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- **Tata Power Renewable Energy** has secured a deal with Mumbai's **Vivarea Condominium** to make it the **India's first housing society** to operate a **captive solar energy plant** for residential consumption.
- To power the society, a **125-megawatt solar facility** will be built in Maharashtra's **Himayatnagar** by **Tata Power** subsidiary.
- It will supply **green electricity** at **40% less** than the current cost.

- **Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) ICG ship 'Kamala Devi' was commissioned on 12 January in Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal.**
- **Designed, built and delivered by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd to the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).**
- **ICG Kamla Devi is 9 meters long and 7.5 meters wide with a displacement of 308 tonnes.**
- **A passenger-cum-cargo ocean going ferry 'MV Ma Lisha' built by the shipyard for the Republic of Guyana was also flagged off.**

India will send 3 persons to 6,000m below sea level under Samudrayaan Mission

- **India will send three men 6,000 metres below sea level to search for mineral resources under the Samudrayaan mission.**
- **Earth Sciences Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said, a vehicle named MATSYA 6000 will carry three people and this mission is expected to be realized in the next three years.**
- **It can bear 12 hours under normal operation and 96 hours under emergency for human safety.**

Vidisha become Indian 1st to implement cutting-edge 5G use cases

- **Vidisha, an aspirational district in Madhya Pradesh has become the first district in India to deploy innovative 5G use cases proposed by startups on the ground.**
- **This feat has been achieved through a joint initiative of Vidisha district administration and Center for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), Department of Telecom (DoT) under the guidance of Additional Secretary (Telecom) and Administrator USOF.**

- **PM Narendra Modi announced the “Aarogya Maitri” project during the Voice of Global South Summit.**
- **Through this project, India will provide essential medical supplies to any developing country affected by natural disasters or humanitarian crises.**
- **He also proposed setting up a ‘centre of excellence’ to facilitate development solutions to these countries.**
- **Also, India will launch the Global South Science and Technology Initiative to share its expertise in space technology.**

**Q.1) Which planet has the maximum number of Moons?
किस ग्रह के चंद्रमाओं की संख्या सबसे अधिक है?**

- (1) Uranus**
- (2) Neptune**
- (3) Saturn**
- (4) Jupiter**

- **Scott Sheppard**, Astronomer of Washington's Carnegie Institution for Science has discovered **12 new moons** around **Jupiter**
- Now, Jupiter has **92 moons**.
- Jupiter planet has overtaken **Saturn** planet, which has 83 moons at present.
- The orbits of the 12 hitherto undiscovered moons of Jupiter have been published by the Minor Planet Center (MPC).
- Of the **12 new moons**, nine are particularly distant.

Q.2) Which state has topped the list in sales of Electric Vehicles under FAME Scheme?

FAME योजना के तहत इलेक्ट्रिक वाहनों की बिक्री में किस राज्य ने शीर्ष स्थान हासिल किया है?

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

- **Maharashtra** has been at the forefront in terms of sales of electric vehicles across all segments that have availed subsidies under FAME II Scheme.
- Maharashtra is followed by Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Rajasthan. These five states account for 56% of the electric vehicles sold under the scheme including two wheelers, 3 wheelers, e-rickshaws, and 4 wheelers.
- In terms of sale of electric four vehicles, Delhi topped the list followed by Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana, Haryana and West Bengal.

**Q.4) Union Minister Bhupender Yadav has launched the 'Save Wetlands Campaign' in –
केंद्रीय मंत्री भूपेंद्र यादव ने 'वेटलैंड्स बचाओ अभियान' कहाँ शुरू किया है -**

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

- Union Minister for Environment, **Bhupender Yadav** launched the ‘**Save Wetlands Campaign**’ in **Goa**.
- It is structured on a “**whole of society**” approach to wetlands conservation.

Q.5) Kerala government has announced to establish “Green Hydrogen Hubs” in –
केरल सरकार ने कहाँ “ग्रीन हाइड्रोजन हब” स्थापित करने की घोषणा की है –

- (1) Thrissur**
- (2) Kozhikode**
- (3) Kochi**
- (4) Kollam**

- The Kerala government presented announced a road map for setting up green hydrogen hubs in **Kochi** and Thiruvananthapuram in the coming two years.
- The outlay for this scheme: Rs 200 crore
- Aim: To build green hydrogen plants that can produce 60 tonnes of hydrogen per day.

Q.6) Recently, India has welcomed which country to join the International Solar Alliance?

हाल ही में, भारत ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन में शामिल होने के लिए किस देश का स्वागत किया है?

(1) UAE

(2) Argentina

(3) Congo

(4) US

- India has welcomed **Congo** to International Solar Alliance.
- The External Affairs Ministry said Ambassador of Republic of Congo, Raymond Serge Bale signed the **International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement** in the presence of Joint Secretary (Economic Diplomacy).

Q.7) Who has won the 'Indian National Car Racing Championship 2023'?

'इंडियन नेशनल कार रेसिंग चैंपियनशिप 2023' किसने जीती है?

- (1) Arjun Balu**
- (2) Jehan Daruvala**
- (3) Viswas Vijayraj**
- (4) Sai Sanjay**

- Young racing talent **Sai Sanjay** has won the **MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2022**.

- **Sai Sanjay**, the 20-year-old from Salem, won his maiden National title in his debut season in the premier open-wheel Formula category.

- Sai is currently a part of NK Racing Academy and is being mentored by India's first Formula 1 driver, **Narain Karthikeyan**.

Q.8) Indian wrestler Aman Shrbat won which medal in Zagreb Open 2023?

भारतीय पहलवान अमन शरबत ने ज़गरेब ओपन 2023 में कौन सा पदक जीता?

- (1) Gold**
- (2) Silver**
- (3) Bronze**
- (4) None of those**

- Under-23 world champion **Aman Sehrawat** of India won a **bronze** medal in the **men's 57kg** at the **Zagreb Open 2023** Ranking Series in Croatia.
- He defeated USA's Zane Raye Rhodes Richards 10-4 to win India's first medal at wrestling competition in 2023.

**Q.9) Sri Lanka has celebrated its 75 years of Independence
on –**

श्रीलंका ने अपनी स्वतंत्रता के 75 वर्ष कब मनाए हैं -

- (1) 4th February**
- (2) 5th February**
- (3) 6th February**
- (4) 7th February**

- Sri Lanka has celebrated its 75 years of Independence on **4 February** under the theme Namō Namō Matha – A step towards a century.
- India's Union Minister of State for External Affairs **Muraleedharan** participated in the Independence Day celebrations.
- Known as **Ceylon**, Sri Lanka was a major economic center for the **British Empire**, which granted it semi-independent 'dominionship' status in **1948**.

Q.10) "International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female" is observed every year on –
"महिला के लिए जीरो टॉलरेंस का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस" हर साल मनाया जाता है -

- (1) 5th February**
- (2) 6th February**
- (3) 7th February**
- (4) 8th February**

- **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female** is observed on **6th February**
- **Theme 2023:** “Partnership with Men and Boys to Transform Social and Gender Norms to End Female Genital Mutilation.”
- This day is sponsored by the United Nations for their efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation. It was first introduced in **2003**.

Q.1) Who has become the first Indian retailer to introduce “Digital rupee” at stores?

दुकानों पर "डिजिटल रुपया" पेश करने वाला पहला भारतीय रिटेलर कौन बन गया है?

- (1) Reliance**
- (2) DMart**
- (3) Future**
- (4) V-Mart**

- **Reliance** Retail has become the first Indian retailer to introduce **Central Bank Digital Currency**, also known as the **digital rupee**.
- The company has piloted the use of the Digital Rupee in one store in **Mumbai**.
- The launch of this facility was in collaboration with **Innoviti Technologies, ICICI Bank, and Kotak Mahindra Bank**.

