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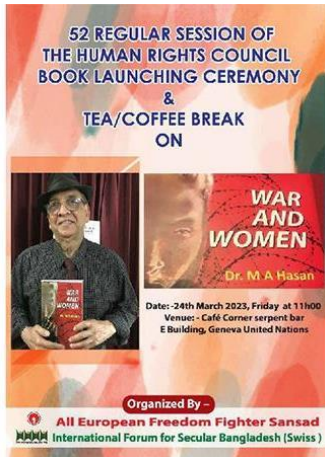
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Who among the following has written the book “War and Women”?

- (a) Mohd. Zakir Hussain
- (b) Dr. MA Hasan
- (c) Pankaj Tripathi
- (d) Draupadi Murmu



- At the 52nd session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), a book titled “War and Women” was released in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Author Dr. MA Hasan presented the book, which exposes the questionable actions of Bengali women who were victims of sexual violence perpetrated by the Pakistan Army during the 1971 war.
- The event was organized by the Bangladesh Freedom Fighters Parliament in Europe and was considered an important moment in raising awareness of the issue.

Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as the Vice President of which of the following country?

- (a) Saudi Arab
- (b) Oman
- (c) UAE
- (d) Qatar



- UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has appointed his brother Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan as the country's Vice President.
- The current Vice President, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, will continue in office.
- In addition, Sheikh Mohammed, who is also the Ruler of Abu Dhabi, has appointed Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed and Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed as Deputy Governors of Abu Dhabi.
- The UAE Federal Supreme Council has approved the appointment of Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President of the UAE and Minister of the Presidential Court, who is currently the Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE.
- The appointment will be in addition to the current Vice President Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who is also the Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai.
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Recently in which Indian state the world's third and India's second largest cricket stadium will be built?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Punjab



- The world's third largest cricket stadium is going to be built in Chomp village on Delhi Road in Jaipur. This stadium will be named after Anil Agarwal.
- Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) has signed MoU with Vedanta Hindustan Zinc Limited.
- Hindustan Zinc will spend Rs 300 crore on the construction of this stadium. For this reason, the stadium will now be named after Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal International Cricket Stadium.
- The seating capacity of the stadium will be 75 thousand spectators. Along with this, various facilities will be developed on 100 acres of land.
- After the completion of this stadium, there will be more opportunities to host international cricket matches and IPL matches, which will increase the identity of Rajasthan around the world.
- The first phase of the construction of the stadium will be completed by October 2023. About Rs 400 crore will be spent in preparing the 40,000 capacity section in this.
- The world's largest cricket stadium is the Narendra Modi Stadium located in Motera area of Ahmedabad. Which was earlier known as Sardar Patel Stadium. It was inaugurated in 2020 and has a seating capacity of 1,32,000 spectators, the largest of any cricket stadium in the world.

Tata Power has re-appointed whom as its MD & CEO?

- (a) Praveer Sinha
- (b) Ajay Singh
- (c) Vijay Mohanty
- (d) Ajay Banga



- Power has once again appointed Praveer Sinha as its MD & CEO.
- According to Tata Power, Sinha's appointment will be effective from 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2027.
- He became the MD & CEO of Tata Power for the first time in the year 2018, his current term ends on 30 April 2023.
- He is a PhD from IIT Delhi and a Visiting Research Associate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology Boston.
- Tata Power Company Limited is an Indian electric utility company based in Mumbai and part of the Tata Group.

Who was appointed as the first head of NASA's 'Moon to Mars Programme'?

- (a) James L. Green
- (b) Karthik Raj
- (c) Natali Batala
- (d) Amit Kshatriya



- Indian-American software and robotics engineer, Amit Kshatriya has been appointed by NASA as the first head of its new 'Moon to Mars programme'.
- The mission aims to carry out the agency's human exploration activities on the Moon and Mars.
- NASA is working with the Artemis program to build a permanent settlement on and around the Moon.
- Artemis 1 sent an unmanned Orion capsule to lunar orbit and back late last year.
- At the same time, NASA is currently gearing up for Artemis 2. Under this, it is going to send four astronauts around the Moon by the end of 2024.
- Apart from this, if we talk about Artemis 3, then it is being prepared for 2025.
- Software and Robotics Engineer Amit Kshatriya started his career in the space program from the year 2003.
- He spent many years on the International Space Station as a robotics engineer, software engineer, and spacecraft operator.
- From 2014 to 2017, he was appointed as the deputy and then as the manager of the Vehicle Office of the ISS.
- After this, in 2021 he reached NASA Headquarters where he worked as Assistant Deputy Associate Administrator



Who has won the doubles title of Swiss Open 2023?

- (a) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
- (b) Ren Xiang and Tang Yuyang
- (c) Amit Bataala and Natalie
- (d) Manika Batra and Sathiyam Gnanasekaran



- India's star shuttlers Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have created history by winning the title in the doubles of the Swiss Open Super 300 badminton men's tournament being played on the land of Basel.
- The pair, who won the bronze medal in the World Championship 2022, defeated Ren Xiang Yu and Tan Qiang of China to win the Swiss Open Super 300 Badminton Men's Doubles title and became the first pair to win this title for India.
- It was the fifth World Tour title for the Indian pair, who had also won the India Open and the French Open last year.
- Earlier this Indian pair had won Thailand Open in 2019 and Hyderabad Open in 2018.
- Satwik and Chirag had won gold medals in the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- Prior to this, PV Sindhu (2022), Saina Nehwal (2011 and 2012), Kidambi Srikanth (2015) and HS Prannoy (2016) have won the Swiss Open title for India.

According to the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) data, which state has the highest unemployment rate in March 2023?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Haryana



- India's unemployment rate is set to rise to 7.8% in March 2023, according to data from the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).
- The unemployment rate in the country increased to 8.30% in December 2022, but decreased to 7.14% in January.
- It again increases to 7.45% in February 2023.
- In March 2023, the unemployment rate in India's urban areas reached 8.4%, while it stood at 7.5% in rural areas.
- Talking about the states, Haryana had the highest unemployment rate of 26.8 per cent while Rajasthan stood second with 26.4 per cent.
- The unemployment rate is 23.1 per cent in Jammu and Kashmir, 20.7 per cent in Sikkim, 17.6 per cent in Bihar and 17.5 per cent in Jharkhand.
- The lowest unemployment rates are in Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh at 0.8% each, followed by Puducherry at 1.5%, Gujarat at 1.8%, Karnataka at 2.3% and Meghalaya and Odisha at 2.6% each.

India's GST revenue collection for March 2023 stood at how many crores?

- (a) 1.4 lakh
- (b) 1.5 lakh
- (c) 1.6 lakh
- (d) 1.7 lakh



- India's GST revenue collection for March 2023 stood at Rs 1,60,122 crore, which is 13% higher than GST revenue in March 2022.
- Gross GST collections have crossed Rs 1.5 lakh crore for the fourth time in the current financial year since the introduction of GST.
- Of the total collection, CGST is Rs 29,546 crore, SGST is Rs 37,314 crore and IGST is Rs 82,907 crore.
- The gross revenue in 2022-23 was 22% higher than that of 2021-22.
- GST was implemented in India on 1 July 2017 after the Parliament passed the Goods and Services Tax Act on 29 March 2017.
- GST is a single indirect tax on all goods and services that has replaced other indirect taxes previously levied on goods and services.

SLINEX exercise is an exercise between India and which country?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Japan
- (c) Maldives
- (d) Sri Lanka



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Who hosted the first meeting of Culture Ministers of India-Central Asian countries recently?

- (a) G Kishan Reddy
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Kiren Rijiju
- (d) Rajnath Singh



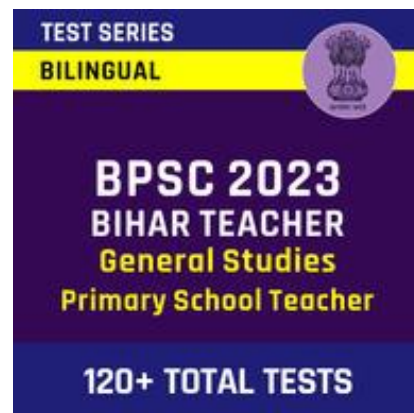
- Minister for Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region G. Kishan Reddy hosted the first meeting of India-Central Asia Culture Ministers through video conferencing on 3rd April, 2023.
- Culture ministers from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan participated in the meeting.
- India-Central Asia Summit to be hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 27, 2022 To promote cultural cooperation among Central-Asian countries for better understanding of culture and strengthen the age-old cultural ties that bind people of these countries together The emphasis was on doing.

Recently, the 20th session of the Culture Ministers of the member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization was hosted by India. When did India become a full member of this organization?

- (a) in 2015
- (b) in 2016
- (c) in 2017
- (d) in 2018



- Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region Minister G. Kishan Reddy hosted the 20th session of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Ministers of Culture meeting through video conferencing on April 3, 2023.
- Culture ministers from Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan participated in the meeting.
- The Culture Ministers of the SCO Member States expressed their views on enhancing cooperation in the field of culture within the framework of the Agreement between the Governments of the SCO Member States on Cooperation in Culture and other such agreements within the SCO framework.
- The theme of India's chairmanship of the SCO is "Secure - Security, Economic Cooperation, Connectivity, Unity, Respect for Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity, and Environment".
- They appreciated the participation of SCO nations, including Observer States and Dialogue Partners, in the recent Conference on the Common Buddhist Heritage of the SCO, held on 14-15 March 2023 in New Delhi.
- They highlighted the teachings of Buddha and stressed the need to adopt these values and practices to reiterate the shared history among the various cultures of the world and the SCO countries.
- Varanasi has been selected as the first "Tourism and Cultural Capital of 2022-23" of the SCO region.



Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO):

- SCO is a permanent intergovernmental international organization.
- It is a Eurasian political, economic and military organization aimed at maintaining peace, security and stability in the region.
- It was formed in the year 2001.

Produce:

- Prior to the formation of the SCO in 2001, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan were members of the Shanghai Five.

Shanghai Cooperation Organization

- The Shanghai Five (1996) originated as a series of border demarcation and demilitarization talks held by the four former Soviet republics to ensure stability along the borders with China.
- The Shanghai Five was renamed the SCO in 2001 after Uzbekistan joined the organization.
- India and Pakistan became its members in the year 2017.
- Currently its member states include Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India, Pakistan and Iran.



ISRO recently successfully tested the reusable launch vehicle.

By what name is this vehicle known?

- (a) ASLV
- (b) PSLV
- (c) GSLV
- (d) RLV

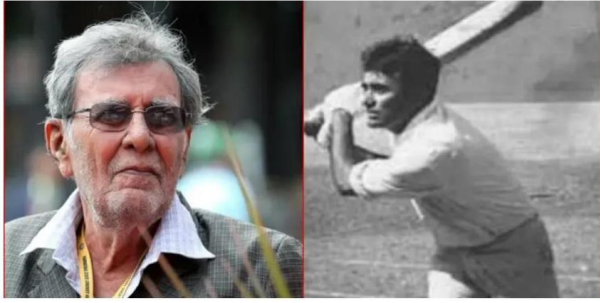


- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully carried out the landing experiment of the Reusable Launch Vehicle-Technology Demonstration (RLV-TD) program at the aeronautical test range at Challakere, Chitradurga.
- It was the first time in the world that a winged launch vehicle was carried by helicopter to an altitude of 4.5 km and released to perform an autonomous landing on the runway.
- The RLV-TD will be used to develop technologies such as Hypersonic Flight (HEX), Autonomous Landing (LEX), Return Flight Experiment (REX), Powered Cruise Flight and Scramjet Propulsion Experiment (SPEX).
- One of the first tests of RLV was announced by ISRO in 2010 but was postponed due to technical reasons. Another hint was given in 2015 but again grounded on technical issues.
- Finally, the first test of RLV-TD was conducted on May 23, 2016.
- ISRO Chairman: S Somnath;
- ISRO Establishment Date: August 15, 1969;
- Founder of ISRO: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai



Recently Salim Durani passed away. He is related to which of the following field?

