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# A Message From Guidely To All Serious Bank Aspirants

Hai all,

**O**ur Guidely platform has been doing a great job for the past eight years in supporting the banking aspirants. In this beautiful journey, we have been providing quality mock test packages, bundle PDF courses, and various other study materials at affordable prices. This journey will continue for the upcoming years to uplift all the banking aspirants.

Lakhs of students come into this competition with a passion to become bankers. In this battle, a majority of people have been starving for success for a long period of time. They have been facing failures for many years. Due to continuous failures, many are thinking of quitting this competition.

In reality, success will not come to you overnight. You must handle your failures in a calm and composed manner. More importantly, you have to learn more from your failures. Only after a fine-tuned practice and a perfect preparation for the long term can you attain success. In this period, you have to be motivated, work hard, and use smart strategies to find progress in your success journey.

For that, Guidely will provide you with an enormous amount of quality study materials. You can rely on Guidely for standard mock test packages, bundle PDFs, and other materials at affordable price ranges. The only thing you have to do is follow us and work hard with a hundred percent hope. Guidely will end your journey with fruitful success. So, don't feel bad for your failures. Guidely will show you the best ways to crack the upcoming bank exams.

-Team Guidely

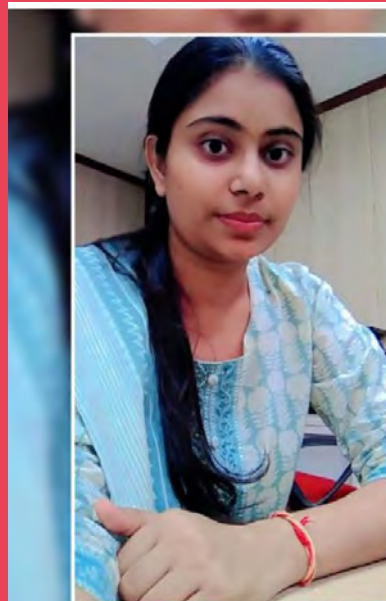


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# SUCCESS STORY

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## What is your special strategy that you followed to crack the bank exam?

Consistency and Daily practice. Firstly I completed my syllabus then gave mock test full length and sectional, and topic test of those topics in which I did mistakes during mock tests. special focus on Insurance awareness for LIC exam because it is different from others

2

## What would you advise the banking aspirant to prepare seriously for bank exams?

Firstly you go through the syllabus and previous year analysis so you get to know what to prepare and how to prepare. Be consistent during your preparation and practice a lot. Give full length and sectional test and topic test to get confidence. Bank and insurance exam need speed as well as accuracy so during your preparation focus on both.

3

## What is the contribution of Guidely to your success?

I followed insurance awareness pdf course, mock interview, and live test. I want to emphasize very special thing about Guidely due to some reasons I was not able to appear in mock interview and when I asked for refund it will take only 5-10 mins. The only institution in India which really understands the value of money of aspirant. I also purchased PDF course for LIC ADO 2023 which is really helpful for enhancement of speed

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## What is your real feeling after achieving your dream job?

I can't express in words, my parents and my brother all are too much happy. I thought after every exam result, will I be selected or not because I was failed in many pre and mains. When my dream comes true I was very much happy

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## To whom will you dedicate your success?

My Father who supports me everytime. He always says you will get your dreams come true one day. Stay focused to your aim. My journey is too long so everyone says jiska hona hota h first time m ho jata h ni to fir kisi ka nii hota. Or ab vahi log khete h hme to pta tha iska ho jaege.

And my special thanks to every person who directly or indirectly helps me to achieve this



# BOOSTER DOSE

## June 2023



**1** World Bicycle Day is celebrated all over the globe every year on the 3rd of June to recognize the versatility and uniqueness of the

bicycle, as well as its reliability and sustainability as a mode of transportation.



**5** Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting to review the preparedness of Ministries and Agencies

of the Centre as well as Gujarat to deal with the situation arising out of the impending Cyclone 'Biparjoy'.



**2** The Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep S. Puri complimented the Prime Minister Street

Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme on its successful completion of 3 momentous years.



**6** The second summit of the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of the G20 countries will begin in Panaji, the Capital of Goa.



**3** The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the maiden International

Cruise Vessel - MV Empress, India's first international cruise vessel - from Chennai to Sri Lanka in Chennai.



**7** The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that India will host the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation

Organisation (SCO) in a virtual format.



**4** The Union Minister of Steel and Civil Aviation, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia held a press conference on the theme of 9-years

of Government's "Seva, Sushasan and Gareeb Kalyan" focusing on the Steel sector, at Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi.



**8** The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has won the bid to host the 2025 World Conservation Congress (WCC) of the International Union for

Conservation of Nature (IUCN).



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Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Shri Naveen Patnaik announced the launch of the 'Mo Ghara' (My House) a credit-linked housing scheme

to provide financial assistance to people of states for completing or upgrading their houses.



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On June 5th of this current year World Environment Day 2023 is observed all over the world. World Environment Day is an international

day dedicated to raising public awareness about various environmental challenges. The theme for World Environment Day 2023 is "Beat Plastic Pollution."



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Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Shri Manohar Lal launched the community policing outreach programme Haryana Uday from the

Gurugram district of the state, another innovative initiative towards public welfare.



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The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'SAGAR SAMRIDHI' - the

online dredging monitoring system - in order to accelerate 'Waste to Wealth' initiative of the Ministry.



13

Union Minister Shri Jitendra Singh inaugurated the two-day "Lavender Festival" in Jammu and Kashmir's (J&K) Bhaderwah Valley.

Bhaderwah has emerged as the lavender capital of India and a prominent agri-startup destination.