**Q.2) PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated India's largest helicopter manufacturing facility in –
पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी ने भारत की सबसे बड़ी हेलीकॉप्टर निर्माण सुविधा का उद्घाटन किया है -**

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

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the country's largest helicopter manufacturing facility at Tumakuru in **Karnataka**.
- The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) helicopter factory, spread across 615 acres, will initially produce the light utility helicopters (LUH) followed by light combat helicopters (LCH) and later the Indian multirole helicopters (IMRH).

Q.3) PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 'India Energy Week 2023' in –
पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी ने 'इंडिया एनर्जी वीक 2023' का उद्घाटन किया है -

- (1) Visakhapatnam**
- (2) Chennai**
- (3) Hyderabad**
- (4) Bengaluru**

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'India Energy Week 2023' in **Bengaluru**, has been organised from 6th to 8th February 2023.

• Aim: To showcase India's rising prowess as an energy transition powerhouse

Q.4) Former Indian cricketer Monty Desai has been appointed as the Head coach of –
पूर्व भारतीय क्रिकेटर मोंटी देसाई को किस टीम का मुख्य कोच नियुक्त किया गया है?

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

- The **Nepal** Cricket Association has appointed former Indian cricketer **Monty Desai** as the head coach of the Nepal national cricket team.
- Monty Desai will replace another former Indian cricketer **Manoj Prabhakar**, who resigned from his post in December 2022.
- Nepal Cricket Association has signed a **two-year deal** with **Monty Desai**.

**Q.5) Union HM Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of a ₹450-crore Nano Urea Plant in –
यूनियन एचएम अमित शाह ने 450 करोड़ रुपये के नैनो यूरिया प्लांट की आधारशिला रखी -**

- (1) West Bengal**
- (2) Bihar**
- (3) Jharkhand**
- (4) Odisha**

- **NISAR**, a joint satellite of **NASA** and **ISRO**, is planned to be launched in **2024**.
- **NISAR** refers to **NASA-ISRO SAR**, is a **Low Earth Orbit (LEO)** observatory.
- **SAR** creates **two-dimensional** and **three-dimensional** reconstructions of landscapes.

**Q.7) Indian Army has launched 'Operation Sadbhavna' for the development of –
भारतीय सेना ने किसके विकास के लिए 'ऑपरेशन सद्भावना' शुरू किया है -**

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

- The Indian Army has launched 'Operation Sadbhavna' for the development of Ladakh.
- The activities are aimed at helping children living in remote areas of Ladakh.
- As a part of 'Operation Sadbhavna', the Indian Army is undertaking several welfare activities such as running Army Sadbhavna School, infrastructure development projects and Shiksha Yatra etc. for children living in remote areas of the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh.

Q.8) Which Indian Golfer has won the “Kenya Ladies Open title 2023”?

किस भारतीय गोल्फर ने "केन्या लेडीज़ ओपन खिताब 2023" जीता है?

- (1) Aditi Ashok**
- (2) Diksha Dagar**
- (3) Jyoti Randhawa**
- (4) Pranavi Urs**

- Indian golf player, **Aditi Ashok** clinched her fourth Ladies European Tour (LET) title at the Kenya Ladies Open 2023 golf tournament held at Vipingo Ridge, Kenya.
- She last won a Ladies European Tour golf tournament in 2017.
- She carded a 12-under to win ahead of Alice Hewson (England) and April Angurasarane (Thailand), who finished with identical final scores of 3-under.

Q.9) Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services?

महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Graham Reid**
- (2) Raul Rebello**
- (3) Manuela Roka**
- (4) Madhvendra Singh**

- Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd's Board of Directors appointed **Raul Rebello** as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) designate.
- He will replace Ramesh Iyer, who will be retiring on April 29, 2023.
- Currently, he is serving as the chief operating officer (COO) of the company.

Q.10) Which Indian music composer has won his 3rd Grammy award at the 65th Annual Grammy Awards ceremony?

किस भारतीय संगीतकार ने 65वें वार्षिक ग्रैमी पुरस्कार समारोह में अपना तीसरा ग्रैमी पुरस्कार जीता है?

- (1) Ricky Kej**
- (2) A. R. Rahman**
- (3) M. M. Keeravani**
- (4) Amit Trivedi**

- Indian music composer, **Ricky Kej** won his third **Grammy Award** in the best new age album category for 'Divine Tides' at the **65th Annual Grammy Awards ceremony** in Los Angeles.
- He has shared this award with **Stewart Copeland**, who collaborated with Kej on the album.
- The **65th Grammy Awards** were hosted by **Trevor Noah**.

Q.11) 6th SCO Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI) Leaders' Meeting has been organised in –
6 वीं SCO सुप्रीम ऑडिट इंस्टीट्यूशंस (SAI) लीडर्स मीटिंग का आयोजन किया गया है -

- (1) New Delhi**
- (2) Lucknow**
- (3) Chandigarh**
- (4) Raipur**

- The 6th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI) Leaders' Meeting has been organised by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in **Lucknow** on 6th February 2023.
- The meeting was inaugurated by the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Anandiben Patel.
- Theme: 'Integrating Emerging Technologies in Audit'

Q.12) 1st meeting of the Youth-20 group has been organized in –

यूथ-20 समूह की पहली बैठक का आयोजन किया गया है -

- (1) IIT Varanasi**
- (2) IIT Indore**
- (3) IIT Guwahati**
- (4) IIT Jammu**

- The first meeting of the Youth -20 engagement group under India's G20 presidency has been organized in the **IIT-Guwahati** campus, Assam on 6th February 2023.
- Aim:** Provide an opportunity for the students to voice their opinions to the audience worldwide.

**Q.13) Pervez Musharraf passed away at the age of 79. He was the former President of –
परवेज मुशर्रफ का 79 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किस देश के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति थे -**

- (1) Pakistan**
- (2) Afghanistan**
- (3) Tajikistan**
- (4) Uzbekistan**

- Former President of Pakistan, Pervez Musharraf passed away at the age of 79 in Dubai.
- He ruled **Pakistan** from 1999 to 2008.
- He has been declared a fugitive in the former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto murder case and Red Mosque cleric killing case.

Q.14) Who has inaugurated the 96th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan?

96वें अखिल भारतीय मराठी साहित्य सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?

- (1) Droupadi Murmu**
- (2) Narendra Modi**
- (3) Eknath Shinde**
- (4) Bhagat Singh Koshyari**

- The 96th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan, the prestigious literary summit began in the Wardha district of Maharashtra.
- It was inaugurated by Chief Minister **Ek Nath Shinde** and School Education, and Marathi language minister **Deepak Kesarkar**.

Q.15) Indian Railways has launched a WhatsApp food delivery facility named –

भारतीय रेलवे ने एक व्हाट्सएप फूड डिलीवरी सुविधा शुरू की है जिसका नाम है -

- (1) IR-Food**
- (2) Zoop**
- (3) Gusto**
- (4) Grubhub**

- **Passengers traveling in Indian Railways can now order food online through WhatsApp while undertaking a journey by using their PNR number.**
- **This comes as a step further towards making e-catering services more customer-centric in Indian Railways.**
- **The Indian Railways has recently started WhatsApp Communication for railway passengers to order food through e-catering services.**
- **Business WhatsApp number +91-8750001323 has been started for the purpose.**
- **This WhatsApp food delivery facility named 'Zoop'.**

Q.16) Bangladesh would receive electricity from the Godda power plant in Which State?

बांग्लादेश को किस राज्य के गोड्डा पावर प्लांट से बिजली मिलेगी?

- (1) Odisha**
- (2) Uttarakhand**
- (3) Chhattisgarh**
- (4) Jharkhand**

• Bangladesh minister, Nasrul Hamid has informed that Bangladesh would receive electricity from the Godda power plant in **Jharkhand** from March 2023.

• 750MW of power will come from the first unit of the Adani power plant in Godda in March 2023.

• Another 750 MW of power will come from the second unit of the Godda power plant in April 2023.