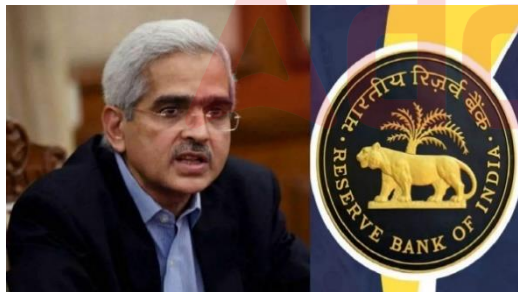
- (a) film industry
- (b) Cricket
- (c) writer
- (d) scientist



- The news of the death of former India cricketer Salim Durani has come to the fore. He was from Kabul, Afghanistan and was known as an all-rounder due to his abilities with both batting and bowling.
- He played 29 Test matches for India's Test team and played a key role in India's 2-0 victory against England in the five-match Test series in 1961-62.
- Durani played 29 Tests for India and scored 1,202 runs at an average of 25.04, including one century and seven half-centuries. In bowling, he took 75 wickets and his best bowling figures were 6/73. He had one century and seven half-centuries in his career.

Who among the following has been appointed as the Executive Director by the Reserve Bank of India recently?

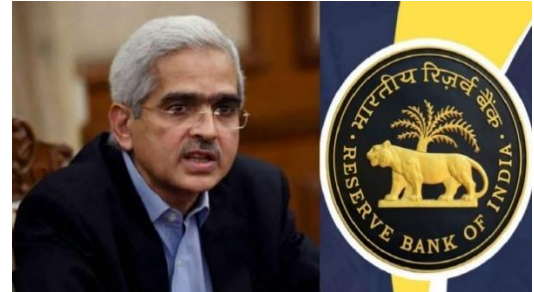
- (a) Neeraj Nigam
- (b) Manohar Joshi
- (c) Jaswant Singh
- (d) Mohini Chakraborty



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Who has recently taken over as the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff?

- (a) Vice Admiral SN Ghormade
- (b) Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh
- (c) Vice Admiral Mohan Chakraborty
- (d) Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba



- Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff on 2 April 2023.
- He succeeded Vice Admiral SN Ghormade who retired after 39 years of service.
- He is a graduate of the National Defense Academy, Pune, and was commissioned into the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy in 1986.
- In his career, he has served on most classes of ships of the Indian Navy and held a number of command, training and staff appointments.

US space agency NASA has selected the first female astronaut for its Artemis 2 mission, who among the following?

- (a) Reed Wiseman
- (b) Christina Koch
- (c) Jeremy Hansen
- (d) Kalpana Chawla Sharma



- US space agency, NASA has selected Christina Koch, the first female astronaut for its Artemis II mission.
- Other crew members: Victor Glover (the first black astronaut) and Reed Wiseman of NASA, and Jeremy Hansen of the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).
- This will involve a fly-by of the Moon and a 10-day journey back to Earth.

- It is part of NASA's Artemis program, which aims to land the first woman and next man on the Moon by 2024.
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- The 10-day Artemis-II mission is the second manned landing on the Moon since the Apollo missions.
- The last time humans walked on the Moon was in 1972 when Apollo 17 commander Eugene Cernan left his footprints on Earth's natural satellite.
- On July 21, 1969, Neil Armstrong created history by stepping on the moon.
- Eugene Cernan was the last astronaut to walk on the moon in 1972. After him, no human has gone to the moon till now.

Which bank has recently launched an application called Digital Dukan in association with Visa?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) Punjab National Bank



- Axis Bank and Visa jointly launched 'Digital Dukan', a mobile application to empower merchants to accept payments through various digital modes.
- It is designed to meet business requirements such as accepting digital payments, inventory management and billing.
- This Android smart POS application has an in-built camera with LED torch to enable scanning of product barcodes and allow tap-and-pay option for transactions up to Rs 5,000.



Who has been appointed as the 40th President of FICCI Women's Organization recently?

- (a) Kalpana Chawla
- (b) Sudha Shivakumar
- (c) Mohini Sangama
- (d) Deepa Diwakar



- Sudha Shivakumar took over as the 40th President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), the oldest women-led and women-centric business body in South East Asia, at the 39th annual session.
- He is a lawyer and investment banker by profession. Currently, he is a director in his family-run business, which focuses on auto accessories.
- Shivakumar was the President of FLO Chennai Chapter in 2016-17.
- FLO currently has 19 chapters across India with around 3,000 business women as its members.
- FICCI FLO is the oldest women-led and women-focused business chamber in South East Asia.
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) is the federation of business organizations of India.
- It was established in 1927 by Ghanshyam Das Birla and Purushottam Thakkar on the advice of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Its headquarter is in New Delhi.

Exercise Cope India is a bilateral joint training exercise conducted between which two countries?

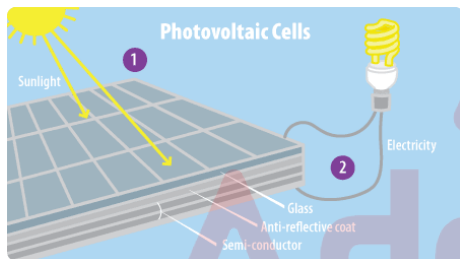
- (a) India and America
- (b) India and Japan
- (c) India and Australia
- (d) India and Britain



- The air forces of India and the US are set to conduct the Cope India exercise at the Kalaikunda airbase in West Bengal from April 10 to 21, 2023, in which Japan will participate as an observer.
- Exercise Cope India is a bilateral joint training exercise involving the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the United States Air Force (USAF), started in the year 2004 as a combat-training exercise. The most recent iteration of the exercise took place in the year 2019.
- The exercise has evolved to include combat-training exercises, subject matter expert exchanges, air mobility training, airdrop training and larger military exercises.
- Other joint defense exercises between India and the US include Yudh Abhyas (military exercises), Vajra Prahar and Dharma Guardian with Japan and the trilateral maritime exercise MALABAR between the navies of India, Japan and the United States.

By when will India become the second largest country in the world as a solar photovoltaic manufacturer as per the recent report?

- (a) 2026
- (b) 2030
- (c) 2040
- (d) 2070



- According to a new joint report by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and JMK Research and Analytics, India could become the world's second largest solar photovoltaic manufacturer after China by 2026.
- India's cumulative module manufacturing nameplate capacity to more than double from 18GW in March 2022 to 38GW in March 2023.
- In terms of upcoming PV manufacturing installations, Gujarat will be the leading state in India.
- Solar cell is made of silicon. A solar cell or photovoltaic cell is an electrical device that converts light energy directly into electricity by the photovoltaic effect.

Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck is the king of which country who is currently on a visit to India?

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bhutan



- The King of Bhutan, His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck called on the President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 04 April 2023.
- Welcoming Her Majesty to India, the President said that India and Bhutan share a close partnership based on mutual trust, goodwill and understanding at all levels.
- India attaches great importance to the multifaceted and special partnership with Bhutan. As the largest partner in Bhutan's development process, India is proud to support various projects in Bhutan in sectors such as health, education, agriculture, infrastructure, digitization and skill development.

Which Indian player recently completed his 5000 runs in IPL?

- (a) K L Rahul
- (b) Suryakumar Yadav
- (c) Shubman Gill
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni?



- Chennai Super Kings captain M.S. Dhoni has completed his 5000 runs in IPL, achieving another milestone in his IPL career. Dhoni did this feat during his 208th innings of IPL.
- He achieved this feat during the match played against Lucknow Super Giants at MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.
- With this, he has become the fifth Indian batsman to score 5000 runs. With this, he has also become the seventh highest run-scorer in IPL history.
- Earlier this feat was done by Virat Kohli, Shikhar Dhawan, David Warner, Rohit Sharma, Suresh Raina and AB de Villiers.

The World Bank has reduced India's growth rate for FY2024 from 6.6% to how much?

- (a) 6.5 percent
- (b) 6.35 percent
- (c) 6.30 percent
- (d) 6.20 percent



- The World Bank has reduced India's growth rate for FY2024 to 6.3% from its previous forecast of 6.6%.
- Behind this, the World Bank has cited the challenge of recession and external conditions.
- The World Bank has estimated that private consumption growth is expected to accelerate to 6.9% in FY2024.
- The World Bank has projected that consumer price index (CPI) based inflation will be contained to 5.2% in FY2024, from 6.6% in the recently concluded financial year.



Which African country is going to launch its first operational U Earth observation satellite?

- (a) Kenya
- (b) Namibia
- (c) Morocco
- (d) Zimbabwe

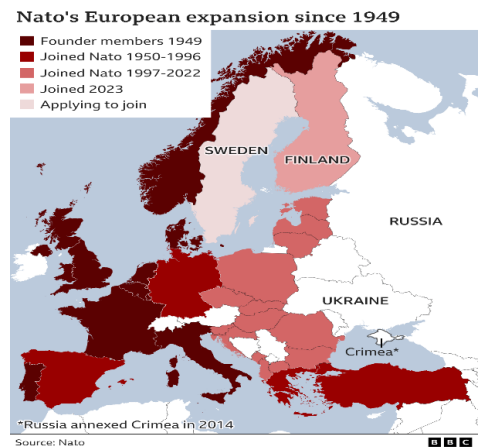


- The African country Kenya is recently going to launch its first operational Earth observation satellite named as Taifa-1 satellite.
- The Kenya Space Agency will launch its satellite on April 11 aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.
- According to Kenya's Ministry of Defence, the satellite will provide data for diverse sectors including agriculture and food security.

- Kenya is an East African country.
- Its capital is Nairobi.
- Currency: Kenyan shilling (KES)

Which of the following country has recently become the 31st member of NATO?

- (a) Finland
- (b) Türkiye
- (c) Italy
- (d) Croatia



- Finland officially became the 31st member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
- The latest move marks a major change in the security landscape in Northeast Europe amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.
- The move also marks the end of an era of military non-alignment for Finland.
- Finland, after repelling an invasion attempt by the Soviet Union during World War II, opted for non-alignment and maintained friendly relations with Russia.
- Finland's accession is seen as a blow to Russia as Finland shares a 1,340 km eastern border with Russia.
- Russia has said it will strengthen its military capability in its western and northwestern regions in response to the move.
- **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**
- NATO stands for North Atlantic Treaty Organization which is also known as North Atlantic Alliance.
- It is an intergovernmental military alliance based on the North Atlantic Treaty which was signed on 4 April 1949.
- The organization constitutes a system of collective defense whereby its member states agree to mutual defense in response to an attack by a non-member external party.
- NATO's headquarters is located at Boulevard Leopold III in the city of Brussels, Belgium, where the Supreme Allied Commander resides.

Why was NATO formed?

- The organization was formed as a means of ensuring collective security in Western Europe.
- Even though World War II had ended, the deteriorating relations between the two former allies, the United States and the USSR, eventually led to the Cold War.
- The USSR sought to expand its influence in Europe through the spread of communism, while the US saw the ideology of the USSR as a threat to its life. That's why he felt the need for the formation of NATO.

