



India's largest hockey stadium inaugurated in Rourkela

- On 5th January 2023, Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** officially opens the **India's largest hockey stadium in Rourkela** in preparation for the **Men's Hockey World Cup 2023**.
- This **Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium Complex** was constructed in just 15 months at a cost of approximately **₹261 crore** (approximately USD 35 million).

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- The stadium, located in the Sundargarh district, has a **seating capacity of 20,000** and includes practice centers with certified turf and lighting.



- **Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr Virendra Kumar inaugurated ‘Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity’, India’s first festival of inclusion, in Goa on 6 January.**
- **The Purple Fest is a three-day festival taking place in Goa from January 6-8, 2023.**
- **It aims to showcase how we can come together to create a welcoming and inclusive world for everyone.**

- **World Hindi Day** is celebrated on **January 10** since 2006 to **promote the language** at the global stage.
- The day marks the anniversary of the **first World Hindi Conference** which was inaugurated on **January 10, 1975**, by the then prime minister **Indira Gandhi**.
- However, the celebration of **first World Hindi Day** was commenced on **10 January 2006** by former Prime Minister **Manmohan Singh**.

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- **India has discovered two lithium mines and one copper mine in Argentina in the South America continent.**
- **The government of India said that they had sent a team of geologists to Argentina to assess and find potential lithium deposits in the month of November 2022**

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- They have been able to identify a possible source of lithium and copper deposits in the south American country.
- **Australia** is currently the **top lithium producer globally**. While Argentina is the fourth largest producing country in the world.

- Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has carved the world's biggest hockey stick in Odisha's Cuttack.
- The sculpture has been made on the banks of the Mahanadi River in Cuttack.
- The giant 105-foot long hockey stick which has been created using 5000 hockey balls and over five tonnes of sand also showcases the newly built Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela.
- Sudarsan Pattnaik is an internationally-renowned sand artist and a Padma Shri awardee.

**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.

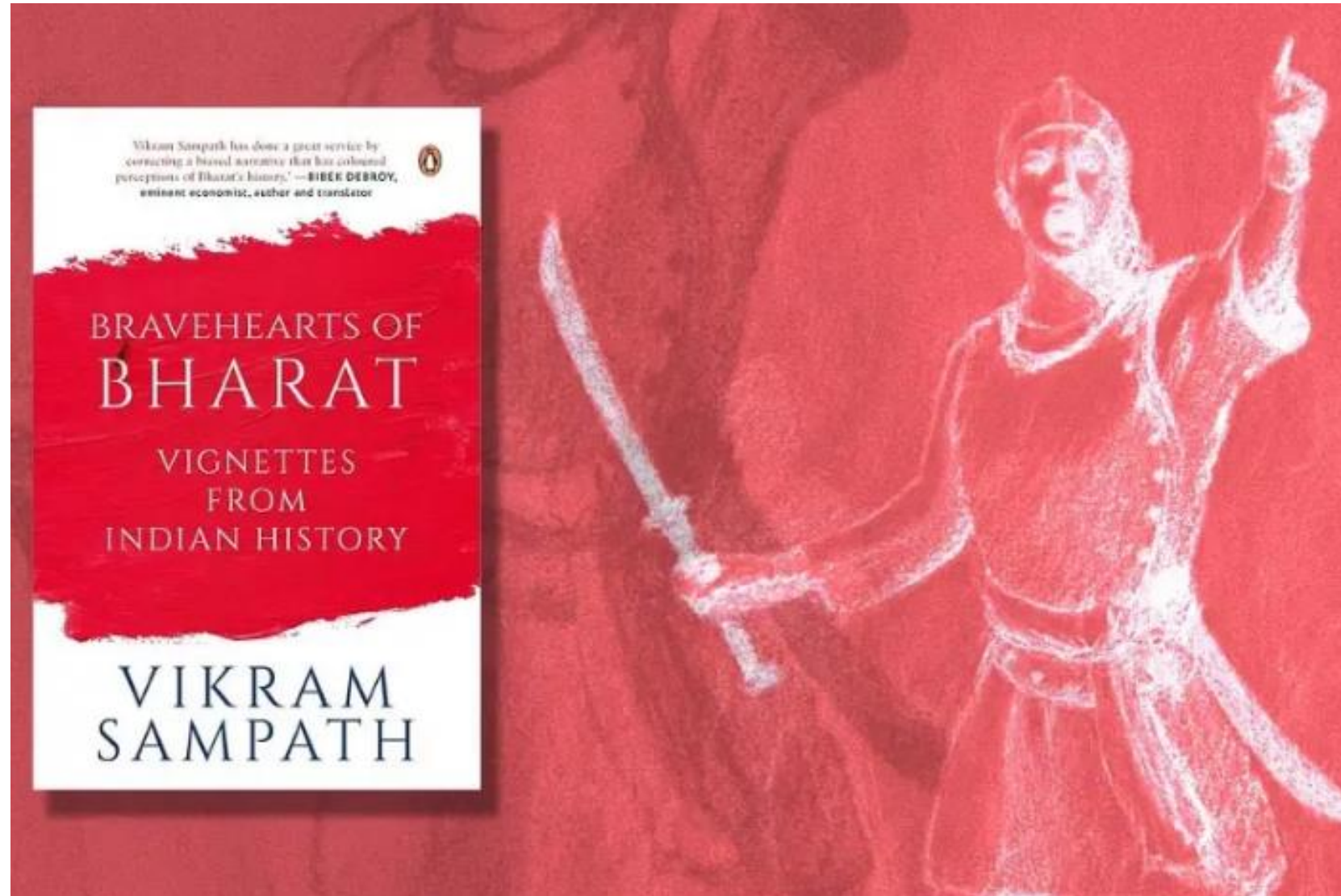
**Q.1) Who has become the first Indian retailer to introduce
“Digital rupee” at stores?**

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

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

A book 'Brave Hearts of Bharat, Vignettes from Indian History' authored by Vikram Sampath

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- **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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Indian tech brand Noise appoints Virat Kohli as new brand ambassador



The advertisement features a central image of Virat Kohli, a prominent Indian cricketer, wearing a blue t-shirt and a red smartwatch. He is standing with his arms crossed, looking towards the camera. The background is dark with diagonal lines.

