has been conferred with **FIH's President's award**.
- Pandian was awarded for successfully hosting the **2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023** in Bhubaneswar and Sundargarh.
- Previously, He successfully organized other hockey tournaments like the Champions Trophy, Hockey World League, and FIH Pro-League.

Q.3) Manuela Roka Botey appointed as the first female Prime Minister of –
मैनुएला रोका बोटी को किस देश की पहली महिला प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है -

- (1) Equatorial Guinea**
- (2) Gabon**
- (3) Cameroon**
- (4) Nigeria**

- **Equatorial Guinea** has appointed **Manuela Roka Botey** as prime minister.
- She became the **first woman** in the country to hold the position.
- President **Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo**, who has ruled the country since **1979**, made the announcement in a decree read on state television.

Q.4) Who will become the Theme country at the 2025 Madrid International Book Fair?
2025 मैड्रिड इंटरनेशनल बुक फेयर में थीम देश कौन बनेगा?

- (1) Bangladesh**
- (2) Nepal**
- (3) India**
- (4) Srilanka**

- The Ambassador of Spain to **India**, Jose Maria Ridao has announced that **India** will be invited as the focal country at the **Madrid International Book Fair** in 2025.
- Aim:** To have a direct relationship with Indian authors

Q.5) According to RBI data, the total number of micro ATMs across India by 2022?
RBI के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, 2022 तक पूरे भारत में माइक्रो एटीएम की कुल संख्या कितनी होगी?

- (1) 14.19 lakh**
- (2) 14.64 lakh**
- (3) 14.97 lakh**
- (4) 15.35 lakh**

- According to data, released by the RBI, as of December 2022, the total number of **micro ATMs** across the country has reached **14.19 lakh**.

- There were just about **56 lakh micro ATMs** in India in **2020**. In December 2021, it rose to 5.9 lakh.

Q.6) What is the name of 1st Indian space mission to observe the Sun?

सूर्य का निरीक्षण करने वाले पहले भारतीय अंतरिक्ष मिशन का नाम क्या है?

- (1) Samyukth-L1**
- (2) Aditya-L1**
- (3) Surya-L1**
- (4) Rakshak-L1**

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is aiming to launch the **Aditya-L1** mission by **June or July 2023**.
- Aditya-L1 is the **first Indian space mission** to observe the **Sun** and the **solar corona**.

Q.7) Which country has announced to remove the British Monarchy from its Banknotes?

किस देश ने अपने बैंक नोटों से ब्रिटिश राजशाही को हटाने की घोषणा की है?

- (1) Indonesia**
- (2) Australia**
- (3) Philippines**
- (4) Vietnam**

- The Reserve Bank of **Australia** has announced that it will remove the portrait of the British monarchy, **Queen Elizabeth II** from its **A\$5 banknotes**.
- The new currency notes of the \$5 would feature an Indigenous design rather than an image of King Charles III.

Q.8) Which state government has launched the “Vision for All School Eye Health” program?

किस राज्य सरकार ने “विज़न फॉर ऑल स्कूल आई हेल्थ” कार्यक्रम शुरू किया है?

- (1) Maharashtra**
- (2) Karnataka**
- (3) Goa**
- (4) Kerala**

- The government of **Goa** has launched the **Vision for All School Eye Health** program in partnership with OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation and Prasad Netralaya.
- The Vision for All School Eye Health will **focus on training 2000 teachers** on basic visual acuity tests for the children in their respective schools, followed by detailed refraction by qualified professionals from Prasad Netralaya.

**Q.9) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2023 for the _____ time in a row.
वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने लगातार _____ बार केंद्रीय बजट 2023 पेश किया।**

- (1) 10th**
- (2) 4th**
- (3) 3rd**
- (4) 5th**

- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** is the **sixth minister** in independent India to present **five consecutive budget**.
- Sitharaman's budget for the fiscal year starting April 2023 is her fifth straight since **2019**.
- Other ministers who have presented five straight annual financial statements include **Arun Jaitley, P Chidambaram, Yashwant Sinha, Manmohan Singh and Morarji Desai**.

Q.10) The Union Budget 2023-24 adopts how many priorities?

केंद्रीय बजट 2023-24 में कितनी प्राथमिकताओं को अपनाया गया है?

- (1) 7 priorities**
- (2) 6 priorities**
- (3) 2 priorities**
- (4) 1 priorities**

• Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, while presenting the **Union Budget 2023-24** in Lok Sabha, said that the budget is adopting **7 priorities** that will guide us through 'Amrit Kaal'.

• **7 priorities are:** (1) Inclusive Development, (2) Reaching the last mile, (3) Infrastructure and investment, (4) Unleashing the potential, (5) Green Growth, (6) Youth Power & (7) Finance Sector

Q.11) What is the current year's economic growth is estimated at the Union budget 2023?

केंद्रीय बजट 2023 में चालू वर्ष की आर्थिक वृद्धि का अनुमान कितना है?

(1) 4%

(2) 8%

(3) 7%

(4) 6%

- The Union Budget 2023-24 highlighted that the current year's economic growth is estimated to be at 7%, “highest among all the major economies.”
- Finally, with regards to the fiscal deficit, she retained it to the target of 6.4% in the revised estimate for FY2022-23 and reduced it to 5.9% for the next fiscal.

Q.12) Which Union Minister announced the 'Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme'?

किस केंद्रीय मंत्री ने 'महिला सम्मान बचत प्रमाणपत्र योजना' की घोषणा की?

- (1) Rajnath Singh**
- (2) Piyush Goyal**
- (3) Nirmala Sitharaman**
- (4) Ashwini Vaishnaw**

- Union finance minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has announced a new scheme for women, “**Mahila Samman Saving Certificate**”.
- Mahila Samman Saving Certificate is a **one-time new small savings scheme** of the government of India announced in the Budget 2023.