NATO - A Brief Background

- The Treaty of Brussels, signed by Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France and the United Kingdom on 17 March 1948, is considered a precursor to the NATO accord. This treaty established a military alliance, which later became the Western European Union.
- The North Atlantic Treaty, which was signed on 4 April 1949 in Washington, DC, was the result of negotiations for a military alliance. It consisted of the five Treaty of Brussels states, the United States, Canada, Portugal, Italy, Norway, Denmark and Iceland.

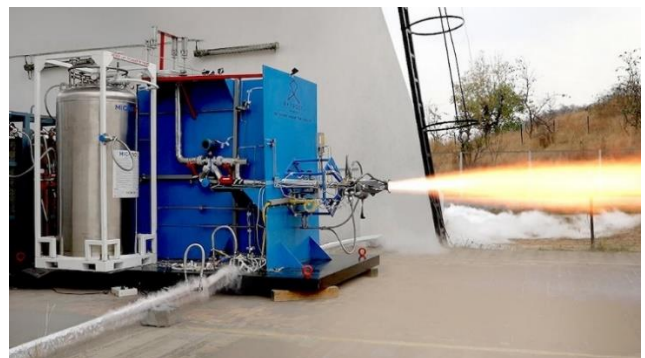
- Three years later, on 18 February 1952, Greece and Türkiye also joined.
- Inclusion of West Germany in the Organization on 9 May 1955.
- One of its immediate consequences was the creation of the Pact of Warsaw, which was signed by the Soviet Union and its satellite states on 14 May 1955 as a formal response to the event, which firmly established the two opposing sides of the Cold War. Did.

NATO has 31 member countries with Finland as its newest member. It became a part of NATO in 2023.

- Albania (2009) Greece (1952)
- Poland (1999)
- Belgium (1949) Hungary (1999)
- Portugal (1949)
- Bulgaria (2004) Iceland (1949)
- Romania (2004)
- Canada (1949) Italy (1949)
- Slovakia (2004)
- Croatia (2009) Latvia (2004)
- Slovenia (2004)
- Czech Republic (1999) Lithuania (2004)
- Spain (1982)
- Denmark (1949) Luxembourg (1949)
- Turkey (1952)
- Estonia (2004) Montenegro (2017)
- The United Kingdom (1949)
- France (1949) Netherlands (1949)
- The United States (1949)
- Germany (1955) Norway (1949)
- Finland (2023)

Which company has successfully tested the 3D printed 'Dhawan II' cryogenic engine recently?

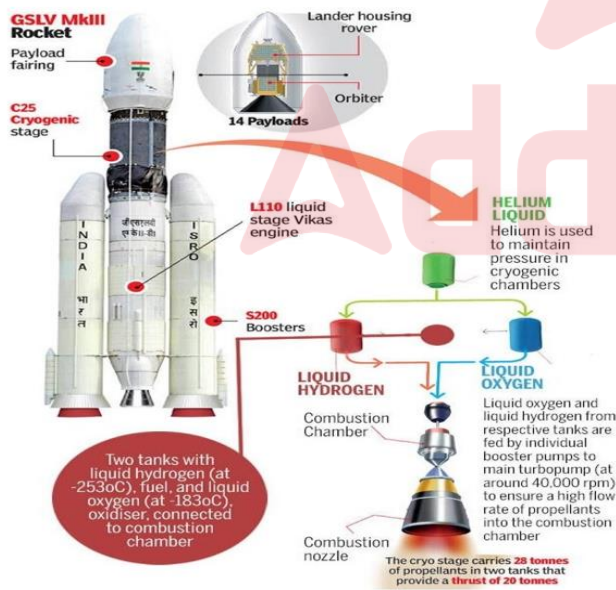
- (a) ISRO
- (b) NASA
- (c) Agnikul Cosmos
- (d) Skyroot Aerospace





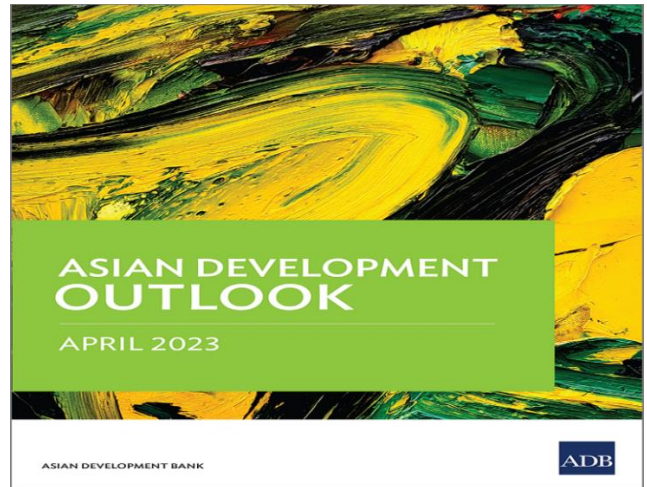
- Skyroot Aerospace has successfully test-fired a fully 3D-printed 'Dhawan II' cryogenic engine for 200 seconds.
- The company developed the engine for its heavier vehicle, Vikram II.
- This engine will be used as the upper stage of the updated version of Vikram-II.
- A cryogenic upper stage instead of a solid fuel stage enhances the payload-carrying capacity of a rocket.
- In 2022, Skyroot Aerospace became the first Indian private company to send a rocket into space.

THE ABC OF CRYOGENIC UPPER STAGE



According to the Asian Development Bank recent report, how much is India's GDP growth going to be in FY 2024?

- (a) 6%
- (b) 6.2%
- (c) 6.4%
- (d) 6.7%



- According to the latest edition of ADB's flagship economic publication, Asian Development Outlook (ADO) April 2023, India's GDP would grow to moderate to 6.4% in FY24 (2023-24).
- Reason: Risks arising from global and domestic factors
- ADB has also highlighted that India's GDP will rise in FY25 to 6.7%.
- While inflation will likely moderate to 5% in 2023-24, assuming moderation in oil and food prices.
- Inflation will be at 4.5% in FY25.

Asian Development Bank

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a regional development bank established on December 19, 1966 to facilitate the economic development of Asian countries.
- The Asian Development Bank is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.
- This bank was established with 31 members. Although ADB currently has 68 members; Out of which 49 are from Asia and Pacific and 19 members are external.
- The ADB was modeled largely on the World Bank and, like the World Bank, has a weighted vote system in which votes are distributed according to the capital subscription ratio of members.



Who is currently the richest person in Asia as per the Forbes Billionaire 2023 list?

- (a) Mukesh Ambani
- (b) Gautam Adani
- (c) Shiv Nadar
- (d) Cyrus Poonawalla



- According to the Forbes Billionaire 2023 list, Mukesh Ambani has regained his spot as Asia's richest person after rival Gautam Adani (USD 47.2 billion) tumbled to No. 24.
- Ambani (65) was ranked at No. 9 on the world billionaire list with a net worth of USD 83.4 billion.
- Bernard Arnault (CEO of LVMH) topped the Forbes Billionaires 2023 Rankings with an estimated net worth of a whopping 211 billion.
- Elon Musk placed second, followed by Jeff Bezos and Lary Ellison.
- Forbes' global count of billionaires is set to drop from 2,668 last year to 2,640 in 2023. However, India's number has increased from 166 in 2022 to 169 this year.
- According to Forbes, the United States still has the most billionaires. 735 people from America are in this list.
- At the same time, China (including Hong Kong and Macau) is in second place with 562 billionaires.
- After this, India is at number three with 169 billionaires.

Which state government has recently launched India's first cool roof policy?

- (a) Government of Bihar
- (b) Government of Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Government of Telangana
- (d) Government of Tamil Nadu



- Telangana govt has launched India's first Cool Roof Policy 2023-2028 at the CDMA office in Telangana.
- It is jointly launched by the state's municipal administration and urban development department.
- The policy aims to drive state-wide adoption of cool roofs by making it mandatory to install cool roofing materials, such as solar reflective paints, tiles, or sheets.
- It is a five-year policy, that came into force on April 1, 2023, and continues till March 31, 2028.
- Experts say that cool roofs can help keep indoor temperatures 2.1-4.3 degrees lower than homes with conventional roofs.
- Cool roofs require limited maintenance and can save up to 20 percent in energy costs and increase the longevity of the roof beneath them.
- Under the Cool Roof Policy, Telangana has set a target of 5 sq km area for the Hyderabad urban agglomeration and 2.5 sq km for the rest of the state in 2023-24. This will be doubled every year to reach 200 sq km in Hyderabad and 100 sq km in the rest of the state by 2028-29.
- A total of 300 sq km of cool roof across the state is expected to help save 600 million units of energy per year.

Recently the world famous **Basohli Painting** has got GI tag status. It is related to which of the following field?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Ladakh
- (c) Chandigarh
- (d) Lakshadweep



- The world-famous Basohli Paintings from the Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir and the Ladakh Wood Carving of Ladakh have received the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag.
- The process for GI Tagging of these products was started by NABARD in consultation with and support from the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom in December 2020.

Which person from India has recently been awarded the **Knight of the Legion of Honor** by the French Ambassador?

- (a) Shiv Nadar
- (b) Uday Kotak
- (c) Kiran Nadar
- (d) Cyrus Poonawalla



- Kiran Nadar was conferred “Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur” (Knight of the Legion of Honour) by French Ambassador to India Emmanuel Lenain in April 2023.
- Reason: In recognition of her contribution to the field of art, her commitment to providing greater access to culture both nationally and internationally, and her leading role in fostering Indo-French cultural ties
- She is a chairperson of the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art

Who among the following has been conferred with the most prestigious award Order of the White Eagle by Poland recently?

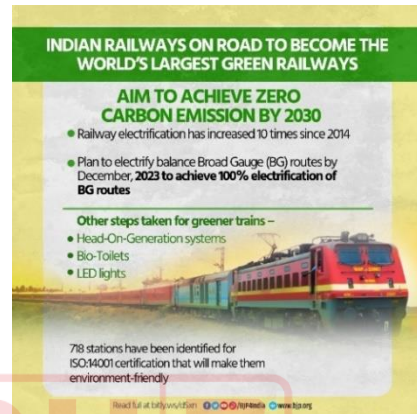
- (a) Vladimir Zelensky
- (b) Vladimir Putin
- (c) Joe Biden
- (d) Xi Jinping



- Poland's highest honour, the Order of the White Eagle, was presented to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky by Polish President Andrzej Duda during a meeting between the two leaders in Warsaw.
- The Order of the White Eagle is the oldest and most prestigious award of the Republic of Poland.
- The Chancellor of the President of the Republic of Poland said that Zelensky was given the award in recognition of his contribution to enhancing relations between Poland and Ukraine, promoting security and his unwavering commitment to the defense of human rights.