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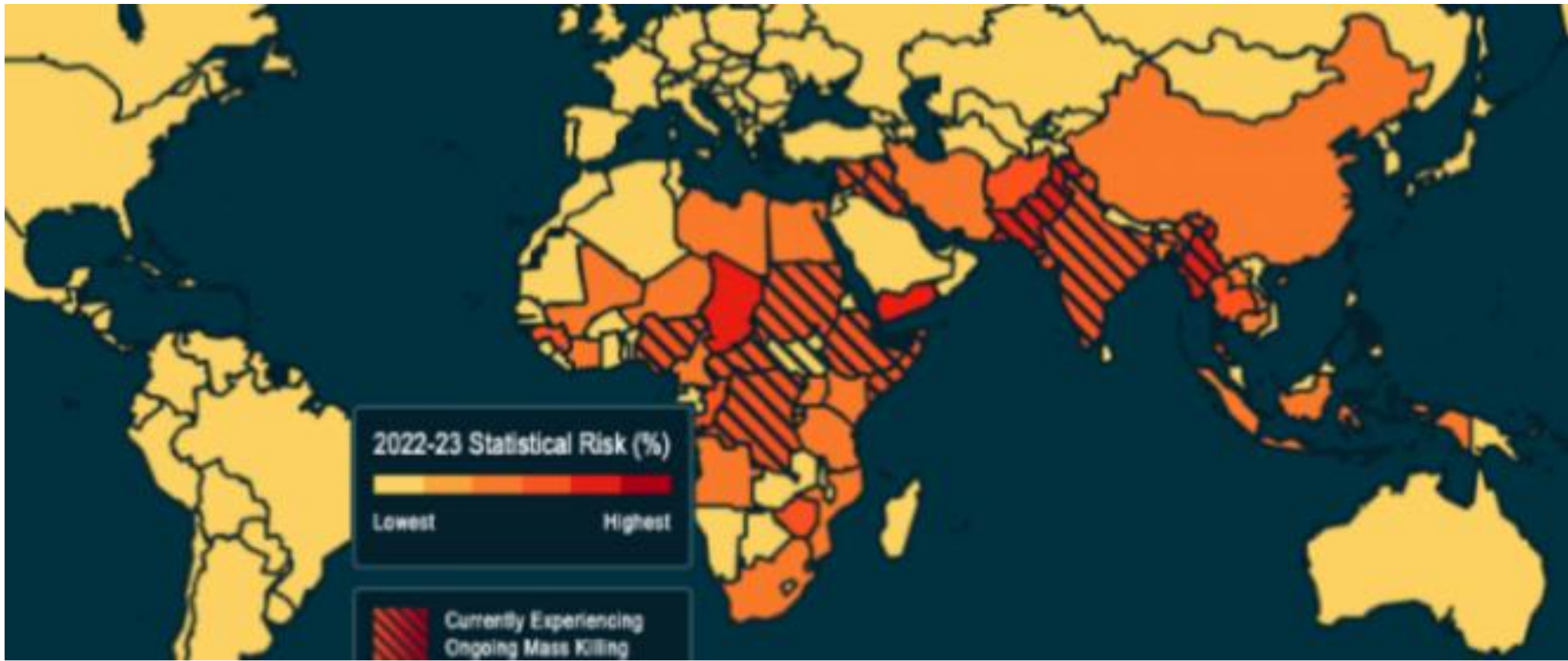
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India ranked 48th in Global Aviation Safety Rankings 2022

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List of countries at risk of mass killings: India ranked 8th



Hansraj Gangaram Ahir named as the new NCBC
chairperson

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Shooter Rudranksh Patil Clinches ISSF President's Cup in Egypt



Reserve Bank of India Issues Framework for Indian Banks' Foreign Biz



India's Greenhouse-in-a-Box startup Kheyti won Earthshot Prize 2022

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New York Film Critics Circle awards 2022: Filmmaker SS Rajamouli won Best Director



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World Soil Day observed on 5th December





L1 Point - where satellite will face equal gravitation forces from both sun and earth

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is preparing for its first scientific expedition to study the Sun, Aditya-L1. It would be placed into a point in space known as the L1 Lagrange point.

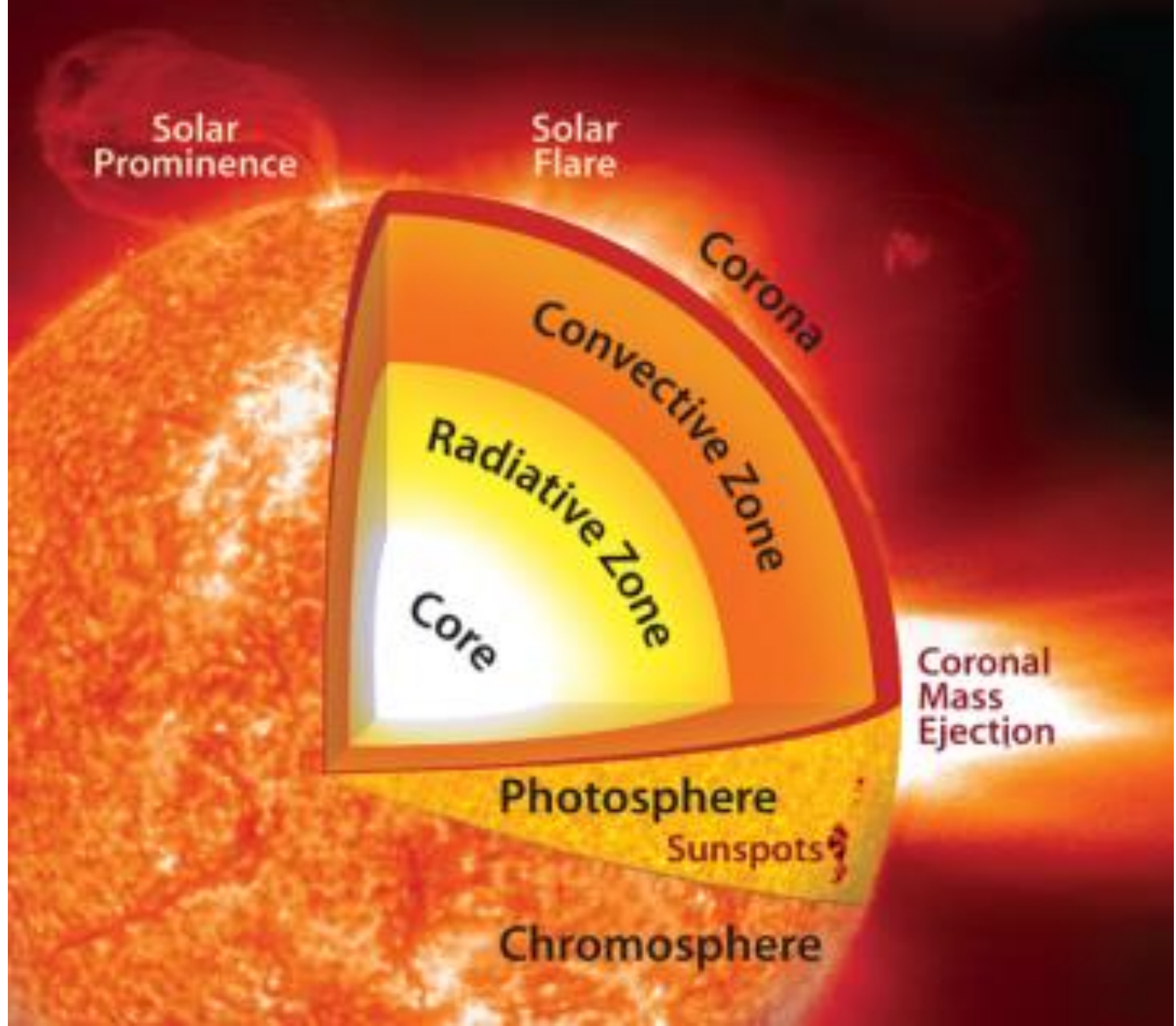
• Aditya L1 will be ISRO's 2nd space-based astronomy mission after AstroSat, which was launched in 2015.