**Q.17) Which bank signed with ReailTel for 4G LTE connectivity to 15,000 offsite ATMs?
15,000 ऑफिस एटीएम में 4G LTE कनेक्टिविटी के लिए किस बैंक ने ReailTel के साथ हस्ताक्षर किए?**

- (1) CICI Bank**
- (2) HDFC Bank**
- (3) SBI**
- (4) PNB**

• RailTel Corporation has received 253.35 crore project from the **State Bank of India (SBI)** for providing 4G LTE connectivity to 15,000 offsite ATMs across the country.

• It will also take care of the operation and maintenance of the entire network for a period of five years.

Q.18) As per Union Budget 2023, What is the per capita income in India?

केंद्रीय बजट 2023 के अनुसार, भारत में प्रति व्यक्ति आय कितनी है?

- (1) ₹1.54 lakh per annum**
- (2) ₹1.97 lakh per annum**
- (3) ₹2.39 lakh per annum**
- (4) ₹2.74 lakh per annum**

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- Lakhs of pilgrims have celebrated flocking to Sagar Island on the southernmost tip of West Bengal for the annual Ganga Sagar Mela, held between January 12 and 14 to celebrate Makar Sankranti.
- It is the second largest fair in India after Kumbha Mela.
- Ganga Sagar is an island in the Ganges delta located on the continental shelf of the Bay of Bengal.

- 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.
- It was initiated in **1993** and was christened 'VARUNA' in **2001**.

- Denmark badminton player, **Viktor Axelsen** won the men's singles **Malaysia Open title 2023**, after defeating **Kodai Naraoka** from Japan.
- While **Akane Yamaguchi** (Japanese player) lifted the title in the women's final, after beating South Korea's **An Se-young**.
- **Other winners:**
- **Men's doubles:** **Fajar Alfian** and **Muhammad Rian Ardianto** (Indonesia)
- **Women's doubles:** **Chen Qingchen** and **Jia Yifan** (China)
- **Mixed doubles:** **Zheng Siwei** and **Huang Yaqiong** (China)

- The manufacturing of Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles has recently started in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh by an Indo-Russian joint venture.
- Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited plans to ensure 100 percent production of AK-203 rifles in India.
- India is the first country to start production of the world famous brand AK-200-series assault rifles.
- The first batch of 7.62 mm Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles has been produced by the Korwa Ordnance Factory in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The AK-203 assault rifle is considered to be the latest and most advanced version of the AK-47 rifle.

- After leaving the **Manchester United** club on 30 December 2022, Portugal team captain **Cristiano Ronaldo** has joined Saudi Arabian club **Al Nassr** on a two-and-a-half-year contract.
- Ronaldo’s contract is estimated by the media to be worth more than **200 million euros** (\$214.04 million), the highest salary in football history.
- **Al-Nassr** is a club from Saudi Arabia that competes in the Saudi Pro League. It is one of the most successful teams in the country. It was formed in 1955. Al-Nasr, nicknamed **Al-Alami** or **Faris Najd**, is located in the capital city of Riyadh.

Laxmi Singh appointed as UP's first woman Police Commissioner

- **The Uttar Pradesh government has appointed IPS officer Laxmi Singh as the new Noida Police chief, making her the first woman officer to head a Police Commissionerate in the state.**
- **2000-batch officer, Laxmi, 48, was served as an Inspector General of Police, Lucknow range.**
- **She replaced Alok Singh.**
- **Alok Singh, a 1995-batch IPS officer, has been posted as an additional director general of police (ADGP) at the DGP office in state capital Lucknow.**

NTPC has started India's first green hydrogen blending operation in Gujarat

- **NTPC has started India's first green hydrogen blending operation in piped natural gas (PNG) network in Surat, Gujarat.**
- **The project is a collaboration between NTPC and Gujarat Gas Limited (GGL).**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi lay the project's foundation stone in July 2022.**

100-metre, “Siyom Bridge” in Arunachal Pradesh

- 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.

Q.15) Which film has won the "ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal" at the 53rd edition of IFFI?

IFFI के 53वें संस्करण में किस फिल्म ने "ICFT-UNESCO गांधी मेडल" जीता है?

- (1) Kashmir Files**
- (2) Nargesi**
- (3) Fortune**
- (4) Paloma**

- **Nargesi** (Iranian film), Directed by Payam Eskandari has won the “ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal” at the 53rd edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
- This award conferred to a film that best reflects Mahatma Gandhi’s ideals of peace, tolerance and non-violence.
- The film is about a man with Down’s syndrome and the burden and consequences it creates in his life.
- Every year at IFFI, ICFT Paris and UNESCO come together to present the Gandhi medal to one film. The UNESCO issued commemorative medal in 1994, marking the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi.

Q.16) Who has inaugurated 10 Mobile Health Clinics 'Doctor Apke Dwar'?

10 मोबाइल हेल्थ क्लिनिक 'डॉक्टर आपके द्वार' का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?

- (1) Sarbananda Sonowal**
- (2) Giriraj Singh**
- (3) R.K. Singh**
- (4) Piyush Goyal**

- **R.K. Singh** (Minister of Power) has inaugurated REC's CSR initiative for procurement, operation and maintenance of **10 Mobile Health Clinics (MHC)** at Bhojpur, Bihar.
- Total cost of project: **12.68 crore**
- The project aims to facilitate operational expenditure for three years for smooth functioning.
- **10 Mobile Health Clinics (MHC)** aims to provide door-step primary health care service to the underprivileged population across **all 14 blocks** of the Bhojpur district in Bihar.
- **Free generic medicines** will also be dispensed to the patients.
- Each MHC will conduct more than **20 camps per month** and will see **50-70 patients every day**.

Q.17) Which women's team has won "Adyar Trophy 2022" in Colombo, Sri Lanka?

किस महिला टीम ने "अड्यार ट्रॉफी 2022" जीती है कोलम्बो, श्रीलंका?

- (1) Madras Boat Club**
- (2) Royal Madras Club**
- (3) Calcutta Rowing Club**
- (4) Colombo Boat Club**

- The **Madras Boat Club** (women) has clinched the “Adyar trophy” at the 81st Annual Madras-Colombo Rowing Regatta at Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- While, The **Colombo Rowing Club** (men) has lifted the “Deepam trophy” at the event.
- The first-ever Madras-Colombo Regatta was held in 1898 and is considered to be the second oldest sporting event next only to Oxford – Cambridge Regatta.
- The two rowing clubs, the Madras Boat Club and the Colombo Rowing Club organise the regatta alternately.

Q.18) "SIPCOT Industrial Park" has been inaugurated in which state?

"SIPCOT औद्योगिक पार्क" का उद्घाटन किस राज्य में किया गया है?

- (1) Odisha
- (2) Telangana
- (3) Tamil Nadu
- (4) Chhattisgarh

- **Tamil Nadu** CM, M K Stalin has inaugurated the **SIPCOT Industrial Park** at Eraiyur in Perambalur district, Tamil Nadu.
- He has also laid the foundation stone for the **Phoenix Kothari Footwear Park**.
- **SIPCOT** (State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited) industrial park in the industrially backward district of Perambalur.
- The park established on **49 acre** in **Eraiyur** on the Chennai-Tiruchy national highway.

Q.19) Sundararaman Ramamurthy has been appointed as the MD & CEO of –
सुंदररमन राममूर्ति को किस कंपनी का एमडी और सीईओ नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) NABARD**
- (2) TRAI**
- (3) NASSCOM**
- (4) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**

- **BSE** Ltd has received an approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for **Sundararaman Ramamurthy** as the MD & CEO.
- The top position was vacant since July when **Ashishkumar Chauhan**, who stepped down as the chief executive of BSE.
- His appointment is subject to the approval of the shareholders.
- At present, he is the chief operating officer of the India arm of **Bank of America Corp**, and has previously worked as a senior vice president at **NSE**.