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The Uttar Pradesh (UP) government launched a 15-day registration campaign for Micro, Small and

Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in all 75 districts across the state.



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Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde announced that the Ahmednagar district will be renamed as 'Ahilya Nagar'. The decision has

been taken on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Ahilya Bai Holkar, the hereditary noble queen of the Maratha Empire, in early-modern India.



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Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) Shri Eknath Shinde has launched Asia's largest, ambitious and historic cluster development

scheme in Thane, Maharashtra.



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The Union Minister of State Shri Kapil Patil stated that India's first carbon-neutral village is being developed in Bhiwandi Taluka of

Thane district, Maharashtra.



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Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Shri Manohar Lal will launch an integrated Water Resources Action Plan-2023-25 under Amrit

Jal Kranti at Chandigarh, which will be a bold step towards conserving water resources.

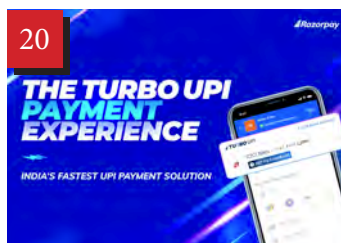


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Yubi, an online debt marketplace that connects borrowers and lenders for various credit products, announced its partnership with Indian

Bank to extend digital supply chain financing solutions to small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs).





**20** Razorpay has launched India's fastest one-step UPI (unified payments interface) payment solution, 'Turbo UPI' that allows customers of online merchants to make UPI payments directly without getting redirected to a third-party UPI app during checkout.



**25** Every year on June 8th, World Ocean Day is commemorated to raise awareness of the ocean's vital role in human life and ways to conserve it across the world. The theme of this year's (2023) United Nations World Oceans Day is 'Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing'.



**21** Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (SFB) has signed an agreement with IBM Consulting to design and build a digital banking platform that delivers a modern and highly secure experience to the bank's customers and partners.



**26** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has identified SBI Life Insurance Company Limited (SBI Life) as the acquirer-insurer of the business of the beleaguered Sahara India Life Insurance Co. (SILIC).



**22** The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has joined hands with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras Research Park (IITMRP) and IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) to introduce voice-banking solutions to eliminate language barriers across India.



**27** Kerala-based NBFC, Manappuram Finance Ltd has launched a new digital lending platform named Ma-Money to provide customers all the financial products offered by Manappuram Finance under one umbrella.



**23** Bajaj Allianz Life, one of India's leading private life insurers, has launched an exclusive term insurance plan for Type 2 diabetic and pre-diabetic individuals called Bajaj Allianz Life Diabetic Term Plan Sub 8 HbA1c.



**28** Bank of Baroda has launched Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facility for its customers, wherein they can withdraw money from Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) using the United Payment Interface (UPI).



**24** Karbon Card, a B2B (Business to Business) payment solution provider, has launched India's 1st mobile-based expense management card called Card++.



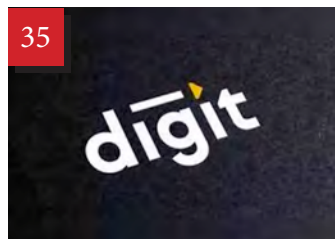
**29** According to the World Bank's (WB) latest Global Economic Prospects report, the World Bank expects growth in India to slow down further to 6.3% in the financial year FY 2023/24 (April to March).



30

Wipro Limited has collaborated with Microsoft and announced the launch of the Wipro Industry Innovation Experience

for Financial Services, featuring a new suite of banking and financial services solutions built on Microsoft Cloud.



35

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has granted a license to conduct life insurance business in India to Go Digit-Life Insurance Limited.



31

The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with HDFC Bank for providing financial solutions to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).



36

JSW Steel's "Automotive Steel" products have received GreenPro ecolabel. Confederation of Indian Industry's Green Business Centre has developed the

GreenPro Ecolabel.



32

The SAMCO Asset Management Private Limited has launched India's first actively managed momentum fund – SAMCO Active

Momentum Fund.



37

The government has appointed Ajay Yadav, a 2005 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Bihar cadre as the Managing

Director (MD) of Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd. (SECI). Ajay Yadav succeeded Suman Sharma.



33

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign to trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of

every bank in every district within 100 days.



38

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Ashwani Kumar, Executive Director, Indian

Bank as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of UCO Bank for a period of three years.



34

On the 14th of June of this current year, World Blood Donor Day 2023 is celebrated to educate the public to donate blood. The slogan

for the 2023 World Blood Donor Day campaign is "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often."



39

Trinidad and Tobago's ambassador to the United Nations (UN) Dennis Francis was elected as the 78th President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).





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National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) Gurdeep Singh has been given

additional charge of the CMD of North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO).



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Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar has been appointed as the 'Smile Ambassador' for the Maharashtra government's oral hygiene campaign

titled 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyaan'.



41

Janardan Prasad has been appointed as the new Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI). Mr. Prasad, succeeds Dr. S. Raju.

Prasad joined GSI, Gandhinagar, as a geologist in 1988.



46

Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu has been re-elected as External Auditor of the World

Health Organisation (WHO) for a 4-year term from 2024 to 2027.



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Amarendu Prakash has taken charge as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL). He succeeds

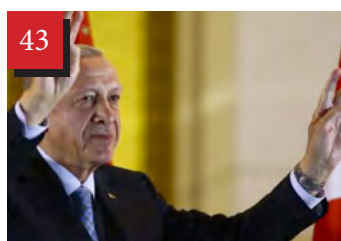
Soma Mondal, who retired from the post on April 30, 2023.