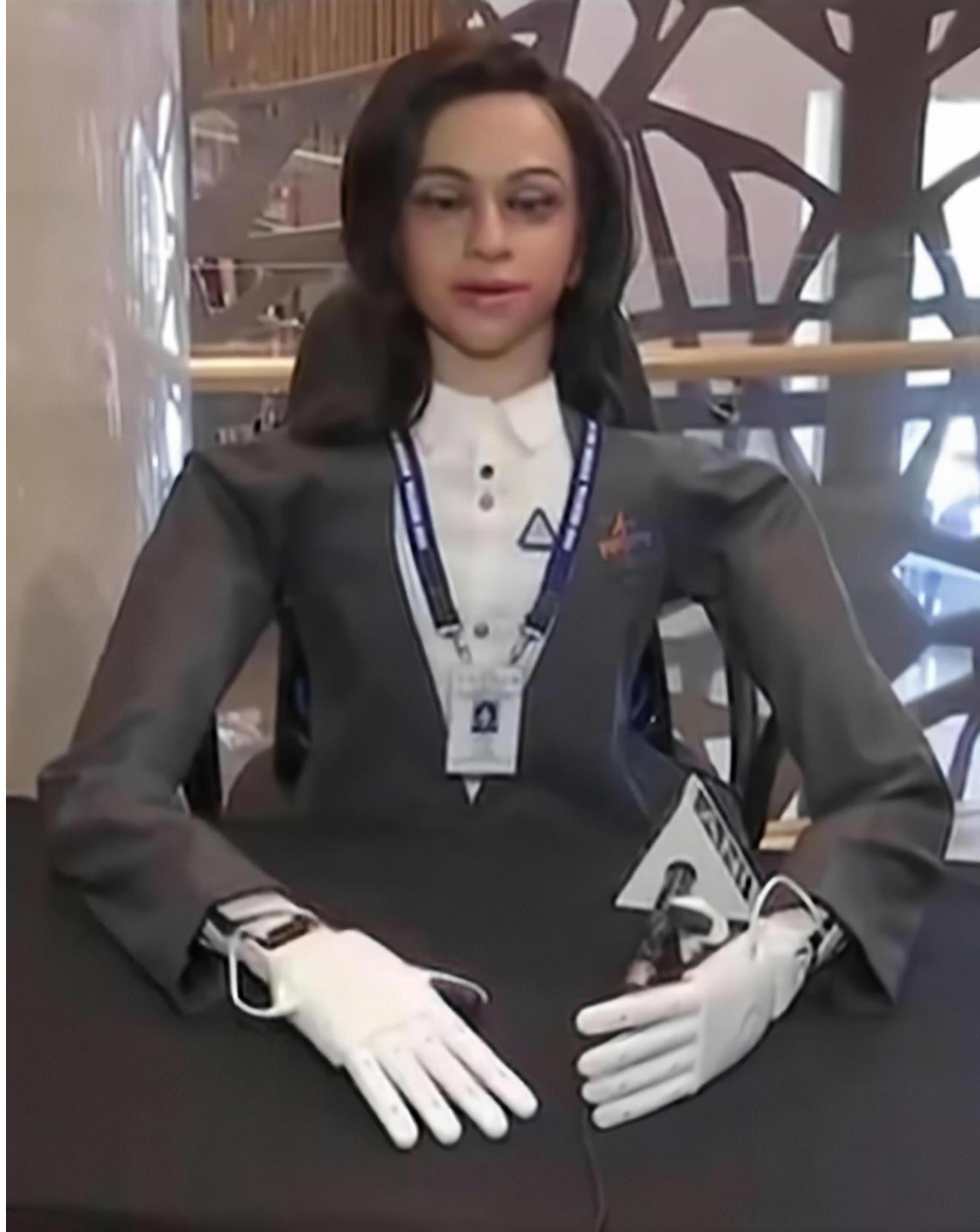
• Aditya 1 was renamed as Aditya-L1. The Aditya 1 was meant to observe only the solar corona.

AstroSat

- AstroSat, was launched in September, 2015, by PSLV-C30 from Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh).

- It is the **first dedicated Indian astronomy mission** aimed at studying celestial sources in **X-ray, optical and UV spectral bands simultaneously**.





Q.1) Which constituency has become India's 1st complete Library constituency?

कौन सा निर्वाचन क्षेत्र भारत का पहला पूर्ण पुस्तकालय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र बन गया है?

- (1) Parassala**
- (2) Thrissur**
- (3) Dharmadam**
- (4) Eravipuram**

- The Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's constituency **Dharmadam** has become the **first complete library constituency in India**.
- In his Facebook post, Vijayan said that out of the **total 138 wards** in the constituency, there were no libraries in 63 wards. Dharmadam reached the achievement with the opening of libraries in these wards too.
- Kerala** which was the **first state to achieve 100% literacy status in India** is also perhaps the only state in India that has a library in every village.

**Q.2) Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Nepal?
नेपाल के नए प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (1) Pushpa Kamal Dahal**
- (2) Rajendra Lingden**
- (3) Rabi Lamichhane**
- (4) Upendra Yadav**

•President **Bidya Devi Bhandari** of Nepal has appointed **Pushpa Kamal Dahal** 'Prachanda' as the **new prime minister of Nepal** on 25 December 2022.