Q.1) Which country has assumed UNSC Presidency for December 2022?

किस देश ने दिसंबर 2022 के लिए UNSC की अध्यक्षता ग्रहण की है?

- (1) Russian**
- (2) India**
- (3) France**
- (4) China**

- On 1st December 2022, India has taken charge as the President of the UN Security Council for December 2022.
- This is the second time in its two-year tenure as an elected member of the UNSC that India has assumed the Presidency of the Council.
- Earlier, India had assumed the Presidency of the UNSC in August 2021.
- The presidency of the Council is held by each of the members in turn for one month (English alphabetical order of member states).
- Permanent Representative of India to UN: Ruchira Kamboj

Q.2) Which team has won the "Vijay Hazare trophy 2022-23"?
किस टीम ने "विजय हजारे ट्रॉफी 2022-23" जीती है?

(1) Karnataka

(2) Punjab

(3) Maharashtra

(4) Saurashtra

- **Saurashtra** defeat Maharashtra's to win their second Vijay Hazare Trophy title (2022-23) in the final played at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Saurashtra won the Vijay Hazare Trophy for the first time in 2007-08.
- **Player of the Match:** Sheldon Jackson
- **Player of the Series:** Ruturaj Gaikwad
- Himachal Pradesh was the 2021-22 winner.
- The Vijay Hazare Trophy named after a famous Indian batsman Vijay Hazare. It is an annual domestic limited-overs cricket domestic competition. It is organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). The tournament was started in the 2002-03 season. Tamil Nadu is the most successful team having won the trophy five times.

**Q.3) India's biggest Yoga Center has been constructed in –
भारत के सबसे बड़े योग केंद्र का निर्माण किया गया है -**

(1) Delhi

(2) Jammu & Kashmir

(3) Gujarat

(4) Uttar Pradesh

- India's biggest Yoga Center has been constructed in the village Mantalai in the Chenani Tehsil of **Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur**.
- The village will serve the International Yoga Centre at the banks of the Tawi River.
- The village has a peripheral view of both the plains as well as the hills.
- The Yoga Centre has been given a modern look with swimming pools, business convention centres, helipads, spas, cafeterias, and dining halls.
- The Union Tourism Ministry has sanctioned Rs 9,782 crore for the construction of the centre.

Q.4) Which state's Green start-up "Tree Tag" has won "Climathon-2022 prize"?

किस राज्य के ग्रीन स्टार्ट-अप "ट्री टैग" ने "क्लाइमैथॉन-2022 पुरस्कार" जीता है?

- (1) Kerala
- (2) Tamil Nadu
- (3) Karnataka
- (4) Telangana

- Green start-up of Kerala, “Tree Tag” has won Climathon-2022 prize, under the category Life On Land.
- This hackathon was organized by the **Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM)** in collaboration with EY Global Delivery Services, UNDP, Startup India, Global Shapers Kochi, NASSCOM and TiE Kerala.
- The winners has received a prize money of Rs 5 lakh.
- Climathon-2022 has focussed on climate change with the theme of “securing a sustainable and climate-resilient future”

Q.5) Who has been elected as the President of Institute of Cost Accountant of India (ICMAI)?

इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ कॉस्ट अकाउंटेंट ऑफ इंडिया (ICMAI) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?

- (1) Samir Bhatia**
- (2) Rakesh Bhalla**
- (3) Vijender Sharma**
- (4) B.B. Chakrabarti**

•The Institute of Cost Accountant of India (ICMAI) has elected **Vijender Sharma** as the President and Rakesh Bhalla as the Vice-President of the Institute for the year 2022-23.



Q.6) Who has assumed charge as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)?

राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग (NCBC) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसने पदभार ग्रहण किया है?

(1) Virendra Kumar Khatik

(2) Sudha Yadav

(3) Thalloju Achary

(4) Hansraj Gangaram Ahir

- **Hansraj Gangaram Ahir** assumed charge as Chairperson, National Commission for Backward Classes on 2 December 2022.
- He belongs to Maharashtra and is an Agriculturist by profession.
- He elected four times Member of Parliament and also has been the member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council.

Q.7) Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director of Punjab National Bank?

पंजाब नेशनल बैंक के नए कार्यकारी निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

(1) B.K. Mishra

(2) S.M. Jha

(3) M Paramasivam

(4) S. Balachandran

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **M Paramasivam** as the **Executive Director** of the Government-owned **Punjab National Bank** with an effect from **December 1, 2022**, for a period of **three years**.
- M Paramasivam is an agriculture graduate.
- He started his career as an Agricultural Extension Officer at **Canara Bank** in 1990 and served the bank for 32 years in various capacities.

Q.8) Which country's famous food "Baguette" has been given UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage status?

किस देश के प्रसिद्ध भोजन "Baguette" को UNESCO ने अमूर्त सांस्कृतिक विरासत का दर्जा दिया है?

- (1) France**
- (2) Belgium**
- (3) Spain**
- (4) Italy**

- **“Baguette”, the staple French bread — was inscribed into the UNESCO intangible cultural heritage list.**
- **The baguette is a long and thin loaf made of flour, water, salt and yeast, and is consumed as a staple in France.**
- **Some believe that it was invented by August Zang, a baker and an entrepreneur from Vienna in 1839, who introduced the world to the taste of crusty bread with softer insides, using a steam oven.**

Q.9) Who has become the first woman referee at men's 2022 FIFA World Cup?

पुरुषों के 2022 फीफा विश्व कप में पहली महिला रेफरी कौन बनी हैं?

- (1) Sian Massey**
- (2) Soleil Beaudoin**
- (3) Melissa Borjas**
- (4) Stephanie Frappart**

- **Stephanie Frappart** (French) has become the first female referee at the men's 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar.
- On 22nd November, she was named the fourth official for Group C clash between Mexico and Poland at 974 Stadium.
- She has taken charge of the group stage game between Costa Rica and Germany, held on December 2, 2022.
- **Neuza Back** (Brazil) and **Karen Diaz Medina** (Mexican) are the other women officials who have been designated for the same fixture.

Q.10) Which book has won the "2022 Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize"?

किस पुस्तक ने "2022 कमलादेवी चट्टोपाध्याय NIF पुस्तक पुरस्कार" जीता है?

- (1) Born a Muslim**
- (2) Accidental Feminism**
- (3) The Chipko Movement**
- (4) Midnight's Borders**

- A book titled, **'The Chipko Movement: A People's History'**, authored by Shekhar Pathak has won 2022 Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize.
- This book was translated from Hindi by Manisha Chaudhry and published by Permanent Black & Ashoka University.
- Prize: Rs 15 lakh, a trophy and citation

Q.1) New York & Which city have emerged as the Most Expensive Cities to Live in?

न्यूयॉर्क और कौन सा शहर रहने के लिए सबसे महंगे शहर के रूप में उभरा है?

- (1) Zurich**
- (2) Hong Kong**
- (3) Tel Aviv**
- (4) Singapore**

- **New York and Singapore** have jointly emerged as the most expensive cities to live in, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's Worldwide Cost of Living survey.
- Most Expensive Cities list based on daily cost of living.
- Around 172 cities have been taken up for this study which was carried out in the months of August and September.
- New York and Singapore followed by **Tel Aviv (3rd), Hong Kong (4th), Los Angeles (5th), Zurich (6th), Geneva (7th), San Francisco (8th), France (9th), Copenhagen (10th)**.

Q.2) Who has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh?

आंध्र प्रदेश के मुख्य सचिव के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Samir Sharma**
- (2) Jawahar Reddy**
- (3) Iqbal Singh Bains**
- (4) Fatima Sheikh**

- IAS officer **KS Jawahar Reddy** has been appointed as the new **Chief Secretary** of the State Government of **Andhra Pradesh**.
- He was take charge on 1st December and will be in service till **June 30, 2024**.
- He has replaced **Sameer Sharma**.
- Befor this, Jawahar Reddy was served as **Special Principal Secretary** to the **Chief Minister**.