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Councillor Chaman Lal has become the first ever British-Indian Sikh to take oath as Birmingham's Lord Mayor. He joined the

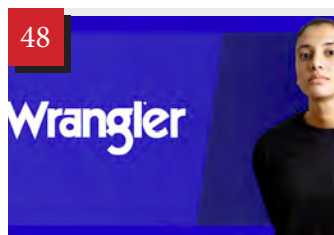
Labour Party in 1989 and has taken part in many social justice campaigns to challenge inequality and all forms of discrimination.



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Recep Tayyip Erdogan was re-elected as the President of Turkey for the third consecutive time. In 2014 he became the country's first

popularly-elected president and was elected again in 2018 after securing new executive powers for the presidency in a 2017 referendum.



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Ace Turtle Omni Pvt Ltd., a retail company, has appointed Indian cricketer Smriti Mandhana as the brand ambassador of its

Wrangler brand.



44

The board of directors of ICICI Bank have approved the reappointment of Sandeep Batra as Executive Director (ED)

of the Bank for a period of 2 years with effect from December 23, 2023 to December 22, 2025.



49

Celeste Saulo of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General (SG) of the World Meteorological

Organization (WMO). She succeeds Prof Petteri Taalas.



50

Former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Tripura tourism.



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Suriname conferred its highest civilian honour to President Droupadi Murmu- The Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star, the first Indian to receive this award.



51

RINL received the "GreenTech Safety Award 2023" under the safety Excellence Category. It received the award for improving

safety at the workplace in 2022-23.



56

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has raised its stake in state-owned steel production firm Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) by about 2% through an open market acquisition.



52

Global Wind Day 2023 is observed all over the world on 15th June. In 2007, The European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) organized the

first Wind Day.



57

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi signed a MoU with Amazon Kisan to combine strengths and create synergy between the two organizations for guiding the farmers.



53

Goa state governor P S Sreedharan Pillai honored Goan writer Damodar Maujo with the 57th Jnanpith Award, the country's highest literary

honour.



58

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras will set up its first International campus in Zanzibar, Tanzania.



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India is set to remain the United Arab Emirates (UAE) largest export destination by 2030, according to a new report by Standard

Chartered.



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IIT Madras incubated space-tech startup, GalaxEye, is building the world's first multi-sensor earth observation satellite named Drishti. It will launch its first satellite 'Drishti Mission' in 2024.

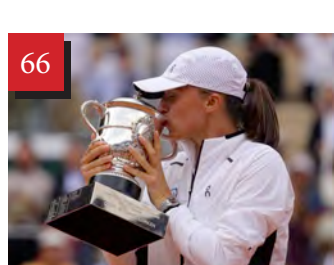




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China has completed the construction of the most powerful largest & fastest wind tunnel in the world, called JF-22 located in

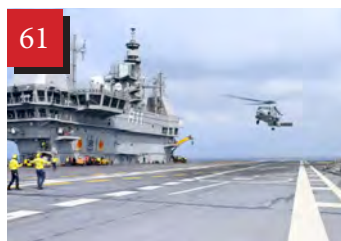
the mountainous Huairou district of northern Beijing, China.



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In French Open tennis, World No 1 and top seed Iga Swiatek of Poland has won the Women's Singles crown. She defended her title

against unseeded Czech Karolina Muchova.



61

The Indian Navy achieved a unique feat after an MH-60 'Romeo' multi-mission helicopter landed on the indigenously-built

aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.



67

India defeated four-time champions South Korea 2-1 to win their first Women's Junior Hockey Asia Cup in Kakamigahara, Japan.



62

Chennai Super Kings won their 5th IPL title by defeating defending champions Gujarat Titans by 5 wickets at the Narendra Modi Stadium

in Ahmedabad.



68

Tonga's Princess Mele Siu'ilikutapu Kalaniuvalu Fotofili has passed away at the age of 75.



63

Every year on June 20th, World Refugee Day is commemorated to raise awareness of the plight of refugees and the difficulties they face. The 2023 theme of World

Refugee Day is "hope away from home."



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India expressed its willingness to host the 2025 IIAS (International Institute of Administrative Sciences) Annual Conference at

Kochi, Kerala, in February, 2025.



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Dhanush Srikanth won the Men's 10 metre Air Rifle on Day 3 of the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)

World Cup Junior.



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NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVN), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC, has commissioned its first Rooftop Solar

Photovoltaic Project at IIT Jodhpur, Rajasthan.



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India finished on top of the International Shooting Sport Federation Junior World Cup with 15 medals,

including six gold, six silver, and three bronze medals, at Suhl, Germany.



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The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted a draft resolution introduced by India to establish a memorial

wall in the UN Headquarters to honour fallen peacekeepers.



**K**arnataka Grameena Bank (KVGB) has launched a new deposit scheme named 'Vikas Ashadeep 400 days'.



**A**xis Bank has appointed NS Vishwanathan, former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as an independent director and non-executive (part-time) chairman.



**K**otak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) announced the launch of its ActivMoney feature which gives customers the benefit of fixed

deposit (FD)-like interest rates of up to 7% per annum with no charges on premature withdrawal.



**T**he Guwahati Railway Station in Assam under North-East Frontier Railway has been awarded 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI in recognition of providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.



**A** Kerala-based startup, Farmers Fresh Zone (FarmersFZ), has been selected for the 'Accelerator Programme by the Food

and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN).



**T**he Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2021 is being conferred on Gita Press, Gorakhpur. The award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or gender.



**T**he Government of Karnataka has launched a free power scheme named 'Gruha Jyothi scheme' for providing free electricity

up to 200 units a month.