•Prachand will become the prime minister for the third time.

•He previously held the post from 2008 to 2009, and again from 2016 to 2017.

Q.3) Who has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank?

इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे फिर से नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Anshul Swami**
- (2) Ittira Davis**
- (3) PN Vasudevan**
- (4) Raj Vikash Verma**

- On 23rd December 2022, **Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB)** has decided to extend the term of **PN Vasudevan** as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- His current term as MD, CEO will expire on **July 22, 2023**.
- The board of Bank has decided to renew his term for a further **period of 3 years** with effect from **July 23, 2023**, subject to approval from RBI.

Q.4) Indian origin Richard Verma has been elected to a top diplomatic position in –

भारतीय मूल के रिचर्ड वर्मा को किस शीर्ष राजनयिक पद के लिए चुना गया है -

- (1) Japan
- (2) UK
- (3) China
- (4) USA

• Indian-American lawyer diplomat **Richard Verma** has been nominated by US President **Joe Biden** to a **top diplomatic position** in the State Department.

• Mr Verma, 54, who served as a former **US ambassador** to **India** from January 16, 2015, to January 20, 2017 is currently the Chief Legal Officer and Head of Global Public Policy at **Mastercard**.

Q.5) Who has launched a revamped Probity Portal, "e-HRMS 2.0"?
एक संशोधित प्रोबिटी पोर्टल, "ई-एचआरएमएस 2.0" किसने लॉन्च किया है?

- (1) Kiren Rijiju
- (2) Jitendra Singh
- (3) Smriti Irani
- (4) Pralhad Joshi

• Union Minister **Jitendra Singh** has launched a revamped Probity Portal, e-HRMS 2.0 Portal and e-Books on major Initiatives/Achievements of Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions on 25 December 2022 on the occasion of the **Good Governance Day** in New Delhi.

• The week-long '**Governance Week**' (19-25 December 2022) celebrations with a nationwide launch of "**PrashasanGaon Ki Ore**" campaign also concluded on this day.

Q.6) Which Union Minister has launched the “Khelo India Dashboard“?

किस केंद्रीय मंत्री ने "खेलो इंडिया डैशबोर्ड" लॉन्च किया है?

- (1) Anant Kumar**
- (2) Narendra Modi**
- (3) Anurag Singh Thakur**
- (4) Uma Bharti**

- Sports **minister Anurag Thakur** on 23 December 2022 launched the '**Khelo India Dashboard**' a one-stop platform, which has all the statistical data related to the Khelo India Scheme and the Khelo India events.

Q.7) International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a \$400 million loan to –

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्त निगम (IFC) ने \$ 400 मिलियन का ऋण प्रदान किया है -

(1) ICICI Bank

(2) SBI

(3) HDFC

(4) PNB

• World Bank's investment arm, International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided to make a \$400 million (around ₹3,400 crore) loan to mortgage lender **HDFC Ltd**, with an aim to drive India's green housing growth.

• The capital will help HDFC boost its green affordable housing portfolio, with 75% (around \$300 million) of the proceeds earmarked for this sector.

Q.8) Swasti Singh has been honoured with the 30th Ekalabya Puraskar in 2022. She was from –
स्वस्ति सिंह को 2022 में 30वें एकलव्य पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है। वह कहां से थीं -

- (1) Odisha**
- (2) Telangana**
- (3) Andhra Pradesh**
- (4) Tamil Nadu**

- On 23rd December 2022, International cyclist **Swasti Singh** hailing from Odisha, has been honoured with the **30th Ekalabya Puraskar** for the year 2022.
- She received a cash award of **₹5 lakh**, a citation and a trophy.
- **Odisha**

Q.9) 8th edition of the “International Balloon Festival” to be held in which state?

“अंतर्राष्ट्रीय गुब्बारा महोत्सव” का 8वां संस्करण किस राज्य में आयोजित किया जाएगा?

- (1) Punjab**
- (2) Jharkhand**
- (3) Odisha**
- (4) Tamil Nadu**

- The 8th edition of the **Tamil Nadu International Balloon Festival (TNIBF)** is set to take place from 13th to 15th January 2023, at Pollachi in Coimbatore

- The event's organisers are **Global Media Box** in association with the Tamil Nadu tourism department.

Q.10) "Upgraded Inner Line Permit System" portal has been launched in which state?

"अपग्रेड इनर लाइन परमिट सिस्टम" पोर्टल किस राज्य में लॉन्च किया गया है?

- (1) Maharashtra
- (2) Manipur
- (3) Mizoram
- (4) Nagaland

- **In Manipur**, an upgraded Inner Line Permit (ILP) System portal was launched by Chief Minister **Biren Singh** on 23rd December 2022.
- It has been launched by seeing the importance of saving the indigenous people population of the state.
- The portal has been opened for **Deputy Commissioners and Labour Commissioners** of Manipur.

Q.11) Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated the "Sports Science Centre" in –
खेल मंत्री अनुराग सिंह ठाकुर ने कहाँ "खेल विज्ञान केंद्र" का उद्घाटन किया है -

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

- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Singh Thakur** has inaugurated the “**Sports Science Centre**” in Udupi, **Karnataka**.

- The government has increased the sports budget from 854 crores before 2014 to **3,100 crore rupees (2022)** and spent 2700 crore rupees to enhance sporting infrastructure as against 630 crore rupees earlier.

Q.12) Who become India's first drone company to get double certification by DGCA?

DGCA द्वारा दोहरा प्रमाणन प्राप्त करने वाली भारत की पहली ड्रोन कंपनी कौन बनी है?

- (1) Skylark Drones**
- (2) Garuda Aerospace**
- (3) TechEagle**
- (4) Teja Aerospace**

•Drone maker **Garuda Aerospace** has become the first drone startup in India to receive 'Type Certification' and 'Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RTPO)' approval by the DGCA for its indigenously designed Kisan drone.

•DGCA Type Certification is provided on the basis of quality checks of the drones and is issued after a rigorous testing process.

Q.13) Who has been honoured with a fellowship of UNESCO – World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)?
UNESCO - वर्ल्ड एकेडमी ऑफ साइंसेज (TWAS) की फेलोशिप से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (1) Herman Prit**
- (2) K.S. Rangappa**
- (3) Pramod Kabra**
- (4) Sneha Jawale**

•Former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Professor **Kanchugarakoppal S. Rangappa** has been awarded a fellowship of the **World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)**, a programme unit of the **UNESCO**.