Q.3) Who has taken charge as the Chairman of the National Biodiversity Commission (NBA)?

राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता आयोग (NBA) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसने कार्यभार संभाला है?

- (1) C. Achalender Reddy**
- (2) Priyanath Padhi**
- (3) Janardhan Sharma**
- (4) Pitambar Sethi**

- Retired IFS officer **Achalender Reddy** has taken charge of the **National Biodiversity Commission (NBA)** at **Taramani, Chennai**.
- He joined the Indian Forest Department in **1986**.
- He also served as the **Secretary** of the National Biodiversity Commission from **2009 to 2014**.

Q.4) Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission?

राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी आयोग के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Pitambar Sethi**
- (2) Rajeeva Laxman**
- (3) Subash Mishra**
- (4) Bhaskar Reddy**

• Government of India had appointed **Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar**, Professor Emeritus at Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI), as the **part-time chairperson** of the **National Statistical Commission (NSC)** of India for a period of **three years**.

• Karandikar is widely known for his three decades of work on probability theory as well as applications of mathematics and statistics to real world questions.

Q.5) Which bank has won the “Banker’s Bank of the Year Award 2022”?

किस बैंक ने "बैंकर्स बैंक ऑफ द ईयर अवार्ड 2022" जीता है?

- (1) Canara Bank**
- (2) Nainital Bank**
- (3) Bandhan Bank**
- (4) Axis Bank**

- **Canara Bank** has won the “Banker’s Bank of the Year Award 2022” for the Indian segment of the Global Banking Summit.
- The public sector lender has been adjudged as the Best Bank in India for 2022.
- The event was held in **London** from November 29-December 1, 2022 where the bank’s MD and CEO **L V Prabhakar** received the award from the organisers.

Q.6) Who has been roped as the Brand Ambassador of “NOISE”?
“NOISE” के ब्रांड एंबेसडर के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?

- (1) Yuvraj Singh**
- (2) Virat Kohli**
- (3) Kapil Dev**
- (4) Ajinkya Rahane**

- Wearables technology company, **NOISE** has roped in cricketer **Virat Kohli** as its **new brand ambassador** for its smartwatch range.
- Kohli was earlier the brand ambassador of Bolt Games Pvt. Ltd owned **Fire-Bolt**.
- The former Indian cricket captain saw his brand value drop by 21% to \$185.7 million in 2021.

Q.7) Which Indian won the Best Director Award at the 'New York Film Critics Circle 2022'?

किस भारतीय ने 'न्यूयॉर्क फिल्म क्रिटिक्स सर्कल 2022' में सर्वश्रेष्ठ निर्देशक का पुरस्कार जीता?

- (1) Raghavendra Rao**
- (2) Puttana Kanagal**
- (3) SS Rajamouli**
- (4) Mani Ratnam**

- Filmmaker **SS Rajamouli** won the **Best Director Award** for **RRR** at the **New York Film Critics Circle**.
- The group is one of the first critics' groups to weigh in on the awards season.
- At the New York Film Critics Circle, Todd Field's **Tar** has won the **Best Picture of the year**, also nabbing **Best Actress** for **Cate Blanchett's** leading performance.

Q.8) Which Greenhouse-in-a-Box startup has won the "Earthshot Prize 2022"?

किस ग्रीनहाउस-इन-द-बॉक्स स्टार्टअप ने "अर्थशॉट प्राइज 2022" जीता है?

- (1) UrbanKissan**
- (2) Clover**
- (3) Homecrop**
- (4) Kheyti**

- A Greenhouse-in-a-Box sustainable solution for small farmers **Earthshot Prize 2022**.
- The solution has been devised by Telangana startup “**Kheyti**”.
- The 1 million pounds **Earthshot Prize** has been founded by Britain’s Prince William and dubbed the **Eco Oscars**.
- **Kheyti**, one of the five winners at a gala green carpet awards ceremony in Boston, won the prize in the Protect and Restore Nature category.

**Q.9) World Bank has approved \$250 million loan for better environmental management for –
विश्व बैंक ने बेहतर पर्यावरण प्रबंधन के लिए 250 मिलियन डॉलर के ऋण को मंजूरी दी है -**

- (1) Bangladesh**
- (2) Nepal**
- (3) India**
- (4) Sri Lanka**

- The **World Bank** has approved \$250 million in financing to help **Bangladesh** strengthen environmental management and promote private sector participation in **green investments**.
- Successful implementation of the **Bangladesh Environmental Sustainability and Transformation (BEST)** Project will help the country tackle key pollution issues, benefitting over 21 million people living in **Greater Dhaka** and beyond.

Q.10) What is the gross GST revenue collected in the month of November 2022?

नवंबर 2022 के महीने में सकल जीएसटी राजस्व क्या है?

- (1) ₹1.46 lakh crore**
- (2) ₹1.26 lakh crore**
- (3) ₹1.06 lakh crore**
- (4) ₹0.96 lakh crore**

- The gross GST revenue collected in the month of November 2022 is **₹1,45,867 crore.**
- The revenues for the month of November are 11% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year.
- Out of the total revenue, CGST is ₹25,681 crore, SGST is ₹32,651 crore, IGST is ₹77,103 crore and Cess is ₹10,433 crore.
- The gross GST collection in April 2022 is all time high, with ₹1,67,540 crore.

Q.1) What is India's rank in the "Global Aviation Safety Rankings 2022"?

ग्लोबल एविएशन सेफ्टी रैंकिंग 2022" में भारत का रैंक क्या है?

- (1) 34th**
- (2) 48th**
- (3) 51st**
- (4) 102nd**

- **India** has jumped to the **48th position** in the global aviation safety ranking by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), according to the DGCA report.
- **Singapore** is at the top, followed by the **UAE** and **South Korea** at the second and third positions
- The **Indian aviation safety** has scored the highest-ever E1 score of 85.49 percent which puts India in the 48th spot. In **2018**, India scored 69.95 percent at the **102nd rank**.
- India has performed better than China which stands in 49th rank in the audit. Israel has been ranked 50th.

Q.2) Which country has topped the list of Countries at risk of Violence?

किस देश ने हिंसा के जोखिम वाले देशों की सूची में शीर्ष स्थान प्राप्त किया है?

- (1) Myanmar**
- (2) Yemen**
- (3) Pakistan**
- (4) Afghanistan**

- According to the US think-tank 'Early Warning Project' (EWP) report, For the third time in a row, **Pakistan** has topped the list of countries at the **highest risk** of experiencing mass killings.
- While, **Yemen** and **Myanmar** in placed second and third spots respectively in the list.
- **Afghanistan** and **India** were placed in the seventh and eighth spots respectively.
- **Syria** and **Iraq** were placed in the 11th and 12th spots respectively and **China** was placed 23rd in the list.

Q.3) 3rd T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for Blind has been inaugurated in which city?

नेत्रहीनों के लिए तीसरे टी20 विश्व कप क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट का उद्घाटन किस शहर में किया गया है?

- (1) Gurugram**
- (2) Lucknow**
- (3) Jaipur**
- (4) Kanpur**

- **The third T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind has been inaugurated at Tau Devi Lal Indoor Stadium in Gurugram on December 5.**
- **The participating nations for World Cup 2022 are Australia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and India.**
- **Around 150 players participating from all the countries and the tournament, which has a total of 24 matches, will take place in nine cities in India.**
- **Former India batter Yuvraj Singh is the brand ambassador of the tournament.**

Q.4) India finished the Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2022 with how many medals?

भारत ने बैडमिंटन एशिया जूनियर चैंपियनशिप 2022 को कितने पदकों के साथ समाप्त किया?