Which has become the first state in India to have 100% electrified railway network?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Haryana



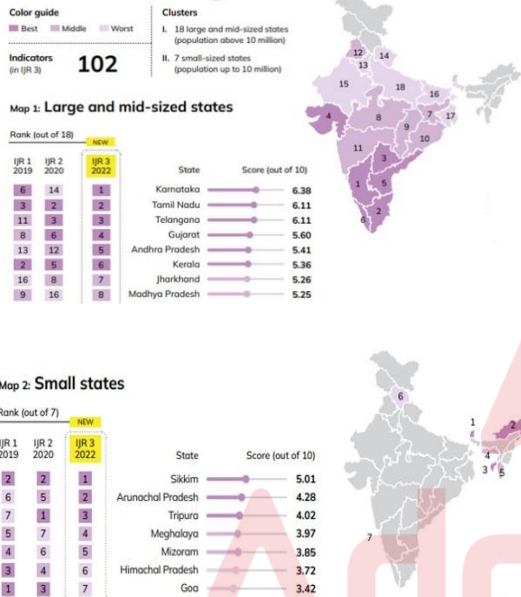
- Indian Railways has successfully completed 100% electrification of railway network in the state of Haryana in March 2023 and with this achievement, Haryana has become the first state in India to have 100% electrified railway network.
- The electrification project covers the existing broad gauge network of 1,701 route kilometers in Haryana.
- The completion of this project will reduce the dependence of Indian Railways on imported crude oil and also save foreign exchange.
- Electrification of Railways will help reduce carbon emissions and contribute towards the goal of a sustainable and environment-friendly transport system in India.
- Indian Railways is working towards achieving 100% electrification of its railway network in the country to increase efficiency, reduce dependence on fossil fuels and promote clean energy sources.
- Electrification of the railway network will also significantly reduce air pollution caused by diesel locomotives, thereby improving air quality.

- **About Indian Railways -**
- It is one of the largest railway networks in the world and was established in 1853 during the British colonial rule.
- Indian Railways covers a vast network of over 67,000 km, connecting almost every corner of the country.

According to the India Justice Report 2022, which state of India has secured the top position in terms of delivery of justice?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Overall ranking*



- According to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022, Karnataka has secured the top position in terms of delivery of justice among 18 large and medium-sized states with a population of more than one crore.
- The report ranked Tamil Nadu second, Telangana third and Uttar Pradesh 18th at the bottom.
- Sikkim topped the list of 7 small states with less than one crore population, in the year 2020, Sikkim was at the second position.
- Sikkim is followed by Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura at the second and third places respectively. The state of Goa ranks seventh with the lowest performance.
- **Shortage of Judges:**
- As of December 2022, the High Court has only 778 working judges as against the sanctioned strength of 1,108 judges.

- The pendency of cases per judge has increased in most states over the past five years, while the number of judges has not increased.
- The average pendency in high courts is highest in Uttar Pradesh (11.34 years) and West Bengal (9.9 years), while lowest in Tripura (1 year), Sikkim (1.9 years) and Meghalaya (2.1 years).
- The High Courts with the highest Case Clearance Rate (CCR) are Kerala (156%), Odisha (131%) while Rajasthan (65%) and Bombay (72%) High Courts have the lowest CCR.
- There are 4.9 crore cases pending in the High Courts and District Courts of the country.
- Between the years 2020 and 2022, the representation of women in the High Courts increased by about two per cent.

India Justice Report

- The India Justice Report is brought out by Tata Trusts in association with Center for Social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, TISS-Prayas, Daksh, Vidhi Center for Legal Policy and How India Lives.
- It ranks states based on their ability to provide access to justice.
- In this report, the capacity of the 4 main pillars of the justice system is assessed -
- Police.
- Jail.
- Judiciary.
- Legal Aid.

The world's first liquid hydrogen powered boat has been operated by which of the following country?

- (a) USA
- (b) Japan
- (c) China
- (d) Norway

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- The transport ship named MF Hydra launched by Norwegian company Norled is the world's first ship that runs on liquid hydrogen.
- It is a hybrid that uses both a battery and a liquid hydrogen fuel cell.
- It underwent sea trials for two weeks after initial trials at the Hjelmeland pier earlier this year.
- The Norwegian Maritime Authority has given final approval for the operation of the vessel.
- This significant achievement marks a significant step towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the shipping industry, as hydrogen fuel cells generate only pure water.
- Norway Capital: Oslo;
- Norway Currency: Norwegian krone;

Cope India air exercise which is starting from today is organized between India and which country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) USA
- (c) Australia
- (d) Britain



- The air forces of India and the US are set to conduct the Cope India exercise at the Kalaikunda airbase in West Bengal from April 10 to 21, 2023, in which Japan will participate as an observer.
- Exercise Cope India is a bilateral joint training exercise involving the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the United States Air Force (USAF), started in the year 2004 as a combat-training exercise. The most recent iteration of the exercise took place in the year 2019.

- The exercise has evolved to include combat-training exercises, subject matter expert exchanges, air mobility training, airdrop training and larger military exercises.
- Other joint defense exercises between India and the US include Yudh Abhyas (military exercises), Vajra Prahar and Dharma Guardian with Japan and the trilateral maritime exercise MALABAR between the navies of India, Japan and the United States.

Which anniversary of Project Tiger was celebrated in India recently?

- (a) 40th
- (b) 45th
- (c) 50th
- (d) 60th



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bandipur and Mudumalai Tiger Reserves in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
- He also visited Theppakadu Elephant Camp in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, where he interacted with mahouts and kavadis and fed the elephants.

- The Prime Minister also interacted with the elephant keepers featured in the Oscar-winning documentary, "The Elephant Whisperers".
- Bandipur National Park is a national park spread over 868.63 km (335.38 sq mi) in Chamarajanagar district of the Indian state of Karnataka.
- It was established as a tiger reserve on 1 April 1973 under Project Tiger.
- It is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve since 1986.

There are 6 tiger reserves in Madhya Pradesh -

- Kanha Tiger Reserve
- Panna Tiger Reserve
- Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve
- Indira Priyadarshini Pench Tiger Reserve
- Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- Satpura Tiger Reserve

There are 6 tiger reserves in Maharashtra-

- Sahyadri Tiger Reserve
- Pench Tiger Reserve
- Navegaon Nagjira Tiger Reserve
- Tadoba Andheri Tiger Reserve
- Melghat Tiger Reserve
- Bor Tiger Reserve

There are 5 tiger reserves in Karnataka-

- Bhadra Tiger Reserve
- Dandeli or Kali Tiger Reserve
- Nagarhole Tiger Reserve
- Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- Biligiri Ranganath Tiger Reserve

There are 4 tiger reserves in Tamil Nadu-

- Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve
- Anamalai Tiger Reserve
- Mudumalai Tiger Reserve
- Sathamangalam Tiger Reserve

There are 4 tiger reserves in Assam-

- Kaziranga Tiger Reserve
- Manas Tiger Reserve
- Nameri Tiger Reserve
- Orang Tiger Reserve

There are 4 tiger reserves in Rajasthan -

- Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary
- Mukandra Hills Tiger Reserve
- Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
- Sariska Tiger Reserve

There are 4 tiger reserves in Chhattisgarh -

- Indravati Tiger Reserve
- Anchanmar Tiger Reserve
- Udnati Sitanadi Tiger Reserve
- Guru Ghasidas Tiger Reserve

There are 4 tiger reserves in Uttar Pradesh -

- Dudhwa Tiger Reserve
- Amangarh Tiger Reserve
- Pilibhit Tiger Reserve
- Ranipur Tiger Reserve

There are 3 tiger reserves in Arunachal Pradesh -

- Pakke Tiger Reserve
- Kamlang Tiger Reserve
- Namdapha Tiger Reserve

There are 2 tiger reserves in Kerala-

- Perambikulam Tiger Reserve
- Periyar Tiger Reserve

There are 2 tiger reserves in West Bengal-

- Sundarbans Tiger Reserve
- Buxa Tiger Reserve

There are 2 tiger reserves in Uttarakhand -

- Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve
- Rajaji Tiger Reserve

There are 2 tiger reserves in Telangana-

- Amrabad Tiger Reserve
- Kaval Tiger Reserve

There are 2 tiger reserves in Odisha -

- Satkosia Tiger Reserve
- Simlipal Tiger Reserve

There is 1 tiger reserve in Jharkhand-

- Palamu Tiger Reserve

There is 1 tiger reserve in Mizoram-

- Dampa Tiger Reserve

There is 1 tiger reserve in Bihar-

- Valmiki Tiger Reserve

There is 1 tiger reserve in Andhra Pradesh-

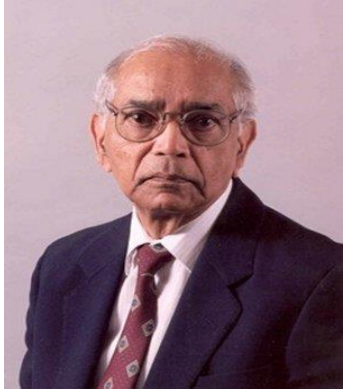
- Nagarjunasagar - Srisailem Tiger Reserve

What is Tiger Reserve?

- Tiger reserves are called such natural areas which are protected for the protection of tigers. In Tiger Reserve, tigers are kept in natural environment and they are provided with natural habitat.
- Presently there are 54 Tiger Reserves located in India.

Which Indian-American mathematician has recently been awarded the 2023 International Prize in Statistics?

- (a) P.C. Mahalanobis
- (b) C. Radhakrishna Rao
- (c) Harish Chandra
- (d) D R Kaprekar



- Noted Indian-American mathematician and statistician, Kalyampudi Radhakrishna Rao has been awarded the 2023 International Prize in Statistics.
- This award is considered as the Nobel Prize in the field of Mathematics.
- This award has been given for the important contribution made by Radhakrishna Rao in the field of mathematics (statistics).
- The International Prize in Statistics Foundation said in a statement that 75 years ago, Rao made an important contribution that continues to have a profound impact on science today.
- He will be presented with this award at the biennial International Statistical Institute World Statistics Congress to be held in Canada this July.

Which of the following Indian has won the title of World Chess Armageddon Asia and Oceania event?

- (a) Debasish Das
- (b) Saptarshi Roy Chowdhury
- (c) D Gukesh
- (d) Ankit Rajpara



- Indian young Grandmaster D Gukesh has won the title of the World Chess Armageddon Asia and Oceania event.
- Gukesh won the title by defeating former world rapid champion Nodirbek Abdusatarov of Uzbekistan in the final.
- Talking about other Indians, Vidit Gujarati and Karthikeyan Murali have also won this title.
- Former world champion Viswanathan Anand has congratulated Grandmaster D Gukesh on his victory.
- The All India Chess Federation is the central administrative body for the game of chess in India. It was established in 1951.

President Draupadi Murmu launched 'Bhoroxa' (Trust) app, it is related to?

- (a) Rail Passenger Safety
- (b) Women's safety
- (c) Cyber security
- (d) None of these



- President Draupadi Murmu has launched 'Bhoroxa' (Trust) app for women safety, during an event held at the Gauhati High Court in Assam.
- In case of distress, women can use this app to send SOS messages to emergency contact numbers with geo location, as well as make calls by shaking the phone.
- Internet connectivity is not mandatory to use this app.
- The Chief Justice of India also unveiled two apps on the website of the e-Seva Kendra for Assam.

Which state has recently declared the birth anniversary of Jyotiba Phule as a public holiday?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Assam
- (d) Rajasthan



- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has recently declared social reformer Jyotiba Phule's birth anniversary as a public holiday.
- Jyotiba Phule's birth anniversary is celebrated every year on 11 April.
- Till now, optional holiday was being given in the state on Jyotiba Phule Jayanti.
- Jyotiba Govindrao Phule was an Indian social worker, who was born on 11 April 1827 and died on 28 November 1890.

According to the recently released Tiger Census, the population of tigers in India has increased to how much by the year 2022?

- (a) 3167
- (b) 3100
- (c) 3267
- (d) 3334



- By the year 2022, the population of tigers in India has increased to 3167, which is 200 more than the last released data.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has presented these data while releasing the figures of the 5th cycle of India's tiger census.
- The number of tigers in India was 1,411 in 2006, which increased to 1,706 by 2010. By the year 2014, this number had increased to 2,226.
- PM Modi was on a visit to Mysore in Karnataka on the occasion of completion of 50 years of Project Tiger and also visited Bandipur Tiger Reserve.
- On 1 April 1973, the Government of India launched Project Tiger with the aim of providing protection to tigers in India.