Q.13) For the first time in football history, Which country has initiated "White Card" in a match?
फुटबॉल इतिहास में पहली बार किस देश ने एक मैच में "व्हाइट कार्ड" शुरू किया है?

- (1) France**
- (2) Morocco**
- (3) Spain**
- (4) Portugal**

- A **white card** was shown for the first time in a women's cup quarter-final match between Benfica and Sporting Lisbon in **Portugal**.
- The card was initiated by Portugal to try and improve **ethical value** in the sport.
- It is in contrast with **yellow** and **red** cards which are used to discipline players for misconduct.

Q.14) Who has become the 2nd country to start the 'trade-plus-one' (T+1) settlement cycle?

ट्रेड-प्लस-वन' (T+1) समझौता चक्र शुरू करने वाला दूसरा देश कौन बन गया है?

- (1) India**
- (2) Myanmar**
- (3) Thailand**
- (4) Singapore**

- After China, **India** has become the second country in the world to start the 'trade-plus-one' (T+1) settlement cycle in top listed securities.
- It aims to bring operational efficiency, faster fund remittances, share delivery, and ease for stock market participants.
- Until 2001, stock markets had a weekly settlement system.

Q.15) Which company has acquired the Cloud Services Start-up "Cloudfify"?

किस कंपनी ने क्लाउड सर्विसेज स्टार्ट-अप "Cloudfify" का अधिग्रहण किया है?

- (1) Infosys**
- (2) Dell**
- (3) TATA**
- (4) Wipro**

- **Dell Technologies** has acquired Israeli startup **Cloudfify** that is known for cloud orchestration and infrastructure automation.
- According to reports, Dell spent close to **USD 100 million** in buying the startup to boost its cloud services business.

Q.16) Recently, Which country has announced to allot land for Indian Industries?

हाल ही में किस देश ने भारतीय उद्योगों के लिए भूमि आवंटित करने की घोषणा की है?

- (1) Egypt**
- (2) Sudan**
- (3) Israel**
- (4) Syria**

•A joint statement released by India and **Egypt** at the summit meeting said that Egypt plans to allot land to Indian industries in Suez Canal Special Economic Zone and India can arrange the master plan for the proposal.

**Q.17) As per RBI study, Which state has received the highest GST compensation from the centre?
RBI के अध्ययन के अनुसार, किस राज्य को केंद्र से सबसे अधिक GST मुआवजा प्राप्त हुआ है?**

- (1) Gujarat**
- (2) Maharashtra**
- (3) Karnataka**
- (4) Tamil Nadu**

- According to a study by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), **Maharashtra**, Karnataka and Gujarat received the top GST compensation, during the five-year transition period from July 2017 to June 2022.
- **Tamil Nadu** was the fourth highest compensation receiving State, which is followed by Punjab.

**Q.18) For the first time in India, Which company has started exports of aviation gasoline?
भारत में पहली बार किस कंपनी ने एविएशन गैसोलीन का निर्यात शुरू किया है?**

- (1) HPCL**
- (2) BPCL**
- (3) ONGC**
- (4) IndianOil**

• **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** has started exports of aviation gasoline, which is used to operate unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and small planes.

• For the first time in the nation's history, India is exporting fuel.

Q.19) Which state's Health Minister Nava Kishore Das was shot dead by a policeman?

किस राज्य के स्वास्थ्य मंत्री नव किशोर दास की एक पुलिसकर्मी ने गोली मारकर हत्या कर दी थी?

- (1) Uttar Pradesh**
- (2) Madhya Pradesh**
- (3) Odisha**
- (4) Nagaland**

- **Odisha** Health and Family Welfare Minister **Naba Kisore Das** was **shot dead** by an assistant sub inspector of police in western Odisha town of Brajarajnagar on January 29.
- The shooter was identified as **Gopal Das**, who was posted in the Gandhi Chowk police outpost of Brajarajnagar. He had earlier served the Minister in the capacity of his personal security officer.

**Q.20) Which state/UT has made a record of planting 90 lakh saplings through 'Har Gaon Hariyali' initiative?
किस राज्य / केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश ने 'हर गाँव हरियाली' पहल के माध्यम से 90 लाख पौधे लगाने का रिकॉर्ड बनाया है?**

- (1) Uttarakhand**
- (2) Jammu & Kashmir**
- (3) Ladakh**
- (4) Punjab**

- In **Jammu and Kashmir**, Government's ambitious initiative 'Har Gaon Hariyali' has recorded a plantation of **90 lakh saplings** during the current fiscal against the set target of plantation of **1.35 Crore seedlings**.
- The **aim** of the department is to bring two third geographical area of J&K under the forest and tree cover.

Q.21) Which state/UT has announced to introduce 1,500 e-scooters at 250 locations?

किस राज्य / केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश ने 250 स्थानों पर 1,500 ई-स्कूटर पेश करने की घोषणा की है?

- (1) Kerala**
- (2) Maharashtra**
- (3) Delhi**
- (4) Goa**

- **Delhi** Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal government is set to introduce **e-scooter services** in the city to mitigate the last-mile connectivity issues.
- By next year, **1500 e-scooters** will be introduced across **250 locations**.
- As per the Chief Minister, a pilot project will be run from Dwarka since it has many metro stations and bus stops.