- (1) 5 medals**
- (2) 8 medals**
- (3) 13 medals**
- (4) 17 medals**

- The **Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2022** was organised by Badminton Asia at Nonthaburi, Thailand from **29 November to 4 December 2022**.
- India** finished the Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2022 with **5 medals – 3 silver and 2 bronze medals**.
- Unnati Hooda** – silver medal in under-17 women's singles
- Anish Thoppani** – silver medal in under-15 women's singles
- Arsh Mohammad and Sanskar Saraswat** – silver medal in under-17 men's doubles
- Gnana Dattu** – bronze in under-15 men's singles
- Bjorn Jaison and Aathish Sreenivas PV** – bronze medal in under-15 men's doubles

**Q.5) Who has clinched the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) 2022 Presidents's Cup?
इंटरनेशनल शूटिंग स्पोर्ट फेडरेशन (ISSF) 2022 प्रेसिडेंट्स कप किसने जीता है?**

- (1) Rudranksh Patil**
- (2) Abhinav Bindra**
- (3) Jaspal Rana**
- (4) Gagan Narang**

- Indian shooter, **Rudranksh Patil** (18) has clinched the **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President's Cup** held in Cairo, Egypt from 28th Nov to 4th Dec 2022.
- He has defeated **Danilo Sollazzo** (Italy) in the 10-metre rifle by 16-8.
- He had also bagged **India's first quota for the 2024 Paris Olympics** in October 2022.
- Olympian, **Anjum Moudgil** (world No. 4) had secured silver after losing to **Anna Janssen** (Germany) in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions final.

Q.6) Veteran documentarian Julia Reichert passes away. He won an Oscar in which year?

वयोवृद्ध वृत्तचित्र जूलिया रीचर्ट का निधन हो गया। उन्होंने किस वर्ष ऑस्कर जीता?

(1) 2009

(2) 2012

(3) 2015

(4) 2020

- Veteran documentarian, **Julia Reichert**, who won an Oscar in **2020** for her feature ‘**American Factory**,’ has been passed away at the age of 76 due to cancer.
- She has received four Academy Award nominations and one win, two Primetime Emmys, a Director’s Guild Award and two Peabody Awards nods.
- **Her documentaries including:** Union Maids, Seeing Red: Stories of American Communists, and The Last Truck: Closing of a GM Plant.

Q.7) Which is the first state to issue 'Soulbound (NFT) Tokens' to its outstanding department members?

अपने उत्कृष्ट विभाग के सदस्यों को 'सोलबाउंड (NFT) टोकन' जारी करने वाला पहला राज्य कौन सा है?

- (1) Telangana**
- (2) Tamil Nadu**
- (3) Karnataka**
- (4) New Delhi**

- **The Idol Wing of Tamil Nadu Police Department issued 'Soulbound Tokens' to its outstanding team members.**
- **This is the first-of-its-kind initiative by a government department in India.**
- **The Tamil Nadu Police partnered with GuardianLink, a non-fungible token (NFT) start-up for this move. Soulbound Token, a variant of Non-fungible tokens, is a unique blockchain asset that cannot be bought, sold, or moved to another blockchain wallet.**

Q.8) Which Indian origin conferred with “Officer of the Most Excellent Order” of the British Empire?

किस भारतीय मूल को ब्रिटिश साम्राज्य के "ऑफिसर ऑफ द मोस्ट एक्सीलेंट ऑर्डर" से सम्मानित किया गया?

- (1) Suman Bala Sahoo**
- (2) Mohan Mansigani**
- (3) Herman Prit**
- (4) Durishetty Anudeep**

- **Mohan Mansigani** conferred with “**Officer of the Most Excellent Order**” of the **British Empire** honour at an investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace in **London** on **3rd December**.
- He is an **Indian origin businessman and charity worker**.
- He was honoured for his charitable services to healthcare at a ceremony held at Buckingham Palace in London.
- He is known as a creative finance director with private equity experience.
- He played an important role in establishing **Casual Dining Group**.

Q.9) Which state has passed bill to raise Reservations in the state to 76%?

किस राज्य ने राज्य में आरक्षण बढ़ाकर 76% करने के लिए विधेयक पारित किया है?

- (1) Andhra Pradesh**
- (2) Odisha**
- (3) Chhattisgarh**
- (4) Kerala**

- The **Chhattisgarh** Assembly unanimously passed two amendment bills to raise **Reservations** in government jobs and admission in educational institutions to **76%**.
- In the new bill, the Congress government of the state has proposed **32%** reservation for **STs**, **13%** for **SCs**, **27%** for **OBCs** and **4%** for **EWS** section.

Q.10) Which state will become the First State to establish a separate Divyang department?

कौन सा राज्य एक अलग दिव्यांग विभाग स्थापित करने वाला पहला राज्य बन जाएगा?

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

- **Maharashtra** CM Eknath Shinde has announced that the state government will establish a separate **Divyang department** for the welfare of **differently-abled persons**.
- And the government has **allocated Rs 1,143 crore rupees**.
- With this, Maharashtra will become the **first state** to have a separate Divyang department.
- Eknath Shinde was speaking at an event on the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** in Mumbai. Every year 3rd December is celebrated as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Q.1) Which state/UT is set to have "India's first Dark Night Sky Reserve"?

किस राज्य / केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश में "भारत का पहला डार्क नाइट स्काई रिजर्व" स्थापित किया गया है?

- (1) Assam**
- (2) Uttar Pradesh**
- (3) Uttarakhand**
- (4) Ladakh**

- **Ladakh** is all set to have **India's first Dark Night Sky Reserve** at **Hanle** in **Changthang** region.
- In about **eighteen locations** in **Hanley**, powerful telescopes will be installed for stargazing.
- **Hanle** is home for the **2nd highest optical telescope** in the world, was established in 2001 by **Indian Institute of Astrophysics**.

Q.2) India's first real-time Gold ATM has been set up in –
भारत का पहला रीयल-टाइम गोल्ड एटीएम कहाँ स्थापित किया गया है

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- (1) Bengaluru
- (2) Chennai
- (3) Hyderabad
- (4) Kolkata

- **Goldsikka Pvt Ltd** launched its first Gold ATM with Technology support from M/s **OpenCube Technologies Pvt Ltd**, a **Hyderabad**-based startup company on December 3.
- This is **India's first** and the **world's first real-time Gold ATM**.
- Unlike usual ATMs that dispense money, the Goldsikka ATM dispenses **Gold coins**.
- People can insert their **debit** or **credit** cards into the Goldsikka and buy gold coins.
- The ATM has a capacity of storing **5kgs of gold**. There are 8 available options for the quantity of gold starting from **5 grams to 100 grams**.
- They plan to launch **3,000 machines all over India** within the next two years.

Q.3) The First G-20 Sherpa meeting under India's presidency is organized in –
भारत की अध्यक्षता में पहली G-20 शेरपा बैठक का आयोजन किया जाता है -

- (1) Jaipur**
- (2) Udaipur**
- (3) New Delhi**
- (4) Lucknow**

- The first G20 Sherpa Meeting under India's Presidency began in the lake city of **Udaipur in Rajasthan** on December 4, 2022.
- Amitabh Kant** is presiding over the four-day meeting.
- Representatives of **19 countries** including the European Union and nine unique invitee countries will take part in the discussion.
- India formally assumed the year-long Presidency of the G-20 on 1st of December. During the course of its Presidency, India will be holding about **200 meetings in 32 different sectors** in multiple locations across the country.
- As a host, **New Delhi** will set the agenda for the G-20 summit meeting to be organized in **September 2023**.

Q.4) Which metro project has created a Guinness World Record by constructing longest Double Decker Viaduct?

किस मेट्रो परियोजना ने सबसे लंबे डबल डेकर वायाडक्ट का निर्माण करके गिनीज वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड बनाया है?