When is World Homeopathy Day celebrated every year?

- (a) 08 April
- (b) 09 April
- (c) 10th April
- (d) 11th April



- World Homeopathy Day (WHD) is observed across the world on 10 April.
- The day marks the birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, who is considered the founder of homeopathy.
- This year the theme of World Homeopathy Day is "One Health, One Family".
- The Central Council for Research in Homeopathy (CCRH) under the Ministry of AYUSH, India is organizing a scientific conference on the occasion of "World Homeopathy Day".

Which product of Varanasi has recently been given GI tag?

- (a) Banarasi paan
- (b) Banarasi Langda Mango
- (c) Shahi Litchi
- (d) Both a and b are correct



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Recently in which state of India Vibrant Village Program was launched by Home Minister Amit Shah?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Sikkim

CABINET DECISIONS
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VIBRANT VILLAGES PROGRAMME



- Cabinet approves Centrally Sponsored Scheme- **"Vibrant Villages Programme"** for the FY 2022-23 to 2025-26
- Financial allocation of scheme is **Rs. 4800 Cr**
- Will lead to infrastructure development and livelihood opportunities in **4 states and 1 UT along the northern land border**



- Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the 'Vibrant Village Programme' at Kibithu, a border village in Anjaw district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- He has also inaugurated nine micro hydel projects of AP government built under "Golden Jubilee Border Lights Programme" at Kibithu.
- These power projects will empower people living in border villages.
- In the first phase, 662 villages have been identified for priority coverage.
- It is a centrally funded program announced in the Union Budget year 2022-23 (up to 2025-26) with an aim to develop border villages in the north and improve the quality of life of residents of such border villages.
- This will include the border areas of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Ladakh.
- Under this, 2,963 villages will be covered, out of which 663 will be covered in the first phase.
- Vibrant Village Action Plans will be prepared by the District Administration with the help of Gram Panchayats.

Who has recently launched the first Dogri version of the Indian Constitution?

- (a) Piyush Goyal
- (b) RK Singh
- (c) Kiren Rijju
- (d) Nirmala Sitharaman



- Union Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Kiren Rijju released the first edition of the Dogri version of the Constitution of India at the University of Jammu.
- The release of this edition is a significant step towards promoting linguistic diversity and preserving the cultural heritage of the country.
- Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Justice Koteswar Singh of Ladakh High Court were also present on the occasion.
- Recently, the Ministry of External Affairs organized a seminar on "Seven Decades of the Constitution of India" on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The Constitution of India is one of the longest written constitutions in the world.
- Dogri is one of the official languages of the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- On 22 December 2003, in a major milestone for the language's official status, Dogri was recognized in the Indian Constitution as the national language of India.
- The earliest written reference to Dogri (using the archaic name Dugar) is found in Nuh Sipihar ("The Nine Heavens"), written by the poet Amir Khosrow in 1317 CE.
- Dogri derives from Sanskrit, the language of the Vedas (1500–1200 BCE).
- Dogri is a language spoken in Jammu, Kangra in Himachal Pradesh and some provinces of northern Punjab in India.
- In the year 2003, it has been included in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
- In the family of Western Pahari dialects, Dogri, Chambayali, Madawali, Mandayali, Bilaspuri, Bagdi, etc. are notable among the peoples of the intermediate Pahari belt.

Which political party has got the status of National Party recently?

- (a) Samajwadi Party
- (b) Aam Aadmi Party
- (c) Rashtriya Janata Dal
- (d) Bharatiya Janata Party



- The Election Commission of India has revised the list of national and state political parties and released a new list.
- The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), led by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, has been given the status of a national party.
- The Nationalist Congress Party led by Sharad Pawar and the Trinamool Congress led by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee have been stripped of their National Party status.
- Along with this, the Communist Party of India (CPI) of D.Raja has also lost the status of a national party.

Presently the parties with the status of National Party:-

1. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
2. Indian National Congress (INC)
3. Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)
4. Communist Party of India (Marxist)
5. National People's Party (NPP)
6. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)

What is the standard of the national party?

- As per the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, a political party is recognized as a national party if it fulfills any one of the following three conditions-
- The party should be recognized as a state party in at least four states. Or
- If a party has secured at least 6% of the total valid votes in at least 4 states (in the latest Lok Sabha or Vidhansabha elections) and the party has at least 4 MPs in the last Lok Sabha elections. Or
- If the party has won at least 2% of the total seats in the Lok Sabha from at least 3 states.

Who has become the fastest Indian player to take 100 wickets in IPL?

- (a) Harshal Patel
- (b) Avesh Khan
- (c) Deepak Chahar
- (d) Bhubaneswar Kumar



- Fast bowler Harshal Patel, who plays for Royal Challengers Bangalore in IPL, has become the fastest Indian to take 100 wickets in IPL.
- Harshal achieved this feat by taking the wicket of Mark Wood of Lucknow Super Giants. Harshal completed his 100 wickets in the 79th innings of IPL.
- Earlier this record was in the name of Bhuvneshwar Kumar who completed his 100 wickets in 81st innings.
- The Indian Premier League (IPL) is a Twenty20 competition run by the Board of Control for Cricket in India.
- The league, established by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) member Lalit Modi in 2007, hosts the IPL in the months of April and May every year.
- Vivo Electronics, the title sponsor of the IPL in 2016, thus the league is officially known as the Dream 11 Indian Premier League.
- The title sponsor of the IPL from 2022 to 2027 is the Indian Tata group.

Recently Justice Apareesh Kumar Singh has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the High Court of which state of India?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Tripura
- (d) Himachal Pradesh



- Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh was on Tuesday appointed as the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court.
- Recently, the post of Chief Justice of Tripura fell vacant after the retirement of Justice Jaswant Singh.
- According to a notification issued by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article-217 of the Constitution of India, the President has appointed Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh, Judge of the Jharkhand High Court, as the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court.
- Born on July 7, 1965, Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh started his career as an advocate in 1990.

Article 217 - Appointment and conditions of office of a Judge of a High Court

- As per Article 217 of the Constitution; A High Court judge will be appointed by the President in consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI), the governor of the state.
- In case of appointment of a judge other than the Chief Justice, the Chief Justice of the High Court is consulted.

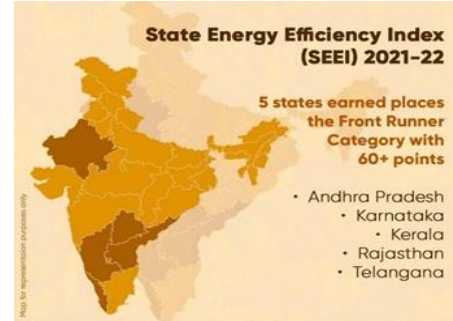
Recently in which state or union territory of India the Pida-Kunfer tunnel was inaugurated by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Ladakh



- Union Minister for Road, Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Peeda-Kunfar tunnel at Ramban in Jammu and Kashmir today.
- He said that with the construction of these tunnels, the journey between Jammu and Srinagar would be completed in about three and a half hours.
- The 924 meter long first tube of Peeda-Kunfer tunnel will bypass the congested and accident prone area between Nashri and Ramban.
- The tunnel is part of the ongoing four-laning project between Udhampur and Ramban on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.
- The work on the second tube of Peeda-Kunfer tunnel is also in progress.
- According to Gadkari, work on four more tunnels on the Ramban-Banihal section of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway would be completed by March next year and work on another tunnel would begin very soon.

- Which state has topped in terms of energy efficiency as per the recently released State Energy Efficiency Index 2021-22?
- (a) Bihar
 - (b) Karnataka
 - (c) Telangana
 - (d) Maharashtra



- Recently, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy released the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2021-22 report.
- Karnataka has the best performance in terms of energy efficiency, which has been given an overall score of 82.5 in the recently released State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2021-22.
- Along with this, the performance of Andhra Pradesh (77.5), Telangana (74), Kerala (68.5) and Rajasthan (67) was also better than other states. All these states have got more than 60 per cent marks.
- On the other hand, four states Assam (50.5), Haryana (55), Maharashtra (53.5) and Punjab (53) have been placed in the category of achieving states, which have been given 50 to 60 points in this index.
- If we talk about Delhi, it has been given 33 points in this index, which clearly shows that its performance is not very good in terms of energy efficiency.
- However, in terms of per capita residential electricity consumption, Delhi tops the list. Where 699.12 kilowatt hours of electricity is being consumed per person every year.

Who has become the fastest batsman to score 6000 runs in IPL history?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) David Warner
- (c) Rohit Sharma
- (d) K L Rahul



- Delhi Capitals captain David Warner became the fastest batsman to score 6000 runs in the Indian Premier League during their match against Rajasthan Royals at the Barsapara Stadium in Guwahati.
- He is now only the third batsman to join this elite club after Royal Challengers Bangalore's Virat Kohli and Punjab Kings captain Shikhar Dhawan.
- David Warner took 165 innings to reach the 6000-run mark, while Kohli scored 188 and Dhawan scored 199.

Where did Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurate the three-day International Conference on Defence, Finance and Economics recently?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Navi Mumbai
- (c) Bangalore
- (d) Kolkata



- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the three-day International Conference on Defence, Finance and Economics in New Delhi.
- The conference will provide an exclusive channel for policy makers, academics and government officials to share their views and experiences on defense finance and economics amid current security challenges.
- Delegates from USA, UK, Japan, Australia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Kenya will participate in the conference.
- The aim of the conference is to share best practices, experiences and expertise from different countries.

Which bank has recently launched EMI facility for UPI payments?

- (a) Axis Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) HDFC Bank



- ICICI Bank has launched EMI facility for UPI payments made by scanning the QR code.
- Customers who are eligible for Paylater facility can avail EMI facility using the Bank's 'Buy Now, Pay Later' option.
- Customers can pay an amount up to Rs 10,000 in easy installments for 3, 6 and 9 months.
- Paylater facility of ICICI Bank was introduced in 2018 to enable customers to purchase small ticket items in a completely paperless manner.

Recently Keshub Mahindra passed away at the age of 99 in Mumbai. To which field did it belong?

- (a) Film
- (b) Writer
- (c) Musician
- (d) Industry



- The former chairman of the Mahindra & Mahindra Group of companies, Keshub Mahindra passed away at 99 in Mumbai.
- He served as chairman of the conglomerate from 1963 to 2012.
- He joined the Board of the company in 1948 and was elected chairman in 1963.
- He was awarded Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'honneur by the French Government in 1987.
- He re-entered the Forbes list of India's Richest Billionaires for 2023 with a net worth of \$1.2 billion.



Which state government has recently given OBC status to the transgender community?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Assam



- Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government has added the transgender community to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) list of the state.
- Now they will get the benefit of reservation under this.
- The state government has taken this decision following the directions of the Supreme Court.
- With this, the transgender community will get the benefit of reservation in state government recruitments.

Which Indian player won the silver medal in the 68 kg category in the Asian Wrestling Championships?

- (a) Babita Kumari
- (b) Priya Malik
- (c) Vinesh Phogat
- (d) Nisha Dahiya



- India's Nisha Dahiya won the silver medal at the Asian Wrestling Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- This is the biggest medal of her career so far in the women's 68 kg category.
- Talking about other wrestler, Priya Malik won bronze medal in 76 kg category.
- She defeated Japan's Mizuki Nagashima in the repechage round.
- India has so far won six medals in this tournament.

What is the name given to India's first semi-high speed regional rail service?