Q.22) Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has launched 400 "Aam Aadmi Clinics" at –
दिल्ली के मुख्यमंत्री अरविंद केजरीवाल ने 400 "आम आदमी क्लीनिक" कहां लॉन्च किए हैं -

- (1) Ludhiana**
- (2) Jalandhar**
- (3) Amritsar**
- (4) Patiala**

- Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) head **Arvind Kejriwal** has launched 400 “**Aam Aadmi clinics**” in **Amritsar**, Punjab.
- The first set of **100 Mohalla clinics** were opened in Punjab last year and more than 10 lakh people had availed health services in the Mohalla clinics.
- **Aam Aadmi Party** has launched the **Mohalla Clinics** in 2015 when they formed the Government in Delhi.



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- In 2023, Russia will begin supplying India with the 3rd squadron of the S-400 air defence missile system.
- India has already deployed its first two missile system squadrons to monitor the Ladakh sector, the Chicken's Neck Corridor in West Bengal, and the whole northeastern area.
- India and Russia have agreed on a three-year contract of around 35,000 crores to purchase five squadrons of S-400 air defence missiles.

The India Energy Week was inaugurated by PM Modi in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The event is to focus on energy security and India's energy transition goals. This includes net-zero emission target achievement by 2070. The major attraction of the event is the launch of E20 fuel in more than 84 outlets in 11 states and UTs.

- PM Modi will launch solar and conventional energy hybrid cooking systems. It was designed and created by Indian Oil. It is called the Indoor Solar Cooking System.

- **February 6-8.**

- **Launch of 20% ethanol blend petrol, E20**

- **Launch of “UNBOTTLED” initiative by PM Modi: Aim of the initiative is to phase out single-use plastics**

- **Indian companies like GAIL, Adnani, HPCL, IOCL, BPCL, ONGC, and Total gas will demonstrate new products and services**

- **Participation of more than 650 business associates from 50 countries**

- GoI plans on achieving 20% ethanol blend biofuels
- Discussions about the oil companies setting up 2G ethanol plants and 3G ethanol plants
- Green Mobility Rally: Focusing on green energy sources; Create public awareness on green fuels

**Q.1) Uttarakhand state aims to be drug-free by which year?
उत्तराखंड राज्य को किस वर्ष तक नशा मुक्त करने का लक्ष्य है?**

- (1) 2024**
- (2) 2025**
- (3) 2027**
- (4) 2030**

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** called upon people in the state to work to come forward to help the government in its resolution to make the state **drug-free** by the year **2025**.
- CM Dhami inaugurated the de-addiction workshop '**Mission Drugs Free Devbhoomi**' at a district jail in **Dehradun**.

**Q.2) Who has declared the 'Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha' as State Song?
'जय जय महाराष्ट्र माझा' को राज्य गीत किसने घोषित किया है?**

- (1) Eknath Shinde**
- (2) Narendra Modi**
- (3) Devendra Fadnavis**
- (4) Uddhav Thackeray**

- The Maharashtra government announced the “Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha” as the state song, which is usually performed at school cultural events on May 1, second only to the national anthem.
- The decision was taken by the Maharashtra cabinet, headed by Chief Minister **Ek Nath Shinde**.
- The song will now be played on official occasions.

Q.3) Who has been rated as the World's most popular leader, as per Morning Consult?

मॉर्निंग कंसल्ट के अनुसार, दुनिया के सबसे लोकप्रिय नेता के रूप में किसे दर्जा दिया गया है?

- (1) Joe Biden**
- (2) Narendra Modi**
- (3) Manuel López**
- (4) Alain Berset**

• Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has been rated as the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 78%, according to a survey by US-based consulting firm 'Morning Consult'.

• Mexican President **Andrés Manuel López Obrador** is in second place with a 68 percent approval rating, and Swiss President **Alain Berset** is third with a 62 percent approval rating.

Q.4) 1st meeting of the G-20 Energy Transition Working Group has been organised at –
G-20 एनर्जी ट्रांजिशन वर्किंग ग्रुप की पहली बैठक आयोजित की गई है -

- (1) Mysuru**
- (2) Chennai**
- (3) Bengaluru**
- (4) Coimbatore**

- The first meeting of the **G-20 Energy Transition Working Group** under the chairmanship of India, has been organised in **Bengaluru** from 5 to 7 February.
- India has set a target to achieve **90GW** of solar equipment manufacturing capacity by **2030** and 15 to 20 GW capacity is already under construction.

Q.5) Which state government has launched the “Mero Rukh Mero Santati”?

किस राज्य सरकार ने “मेरो रुख मेरो संतति” लॉन्च किया है?

- (1) Manipur**
- (2) Sikkim**
- (3) Nagaland**
- (4) Tripura**

- On 2nd February 2023, Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang has launched the initiative, named “Mero Rukh Mero Santati” (Plant a Tree, Leave a Legacy), under which 100 trees will be planted for every child born in **Sikkim**.
- The initiative is aimed at strengthening the connection between parents, children, and nature by planting trees to commemorate childbirth.

Q.6) Who has chaired the CEO Conclave at “PlastIndia 2023” in New Delhi?

नई दिल्ली में "प्लास्टइंडिया 2023" में सीईओ कॉन्क्लेव की अध्यक्षता किसने की?

- (1) Ashwini Vaishnaw**
- (2) Rajnath Singh**
- (3) G. Kishan Reddy**
- (4) Mansukh Mandaviya**

- **Mansukh Mandaviya** chaired the **CEO Conclave at PlastIndia 2023** in New Delhi.
- The conference was attended by more than **90 CEOs** from the plastics industry both from India and abroad.

Q.7) Who has inaugurated the "SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2023"?
"सरस आजीविका मेला 2023" का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?

- (1) Manoj Sinha**
- (2) Droupadi Murmu**
- (3) Jagdeep Dhankhar**
- (4) Narendra Modi**

- Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** on 4 February inaugurated the **SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2023** at Aquaplex Crown at Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu.
- Women self-help groups from **around 25 states and union territories** across the country are participating in the fair.