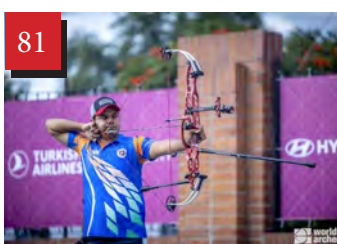


**N**TPC Limited, India's largest power generation company, has climbed 52 positions to secure the 433rd rank in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List for 2023.



**J**ane Marriott has been officially appointed as the new High Commissioner of the United Kingdom (UK) for Pakistan, making her the first

female envoy to hold this position.



**I**ndian archer Abhishek Verma clinched the gold medal in the men's compound individual final at the Archery World Cup Stage 3 in Medellin, Colombia.





**82** Egypt has retained the World Squash Championship 2023. Egypt beat Malaysia 2-1 in the final in Chennai. The third place was shared jointly by hosts India and Japan.



**87** Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has started exporting the world's first Nano urea invented and manufactured indigenously in India to the US.



**83** Olympian C. A. Bhavani Devi has created history by defeating reigning World Champion Misaki Emura in the Asian Fencing Championship quarterfinal and securing India its first-ever medal at the event.



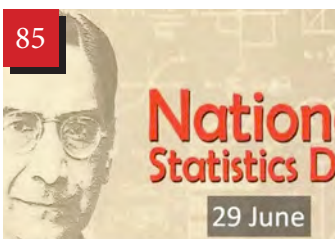
**88** North India's first skin bank has been inaugurated at Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi. This facility serves as a repository where deceased donors can donate their skin, which can be utilized in the treatment of burns.



**84** Two-time Oscar-winning United Kingdom (UK) actress and former UK politician Glenda Jackson passed away at the age of 87 in London. Jackson was born on 9 May 1936, Birkenhead, England.



**89** In a first in India, Hydrogen-powered trains are expected to start from Haryana's Jind district by March 2024 and the first hydrogen plant in the country is being set up in the district.



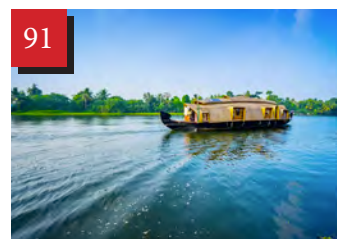
**85** Every year, National Statistics Day is celebrated on June 29 in India. The theme of Statistics Day, 2023 is "Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals".



**90** The construction work of the 'world's largest Ramayan temple' started in the East Champaran district of Bihar. The Viraat Ramayan temple will be a three-storeyed structure completed by the end of 2025.



**86** Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 75 percent. This was revealed in a Global Leader Approval Ratings released by a US-based consulting firm Morning Consult.



**91** Kerala Tourism will soon come out with a mobile app to strengthen the country's first 'women-friendly tourism' initiative launched by the State Government to turn the State's tourism sector gender inclusive.

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The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) introduced modifications to the existing 'use and file'

procedure for life insurance products.

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The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched Dhan Vriddhi, a single-premium, non-participating

endowment plan.

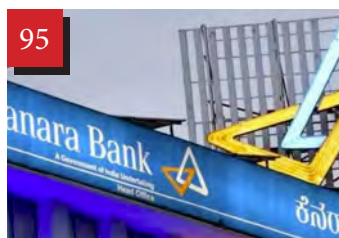
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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$295 million loan to widen and upgrade around 265 kilometres

of state highways, improving transport connectivity and safety in the state of Bihar in India.

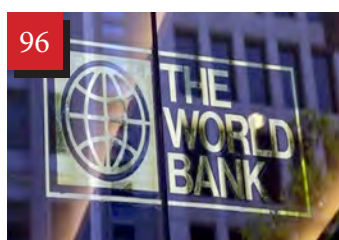
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Canara Bank has become the first Public Sector Bank (PSB) in India to introduce the facility of UPI payments to merchants through

RuPay Credit Card in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

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The World Bank has approved a loan worth USD 300 million to help expand and improve the quality of education in government-run

schools in Chhattisgarh.

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Petteri Orpo, the leader of the conservative party in Finland, has been elected as the country's prime minister by the parliament.

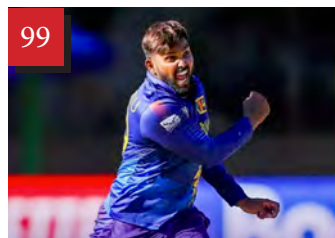
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Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has reduced its stake in iron ore producer NMDC formerly National Mineral Development Corporation to

9.62% by selling a little over 2% stake for about Rs 649 crores.

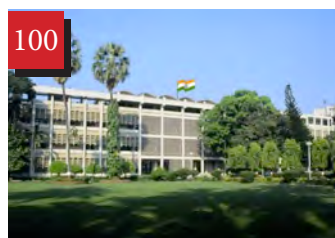
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Wanindu Hasaranga of Sri Lanka has achieved a remarkable feat in cricket by becoming the first spinner and second overall player in

history to take three consecutive 5-wicket hauls in the One Day Internationals (ODIs).

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IIT Bombay has been ranked 1st in India and 149th in the world in QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings.

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# IMPORTANT DAYS



## World Milk Day 2023: June 1

On June 1st, **World Milk Day 2023** is observed all over the world. It is a global event celebrated all over the world annually on June 1st every year to celebrate the dairy industry and recognize milk as a globally important food. Between **9000 - 7000 B.C.** The First Milk was observed. On June 1st, 2001, **Milk Day became a worldwide event.** The roots of global celebrations can be pinpointed in the **United Nations (UN)**. The FAO of the United Nations, in specific, has been in charge of coordinating and publicizing WMD across the



## International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression: June 4

On June 4th of this current year **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression 2023** is observed all over the world as an awareness event. Every year on June 4th, the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression acknowledges the pain that children around the world suffer. In 1982, the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression was established on August 19. In 1997, U.N.O.D.C. was established.