- (1) Kanpur Metro**
- (2) Nagpur Metro**
- (3) Kochi Metro**
- (4) Lucknow Metro**

- **Nagpur Metro** has successfully created a Guinness World Record by constructing the longest double-decker viaduct (metro) is 3,140 meters and was achieved by the Wardha Road in Nagpur.
- The double-decker viaduct of 14 km on Wardha Road has three metro stations – Chhatrapati Nagar, Jai Prakash Nagar and Ujjwal Nagar.
- A viaduct is a type of long bridge or series of bridges, usually supported by a series of arches or on spans between tall towers. The purpose of a viaduct is to carry a road or railway over water, a valley, or another road.

**Q.5) Who has become the 6th-highest run scorer for India in ODIs?
वनडे में भारत के लिए छठा सबसे ज्यादा रन बनाने वाला खिलाड़ी कौन
बन गया है?**

- (1) Virat Kohli**
- (2) Rohit Sharma**
- (3) KL Rahul**
- (4) Dinesh Karthik**

- Indian cricketer **Rohit Sharma** has surpassed former batter M. Azharuddin to become the **sixth-highest run-getter** for India in ODI cricket.
- The batter accomplished this record during India's first ODI against Bangladesh at Dhaka.
- With this, **Rohit Sharma's** ODI statistics stand at **234 matches**, and **9,403 runs** in 227 innings at an average of 48.46. He has scored 29 tons and 45 fifties in his ODI career, with the best individual score of **264**, which is also the highest score ever in ODIs.
- Other leading run-scorers in ODI cricket for India are **Sachin Tendulkar** (18,426), **Virat Kohli** (12,353), **Saurav Ganguly** (11,221), **Rahul Dravid** (10,768), and **MS Dhoni** (10,599).

Q.6) Nathan Lyon became the 9th highest wicket taker in Test cricket, he belongs to which country?

नाथन लियोन टेस्ट क्रिकेट में 9वें सबसे ज्यादा विकेट लेने वाले गेंदबाज बने, वह किस देश के हैं?

- (1) England**
- (2) Australia**
- (3) South Africa**
- (4) New Zealand**

- **Australian** spinner **Nathan Lyon** surpassed South Africa great **Dale Steyn** to become the **9th highest wicket-taker** in **Test cricket**.
- He achieved this feat on **Day 3** of the first Test match against **West Indies**.
- Lyon now has **440 wickets**, taking him past Steyn's tally of **439 Test scalps**
- Sri Lankan spin wizard **Muttiah Muralitharan** is in the first spot with **record 800 wickets** to his name, **Shane Warne (708)**, **James Anderson (667*)** and **Anil Kumble (619)** follow him on the list order-wise.

Q.7) Who has attended the “Millets-Smart Nutritive Food Conclave” as chief guest in New Delhi?

नई दिल्ली में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में "मिलेट्स-स्मार्ट न्यूट्रिटिव फूड कॉन्क्लेव" में किसने भाग लिया?

- (1) Anurag Thakur**
- (2) Piyush Goyal**
- (3) Jitendra Singh**
- (4) Nitin Gadkari**

- The govt of India has organised the ‘**Millets-Smart Nutritive Food**’ Conclave in **New Delhi** on **December 5, 2022**.
- This conclave is a pre-launch event of the **International Year of Millets – 2023**.
- This event was organised by the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** through the **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**.
- Union Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** was the **Chief Guest** of the conclave.

- Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry **Anupriya Patel** was the **guest of honour** at the conclave.
- The government has also released e-catalogue on 30 potential importing countries and 21 millet producing states of India.
- **India** is one of the **leading producers of millet** in the world with an estimated share of **around 41 percent** in **global production**.

Q.8) Which duo won the mixed team pistol title at the 65th National shooting championship?

किस जोड़ी ने 65वीं राष्ट्रीय निशानेबाजी चैंपियनशिप में मिक्स्ट टीम पिस्टल का खिताब जीता?

- (1) Anjali and Sagar**
- (2) Yashasvi and Abhinav**
- (3) Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot**
- (4) Divya and Imroz**

- Team of **Manu Bhaker** and **Sarabjot Singh** won the 10m air pistol mixed team title at the 65th National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC), held at the MP Shooting Academy range, Bhopal.
- Duo of Manu and Sarabjot defeated Karnataka pair, **Divya T.S.** and **Imroz** by 16-4 in the gold medal encounter.
- While, in the junior mixed team pistol, Uttar Pradesh's **Anjali** and **Sagar** defeated Uttarakhand's **Yashsavi** and **Abhinav** to win the final.

Q.9) Padma Bhushan author Dominique Lapierre passed away. He was from –

पद्म भूषण लेखक डोमिनिक लैपिएरे का निधन हो गया। वह वहां से था -

- (1) Spain**
- (2) Belgium**
- (3) France**
- (4) Germany**

- **Dominique Lapierre** (**French** writer), the author of best-selling books on India like “**Freedom at Midnight**” and “**City of Joy**“, has been passed away at the age of 91.
- **His notable work:** Is Paris Burning?, O Jerusalem!, Five Past Midnight in Bhopal, Freedom at Midnight
- In 2008, he was awarded the **Padma Bhushan** (India’s third highest civilian award).
- He had donated the bulk of his royalties from “**City of Joy**” to support humanitarian projects in India.

Q.10) Well-known Yakshagana artist Kumble Sundar Rao passed away. He was from –

जाने-माने यक्षगान कलाकार कुंबले सुंदर राव का निधन हो गया। वह वहां से था -

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

- Well-known Yakshagana and Talamaddale artist and former MLA, **Kumble Sundar Rao** has been passed away at the age of 88.
- He was an exponent of **Thenkuthittu** style of **Yakshagana**.
- He had performed as a member of **Surathkal**, **Dharmasthala** and **Ira Yakshagana Melas**.
- He served as an **MLA** of **Surathkal** (present **Mangalore City North**) constituency from 1994 to 1999.
- Sundar Rao had served as president of **Karnataka** State **Yakshagana Academy**.

Q.11) Who chaired the 189th Meeting of Employees' State Insurance Corporation held in New Delhi?

नई दिल्ली में आयोजित कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम की 189वीं बैठक की अध्यक्षता किसने की?

- (1) Anurag Thakur**
- (2) Piyush Goyal**
- (3) Jitendra Singh**
- (4) Bhupender Yadav**

- The 189th Meeting of Employees' State Insurance Corporation was held in New Delhi.
- It was held under the Chairmanship of **Bhupender Yadav**, Union Minister for Labour and Employment.
- The 'Nirman Se Shakti' initiative has been started to strengthen and modernize the infrastructure of ESIS hospitals and dispensaries in a phased manner.
- During the meeting, Shri Bhupender Yadav released the first issue of the monthly digital journal of ESIC – 'ESI Samachar.

**Q.12) 11th edition of the Admiral's Cup Regatta has been started in
एडमिरल कप रेगाटा का 11वां संस्करण कहाँ शुरू किया गया है -**

(1) Kerala

(2) Tamil Nadu

(3) Karnataka

(4) Maharashtra

- The 11th edition of the **Admiral's Cup Regatta** will be held at the Ettikulam Bay in the Kannur district of **Kerala** from 6-10 December 2022.
- The Regatta is organised as a fleet race in a single crew Olympic class Laser Radial sailboat.
- Teams from **27 nations**, including Australia, Germany, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the UK, the USA, Japan, and Myanmar are participating in the annual sailing event.
- It is hosted by the **Indian Naval Academy** situated in Ezhimala, Kannur district of Kerala.

Q.13) Who led the Indian delegation to the Global Space Summit in Abu Dhabi?

अबू धाबी में वैश्विक अंतरिक्ष शिखर सम्मेलन में भारतीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल का नेतृत्व किसने किया?