Q.8) International Surajkund Crafts Mela 2023 has been organised at –

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सूरजकुंड शिल्प मेला 2023 का आयोजन कहाँ किया गया है -

- (1) Gurugram**
- (2) Faridabad**
- (3) Ludhiana**
- (4) Jalandhar**

- The **36th International Surajkund Crafts Mela 2023** has been organised from 3 to 19 February, 2023 at **Faridabad, Haryana**.

- This year's theme state is the **“North Eastern Region”**, and the partner country is the **“Shanghai Cooperation Organisation”**.

Q.9) Indian Gymnast Dipa Karmakar has been banned for how many months for doping?

भारतीय जिमनास्ट दीपा कर्मकार को डोपिंग के लिए कितने महीने के लिए प्रतिबंधित किया गया है?

- (1) 6 Months**
- (2) 9 Months**
- (3) 21 Months**
- (4) 15 Months**

- Indian gymnastics' poster girl **Dipa Karmakar** has been handed a retrospective **21-month** suspension by **International Testing Agency (ITA)**, an independent non-profit organisation that handles anti-doping test procedures for the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG).
- Dipa tested **positive** for **higenamine**, a beta-2 agonist, which means it is prohibited for consumption at all times, both in and out of competition.

Q.10) Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has recently inaugurated "Madhya Pradesh Bhawan" in which area of Delhi?

मुख्यमंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान ने हाल ही में दिल्ली के किस क्षेत्र में "मध्य प्रदेश भवन" का उद्घाटन किया है?

- (1) Asaf Ali Road**
- (2) Vasant Kunj**
- (3) Chanakyapuri**
- (4) Hauz Khas**

- Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** has inaugurated the newly constructed “**Madhya Pradesh Bhawan**” in **New Delhi** on 2nd February.

- The six-storey Bhawan is constructed with a cost of nearly **Rs 150 crore** on a **5-acre plot** in **Chanakyapuri** area.

India's 1st Infantry Museum has been inaugurated in Madhya Pradesh

1) India's first and the World's 2nd Infantry Museum was inaugurated in the Mhow Cantonment in Indore district, Madhya Pradesh (MP).

- It is named as **Infantry Research Centre and Museum**.

- It was inaugurated on 16th December 2022, the eve of 75 years of raising of the Infantry School and to commemorate the **Vijay Diwas**.

- The museum was made open to the public on 17th December 2022.

- The objective is to showcase the Infantry with the theme line **"Infantry: The Ultimate."**

- The museum is situated in a three-story structure on a **2-acre plot of land**.

- The **1st Infantry Division Museum** is a museum located at Fort Riley in Kansas, **United States**. The museum covers the history of the 1st Infantry Division (United States) from World War I to the present day.

**Q.11) Which is the first district to register 10,000 new MSMEs?
10,000 नए MSME पंजीकृत करने वाला पहला जिला कौन सा है?**

- (1) Alappuzha**
- (2) Wayanad**
- (3) Ernakulam**
- (4) Wayanad**

- **Ernakulam** in Kerala has been named as the first district to achieve registration of 10,000 new MSMEs.
- This will help boost the contribution of MSMEs by generating new jobs and diversifying India's GDP.

**Q.12) PM Narendra Modi has participated in the “Krishnaguru Eknaam Akhanda Kirtan” in –
पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी ने "कृष्णागुरु एकनाम अखंड कीर्तन" में भाग लिया है -**

- (1) Assam**
- (2) Meghalaya**
- (3) Sikkim**
- (4) Tripura**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in the Krishnaguru Eknaam Akhanda Kirtan for World Peace at Barpeta in Assam via video conferencing.
- Paramguru Krishnaguru Ishwar established the Krishnaguru Sevashram in 1974, at Nasatra village in Barpeta, Assam.

Q.13) Which company has become India's first supplier of Parts for Nuclear Turbines?

कौन सी कंपनी परमाणु टर्बाइन के लिए भारत की पहली पुर्जे की आपूर्तिकर्ता बन गई है?

- (1) Ayaan Factory**
- (2) Angle Trading**
- (3) Arnk Offshore**
- (4) Azad Engineering**

- **Azad Engineering Private Limited**, a Hyderabad-based market leader in engineering, has been approved as the first Indian company to supply critical rotating parts for nuclear turbines.
- The company has delivered its first set of critical parts. These will be assembled on nuclear turbines manufactured in Belfort, France.

**Q.14) Indian Cricketer Joginder Sharma announced his retirement. He is currently serving as DSP of –
भारतीय क्रिकेटर जोगिंदर शर्मा ने संन्यास की घोषणा की।
वह वर्तमान में डीएसपी के रूप में कार्यरत हैं -**

- (1) Haryana**
- (2) Uttarakhand**
- (3) Punjab**
- (4) Maharashtra**

- **Indian Cricketer Joginder Sharma** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on February 03.
- Joginder represented India in **four ODI's and T20** between 2004 and 2007.
- He played for **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** in the IPL from **2008 to 2012**.
- He is currently serving as a **Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP)** in **Haryana**. He joined the **Haryana** Police in **October 2007**.

**Q.15) Former Indian footballer Parimal Dey passed away. He was fondly known as –
पूर्व भारतीय फुटबॉलर परिमल डे का निधन हो गया। उन्हें
प्यार से जाना जाता था -**

- (1) Manik-da**
- (2) Bijoy**
- (3) Jangla-da**
- (4) Dhing Express**

- On 1st February 2023, A former Indian footballer **Primal Dey** passed away at the age of 81.
- He was fondly known as “**Jangla-da**“, born in 1941 in West Bengal.
- He played for India in **5 matches**, scoring **one goal** for the Indian team.