•This fellowship comes into effect from **1st January 2023**.

**Q.14) Ladakh has celebrated 'Losar Festival' to mark the Ladakhi New Year on –
लद्दाख ने लद्दाखी नव वर्ष को चिह्नित करने के लिए 'लोसर महोत्सव' मनाया है -**

- (1) 24th December**
- (2) 25th December**
- (3) 26th December**
- (4) 27th December**

- **Ladakh** has celebrated **Losar Festival** on **December 24**, to mark the **Ladakhi New Year**.
- **Ladakhi New Year** is the major socio-religious festival of **Ladakh** celebrated in winter.
- The **Losar** festivities continue for **nine more days** from the new year with the offering of prayers in the name of God and Goddess, dances and songs in honour of **Ibex** and the pilgrimage of **Mount Kailash**.

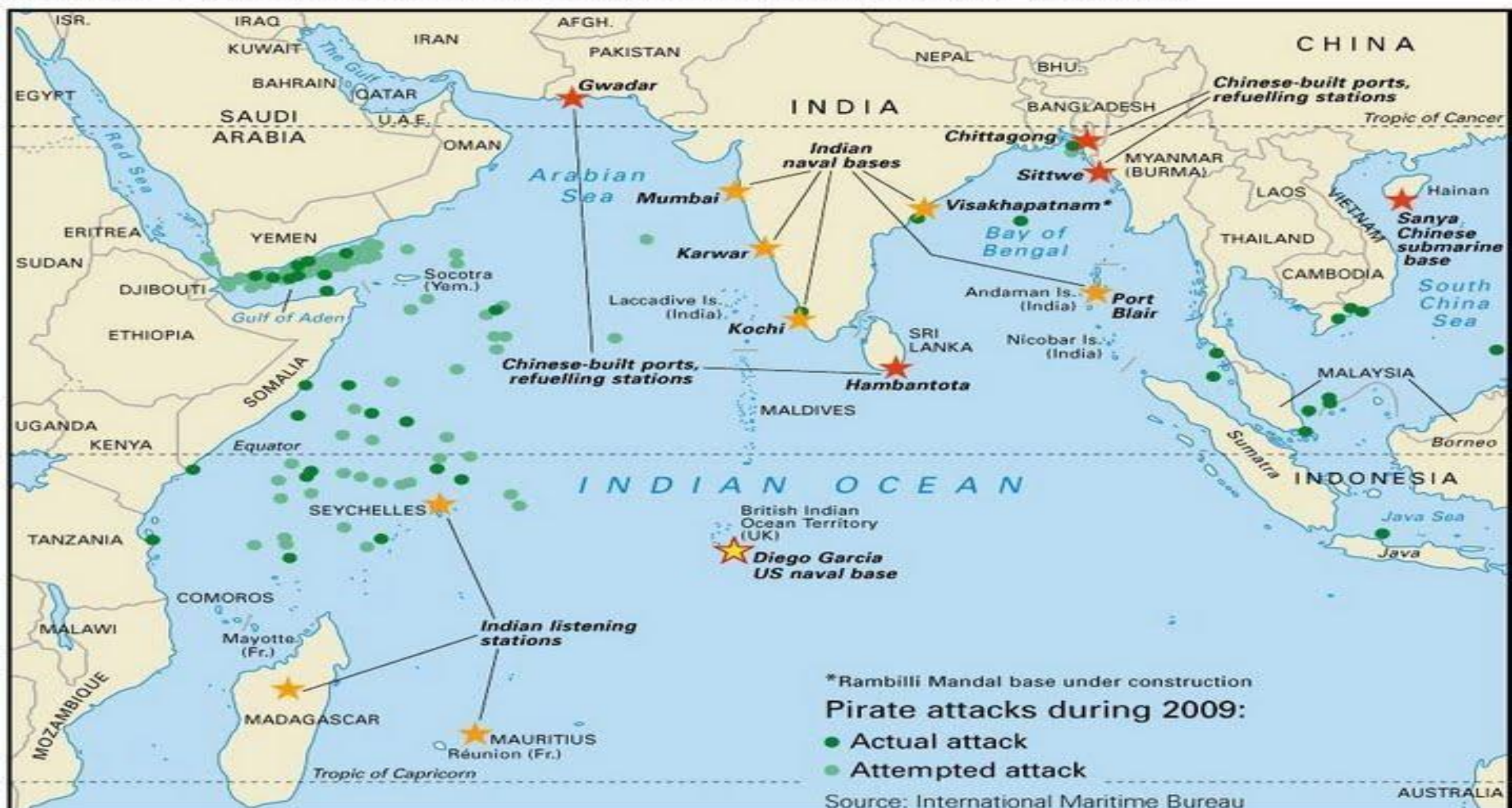
Q.15) India has observed first "Veer Bal Diwas" on –
भारत ने पहला "वीर बाल दिवस" कब मनाया है -

- (1) 24th December
- (2) 25th December
- (3) 26th December
- (4) 27th December

• **India** has observed first ‘**Veer Bal Diwas**’ on **December 26**, to honor the ‘**Sahibzadas**’, the four sons of **Guru Gobind Singh**.

• This day is observed to pay honor and tribute to the sacrifices made by **Sahibzada Zorawar Singh (6)** and **Sahibzada Fateh Singh (9)**, who were laid down their lives while defending their faith in Sirhind, Punjab.

GREAT POWER COMPETITION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN



Q.1) India won how many medals at the IBA Youth World Championships 2022?

भारत ने IBA यूथ वर्ल्ड चैंपियनशिप 2022 में कितने पदक जीते?

- (1) 5 medals**
- (2) 7 medals**
- (3) 9 medals**
- (4) 11 medals**

- The IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships 2022 was held at the Ciudad Deportiva Camilo Cano arena in La Nucía, Spain from 14 November to 27 November 2022.
- Around 600 boxers from 73 countries participated in the Championship.
- The Indian boxers ended their campaign in the IBA (International Boxing Association) Youth Men's and Women's World Championships 2022 with **11 medals**.
- The Indian won 4 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 4 bronze medals.

- **Gold medal winners:**

- Vishwanath Suresh in the men's 48kg,
- Devika in the women's 52 kg,
- Vanshaj in the men's 48 kg,
- Ravina in the women's 63 Kg.