- (1) Jitendra Singh**
- (2) G. Kishan Reddy**
- (3) Rajnath Singh**
- (4) Piyush Goyal**

- **Dr Jitendra Singh**, Minister of State for Atomic Energy and Space, led the Indian delegation to the Abu Dhabi Space Debate, which began in the United Arab Emirates on 5 December.
- He addressed the inaugural session along with Israeli President Isaac Herzog.
- UAE's first nanosatellite – 'Nayif-1' meant for collecting environmental space data was launched by PSLV from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

Q.14) Double-decker electric bus to be introduced on January 2023

in –

जनवरी 2023 को डबल-डेकर इलेक्ट्रिक बस शुरू की जाएगी –

- (1) Bengaluru**
- (2) Hyderabad**
- (3) New Delhi**
- (4) Mumbai**

- **Double-decker electric bus** to be introduced in **Mumbai** from **14th January 2023** by The Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (**BEST**).
- **At least 10 double-decker buses** will be planned across the city.
- The transport authority also plans to start taxi services with **500 electric vehicles** by **June 2023**.

Q.15) “Prakaram Diwas” was celebrated on 5th December 2022 in

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“पराक्रम दिवस” 5 दिसंबर 2022 को मनाया गया –

(1) Gujarat

(2) Delhi

(3) Rajasthan

(4) Maharashtra

- Parakram Diwas was celebrated in **Rajasthan** at Jaisalmer Military Station and Longewala War memorial on December 5, 2022.
- The day is celebrated to mark the 51st anniversary of India's victory in the Longewala battle during the 1971 war
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- The Longewala battle between India and Pakistan in 1971 was one of the biggest and most decisive battles.

**Q.16) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has celebrated its 65th Foundation Day on –
राजस्व खुफिया निदेशालय ने अपना 65वां स्थापना दिवस कब मनाया है -**

- (1) 4th December**
- (2) 5th December**
- (3) 6th December**
- (4) 7th December**

Q.1) Who has become the World's largest Wind-solar hybrid power company?

दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी पवन-सौर हाइब्रिड बिजली कंपनी कौन बन गई है?

- (1) Tata Power**
- (2) Reliance**
- (3) Adani Green**
- (4) Suzlon**

- With the commissioning of its third 450 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan, **Adani Green Energy limited** (AGEL) has become the world's largest wind-solar hybrid power company.

- AGEL now has a total operational generation capacity of 17 GW.

- With this hybrid plant, the company now has the largest operational hybrid power generation capacity of 1,440 MW.

Q.2) Who will lead India at the inaugural ICC women's U-19 Women's T20 World Cup?

ICC महिला U-19 महिला T20 विश्व कप के उद्घाटन में भारत का नेतृत्व कौन करेगा?

- (1) Harmanpreet Kaur**
- (2) Deepti Sharma**
- (3) Shafali Verma**
- (4) Smriti Mandhana**

- Eighteen-year-old opening batter **Shafali Verma** will lead **India** at the inaugural ICC (International Cricket Council) **Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup**, to be played in South Africa from January 14 next year.
- She will be one of two senior India players at the event apart from wicketkeeper **Richa Ghosh**.
- The coach of the team is **Nooshin Al Khadeer**.

Q.3) Who has been appointed as the Batting Coach of Indian women cricket team?

भारतीय महिला क्रिकेट टीम के बल्लेबाजी कोच के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Lalchand Rajput**
- (2) Sanjay Bangar**
- (3) Greg Chappell**
- (4) Hrishikesh Kanitkar**

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on 5 December 2022 announced the appointment of **Hrishikesh Kanitkar** as the **Batting Coach** of the **Senior Women's cricket team**.
- Kanitkar will take charge of the team from the upcoming five-match T20I series against Australia starting 9th December in Mumbai.
- The Indian national women cricket team has been without a head coach for the past two months since the completion of the tenure of **Romesh Powar**.

Q.4) India will become 8th largest advertising market in 2023 to overtake –

भारत 2023 में 8वां सबसे बड़ा विज्ञापन बाजार बन जाएगा जो आगे निकल जाएगा -

- (1) Germany**
- (2) France**
- (3) Canada**
- (4) Brazil**

- **India** is expected to overtake **Brazil** become the **8th-largest advertising market in 2023**, according to GroupM's global end-of-year forecast.
- In 'This Year, Next Year 2022' report, GroupM has ranked **India** as the **9th-largest advertising market globally**.

**Q.5) Who has assumed charge as Chairman & MD of Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd (BHAVINI)?
भारतीय नाभिकीय विद्युत निगम लिमिटेड (भाविनी) के अध्यक्ष और एमडी के रूप में किसने पदभार ग्रहण किया है?**

- (1) K.V. Suresh Kumar**
- (2) Manoj Kumar**
- (3) Prasoon Joshi**
- (4) Dr. Manoj Soni**

- Scientist of Department of Atomic Energy, **V. Suresh Kumar** has assumed charge as Chairman and Managing Director of **Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI)** at Kalpakkam for **three years**.
- He completed his graduation in Chemical Engineering and joined Department of Atomic Energy at BARC Training School in Mumbai (29th batch) in 1985.

Q.6) India's premier show 'Technotex 2023' will be held on February 2023 in –

भारत का प्रमुख शो 'टेक्नोटेक्स 2023' फरवरी 2023 को आयोजित किया जाएगा -

- (1) New Delhi**
- (2) Mumbai**
- (3) Hyderabad**
- (4) Bengaluru**

- India's premier show on Technical Textiles, 'Technotex 2023' will be held in **Mumbai** from 22nd to 24th February 2023.
- **Focus:** To provide access and networking opportunities to meet top CEOs, manufacturers, industry peers, purchase managers and suppliers from India and around the globe.

Q.7) 'Diwali- Power of One' 2022 awards were organized in which city?

'दिवाली- पावर ऑफ वन' 2022 पुरस्कार किस शहर में आयोजित किए गए थे?

- (1) New York**
- (2) Vienna**
- (3) Geneva**
- (4) The Hague**

- **Four veteran diplomats and a US lawmaker** have been honoured with this year's annual **'Diwali- Power of One'** award at the United Nations (UN) Headquarter at **New York,** US on 5 December.
- This award for their efforts in working towards a peaceful and secure world.
- The award is also known as the **'Oscars of Diplomacy'**.

Q.8) Former Union minister Yoginder K Alagh passed away at 83.

He was noted –

**पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री योगिंदर के अलघ का 83 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया।
उनका उल्लेख किया गया था -**

(1) Writer

(2) Economist

(3) Actor

(4) Lawyer

- Noted **economist** and former Union minister **Yoginder K Alagh** passed away at his home in **Ahmedabad** on 6 December 2022 after prolonged illness.
- He was **83 years old**.
- Alagh was an emeritus professor at the Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research Ahmedabad.
- Y K Alagh was born in Chakwal in present-day Pakistan in 1939 and studied at the **University of Rajasthan**.

Q.9) Which IIT has developed "Sindhuja", which generates Electricity from Sea Waves?

किस IIT ने "सिंधुजा" विकसित किया है, जो समुद्री लहरों से बिजली उत्पन्न करता है?

- (1) IIT Bombay**
- (2) IIT Kharagpur**
- (3) IIT Guwahati**
- (4) IIT Madras**

- Indian Institute of Technology Madras **(IIT Madras)** Researchers have developed an ‘Ocean Wave Energy Converter’ that can generate electricity from sea waves.
- The system, dubbed “Sindhuja”, was deployed by the researchers about six kilometres from the coast of Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu, where the sea has a depth of about 20 metres.
- It is currently capable of producing 100 watts of electricity using energy from seawaves.

Q.10) India will provide Technical support to increase milk production in which country?

भारत किस देश में दूध उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए तकनीकी सहायता प्रदान करेगा?

- (1) Thailand**
- (2) Bangladesh**
- (3) Sri Lanka**
- (4) Maldives**

- **India will provide technical support to Sri Lanka to enhance its dairy industry and milk output.**
- **The Sri Lankan government is being assisted by the officials of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which markets milk under the Amul brand.**
- **They will provide necessary technical support for the production of milk in Sri Lanka.**



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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.