## Global Parents Day 2023: June 1



The **Global Day of Parents** is observed on the **1st of June** every year. The Day honours parents throughout the world. The inception of the Global Day of Parents can be traced back to **1983**

when the Economic and Social Council and the Commission for Social Development called upon the Secretary-General to prioritize family-related issues. Subsequently, in 1989, the United Nations General Assembly declared 1994 as the International Year of the Family, highlighting the significance of families. **Finally, in 2012, June 1 was officially designated as the Global Day of Parents through a proclamation by the General Assembly.**



## World Bicycle Day 2023: June 3

**World Bicycle Day** is celebrated all over the globe every year on the **3rd of June** to recognize the versatility and uniqueness of the bicycle, as well as its reliability and sustainability as a mode of transportation. In February 2015, The Movement Begun Leszek Sibilski, a sociology professor and cycling and physical education activist, writes a blog post for the World Bank titled, 'Cycling Is Everyone's Business.' In February 2016, World Bicycle Day Gains Momentum.

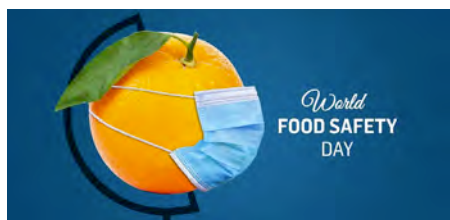
On **April 12, 2018, Stamp of Approval happened and The United Nations officially designated June 3 as World Bicycle Day.**



## World Environment Day 2023: June 5

On June 5th of this current year **World Environment Day 2023** is observed all over the world. World Environment Day is an international day dedicated to raising public awareness about various environmental challenges. The theme for World Environment Day 2023 is **"Beat Plastic Pollution."** In 1968, Sweden suggests to the UN to have a conference that is focused on the environment. In **1972, First U.N Environmental Conference was held.**





## World Food Safety Day 2023: June 7

**E**very year on June 7th, **World Food Safety Day** is observed. The major goal of this day is to raise awareness and empower people to recognize, prevent, and manage food-related dangers. 'Food Standards Save Lives' is the theme for World Food Safety Day 2023. On December 20, 2018, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution designating June 7 as a day "celebrating the various advantages of safe food." On August 3, 2020, the World Health Assembly (WHA) voted a resolution designating June 7 as World Food Safety Day every year. The first ever World Food Safety Day was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018.



## World Oceans Day 2023: June 8

**E**very year on June 8th, **World Ocean Day** is commemorated to raise awareness of the ocean's vital role in human life and ways to conserve it across the world. The theme of this year's (2023) United Nations World Oceans Day is 'Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing'. In 2008 World Ocean Day was officially created by the **United Nations General Assembly** to be observed yearly on June 8 to address ocean issues and conserve ocean water.

## World Brain Tumour Day 2023: June 8



**E**very year on June 8th, **World Brain Tumor Day** is commemorated. The day raises awareness of brain tumours and educates people about them. In 2000, World Brain

**Tumor Day** was declared by the Deutsche Hirntumorhilfe as an International Commemoration Day. Since 2000, this day has been commemorated every year on 8th June and 2023 will observe the 23rd anniversary of the World Brain Tumor Day. World Brain Tumor Day is now celebrated annually on 8 June as a tribute to all brain tumor patients and their families.

## World Day Against Child Labour 2023: June 12

**E**very year on June 12th, around 100 countries throughout the world commemorate **World Day Against Child Labor**. In 1919, The International Labour Organization (ILO) was founded with the goal of promoting social justice and establishing International Labor Standards. ILO has 137 states as members. In 1999, The ILO convention number 182, often known as the



"Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention," was approved. In 2002, The World Day Against Child Labor was founded by the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations entity that oversees the worldwide community of labour.

## International Albinism Awareness Day- June 13

**I**nternational Albinism Awareness Day is observed on June 13 each year around the globe. On December 18, 2014, the General Assembly passed a resolution designating June 13, 2015, as International Albinism Awareness Day. On March 26, 2015, the Council established the position of Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism in response to a call from civil



society organizations that argued that people with albinism should be treated as a distinct group with unique needs that call for special attention.

## World Blood Donor Day 2023: June 14

**O**n the 14th of June of this current year, **World Blood Donor Day 2023** is celebrated all over the world as an awareness event to educate the public to donate blood. The slogan for the 2023 World Blood Donor Day campaign is "Give blood, give



plasma, share life, share often." Karl Landsteiner was born on June 14, 1868, and World Blood Donor Day is commemorated on his birthday.

## World Autistic Pride Day: June 18



World Autistic Pride Day 2023 is observed all over the world as public awareness on June 18th. World Autistic Pride Day theme is **"Transforming the narrative: Contributions at home, at work, in the arts and in policymaking"**. Aspies for Freedom established Autistic Pride Day in 2005 by Aspies for Freedom to improve public awareness and celebrate the similarities and differences among persons with autism. **Aspies For Freedom (AFF)** is a grassroots advocacy and solidarity organisation dedicated to increasing public awareness of the autism rights movement.