- **Silver Medal winner:**

- Bhawna Sharma in the women's 48 kg category,
- Ashish in the men's 54 kg category,
- Kirti in the women's 81+kg category

- **Bronze medal winner:**

- Tamanna (50kg), Kunjarani Devi Thongam (60kg), Muskan (75kg) and Lashu Yadav (70kg) won the Bronze medal for India. All are women boxers.

Q.2) Who is set to become the first Woman President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)?

भारतीय ओलंपिक संघ (IOA) की पहली महिला अध्यक्ष कौन बनने वाली हैं?

- (1) Mirabai Chanu**
- (2) Mary Kom**
- (3) PT Usha**
- (4) P.V. Sindhu**

- The legendary **PT Usha** is set to become the **first woman President** of the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** in its 95-year-old history.
- The 58-year-old Usha, is one of the most decorated Indian athletes, having won **11 medals**, including **4 Gold** in the **Asian Games** from 1982 to 1994.
- She won all four Gold Medals in the **1986 Seoul Asian Games**. She won 100 m and 200m medals in the 1982 New Delhi Asian Games. She also won phenomenal 23 medals, including 14 Gold, in the Asian Championships from 1983 to 1998, collectively in 100m, 200m, 400m hurdles, 4x100m relay, and 4x400m relay.
- Ajay Patel** of the National Rifle Association of India is set to be the **Senior Vice-President** of the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**.

**Q.3) Which state will have India's 1st Integrated Rocket Facility?
किस राज्य में भारत की पहली एकीकृत रॉकेट सुविधा होगी?**

(1) Telangana

(2) Andhra Pradesh

(3) Odisha

(4) Karnataka

- **Telangana** will have the first Integrated Rocket Design, Manufacturing, and Testing Facility of the country in Hyderabad by Skyroot Aerospace.
- The Hyderabad-based startup, incubated at T-Hub, launched the country's first private rocket in November 2022.
- This was announced at an event organized to celebrate Skyroot's successful launch of the "Vikram-S" rocket.
- **Vikram-S Rocket**, India's first privately developed rocket launched from the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) at the Sriharikota launchpad on 18th November 2022.

Q.4) Air show "AeroIndia-2023" to be held form 13-17 February 2023 in –

एयर शो "एयरोइंडिया-2023" 13-17 फरवरी 2023 तक आयोजित किया जाएगा -

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

- The **Union Ministry of Defence** has announced on 27 November 2022 that the biennial air show “**AeroIndia-2023**” will be held at the **Air Force Station Yelahanka** in **Bengaluru’s** from 13-17 February, 2023.
- This would be the **14th edition** of Aero India.
- Aero India has been held in February month at Bengaluru since 1996.

- The **Aero India show** is a premier global trade show which provides an opportunity for the international arms industry to showcase their products, technologies and solutions to the Indian military and decision makers and also to engage with India's emerging Aerospace and Defence industry.
- There are **two main defence related expositions** organised by the defence ministry in India. One is the Aero India show which is for the Air Force and another is "**Defence expo**".
- The **Defence expo 2022** was held at **Gandhinagar, Gujarat** in October 2022.

Q.5) India-Australia bilateral military training exercise "AUSTRALIA HIND 22" has been started in –
भारत-ऑस्ट्रेलिया द्विपक्षीय सैन्य प्रशिक्षण अभ्यास "ऑस्ट्रेलिया हिंद 22" कहाँ शुरू किया गया है -

- (1) Uttarakhand
- (2) Melbourne
- (3) Rajasthan
- (4) Sydney

- The Bilateral military training exercise “AUSTRA HIND 22” between the Indian Army and the Australian Army, has been started on 28 November 2022 at the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges (**Rajasthan**).
- The exercise will take place from 28 November – 11 December 2022.
- This is the first exercise in the series of AUSTRA HIND with participation of all arms and services contingent from both armies.
- Exercise “AUSTRA HIND” will be a yearly event that will be conducted alternatively in India and Australia.
- The Indian Army is represented by troops from the Dogra Regiment.

Q.6) What is the rank of IIT Delhi in the Times Higher Education Global Employability Ranking?

टाइम्स हायर एजुकेशन ग्लोबल एम्प्लॉयबिलिटी रैंकिंग में IIT दिल्ली का रैंक क्या है?

(1) 25th

(2) 28th

(3) 32nd

(4) 44th

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi is the only Indian educational institution among top 50 in the Global University Employability Rankings by Times Higher Education (THE).
- IIT Delhi has been placed at the **28th position** in the Top 50 of Times Higher Education Global Employability University Ranking and Survey (GEURS) reveals the world's top 250 universities for producing employable graduates according to recruiters.
- It is followed by Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru at rank 58

•It is followed by **Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru** at rank 58 and **IIT Bombay** at rank 72. A total of seven Indian universities have made it to the top 250.

•Overall, three US institutes have taken the **top 3 positions** — **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology, and Harvard University, respectively.**

**Q.7) Who is the Chief Guest of Manipur's Sangai Festival?
मणिपुर के संगई महोत्सव के मुख्य अतिथि कौन हैं?**

- (1) Shivraj Singh Chouhan**
- (2) Pema Khandu**
- (3) Amit Shah**
- (4) Narendra Modi**

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** attended Manipur's Sangai festival as a chief guest on 27 November 2022 under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative of the Government of India.
- The theme of this festival is the 'Festival of Oneness.'
- Sangai is the state animal of Manipur, which is found only in Manipur.
- Manipur's biggest festival Sangai is being held from 21 – 30 November 2022.

- Under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' Manipur and Madhya Pradesh are partner states.
- The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme was launched by the Prime Minister Modi on 31st October, 2015 on the occasion of the 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Q.8) Who has become the first woman to officiate in the men's FIFA World Cup?

पुरुषों के फीफा विश्व कप में अंपायरिंग करने वाली पहली महिला कौन बनी हैं?

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

- France's **Stephanie Frappart** became the first female official at a men's World Cup
- On 22nd November, she was named the fourth official for Group C clash between Mexico and Poland at 974 Stadium.
- Frappart, Salima Mukansanga of Rwanda and Yamashita Yoshimi of Japan have been named among the tournament's referees along with three female assistant referees at the global showpiece event in Qatar.
- **Stephanie Frappart**, 38, is not new to breaking historic barriers. She became the first woman to referee a men's Championship League game in 2020. The French ref has been on the FIFA International Referees List since 2009.

Q.9) Who has launched "Nai Chetna-Pahal Badlav Ki", a community-led National campaign?