- (a) NCR Mail
- (b) NCRX
- (c) Rapido Fast
- (d) RapidX



- India's first semi-high speed regional rail service has been named 'RapidX'.
- It will be operated by the National Capital Region Transport Corporation.
- These trains will run on 'Regional Rapid Transit System' corridors that will connect major cities of the National Capital Region.
- This service will save travel time on the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor.
- Trains are expected to operate in 2023 on the 17 km long Sahibabad-Duhai section on this corridor.

Which state government has recently passed a bill to ban online gambling?

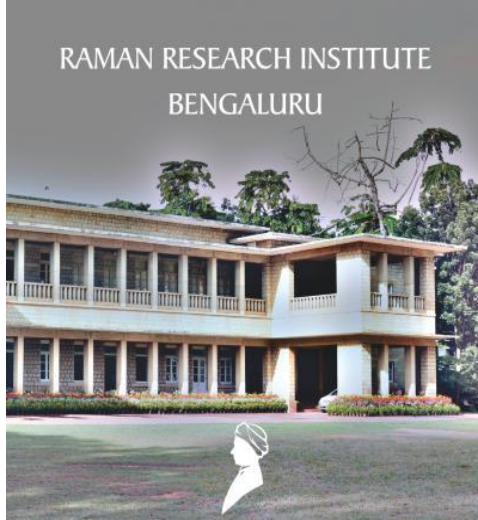
- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Goa



- Tamil Nadu Governor R. N. Ravi has approved the bill proposing to ban online gambling.
- The bill was passed by the Tamil Nadu Assembly for the second time in March.
- The governor had returned the bill on March 6, saying it was against the Constitution and against the decisions of the courts.
- The bill was first passed in the assembly on October 19, 2022.

Indian Navy has tied up with whom to develop Secure Maritime Communication?

- (a) Tata Telecommunication
- (b) Raman Research Institute
- (c) DRDO
- (d) C DAC



- Indian Navy has entered into an agreement with Raman Research Institute (RRI) to develop Secure Maritime Communication.
- RRI is an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
- Quantum technologies will be used in the development of this maritime communication.
- Raman Research Institute is a scientific research institute located in Bangalore, India.
- It was founded by Nobel laureate CV Raman in 1948.

Where is the 100th meeting of the G20 Working Group being held under the chairmanship of India?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Prayagraj



- The 100th meeting (three-day) of the G20 Working Group under the chairmanship of India is being held from April 17, 2023 in Varanasi city of Uttar Pradesh.
- It is a meeting based on Agricultural Chief Scientist (MACS).
- The three-day meet is being organized by the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- Around 80 foreign delegates from G20 member states are participating in the event.
- They will discuss agricultural research and development, including sustainable agriculture and food systems, food security and nutrition, public-private partnerships, and more for healthy people and the planet.
- 'International Research Initiative on Millets and Other Ancient Cereals (Maharishi)' is also proposed.

Who has become the fastest batsman to score 4,000 runs in IPL?

- (a) Rinku Singh
- (b) David Warner
- (c) KL Rahul
- (d) Virat Kohli



- Lucknow Super Giants captain KL Rahul has become the batsman to score 4000 runs in the shortest innings in IPL history.
- In this case, he has broken the record of dashing batsman Chris Gayle.
- Rahul achieved his 4000 IPL runs during his 105th innings. Earlier, the record of fastest 4000 IPL runs was held by T20 batsman Chris Gayle.
- Gayle achieved his 4000 IPL runs during 112 innings. Star batsman Rahul started his career in 2013 with Royal Challengers Bangalore.



In which city will the Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament be organized?

- (a) Varanasi
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Bhubaneswar
- (d) Guwahati



- India will host the Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament for the first time from 03 to 12 August, this tournament will be organized in the city of Chennai.
- Chennai last hosted the Asia Cup as an international hockey event in 2007.
- It is the seventh edition of the Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament.
- It is being organized as a preparation for the Asian Games to be held in Hangzhou, China.

Which country has become India's largest trading partner?

- (a) China
- (b) USA
- (c) UK
- (d) Australia



- Bilateral trade between India and the US is set to grow by 7.65% to USD 128.55 billion in 2022-23, as per the provisional data released by the Ministry of Commerce, as against USD 119.5 billion in 2021-22. The US will be India's largest trading partner in 2022-23. Emerged as a business partner.
- During 2022-23, India's two-way trade with China is set to decline by about 1.5% to USD 113.83 billion.
- In 2022-23, the UAE (US\$ 76.16 billion) was the third largest trading partner, followed by Saudi Arabia.

Who has become the first Indian to score a century in IPL 2023?

- (a) Shikhar Dhawan
- (b) Rituraj Gaikwad
- (c) Venkatesh Iyer
- (d) Shubman Gill



- Kolkata Knight Riders star all-rounder Venkatesh Iyer scored a brilliant century during the match played against Mumbai Indians in Mumbai.
- Iyer has become the first Indian to score a century this season. Also it was the second century of IPL 2023.
- Before Iyer, England batsman Harry Brook had scored a century. Harry Brook plays in IPL from Sunrisers Hyderabad team.
- Venkatesh Iyer, batting brilliantly, scored an inning of 104 runs in 51 balls, which is the highest score of this season so far.

Who is now the title of 59th Femina Miss India World 2023?

- (a) Nandini Gupta
- (b) Shreya Poonja
- (c) Thounaojam Strela Luwang
- (d) Shini Shetty



- Nandini Gupta (19) of Rajasthan has been crowned the 59th edition of the beauty pageant, Femina Miss India World 2023.
- Meanwhile, Shreya Poonja from Delhi and Thounaojam Strela Luwang from Manipur were announced as the first runner-up and second runner-up, respectively.
- She hails from Kota, Rajasthan, and holds a Business Management degree.
- Femina Miss India 2023 was held at Indoor Stadium, Khuman Lampak, Imphal, Manipur.

Which country has now become the world's leading narco-state?

- (a) Iraq
- (b) Iraq
- (c) Syria
- (d) Pakistan



- Syria has become the world's foremost narco-state, as its economic survival now depends heavily on the production and export of Captagon.
- Captagon is a banned illicit drug recognized by the UNODC (2021) and is a synthetic stimulant that combines amphetamine and caffeine.
- According to the Collins Dictionary, "narco-state" refers to a nation where a significant portion of the economy is reliant on the illicit trade of narcotic drugs.
- Captagon is a non-stimulant composed of amphetamine and caffeine, and is an internationally recognized illegal drug.
- In 1961, a German pharmaceutical company first introduced Captagon to treat health symptoms such as hyperactivity disorder, narcolepsy, and depression.
- However, after a few years, scientists realized the addiction properties of the drug and its adverse effects on mental and physical health and hence the drug was banned.
- Captagon is one of the most popular recreational drugs (party pills) among youth in the Bay State.
- It is also used by armed men to create a sense of invincibility and for this reason it is sometimes called "Captain Courage" or "Jihadi Magic Potion".
- Also, it can be used by dieters, students crammed for exams, and people who have to work double shifts or stay up late at night or juggling two jobs.



Recently Gazprombank, a bank of which country has expanded its ties with banks in India to accelerate trade between the two countries in national currencies?

- (a) UAE
- (b) Saudi Arabia
- (c) Russia
- (d) America



- Russia has become the biggest supplier of oil to India this year as Russia's Gazprombank has expanded its ties with banks in India to accelerate trade between the two countries in national currencies.
- It is Russia's third largest lender by assets and a major channel of Russian energy trade.
- In 2022, India implemented a comprehensive framework to facilitate foreign trade in rupees and since then many Russian institutions have opened vostro accounts with Indian banks.

Defense Research and Development Organization Industry Academy Center of Excellence was inaugurated in which IIT institute recently?

- (a) IIT, Kanpur
- (b) IIT, Bombay
- (c) IIT, Hyderabad
- (d) IIT, Patna

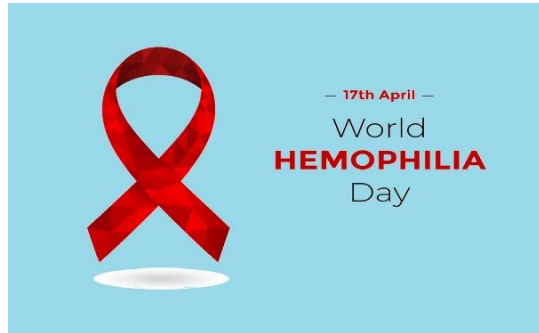


रक्षा अनुसंधान और विकास संगठन
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- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Industry Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA-CoE) has been inaugurated at the Indian Institute of Technology -Hyderabad.
- DRDO Chairman Dr Samir V Kamat inaugurated the facility at the campus of the IIT-Hyderabad at Sangareddy in Telangana.
- The government is taking up futuristic projects towards long-term directed research needed for DRDO.
- The DIA CoE IITH is the largest centre among all 15 CoEs in the country.

When is World Hemophilia Day observed?

- (a) 15th April
- (b) 16th April
- (c) 17th April
- (d) 18 April



- World Hemophilia Day is celebrated every year on April 17th to honor the birth anniversary of Frank Schnabel, who established the World Federation of Hemophilia.
- Aim: To raise awareness and provide information about hemophilia and other bleeding disorders
- It is a rare medical condition where the blood fails to clot correctly due to the lack of specific clotting factors.
- Theme 2023: Access for All: Prevention of Bleeds as the Global Standard of Care

Who was recently awarded the Maharashtra Bhushan Award by Union Home Minister Amit Shah?

- (a) Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari
- (b) Dr. Mudrika Prasad
- (c) Dr. Manohar Lal Khattar
- (d) Dr. Shivraj Singha



- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has presented the Maharashtra Bhushan Award for 2022 to Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari at Raigarh, Maharashtra.
- He has played a significant role in organizing several tree plantation drives, blood donation drives, free medical clinics, and job fairs.
- Award: A shawl, citation and memento, and a cheque of Rs 25 lakh.
- He was also awarded the Padma Shri in 2017.
- His father Dr. Narayan Vishnu Dharmadhikari was also awarded the Maharashtra Bhushan in 2008.

Recently which player has won gold medal in women's long jump in Indian Grand Prix-4 2023 Athletics Meet?

- (a) Anju Bobby George
- (b) Shelly Singh
- (c) Sunita Deshmukh
- (d) Mohini Phogat



- Long jumper, Shaili Singh won a gold medal in the women's long jump at the Indian Grand Prix 4 2023 athletics meet in Bangalore, Karnataka.
- She has logged a 6.76m effort, the second-best by an Indian after the legendary Anju Bobby George.
- With this win, she has also qualified for the Asian Games 2023, scheduled in Hangzhou, China, by breaching the women's long jump qualifying standard of 6.45m set by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).

Where was the first AIIMS of North-East India established by Prime Minister Modi recently?

- (a) Itanagar
- (b) Guwahati
- (c) Dispur
- (d) Imphal



- PM Modi has inaugurated the All Indian Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) in Guwahati, Assam.
- The foundation stone was laid in May 2017 and was built at a cost of over Rs 1,120 crore.
- It has a total capacity of 750 beds, including 30 AYUSH beds, and also has an intake capacity of 100 MBBS students per year.
- He also laid the foundation of the Rs 546 crore Assam Advanced Healthcare Innovation Institute, a joint initiative of the state government and IIT Guwahati.

Who has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court?