The Indian Airforce is to conduct a massive military exercise near the Line of Actual Control.

Infiltrations are common in the Line of Control, India – Pakistan border, and Line of Actual Control, India – China border.

The **PRALAY** is to be conducted on the **North Eastern border** where Chinese infiltrations are rising these days.

PRALAY will be conducted by IAF. It is to be noted that India recently deployed **S – 400 missiles** in the region. PRALAY will see the participation of India's leading fighter jets such as the **Rafale and Su-30.**



- The objective of this exercise is to avoid accidents at sea and save lives by conducting rescue operations.
- This was the 10th exercise conducted by the Coast Guard.
- Indian Coast Guard**

It is an armed force, search and rescue agency that protects maritime interests of India. It is a Maritime Law Enforcement Agency. It was established in 1978 by coast Guard Act, 1978. It operates under Ministry of Defence.

**3rd India-Vietnam
Bilateral Army
Exercise "Ex VINBAX
2022"**



The **third edition** of Ex VINBAX 2022 was held in August, 2022 in Chandimandir.

Highlights of EX VINBAX 2022:

- This exercise is a sequel to previously conducted bilateral exercise in Vietnam in 2019 and a major milestone in strengthening the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam.

Theme of Ex VINBAX – 2022:

- Ex VINBAX 2022 will be held under the theme- “employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team under United Nations Contingent for Peacekeeping Operations”.



INDIA-JAPAN JOINT EXERCISE DHARMA GUARDIAN



At Maratha Light Infantry Regimental Centre in Belagavi, Karnataka, the army contingents of India and Japan together carried out mock drills during the joint military exercise 'Dharma Guardian 2022'.

- Dharma Guardian is an annual military exercise that is being conducted in India since 2018.**
- Platoon level joint training on operations in semi-urban or urban terrain and the jungle is covered in this exercise.**

SHINYUU Maitri

This is a bilateral exercise conducted between the Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) and the Indian Air Force.

JIMEX

It is a bilateral maritime exercise held between Japan and India.

Sahayog-Kaijin

A joint bilateral exercise between the Japan Coast Guard and the Indian Coast Guard.



The Exercise Paschim Lehar is conducted to enhance the cooperation among the different naval commands in the Indian Navy.

It involves Indian Army and Indian Air Force as well. Recently, the exercise was conducted in the west coast.

The exercise was held for twenty days.

It was conducted to enhance the operational cooperation among Indian Army, Indian Navy and the Coast Guard.

The western command of Indian Navy participated in the exercise. The headquarters of the western command is situated in Mumbai.

The headquarters of eastern naval command is located in Vishakhapatnam. The headquarters of southern naval command is located in Kochi.

Paschim Lehar 2022

- More than 40 ships and submarines participated in the exercise. Also, the Indian Air Force deployed SU 30 MKI, flight refuelling aircraft and Jaguar maritime strike aircraft. The IAF also deployed unmanned aerial system, dornier aircrafts, P8i, MiG 29K and IL 38 SD.
- During the exercise, the forces operated in realistic condition. Also, weapon firings were conducted under different scenarios.



India

Sri Lanka

★ Malé

Maldives

Indian Ocean

The Exercise Ekuverin is a joint military exercise held between India and Maldives. It is held between the armies of India and Maldives.

- Ekuverin means “Friends” in Dhivehi language. It is an Indo – Aryan language. It is spoken in India, Lakshadweep and Maldives.**
- The Exercise is being conducted between India and Maldives since 2008.**
- In 2019, the exercise was held in Pune, Maharashtra and in 2018, it was held in Maldives.**

Exercise Ekuverin 2021

- **The 2021 Exercise Ekuverin was held in Maldives.**
- **The exercise focused on enhancing inter – operability between the armed forces of India and Maldives.**
- **It also included counter – insurgency and counter – terrorism operations.**
- **The joint exercise in 2021, also conducted sports and cultural activities to enhance the bilateral and defence relations.**



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**Q.1) Asia's 1st floating festival has been organised in –
एशिया का पहला फ्लोटिंग फेस्टिवल कहां आयोजित किया
गया है -**

- (1) Uttar Pradesh**
- (2) Uttarakhand**
- (3) Madhya Pradesh**
- (4) West Bengal**

- The **Gandhisagar Floating Festival** has been organized in Mandsaur district, **Madhya Pradesh** from 1st to 5th February 2023.
- This festival is a special one because it is **Asia's first floating festival**.
- The five day festival will focus on all possible fun things a tourist visiting Mandsaur can experience.

Q.2) Which country will host the “2027 Asian Football Confederation Asian Cup”?

कौन सा देश “2027 एशियाई फुटबॉल परिसंघ एशियाई कप” की मेजबानी करेगा?

- (1) Saudi Arabia**
- (2) Qatar**
- (3) UAE**
- (4) Kuwait**

- The **Asian Football Confederation (AFC)** has announced that the Kingdom of **Saudi Arabia** won the hosting rights of the **2027 Asian Nations Cup**.
- It was announced during the **33rd Congress of the Asian Football Confederation**, which was held on **1st February** in **Bahraini, Manama**.
- Saudi Arabia has obtained votes from **43 countries** to organize the **2027 Asian Cup** out of **45 votes**.

Q.3) The 4th edition of the SAFF U-20 Women's Championship has been organized in –
SAFF U-20 महिला चैंपियनशिप के चौथे संस्करण का आयोजन किया गया है -

- (1) Vietnam**
- (2) India**
- (3) Nepal**
- (4) Bangladesh**

- 2023 is the 4th edition of the **SAFF U-20 Women's Championship**, an international football competition for women's under-20 national teams organized by the **SAFF**.
- The tournament has been organized in **Bangladesh** from 3rd to 13th February 2023.
- All matches will be played at Bir Sherestha Shaheed Shipahi Mustafa Kamal Stadium, Dhaka.