समुदाय के नेतृत्व वाले राष्ट्रीय अभियान "नई चेतना-पहल बदलाव की" किसने लॉन्च किया है?

- (1) Giriraj Singh**
- (2) G. Kishan Reddy**
- (3) Arjun Munda**
- (4) Smriti Irani**

- Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj **Giriraj Singh** has launched “Nai Chetna-Pahal Badlav Ki”, a community-led National campaign against gender-based discrimination’ of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) in New Delhi.
- ‘Nai Chetna-Pahal Badlav Ki’ is an annual month-long campaign that will be conducted as a ‘Jan Andolan’ in all states/UT from 25th November to 23rd December 2022.
- **Theme:** “Elimination of Gender-based Violence”
- Giriraj Singh also inaugurated ‘160 Gender Resource Centres’ in 13 states, named ‘Naari Chetna Kendras’.

Q.10) Which state government will launch "E-Detection Portal" for identify Vehicles?

कौन सी राज्य सरकार वाहनों की पहचान के लिए "ई-डिटेक्शन पोर्टल" लॉन्च करेगी?

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

- A new portal developed by the **Odisha** government will keep a tab on vehicles plying the roads without valid documents and issue e-challans.
- This 'e-detection portal' will be launched on **January 1, 2022** at toll gates on national highways, where machines installed will identify vehicles plying without driver's licence, registration certificate, Pollution Under Control, insurance, fitness certificate or permit.

Q.1) Who has won the title of the T20 World Cup 2022 for Blind?
नेत्रहीनों के लिए टी20 विश्व कप 2022 का खिताब किसने जीता है?

(1) India

(2) Bangladesh

(3) Australia

(4) Sri Lanka

- **The 3rd T20 World Cup for Blind was held in India from 6 -17 December 2022.**
- **India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Australia, Bangladesh, and South Africa competed in the tournament.**
- **India** has defeated **Bangladesh** by 120 runs to win their third consecutive title of the T20 World Cup 2022 for the Blind at the **M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore.**
- **Sunil** was declared **Man of the Match** in the final and also received the **Man of the Series** in the B3 category.

Q.2) FIFA Club World Cup 2023 will be host by –
फीफा क्लब विश्व कप 2023 की मेजबानी किसके द्वारा की जाएगी –

- (1) Libya
- (2) Algeria
- (3) Niger
- (4) Morocco

- World football governing body **FIFA** president **Gianni Infantino** announced on 16 December 2022 that **Morocco** will host the next football **Club World Cup**.

- The tournament will take place from **1-11 February 2023**.

- **Morocco** has hosted the **Club World Cup** in **2013** and **2014**.

**Q.3) India Energy Week 2023 will be held in February 2023 at –
भारत ऊर्जा सप्ताह 2023 फरवरी 2023 में आयोजित किया जाएगा –**

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

• **India Energy Week 2023 (IEW 2023)**, being organised during India's G20 Presidency, will be held in **Bengaluru between February 6 and 8, 2023.**

• **Hardeep S Puri**, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, inaugurated the curtain raiser.

Q.4) Indian-Origin Leo Varadkar has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of –

भारतीय मूल के लियो वराडकर को किस देश के प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में फिर से चुना गया है?

(1) Belgium

(2) Ireland

(3) Austria

(4) Slovenia

- Indian-Origin, **Leo Varadkar** (38) has been re-elected as the **Prime Minister of Ireland** in line with a coalition deal struck in 2020.
- He has replaced **Micheal Martin** as Taoiseach (premier) in a rotation deal between his Fine Gael (party) and Martin's Fianna Fail (party).
- He was born in Dublin to an Irish mother who worked as a nurse and an **Indian immigrant father**, who was a qualified doctor.

Q.5) Which Union Minister has unveiled the Hockey World Cup trophy in New Delhi?

किस केंद्रीय मंत्री ने नई दिल्ली में हॉकी विश्व कप ट्रॉफी का अनावरण किया है?

- (1) Narendra Modi**
- (2) G. Kishan Reddy**
- (3) Anurag Singh Thakur**
- (4) Rajnath Singh**

• Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** on 16th December unveiled the **Hockey World Cup trophy** in New Delhi.

• The Federation of Indian Hockey (FIH) Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 **Bhubaneswar – Rourkela Trophy** arrived at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in the national capital.

• The trophy will **travel across 13 states and one union territory** before returning to Odisha on December 25, giving fans and the public a chance to engage with the coveted trophy.

Q.6) Who has been appointed as Interim Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court?

झारखंड उच्च न्यायालय के अंतरिम मुख्य न्यायाधीश के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Ravi Malimath**
- (2) AK Singh**
- (3) Rajesh Bindal**
- (4) Sanjib Banerjee**

- Central government on 16th December, notified the appointment of **Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh** as the acting Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court with effect from December 20.
- He will take over the post consequent to the retirement of the current Chief Justice Ravi Ranjan.

**Q.7) Who has been named the Men's ITF World Champions 2022?
पुरुषों की ITF वर्ल्ड चैंपियंस 2022 किसे नामित किया गया है?**

- (1) Novak Djokovic**
- (2) Daniil Medvedev**
- (3) Rafael Nadal**
- (4) Ashleigh Barty**

- On 15th December 2022, Spanish Tennis Player **Rafael Nadal** has been named the Men's International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Champion 2022 for 5th time.
- He won the Australian Open and Roland Garros and rose to the top spot in terms of men's Grand Slam single titles won.
- Previously, He has been named the men's ITF World Champion in 2018, 2010, 2017 and 2019.

**Q.8) Who has been named the women's ITF World Champions
2022?**

महिला ITF वर्ल्ड चैंपियंस 2022 किसे नामित किया गया है?

- (1) Caroline Garcia**
- (2) Maria Sakkari**
- (3) Ons Jabeur**
- (4) Iga Swiatek**

•On 15th December 2022, Polish tennis player **Iga Swiatek** has been named women's International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Champion 2022 for her performance in 2022 winning 2 Grand Slam titles and 8 titles.

•She has become the **1st Polish woman** to be named an ITF World Champion and the **2nd Polish player** in Singles World Champions.

•She is named the WTA Player of the Year after winning both the **French and US Open in 2022**.

Q.9) Who has become England's youngest Cricketer to Debut in Test Cricket?

टेस्ट क्रिकेट में डेब्यू करने वाले इंग्लैंड के सबसे युवा क्रिकेटर कौन बने हैं?