## World Refugee Day: June 20

Every year on June 20th, World Refugee Day is commemorated to raise awareness of the plight of refugees and the difficulties they face. The 2023 theme of World Refugee Day is **"hope away from home."** In 1914, World Day of Migrants and Refugees was established by Pope Pius X and is celebrated in January. On **December 4, 2000, Resolution 55/76** ie The United Nations General Assembly decided to observe **World Refugee Day from June 2001.**

## World Asteroid Day 2023: June 30



On June 30th of this current year World Asteroid Day 2023 is observed as an awareness program among the public all over the world. In December



## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2023: June 15

On June 15th, every year the world commemorates World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The theme this year is **"Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age Policy, Law and Evidence-based Responses"**. The day was officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2011 bypassing the resolution 66/127 of the United Nations following a request by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), which first established the commemoration in June 2006.

## World Sickle Cell Awareness Day: June 19



Every year on June 19th, World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is commemorated to raise awareness of the human Sickle



## World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2023: June 17

Every year on June 17th, the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is commemorated to increase public awareness about the critical need to combat desertification and drought. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought theme **"Her Land. Her Rights,"**. On January 30, 1995, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 17th as World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. This day has been observed every year since 1995.

Cell illness. The **United Nations General Assembly** declared **World Sickle Cell Day** in 2008 to promote awareness of sickle cell illness.

## World Sauntering Day 2022: June 19



On the 19th of June every year, World Sauntering Day is observed each year all over the world to encourage people to slow down and appreciate

the world around them and connect with nature. In 1979, **W.T. Rabe** established **World Sauntering Day**. The purpose of commemorating this day is to encourage people to take a break, enjoy life, and appreciate what they have.

2016, the United Nations General Assembly passed resolution **A/RES/71/90** proclaiming June 30 as International Asteroid Day to commemorate the Tunguska impact over Siberia, Russian Federation, on **June 30, 1908, and to raise awareness about the risks of asteroids on a global scale.**



## Global Wind Day 2023: June 15

Global Wind Day 2023 is observed all over the world on **15th June**. In 2007, The **European Wind Energy Association (EWEA)** organized the first Wind Day.





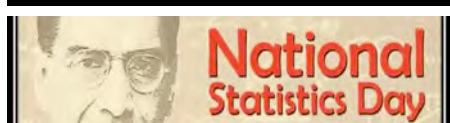
## International Yoga Day 2023: June 21

Every year on the 21st of June, International Yoga Day is commemorated to create awareness about the relevance and advantages of yoga in everyone's life. The theme of International Yoga Day 2023 is 'Yoga For Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. On June 21, 2015, the first International Yoga Day was observed all around the world.



## International Widows Day 2023: June 23

Observed all over the universe each year on the 23rd of June to draw attention to widows' voices and experiences and galvanize the exceptional support they need. In 2005, the Loomba Foundation established International Widow's Day in honour of Loomba's mother, who became a widow on June 23, 1954.



## National Statistics Day - 29th June 2023

Every year, National Statistics Day is celebrated on June 29 in India. The theme of Statistics Day, 2023 is "Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals". It was first celebrated on June 29, 2007, to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of Prof Mahalanobis in the fields of economic planning and statistical development.

## World Hydrography Day 2023: June 21

Every year on June 21st, World Hydrography Day is commemorated to promote awareness about the importance of hydrography, safe navigation, and maritime environmental conservation. The theme this year is "Hydrography - Underpinning the Digital Twin of the Ocean". The



international commemoration of World Hydrography Day began in 2006.

## World Music Day 2023: June 21

On 21st June of this year World Music Day 2023 is celebrated all over the globe to celebrate music among the public. On June 21, World Music Day, also known as the Fete de la Musique

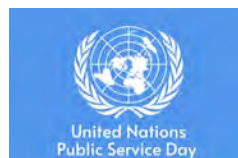
in French, is then observed. Fête de la Musique was held in Paris in 1982 to commemorate World Music Day.



## United Nations Public Service Day 2023: June 23

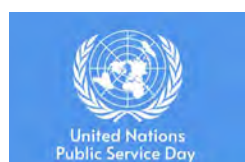
The United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated on June 23 of every year to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community; highlight the contribution of public service in the development process; recognize the work of public servants, and encourage

young people to pursue careers in the public



sector. By approving resolution 57/277 on December 20, 2002, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 23rd as United Nations Public Service Day.

## International Olympic Day 2023: June 23



Olympic Day Run or International Olympic Day

is celebrated on June 23 all around the world. The theme for the Olympic Day 2023 is called "#LetsMove"

Venezuela, Belgium, Canada,

Switzerland, Portugal, Greece, Austria, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay commemorated the first Olympic Day on June 23, 1948.

The origins of Olympic Day can be traced back to 1948. The idea was approved in the IOC's next session, which was held in St Moritz in January 1948.

## International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking- June 26



The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, or World Drug Day, is marked on 26 June every year to strengthen action and

cooperation in achieving a world free of drug abuse. This year Theme: "People first: stop stigma and discrimination, strengthen prevention". The day is a way to honour Lin Zexu, who was the main force behind the destruction of the opium trade in Guangdong, China.

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## Atal Bhujal Yojana water scheme extended by two years

The National Level Steering Committee (NLSC) has decided to extend Atal Bhujal Yojana to additional two years. Its original end year was 2025. The main aim of extending this scheme is to make up the implementation delays due to covid-19 and to further promote community behaviour change initiatives. The NLSC reviewed the progress of the project and urged state officials to accelerate all related activities. This scheme has been lauded by World Bank for its significant role in promoting water use efficiency.



## 88% of wage payments made through Aadhaar Based Payment Bridge System till May 2023

The Rural Development Ministry has informed that about 88 per cent of the wage payment has been made through Aadhaar Based Payment Bridge System (ABPS) till May this year (2023). States will organise camps and follow up with beneficiaries to achieve hundred per cent ABPS. The Ministry has made it clear to all the States that the beneficiary who comes for work should be requested to provide the Aadhaar number but will not be refused work on this basis.