Q.4) Which state team has won the National Beach Soccer Championship 2023 title?

किस राज्य की टीम ने नेशनल बीच सॉकर चैंपियनशिप 2023 का खिताब जीता है?

- (1) Goa**
- (2) Kerala**
- (3) Odisha**
- (4) Punjab**

- **Kerala** state team has overwhelming Punjab to win the **National Beach Soccer Championships 2023** title at Dumas Beach, Surat (Gujarat), on February 1, 2023.
- In terms of individual awards, Kerala Goalkeeper **Santhosh Kasmeeer** became the best goalkeeper.

**Q.5) Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has informed that India's 1st hydrogen train will come by –
रेल मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने जानकारी दी है कि भारत की पहली हाइड्रोजन ट्रेन किसके द्वारा आएगी -**

- (1) August 2023**
- (2) December 2023**
- (3) January 2025**
- (4) June 2025**

- Union Railway minister, **Ashwini Vaishnaw** has informed that **India** will receive its **first hydrogen train** by **December 2023**.
- These hydrogen trains will include the modified version of steam engines, that will be back on tracks, equipped with vintage sirens and green steam vapours.

Q.6) Central Government has extended the 'PM-KUSUM' scheme till –

केंद्र सरकार ने 'पीएम-कुसुम' योजना को कब तक बढ़ाया है

(1) December 2024

(2) June 2025

(3) March 2026

(4) April 2027

- The government has extended Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) scheme till **March 2026**.
- Reason: It could not bear the desired result till now due to the COVID uncertainty.
- PM-KUSUM was launched in 2019.

Q.7) Legendary filmmaker-actor K Viswanath passes away at 92. He was fondly known as –
महान फिल्म निर्माता-अभिनेता के विश्वनाथ का 92 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। उन्हें प्यार से जाना जाता था -

- (1) Sarcar**
- (2) Nagesh**
- (3) Kottayam**
- (4) Kalatapasvi**

- Legendary filmmaker, **Viswanath**, fondly known as **Kalatapasvi**, passed away at 92 in Hyderabad, **Telangana**.
- He was born in 1930 in Andhra Pradesh and gained popularity in **Telugu, Tamil and Hindi**
- He has made **50 movies** since 1965 and was a celebrated filmmaker.

**Q.8) Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) launched its WhatsApp chatbot named –
दिल्ली बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग (DCPCR) ने अपना
व्हाट्सएप चैटबॉट लॉन्च किया जिसका नाम है -**

- (1) Bal Mitra**
- (2) Ekta**
- (3) Candy Bot**
- (4) Arya Warrior**

- The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) launched its WhatsApp chatbot named **'Bal Mitra'**.
- It is an initiative to enable two-way communication between people and the child rights panel.

**Q.9) Footballer, Raphael Varane has announced his retirement from international. He is from –
फुटबॉलर, राफेल वर्ने ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय से अपनी सेवानिवृत्ति की घोषणा की है। वह से है -**

- (1) Belgium**
- (2) France**
- (3) Brazil**
- (4) Argentina**

- Footballer, **Raphael Varane** has announced his **retirement** from international duty with **France** to focus on his career with Manchester United.
- He was a key starter for Les Bleus as they won the **World Cup** in **2018** and helped Didier Deschamps guide his team to the 2022 showpiece in Qatar.
- He began his international career almost ten years ago, on March 22, 2013.

Q.10) "Islam Nagar village" located in Bhopal district has been renamed as –
भोपाल जिले में स्थित "इस्लाम नगर गांव" का नाम बदलकर क्या रखा गया है -

- (1) Nasrullaganj**
- (2) Jagdispur**
- (3) Narmadapuram**
- (4) Bhairunda**

- **Madhya Pradesh government announced that Islam Nagar village located in Bhopal district has been renamed as Jagdishpur.**

- Islam Nagar village is located at a distance of about 12 km from Bhopal and is famous for forts.

- According to the Madhya Pradesh Raj Bhavan website, Bhopal was founded in 1724 by Dost Mohammad Khan, an Afghan soldier.

Jaipur Pink Panthers has won the 9th Pro Kabaddi League title

- **Jaipur Pink Panthers** has defeated **Puneri Paltan** 33-29 in the summit clash to emerge champions of the **Pro Kabaddi League Season 9** champions.
- **V Ajith, Sunil Kumar, and Arjun Deshwal** emerged as the best players for Jaipur side with six points each.
- The tournament was played across Bengaluru, Pune, and Hyderabad while the playoffs were played in Mumbai.
- Jaipur Pink Panthers team is currently led by **Sunil Kumar Malik** and coached by Sanjeev Baliyan.
- The team is owned by **Abhishek Bachchan**.

Jaipur Pink Panthers has won the 9th Pro Kabaddi League title



A flagship scheme of West Bengal, ‘Duare Sarkar’ (Government at doorstep) has been selected for the Platinum Award at the Digital India Awards 2022.

The scheme has been awarded in the ‘Public Digital Platforms — Central Ministries, Departments and States’ category.

President Droupadi Murmu will give the award to the state on January 7, 2023 at a function in Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.

‘Duare Sarkar’ scheme was launched by Government of West Bengal in December 2020.

Q.11) How many new "Waste to Wealth" plants will be established under GOBARDHAN scheme?

गोबर्धन योजना के तहत कितने नए "वेस्ट टू वेल्थ" संयंत्र स्थापित किए जाएंगे?