- (a) Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan
- (b) Justice Ramesh Singh Talwar
- (c) Justice Surya Prakash Kesarwani
- (d) Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyay



- The Union Ministry of Law and Justice has issued a notification appointing Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan, the senior-most judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, as the Acting Chief Justice of the High Court.
- Justice Tarlok was born on 9 January 1964 in Tehsil Rohru.
- He has completed his schooling from Bishop Cotton School, Shimla.
- He was associated as an advocate with the Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh in 1989.

Which state has become the first to prepare a DNA database for identification of unidentified dead bodies?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat



- Himachal Pradesh has become the 'first state' to prepare a DNA database of unidentified dead bodies.
- The process was started in April last year and so far records of 150 DNA samples from unidentified bodies have been entered into the database.
- According to police records, more than 100 bodies are recovered every year in different parts of the state, which remain unidentified due to lack of data and identifiable objects.
- This initiative of the government will help in identifying the unidentified dead bodies.

In which city the meeting of G20 Digital Economy Working Group was held?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Guwahati
- (c) Varanasi
- (d) Jaipur



- Under India's G20 Presidency, the G20 Digital Economy Working Group meeting was held in Hyderabad.
- In this meeting, experts from various fields spoke on issues like high-speed mobile broadband and digital inclusion.
- Also the topic 'Digital Inclusion - Connecting the Unconnected' was discussed. Significantly, India is presiding over the G20 group this year.

Which union minister has launched the 'Organization to Prosperity' campaign?

- (a) Smriti Irani
- (b) Giriraj Singh
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) RK Singh



- Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh launched the 'Organization to Prosperity' campaign.
- It will help in empowering marginal rural households by bringing all eligible rural women under Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that the government is targeting to bring the existing 9 crore to 10 crore women under the fold of SHGs.



Apple company has launched its first store in India in which city?

- (a) Bangalore
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Mumbai



- Apple's first retail store in India has been opened for the general public from today. The company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Tim Cook himself welcomed the customers.
- This Apple retail outlet (Apple BKC) is located on the ground floor of Reliance Jio World Drive Mall, Bandra Kurla Complex.
- After Mumbai, the company is going to open its retail outlet in Delhi as well. This store will be opened on 20th April at Saket Mall, Delhi.
- The first Apple Stores opened in 2001 at Tyson's Corner in McLean, Virginia, and the Glendale Galleria in California.

Which automobile company has launched the online retail sales platform 'Wheels on Web'?

- (a) Toyota
- (b) Tata Motors
- (c) Mahindra
- (d) Hyundai



- Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) recently launched its online retail sales platform 'Wheels on Web'.
- It has been launched for the customers of Bangalore city.
- It is an online retailing platform that will facilitate customers to book, purchase and deliver their favorite Toyota model from the comfort of their homes.
- Toyota customers will continue to get updates through WhatsApp and e-mail at every stage from booking to delivery.

Who is the Indian player to win two gold medals in Brazil Para Badminton International 2023?

- (a) Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan
- (b) Sivarajan Solaimalai
- (c) Pramod Bhagat
- (d) Sukanta Kadam



- India's Para-Badminton player, Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan has won two gold medals at the Brazil Para-Badminton International 2023.
- In the women's singles SH6 category finals, she defeated Peru's Giuliana Poveda Flores to win the gold medal.
- In the mixed doubles SH6 final, she combined with Sivarajan Solaimalai to beat Hong Kong's Chu Man Kai and Choi Wing Kei.
- While Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam also won gold in the men's doubles category.

Where will the first Global Buddhist Summit be inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi?

- (a) Bodh Gaya
- (b) Pawapuri
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Lumbini



- PM Modi will inaugurate the first Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi on April 20, 2023.
- Theme 2023: **Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis**
- This two-day summit will be hosted by the Ministry of Culture and its grantee body International Buddhist Confederation.
- It will be attended by scholars, Sangha leaders, and Dharma practitioners from all over the world.

When is World Heritage Day celebrated?

- (a) 16th April
- (b) 17th April
- (c) 18 April
- (d) 19th April



- World Heritage Day (or International Day for Monuments and Sites) is observed on 18 April to raise awareness of the importance of cultural heritage and the need to preserve it for future generations.
- Theme 2023: Heritage Transformation
- It was established by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and approved by the 22nd UNESCO General Conference in 1983.
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India (as on April 19, 2023): 40
- ICOMOS Established: 1965; Headquarters: Paris

Earth observation satellite, Taifa-1 belongs to which of the following country?

- (a) UAE
- (b) Kenya
- (c) China
- (d) Japan



- Kenya has successfully launched its first Earth observation satellite, Taifa-1, using a SpaceX rocket from the United States.
- The satellite was carried by a Falcon 9 rocket, which was launched from Vandenberg Base in California.
- It was developed over a period of two years at a cost of 50 million Kenyan Shillings with the assistance of Bulgarian aerospace firm Endurosat.
- Additionally, as part of SpaceX's rideshare initiative, the launch rocket carried 50 payloads from other countries.

According to the India Digital Payments Annual Report, which city has the highest number of digital transactions in India?

- (a) Bangalore
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Pune



- India's Silicon Valley, Bengaluru has topped the list of Indian cities in terms of highest digital transactions in the year 2022, says 'India Digital Payments Annual Report', a report by French payments and transaction services firm. The city recorded 29 million transactions worth ₹6500 crore in 2022.
- Delhi ranks second in the list with 19.6 million transactions worth ₹5000 crore followed by Mumbai with 18.7 million transactions worth ₹4950 crore.
- The report said that at number four is Pune with 15 million digital transactions worth Rs 3280 crore and Chennai with 14.3 million transactions worth Rs 3,550 crore.
- In the report titled 'India Digital Payments Annual Report', payment modes such as UPI, debit and credit cards, prepaid payment instruments - mobiles and prepaid cards processed 87.92 billion transactions worth ₹149.5 trillion.
- As per the report, UPI handled over 74.05 billion transactions in volume and over ₹126 trillion in value terms.
- Its transaction volume and value have almost doubled from the previous year as it has registered an increase of 91 percent in volume and over 76 percent in value in the year 2022 as compared to the year 2021.

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Indian swimmer, Vedant Madhavan has won how many gold medals for India in the Malaysian Invitational Age Group Championships 2023 held in Kuala Lumpur?

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 5



- Indian swimmer, Vedant Madhavan has won 5 gold medals for India in the Malaysian Invitational Age Group Championships 2023 held in Kuala Lumpur.
- He won gold medals in the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m and 1500m swimming categories.
- In 2022, he also participated in the 48th Junior National Aquatics Championships and became the first person from India to break the record for 1500 m freestyle by clocking under 16:01.73 seconds.

Who is the first Indian woman cricketer to be named Wisden Cricketers of the Year?

- (a) Jhulan Goswami
- (b) Mithali Raj
- (c) Harmanpreet Kaur
- (d) Poonam Yadav



- Indian women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur has been selected as the Wisden Cricketers of the Year for the year 2023.
- Harmanpreet is the first Indian woman cricketer to become the 'Wisden Cricketer of the Year'.
- Apart from this, New Zealand wicketkeeper-batsman Tom Blundell, England wicketkeeper-batsman Ben Foakes, New Zealand all-rounder Darryl Mitchell and English pacer Matthew Potts have been selected.
- India's star batsman Suryakumar Yadav has been voted the best player in the T20 format.

Where is the 8th India-Thailand Defense Dialogue being organized?

- (a) Bangkok
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Dhaka
- (d) Mumbai



- The 8th India-Thailand Defense Dialogue is being organized in Bangkok.
- Nivedita Shukla Verma, Special Secretary in the Ministry of Defense is conducting the meeting along with General Nuchit Sribunsong, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Defense of Thailand.
- In this meeting, defense cooperation between the two countries will be reviewed, as well as new initiatives will also be considered to further strengthen bilateral relations.

Who has been appointed as the military advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat?

- (a) Sandeep Singh
- (b) Anil Chauhan
- (c) Sunil Kumar
- (d) Ajay Kapoor



- Retired Air Marshal Sandeep Singh has been appointed as military advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat.
- He succeeds General Anil Chauhan who was appointed Chief of Defense Staff in October 2022.
- Significantly, Sandeep Singh retired in January 2023 from the post of Vice Chief of the Air Force. He is expected to take charge on April 24.

Which ministry has recently launched 'Saathi Portal' and mobile app?

- (a) Ministry of Education
- (b) Ministry of External Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Agriculture
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs



- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched 'Saathi Portal' (Seed Traceability, Authentication and Holistic Inventory) and Mobile App.
- It will be used to address the challenges of seed production, quality seed identification and seed certification.
- It has been developed on the theme of 'Best Seed-Enriched Farmer'.
- Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that the government is trying to overcome the challenges of the agriculture sector through various schemes and programmes.

Which Indian-American has been appointed as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense in the US?

- (a) Kirti Khanna
- (b) Neha Singh
- (c) Shilpa Yashvardhan
- (d) Radha Iyengar Plumb



- The US Senate has recently appointed Indian-origin Radha Iyengar Plumb as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.
- Radha currently serves as the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.
- His name was voted in the Senate by a margin of 68-30.
- Radha was nominated for the top post of the Pentagon in June 2022.
- He served as deputy chief of staff to the Deputy Secretary of Energy in 2014-2015.

Indian Army has tied up with which university to impart Chinese language training to military personnel?

- (a) Delhi University
- (b) Tezpur University Assam
- (c) Mumbai University
- (d) Banaras Hindu University



- Indian Army has entered into an agreement with Tezpur University (Assam) to teach Chinese language to military personnel.
- Army spokesman Lt. Col. Mahendra Rawat said that this training is being done to the military personnel as per the demand of the situation.
- This training will be of 4 months duration.
- Tezpur University was established in 1994.

Who has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the 'Gallantry Award'?

- (a) Bhavna Kanth
- (b) Deepika Mishra
- (c) Avni Chaturvedi
- (d) Shalija Dhami



- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.
- The award was announced by the President on the occasion of Independence Day last year.
- Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhary honored Deepika at a investiture ceremony held in New Delhi.
- Deepika Mishra was deployed in August 2021 to provide humanitarian assistance in the floods in northern Madhya Pradesh.

Who was the Deputy Prime Minister of Britain, who has recently resigned from his post?

- (a) Michael Heseltine
- (b) George Brown
- (c) Dominic Raab
- (d) Therese Coffey



- British Deputy Prime Minister Dominic Raab has resigned from his post.
- He was a close associate of British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.
- He is accused of threatening officials in various government departments.
- He is the third key leader to be dropped from Rishi Sunak's cabinet since he took over as British Prime Minister in October.
- Dominic Raab became the Deputy Prime Minister of Britain on 25 October 2022.

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The launch of the world's largest and most powerful rocket 'Starship' failed, who launched it?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) European Space Agency
- (c) NASA
- (d) SpaceX



- SpaceX launched the world's largest and most powerful rocket 'Starship' from Texas, USA.
- This was the first full testing of this 120 meter high rocket of the Starship rocket system.
- Shortly after launch, it exploded and its launching failed.
- SpaceX told that the teams are reviewing the data, after which work will be done towards the next testing.
- SpaceX was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk.

When is the National Civil Services Day celebrated every year in India?

- (a) 20 April
- (b) 21st April
- (c) 22 April
- (d) 23 April

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NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICES Day 2023

- Every year on 21 April in India, National Civil Services Day is celebrated to mark the contribution of civil servants in the progress and betterment of the nation.
- The theme of this year's Civil Services Day is "Developed India - Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile".
- PM addresses the people on the occasion of 16th Civil Services Day at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.
- For the first time 'National Civil Services Day' was celebrated in 2006 at Vigyan Bhawan.