- (1) Rehan Ahmed**
- (2) Will Jacks**
- (3) Luke Wood**
- (4) Jofra Archer**

- **Rehan Ahmed** becomes England's youngest-ever Test Cricketer to debut in the final match between Pakistan and England.
- Rehan Ahmed will be 18 years and 126 days old when the match begins.
- Till now, **Brian Close**, who was 18 years and 149 days old, was the youngest player in England during the New Zealand vs England match in 1949.

**Q.10) Raktsey Karpo Apricot is the 1st GI Tag of which state?
रक्तसे कार्पो खुबानी किस राज्य का पहला जीआई टैग है?**

- (1) Goa**
- (2) Ladakh**
- (3) Tripura**
- (4) Meghalaya**

- **Ladakh** got its first ever Geographical Indication (GI) Tag to its Raktsey Karpo Apricot. The coveted GI tag certification for **twenty years**.
- Ladakh grows more than **thirty types of Apricots**, but the Raktsey Karpo variety is unique to the region.
- **Apricot** is the major fruit of **Ladakh** with large-scale cultivation in both **Leh** and **Kargil** Districts among the nine fruits grown in Ladakh.

Q.1) Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB)?

राष्ट्रीय डेयरी विकास बोर्ड (NDDDB) के प्रबंध निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Manoj Malaviya**
- (2) Meenesh C Shah**
- (3) Suman Bala**
- (4) Herman Prit**

- The government of India in an order issued on 9 December 2022 has appointed **Meenesh C Shah** as the Managing Director of **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)** with effect from 15 November 2022.
- There has been no regular chairman at NDDB since December 2020.
- Presently **Meenesh Shah** was also holding the additional charge of the **Chairman, NDDB**.

Q.3) Who has been reappointed as the MD & CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank?

उज्जीवन स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे फिर से नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Ittira Davis**
- (2) Raj Vikash Verma**
- (3) Pramod Kabra**
- (4) Madan G. Sharma**

•Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) on December 7 said it has received the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for reappointment of **Ittira Davis** as its managing director and chief executive officer for a **period of two years**.

•Davis has been associated with Ujjivan since **March 2015**.

Q.4) Who has been appointed as the First Vice President of Federal Reserve Bank of New York?

न्यूयॉर्क के फेडरल रिजर्व बैंक के पहले उपाध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (1) Sushmita Shukla**
- (2) Anish Thoppani**
- (3) Sneha Jawale**
- (4) Sanskar Saraswat**

- The **Federal Reserve Bank of New York** has appointed Indian-origin, **Sushmita Shukla** (54) as First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of bank, effective March 2023.
- It is the largest Reserve Bank in terms of assets and volume of activity.

**Q.5) Who has become the new Brand Ambassador of Pottery Barn,
a American furniture retailer?**

**अमेरिकी फर्नीचर रिटेलर पॉटरी बार्न का नया ब्रांड एंबेसडर कौन बना
है?**

- (1) Alia Bhatt**
- (2) Deepika Padukone**
- (3) Priyanka Chopra**
- (4) Huma Qureshi**

- American furniture retailer, Pottery Barn has signed **Deepika Padukone** as a brand ambassador, to promote the company's international expansion

- She will also work with the company's in-house design team in San Francisco to co-create a capsule collection, that will be launched in 'Fall 2023'.

**Q.6) Who has launched the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) party?
भारत राष्ट्र समिति (BRS) पार्टी की शुरुआत किसने की है?**

- (1) Pema Khandu**
- (2) Bhupesh Baghel**
- (3) K Chandrasekhar Rao**
- (4) Basavaraj Bommai**

•The Telangana Chief Minister and president of the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), **K Chandrasekhar Rao** formally launched the **Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS)** on 9 December 2022 in Hyderabad.

•The Election Commission of India (ECI) on 8 December 2022 had approved the change of name of the **Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS)** as **Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS)**.

**Q.7) As per Government, How many Indians have given up Indian
Citizenship since 2011?**

**सरकार के अनुसार, 2011 के बाद से कितने भारतीयों ने भारतीय
नागरिकता छोड़ी है?**

- (1) 16 lakh**
- (2) 18 lakh**
- (3) 21 lakh**
- (4) 24 lakh**

- According to the government of India over **16 lakh** Indians have given up Indian citizenship since 2011 including 183,741 in 2022.

Q.8) Who represented India at the 24 Hour Ultra Marathon in Taiwan?

ताइवान में 24 घंटे के अल्ट्रा मैराथन में भारत का प्रतिनिधित्व किसने किया?

- (1) Avinash Sable**
- (2) Ram Singh Yadav**
- (3) Thonakal Gopi**
- (4) Amar Singh Devanda**

- Air Warrior Corp **Amar Singh Devanda** bagged sixth position by covering a distance of 204.47 Kms in 24 Hrs Ultra Marathon organised by Chinese Taipei Association of Ultra runners for 2022 at Soochow University, Taiwan.
- Cpl Amar Singh Devanda represented India in the event.

**Q.9) Who has approved a \$780 million loan for Chennai metro rail?
चेन्नई मेट्रो रेल के लिए 780 मिलियन डॉलर के ऋण को किसने मंजूरी दी
है?**

(1) World Bank

(2) AIIB

(3) ADB

(4) NDB

- The **ADB** has approved the financial aid of \$780 million to build new lines for Chennai's metro rail.

- Focus:** Improve the network's connectivity with bus and feeder services.

Q.10) Who has approved a \$250 million loan to strengthen logistics sector in India?

भारत में रसद क्षेत्र को मजबूत करने के लिए 250 मिलियन डॉलर के ऋण को किसने मंजूरी दी है?

- (1) ADB**
- (2) AIIB**
- (3) NDB**
- (4) World Bank**

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** on 9 December 2022 has approved a USD 250 million loan.
- Aim:** to strengthen and modernize the country's logistics infrastructure, improve efficiency, and lower costs

Q.11) Government has extended the "Rooftop Solar Programme"

till

सरकार ने "रूफटॉप सोलर प्रोग्राम" को कब तक बढ़ाया है -

(1) 2023

(2) 2024

(3) 2025

(4) 2026

- The government on 8 December said the **rooftop solar programme** has been extended till March 31, **2026**.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing the **Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Scheme (Phase II)** to generate solar power by installing solar panels on the roof of houses.

Q.12) Which state cabinet approved a bill to create 'Safai Karamchari Commission'?

किस राज्य के मंत्रिमंडल ने 'सफाई कर्मचारी आयोग' बनाने के लिए एक विधेयक को मंजूरी दी?

(1) Assam

(2) Bihar

(3) Karnataka

(4) Gujarat