(1) 300

(2) 400

(3) 500

(4) 600

•In the 'Green Growth' segment, **500** new waste-to-wealth plants will be established under the GOBARDHAN scheme for promoting the circular economy.

•These will include 200 compressed biogas plants, 75 in urban areas, 300 community or cluster-based plants, at a total investment of Rs 10,000 crore.

Q.12) Who joins Oversight Committee panel formed against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)?
रेसलिंग फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (WFI) के खिलाफ गठित ओवरसाइट कमेटी पैनल में कौन शामिल होता है?

- (1) Babita Phogat**
- (2) Sakshi Malik**
- (3) Pawan Kumar**
- (4) Bajrang Punia**

- Former wrestler **Babita Phogat** has joined the **Oversight Committee panel** formed to probe allegations against the **Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)**.
- She has been added to the panel of the **Oversight Committee** formed by the **Sports Ministry** to undertake the day-to-day administration of the WFI.

Q.13) Which country has renamed the city of Al Minhad as 'Hind City'?

किस देश ने अल मिनहाद शहर का नाम बदलकर 'हिंद शहर' कर दिया है?

- (1) Afghanistan**
- (2) UAE**
- (3) Saudi Arab**
- (4) USA**

•United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) Vice President and Prime Minister **Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**, the ruler of Dubai, renamed the **Al Minhad** district to “**Hind City**”.

•Hind City is divided into four zones which house residents of the UAE. It spans over an **area of 83.9 km**.

Q.14) Who has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Namibia?

नामीबिया में भारत के अगले उच्चायुक्त के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Abhishek Singh**
- (2) Manish Prabhat**
- (3) M Subbarayudu**
- (4) Pranay Verma**

- **M Subbarayudu** (1994-IFS), currently serving as Ambassador of India to Peru, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to **Namibia**.
- **Prashant Agrawal** (1998-IFS), currently serving as High Commissioner of India to Namibia has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to **Laos**, the Ministry of External Affairs announced in a statement.

Q.15) Which state government has launched the

“Aarohini Pahal” training program for girls?

किस राज्य सरकार ने लड़कियों के लिए "आरोहिणी पहल" प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम शुरू किया है?

(1) Punjab

(2) Gujarat

(3) Madhya Pradesh

(4) Uttar Pradesh

- **Uttar Pradesh** Government has launched the “Aarohini Pahal” initiative for the safety and security of girls in all 746 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in the state.
- The campaign aims at enabling the girls to raise their voices for their rights.

**Q.16) As per Union Budget 2023-24, how much capital has been allocated to the Healthcare sector?
केंद्रीय बजट 2023-24 के अनुसार, हेल्थकेयर क्षेत्र को कितनी पूंजी आवंटित की गई है?**

- (1) ₹89,155 crore**
- (2) ₹79,155 crore**
- (3) ₹69,155 crore**
- (4) ₹59,155 crore**

- The health sector has been allocated **₹89,155 crore** in the **Union Budget 2023-24**, a hike of around 13% as against ₹79,145 crore allocated in 2022-23.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also announced a mission to **eliminate sickle cell anaemia by 2047**.

**Q.17) As per Union Budget 2023-24, how much capital has been allocated to the Ministry of defense?
केंद्रीय बजट 2023-24 के अनुसार, रक्षा मंत्रालय को कितनी पूंजी आवंटित की गई है?**

- (1) ₹2.94 lakh crore**
- (2) ₹3.94 lakh crore**
- (3) ₹5.94 lakh crore**
- (4) ₹4.94 lakh crore**

• Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on 1st February, increased allocation to defence Budget to **Rs 5.94 lakh crore** for 2023-24 from last year's (2022-23) allocation of **Rs 5.25 lakh crore**.

• A total of ₹1.62 lakh crore has been set aside for capital expenditure that includes purchasing new weapons, aircraft, warships and other military hardware.

Q.18) As per Union Budget 2023-24, how much capital has been allocated to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways?

केंद्रीय बजट 2023-24 के अनुसार, सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय को कितनी पूंजी आवंटित की गई है?

- (1) ₹2.70 lakh crore**
- (2) ₹3.70 lakh crore**
- (3) ₹5.70 lakh crore**
- (4) ₹4.70 lakh crore**

- The allocation for the **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** has seen a **36% increase** with around **₹2.7 lakh crore** for 2023-24.
- This is nearly 10 percent jump over the Budgetary allocation of ₹1.99 lakh crore made in the Budget for 2022-23.

**Q.19) As per Union Budget 2023-24, how much capital has been allocated to the Ministry of Home Affairs?
केंद्रीय बजट 2023-24 के अनुसार, गृह मंत्रालय को कितनी पूंजी आवंटित की गई है?**

- (1) ₹3.96 lakh crore**
- (2) ₹5.96 lakh crore**
- (3) ₹4.96 lakh crore**
- (4) ₹1.96 lakh crore**

- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has been allocated in excess of **Rs 1.96 lakh crore** in the **Union Budget for 2023-24**.

- This figure is around 6% higher than the allocation of Rs 1.85 lakh crore in 2022-23 budget.

Q.20) As per Union Budget 2023-24, how much capital has been allocated to the Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers?

केंद्रीय बजट 2023-24 के अनुसार, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय को कितनी पूंजी आवंटित की गई है?

- (1) ₹2.78 lakh crore**
- (2) ₹3.78 lakh crore**
- (3) ₹1.78 lakh crore**
- (4) ₹5.78 lakh crore**

- The India Budget 2023 has made an allocation of ₹1.78 lakh crore for the Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers.



Q.21) How much allocation has been made for the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' in the India Budget 2023?