Which state has won the National Award for best implementation of 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana'?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Haryana



- For the best implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, the state of Karnataka has been awarded the National Award.
- Between Kharif season 2021 and 2022, a 47.74% increase was registered in the enrollment of farmers under the scheme in the state.
- As per the data shared by the Agriculture Department officials, 16.15 lakh farmers had enrolled under the scheme in Kharif season 2021.
- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana was started in the year 2016.

Which state has recently launched the 'One Panchayat One Playground' project?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh



- The Kerala government has launched a new project 'One Panchayat One Playground' to promote sports at the panchayat level in the state.
- Its objective is to revive the sports culture at the panchayat level.
- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has launched this project in Kallikkad.
- About 450 local bodies will be covered under this project.
- There is a plan to complete this project within three years. In the first phase, a list of 113 panchayats has been prepared.

Under the recently concluded Cope India 2023, in which state did the Air Force of India and the US conduct a joint exercise?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan



- Indian and US Air Force fighter jets participated in a joint exercise at Kalaikunda Air Force Station in Paschim Medinipur district of West Bengal. It was organized as part of the Cope India 2023 exercise.
- Tejas, Rafale, Jaguar and Su-30 MKI fighter jets joined from the Indian Air Force.
- The exercise began on 10 April and was conducted till 24 April.
- A 12-day simultaneous exercise of transport aircraft was conducted from April 10 at Panagarh Air Force Station in Paschim Bardhaman district.

When is National Panchayati Raj Day celebrated every year?

- (a) 20 April
- (b) 23 April
- (c) 24 April
- (d) 25 April



- National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated every year on 24 April in the country.
- The theme of this year's National Panchayati Raj Day is "**Sustainable Panchayat: Building Healthy, Water Sufficient, Clean & Green Villages**".
- National Panchayati Raj Day was started in the year 2010. It was started on this day in the year 1992 under the 73rd amendment of the constitution.
- Part IX with the title 'Panchayats' was included in the Constitution under this amendment.

The iconic Sydney Cricket Ground unveiled a gate named after which player?

- (a) Kapil Dev
- (b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- (c) Sachin Tendulkar
- (d) Virat Kohli



- A gate named after legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar was unveiled at Australia's iconic Sydney Cricket Ground in his honor on his 50th birthday.
- Tendulkar turned 50 on Monday.
- Sachin played an unbeaten inning of 241 runs in the 2004 Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground, as well as scored 785 runs in that series including three centuries.
- This ground was one of Sachin's favorite cricket grounds.

Who took over as Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) recently?

- (a) Sanjay Sinha
- (b) Rajesh Kumar Singh
- (c) Ashok Khemka
- (d) Nripendra Mishra



- Senior IAS officer Rajesh Kumar Singh assumed the charge of Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- He succeeds Anurag Jain, who was appointed as the Secretary in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- Prior to this he was serving as the Secretary in the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

In which state the foundation stone of India's first Digital Science Park will be laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 April 2023?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Kerala



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for India's first Digital Science Park coming up at the Technocity complex in Thiruvananthapuram on 25 April 2023.
- Covering an area of 1 million square feet in two blocks, the park will facilitate industry and business units as well as technology start-ups from various sectors.
- For this, an amount of Rs 200 crore has been allocated to the Government of Kerala.

What is the theme of World Immunization Week 2023?

- (a) The Big Catch-up
- (b) The largest vaccination
- (c) If it is stable then there is life
- (d) Vaccination for all



- World Immunization Week is observed in the last week of April (World Immunization Week: 24 to 30 April) which aims to highlight the collective action needed to protect people from vaccine-preventable diseases.
- It is being celebrated under the theme of 'The Big Catch-up'.
- The aim of this week is to raise awareness about the benefits of vaccination and encourage people to get vaccinated.

In which country has Operation Kaveri been launched recently to evacuate the stranded Indians?

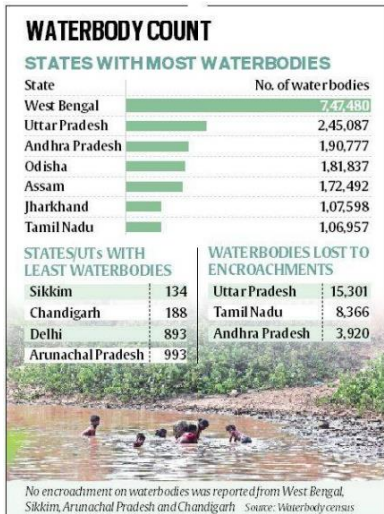
- (a) Russia
- (b) Ukraine
- (c) Sudan
- (d) Kenya



- Violent clashes between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Force have continued unabated since 15 April.
- At least 424 people have been killed and about 3,730 injured in the violence, according to Sudan's health ministry.
- Nearly 3,000 Indians are among the stranded foreign nationals, and a 48-year-old Albert Augustine from Kerala was shot dead.
- Around 500 Indians have reached Port Sudan under Operation Kaveri, launched to evacuate civilians from crisis-hit Sudan.

Recently, for the first time in the country, the census of water bodies was done by the Central Government. According to this calculation, which state of India has the maximum number of water bodies?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Odisha



- The Ministry of Jal Shakti has carried out a nationwide census of water bodies for the first time.
- Today, a large number of water bodies are disappearing within the country due to rising temperature, lack of maintenance and neglect by the governments.
- According to the data released by the government, out of 24,24,540 water bodies in the country, 3,94,500 (16.3%) are such that they are no longer fit for use due to problems like drying up, construction work, and salinity.
- There are 38,496 water bodies which have been encroached upon.
- These revelations have come in the first census of water bodies. According to this calculation, today one out of every 6 water bodies of the country is left unusable for the common people.
- In the census, more than 24.24 lakh water bodies have been enumerated in the country, out of which more than 23 lakh water bodies are in rural areas and around 69,000 are in urban areas.
- The top 5 states in terms of number of water bodies are West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Assam.

In which state will India's first water metro be flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 April 2023?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Odisha



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the country's first water metro on 25 April 2023, connecting ten small islands surrounding the port city of Kochi in Kerala.
- The Metro project will start with eight electric hybrid boats built by the Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- The total cost of the project is Rs 1,137 crore.
- The German funding agency KfW and the state government funded the project.

In which country was the Global Education and Training Exhibition organized recently?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) UAE
- (c) Iraq
- (d) Kazakhstan



- The 'Study in India Pavilion' at the Global Education and Training Exhibition (GETEX) in Dubai has been inaugurated by the Consul General of India in Dubai.
- It was organized by the Services Export Promotion Council in association with the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- GETEX is a leading education fair in the region for more than 30 years.
- The United Arab Emirates is a country in Western Asia.
- It is located at the eastern end of the Arabian Peninsula and shares borders with Oman and Saudi Arabia, along with maritime borders in the Persian Gulf with Qatar and Iran.
- Capital: Abu Dhabi
- Currency: Dirham
- Prime Minister: Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

The Global Conference on Financial Resilience is being organized in which city of India?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Gurugram
- (d) Ghaziabad



- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das, will address the Global Conference on Financial Resilience in Mumbai.
- The conference on the theme Financial Stability: Framework, Monitoring and Implementation is being organized by the College of Supervisors in association with the Center for Central Banking Studies (CCBS), Bank of England, London.

Who has become the youngest bowler to take 200 wickets in T20I cricket?

- (a) Kagiso Rabada
- (b) Deepak Chahar
- (c) Shaheen Afridi
- (d) Suryakumar



- Pakistan's Shaheen Afridi achieved a special milestone in T20 cricket as he completed 200 wickets in the format during the fifth T20I between Pakistan and New Zealand.
- He surpassed the previous record held by Kagiso Rabada, who achieved the feat at the age of 25 years and 157 days.
- He is the 8th Pakistani bowler and 53rd overall to achieve the feat of 200 wickets in T20 cricket.

In which of the following cities, the fourth meeting of the India-Mozambique Joint Defense Working Group was held recently?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Maputo
- (c) Nampula
- (d) Gurugram



- The fourth meeting of the India-Mozambique Joint Defense Working Group was held in Delhi.
- The meeting was co-chaired by Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defense and Casimiro Augusto Muio, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Defense of Mozambique.
- They discussed issues of military training and curriculum, exercises, medicine and capacity building with a view to deepening defense ties.

The lunar lander named Hakuto-R belongs to which of the following country which has been in news recently?

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) France
- (d) UAE



- Japan's commercial lunar lander goes missing after unsuccessful landing on the moon
- A Japanese lunar lander carrying a rover developed in the United Arab Emirates attempted to set foot on the Moon's surface, and it marked possibly the world's first lunar landing for a commercially developed spacecraft.
- The lunar lander named Hakuto-R was carrying the Rashid rover, the first Arab-made lunar spacecraft, which was built by the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Center in Dubai.

Recently, former Chief Minister of which Indian state Parkash Singh Badal passed away?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Himachal Pradesh



- Former Chief Minister of Punjab and senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Parkash Singh Badal passed away.
- Badal became the Chief Minister for the first time in 1970. He was the youngest chief minister and led a coalition government.
- He later became the chief minister four times from 1977 to 1980, 1997 to 2002, 2007 to 2012 and 2012 to 2017.

Recently which country has approved abortion pill for the first time?

- (a) India
- (b) China
- (c) Russia
- (d) Japan



- Japan's health ministry has approved the country's first abortion pill.
- While abortion pills are widely available in many countries around the world, the drug was not approved by Japan's Ministry of Health.
- The approval from the Pharmaceutical Board of the health ministry came after it approved the Mefigo Pack abortion pill manufactured by British pharmaceutical Linepharma.



Which state's Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the third phase of 5T School Transformation Program recently?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Jharkhand



- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched the third phase of 5T School Transformation Programme.
- The initiative aims to improve the quality of education and infrastructure in government schools across the state.
- Global spending on military equipment to reach an all-time high of \$2.24 trillion in 2022.
- The report noted that 2022 was the eighth consecutive year that global military spending increased.
- The report comes amid the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, which is affecting Europe's security architecture.
- China maintained its position as the world's second largest military spender, allocating an estimated \$292 billion for military expenditure in 2022.
- The United States remains the largest military spender globally, with military spending of \$877 billion in 2022. This figure represents 39% of total global military expenditure and is three times more than China's military expenditure.
- The three biggest spenders in 2022 – the United States, China and Russia – accounted for 56% of the global total.

What is the rank of India in the Logistics Performance Index of the World Bank?

- (a) 32nd
- (b) 38th
- (c) 54th
- (d) 56th

- Under the programme, 5Ts - Transformation, Teamwork, Technology, Transparency, Time - will be implemented in schools to ensure holistic development.

According to a recently released report, in the year 2022, India has become the _____ largest military spending country in the world?

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fourth



- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) on Monday said that India's military expenditure of \$81.4 billion in 2022 was the fourth highest in the world and saw a jump of 6% over the previous year.

Logistics Jump

India jumped six places on the World Bank Logistics Index

Soft and hard infra helps improve performance : Technology also a factor : Better dwell times than some advanced countries

	Rank	Rank	2018	2023
Singapore	1	LPI Rank	44	▲38
Finland	2	Customs	40	▼47
Germany	3	Infrastructure	52	▲47
Canada	7	International shipments	44	▲22
France	13	Logistics quality and competence	42	▲38
United States	17	Tracking and tracing	38	▼41
China	19	Timeliness	52	▲35
United Kingdom	19			
Malaysia	26			
Thailand	34			
India	38			
Saudi Arabia	38			

2023 rank is grouped rank out of 139 countries, 2018 rank considered 160 countries

Source: World Bank | LPI 2023

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