भारत के बजट 2023 में 'जल जीवन मिशन' के लिए कितना आवंटन किया गया है?

- (1) ₹69,684 crore**
- (2) ₹66,525 crore**
- (3) ₹55,024 crore**
- (4) ₹65,854 crore**

- The Centre allocated Rs 97,277.67 crore to the Ministry of Jal Shakti in this year's Budget, up 40.87 percent from last year's Rs 69,053.02 crore.
- This Budget allocation included Rs 20,054.67 crore for the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and Rs 77,223.00 for the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

**Q.22) How much allocation has been made for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in the India Budget 2023?
भारत के बजट 2023 में प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना के लिए कितना आवंटन किया गया है?**

- (1) ₹29,043 crore**
- (2) ₹39,243 crore**
- (3) ₹46,943 crore**
- (4) ₹79,590 crore**

- The India Budget 2023 has made an allocation of ₹79,590 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.
- The previous budget allocation stood at Rs 48,000 crore.



**Q.23) As per Union Budget 2023-24, how much capital has been allocated to the Higher Education?
केंद्रीय बजट 2023-24 के अनुसार, उच्च शिक्षा के लिए कितनी पूंजी आवंटित की गई है?**

- (1) ₹40,828 crore**
- (2) ₹44,094 crore**
- (3) ₹46,358 crore**
- (4) ₹38,108 crore**

•In the budget allocation for **School Education**, there has been an overall increase of **Rs 9,752.07 crore** (16.51 per cent), and for **higher education**, an amount of **Rs 44,094.62 crore** has been made as compared to Rs 40,828.35 crore in RE 2022-23, an increase of 8 per cent.

Q.24) 'International Day of Human Fraternity' is observed every year on –

'मानव भ्रातृत्व का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस' हर साल मनाया जाता है

- (1) 3rd February**
- (2) 4th February**
- (3) 5th February**
- (4) 6th February**

- The 'International Day of Human Fraternity' is celebrated across the world on **4th February**.

- The day aims to raise awareness about different cultures and religions, or beliefs, and the promotion of tolerance; and to educate people that tolerance, pluralistic tradition, mutual respect, and the diversity of religions and beliefs promote human fraternity.

Q.25) "World Cancer Day" is observed every year on –
"विश्व कैंसर दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 1st February
- (2) 2nd February
- (3) 3rd February
- (4) 4th February

- **World Cancer Day** is observed every year globally on **4th February** by the **Union for International Cancer Control**.
- **Aim:** to combat the disease which is the leading cause of death in the world.



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The Member Association of

SAUDI ARABIA

has been appointed by the AFC Council
to host the AFC Asian Cup™ 2022,
Doha, Qatar, 1 February 2022

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Saudi Arabia to host 2027 Asian Cup Football Tournament



The Asian Football Cup is held once in four years. It is organized by the Asian Football Confederation. Around 23 teams participate in the tournament.

Teams are carefully chosen based on their skills and several other selection criteria. Teams are chosen by AFC. The host of the tournament is selected through a bidding process. The 2023 host is Qatar.

This was decided long back. Recently, the 2027 host was selected and it is Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia to host 2027 Asian Cup Football Tournament

India too placed its bids

In 2019, when the AFC announced the bidding process for the 2027 cup, India too placed its bids. FIFA's issue in 2022 affected India's win. What is the FIFA issue? FIFA banned the All India Football Federation for its influence from third parties. FIFA also took away the rights of India to hold the U-17 women's world football cup in 2022. However, the ban was lifted later. Besides bidding, voting is also held. Out of 45 countries that participated in the voting, 23 countries voted for Saudi Arabia.

Other countries that placed bids

India, Iran, Qatar, and Uzbekistan

Saudi Arabia to host 2027 Asian Cup Football Tournament



Asian Cup Football Tournament 2027

- Slogan: Forward for Asia
- Host cities: Dammam, Riyadh, and Jeddah

The 2023 Asian Football Cup

Around 24 teams are to participate in the tournament. So far, AFC has selected 13 teams. The hosting country, that is, Qatar qualifies directly. The other countries selected so far are Japan, Syria, South Korea, Australia, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia, China, Iraq, Oman, Vietnam, Lebanon, Palestine, Uzbekistan, Thailand, India, Hong Kong, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Bahrain, Malaysia, Jordan, and Indonesia.



Yaya Tso to be Ladakh's First Biodiversity Heritage Site

Yaya Tso is a lake in Ladakh and is known as the Bird's Paradise. The lake is at an altitude of 4,820 kilometres. The lake is a popular breeding site for black-necked cranes. The lake was recently announced as the "Biodiversity Heritage Site". It is the first biodiversity heritage site of Ladakh.

Who declared?

- Biodiversity Management Committee
- Panchayat of Chumathang Village
- SECURE Himalaya

Together declared the lake a Biodiversity Heritage site.

Biodiversity Heritage Sites

A site shall be notified as BHS by any State Government under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. The site should be under its jurisdiction. The BHS are sites with high endemism, domesticated species, and rare and threatened species.

What is SECURE Himalaya?

The project mainly aims to conserve Snow leopards in the region. Also, it addresses threatened livelihood, habitat degradation, and illegal wildlife trade. Funds for the project comes from Global Environment Facility.

Section 37 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002

- The Biodiversity Heritage sites are declared based on the provisions of Section 37 in the act.
- The act says that these areas are fragile and unique. Any landform can be tagged as a biodiversity heritage site. It can be coastal, hilly regions, marine ecosystems, inland waters, etc.
- The State Governments shall create regulations under the act
- Section 3 of the act gives powers to the state government to rehabilitate communities in the areas to be notified as Biodiversity Heritage Sites.