## First Vande Bharat Express in Assam: PM Modi flags off Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri train

Northeast's first Vande Bharat Express will connect Guwahati to New Jalpaiguri.

It is the third Vande Bharat train in West Bengal. It will reduce the travel time to 5 hours and 30 minutes. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also inaugurated Diesel Electric Multiple Unit and Mainline Electric Multiple Unit shed at Lumding in Assam. He also dedicated 182 Route



kilometers of newly electrified sections. It will open the door to running electric trains. Around 425 kilometers of railway tracks in Assam and Meghalaya have been electrified.

## Araku Coffee and Black Pepper are now Organic Certified

Araku Coffee and Black Pepper received organic certification from APEDA. Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has granted organic certification to Girijan Co-operative Corporation (GCC), Visakhapatnam for Araku coffee and black pepper crops. This certification will have a positive impact on the market value of these products. The certification



covers an extensive cultivation area of 21,104 acres. 1,300 farmers in the Gondipakalu, Lammasingi, Kappalu, GK Veedhi, Pedavalasa, and Erracheruvulu clusters grow coffee and pepper. Araku Coffee is cultivated in the Araku Valley of Andhra Pradesh.

## Nagpur AIIMS becomes the country's first hospital to get NABH accreditation

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Nagpur has become the first of all AIIMS to receive National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH) accreditation.

The NABH accreditation is a globally recognized standard for healthcare quality. It assesses the performance of hospitals in



various areas including patient care, safety, and organizational efficiency. AIIMS Nagpur achieved this accreditation by demonstrating its commitment to excellence in all areas.





## MoHUA celebrates 3 successful years of PM SVANidhi Scheme

**S**hri Hardeep S. Puri, Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas complimented the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme on its successful completion of 3 momentous years. PM SVANidhi Scheme launched on 01 June, 2020, aiming to restore Swarozgar, Svavlamban, and Swabhimaan (Self Employment, Self-Sustenance, and Self-Confidence) within street vendors has become one of the fastest growing micro-credit schemes of the Government of India and has provided its citizens access to credit and linkages to social security schemes.

Moreover, a facility for 'Udyam' registration and obtaining 'Udyam Assist' certificate for Street Vendors on PM SVANidhi portal was also launched with the help of Ministry of Small and Medium enterprises, MSME, to provide easy access to vendors for obtaining Udyam Registration Certificate for promotion of their business.

## MOS for External Affairs V Muraleedharan underscores deepening cooperation between India & Maldives across multiple sectors

**M**inister of State for External Affairs, V. Muraleedharan, underscored the deepening cooperation between India and the Maldives across multiple sectors.

The minister who is on his maiden visit to Maldives, addressed the media in Male after signing of 10 agreements for implementing High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP) in 11 atolls.

The prestigious Greater Male Connectivity Project, valued at \$500 million, was also emphasized as a key catalyst



for the Maldivian economy. The minister also handed over a batch of Tuberculosis medicines to Maldives upon a request from the Archipelago nation. Mr. Muraleedharan also paid a courtesy visit to Maldives President Ibrahim Solih and exchanged views on strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

## Cabinet approves City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0) from 2023 to 2027

**T**he Union Cabinet authorised the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate, and Sustain (CITIIS) 2.0 programme, which would encourage circular economy in 18 smart cities chosen through a competition. The total funding for the scheme Rs 1,760 crore will come from loans from French Development Agency (AFD) and Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), a German development bank; and a grant of Rs 106 crore from the European Union. The programme starts this year and will run until 2027, with the support of the National Institute of Urban Affairs.



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## India approves the world's largest food storage scheme in the co-operative sector at the cost of Rs 1 lakh crore

**T**he government approved one lakh crore rupees for the world's largest grain storage scheme in the cooperative sector. A cabinet meeting has been given the approval to set up an inter-ministerial committee for the "world's largest grain storage scheme in the cooperative sector." It will be implemented in convergence with the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Food grains and



Public Distribution and Ministry of Food Processing Industries. The cabinet also approved the second phase of City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain for Integrated Urban Management. The government will create 700 lakh tonnes of grain storage capacity in the cooperative in four years from 2023 to 2027.



## Cabinet approves increase in MSP for all mandated Kharif Crops for 2023-24 season:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) today approved an increase in Minimum Support Price, MSP, for all mandated Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24. The Cabinet has taken this decision to ensure remunerative prices to growers for their produce and to encourage crop diversification. The increase in MSP for Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24 is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times the All-India weighted average Cost of Production, aiming at reasonably fair remuneration for the farmers. This is the highest increase in the last five years.



## Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flags off India's First International Cruise Vessel from Chennai to Sri Lanka

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the maiden International Cruise Vessel - MV Empress, India's first international cruise vessel - from Chennai to Sri Lanka in Chennai. This marks the beginning of the international cruise tourism terminal at Chennai, built at a cost of ₹17.21

## India to train ASEAN women in United Nations Peacekeeping operations

In order to strengthen defence cooperation between India and ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations), India would launch an initiative on "women in United Nations Peacekeeping (UNPK) operations." On the occasion of the 75th United Nations Peacekeepers Day, India, one of the top troop contributors to UNPK, currently has roughly 5,900 troops deployed in 12 U.N. Missions.

On this day in 1948, the first United Nations peacekeeping mission, the "UN Truce Supervision Organisation," commenced operations in Palestine. One of the efforts under the 'India-



ASEAN Initiative for Women in UNPK Operations is the conduct of tailor-made training at the Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK) in India for women peacekeepers from ASEAN member states. The other is a 'Table Top Exercise' for ASEAN women officers combining aspects of UNPK issues, which will be held in December.

## Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurates and lays the foundation stone of four projects worth Rs 1450 Crore in Assam

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 4-Lane Section between Nagaon Bypass-Teliagaon, and Teliagaon-Rangagara and laid the foundation for Mangaldai Bypass and the 4-lane section between Daboka-Parakhuwa in Assam, in the presence of Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, MP Shri Dilip Saikia, MP Shri Pradyut Bordoloi, and State Minister of Forest & Environment Shri Chandra Mohan Patowary through video conferencing. These 4 projects are worth 1450 Crores symbolizing a



significant investment in the state's infrastructure. The 18 Km long 4-Lane section between Nagaon Bypass-Teliagaon and Teliagaon-Rangagara is worth Rs 403 Crore. This widened highway enhances accessibility between North Assam and Upper Assam, fueling economic growth and opening new opportunities.

crores, heralding a new age of cruise tourism & maritime trade in the country. Coinciding on the occasion of Environment Day, the Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal along with the port officials also planted 2500 tree saplings at the port. The cruise

service is the result of an MoU signed during the first Incredible India International Cruise Conference in 2022 between Chennai Port and M/S Waterways Leisure Tourism Pvt Ltd to start domestic and international cruise service.





## Railways earns Rs 14642 Crores from Freight loading in May 2023

During May 2023, originating freight loading of 134 MT has been achieved against loading of 131.50 MT in May 2022, which is an improvement of approximately 2% over the last year.

Freight revenue of **Rs. 14641.83 crore** have been achieved in May 2023 against **Rs 14083.86 crore** freight earnings in May 2022, thereby an improvement of about 4% over last year.



## Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launches 'SAGAR SAMRIDDHI' to bring transparency & efficiency

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'SAGAR SAMRIDDHI' – the online dredging monitoring system – in order to accelerate 'Waste to Wealth' initiative of the Ministry. Secretary of MoPSW Sudhansh Pant along with other senior officials of the Ministry, Major Ports and Organisations also attended this programme. This system has been developed by the National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) the technological arm of MoPSW.

## IBBI Chairperson Ravi Mital inaugurates 'week with the legends' at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, kick started its annual week-long conference – 'Week with Legends, 2023', for its Graduate Insolvency Programme (GIP) wherein stalwarts of the Insolvency practice are invited to take part in a roundtable discussion with the students of its flagship GIP on various aspects of Insolvency and Bankruptcy regime in India. **The conference was inaugurated by Shri Ravi Mittal, Chairperson IBBI with Shri Jayanti Prasad, Whole Time Member, IBBI** at the Campus of IICA, Manesar. Shri Ritesh Kavdia, Executive Director,



IBBI and Shri Shiv Anant Shankar, Chief General Manager, IBBI were also present.

The conference will resume with its week-long itinerary on 19th June 2023 and will go on till 22nd June, 2023 with various other legends and dignitaries of the Insolvency practice from India and overseas interacting with the students.

## Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates CGHS Wellness Centres in Chandigarh and Panchkula

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare as he inaugurated the CGHS Wellness Centres in Chandigarh and Panchkula in the presence of Smt Kirron Kher, Member of Parliament, Chandigarh, and Shri Gian Chand Gupta, Member of Legislative Assembly from Panchkula, and Speaker in the Haryana Legislative Assembly. This makes **Panchkula the 80th city with CGHS facilities** fulfilling



a long cherished demand of the employees and pensioners in the city. With this launch, **the coverage of CGHS cities has expanded from 25 cities in 2014 to 80 in 2023.**

## NTPC School of Business holds Indo – Scandinavian Leadership Conference and Workshop

An Indo – Scandinavian Leadership Conference and Workshop was held by NTPC School of Business at its Noida campus. Thought leaders from several geographies deliberated on the dynamics of cultures, perceptions and the mind's preparedness to adapt to the changing economic



and environmental milieu. The conference has been organized, recognizing that this is essential for coherence and purpose orientation in a world that calls for increasingly high levels of inclusiveness.

## Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurates 2-day 'Start-up Conclave' at Udhampur organized by CSIR-IIIM:



Union Minister of State (Independent Charge)

Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, the Start-up movement promoted by PM Narendra Modi is now reaching every part of India including the B-Towns and the 2-day "Young Start-up Expo" at Udhampur in Jammu and Kashmir offers an opportunity to explore new avenues for industry as well as entrepreneurs in the region. Dr. Jitendra Singh said, under PM Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir is given the top most priority in everything which is the reason that J&K is competing in terms of development with the developed states and UTs in India.

## PM Modi inaugurates first-ever National Training Conclave in New Delhi:



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated

the first-ever National Training Conclave at the International Exhibition and Convention Centre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Prime Minister's address was replete with many anecdotes and stories emanating from his rich political and administrative experience. Karmayogi Mission seeks to improve the orientation, mindset and approach of the government personnel so that they feel content and happy, and as a by-product of this improvement, the governance system will improve organically

## India has emerged as the 2nd Largest Producer of Crude Steel in the world

Union Minister of Steel and Civil Aviation, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia held a press conference on the theme 9-years of Government's "Seva, Sushasan and Gareeb kalyan" focusing on the Steel sector, at Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi. The Minister started his address by highlighting the importance of the Steel sector in ensuring the country's pragati (growth) and vikas (development). India currently ranks as the **World's 2nd Largest Producer of Crude Steel, surpassing Japan in 2018**, the minister said, while mentioning



the remarkable growth recorded by India's steel industry. In the past 9 years (2014-15 to 2022-23), Steel CPSEs viz. SAIL, NMDC, MOIL, KIOCL, MSTC, and MECON, used ₹90,273.88 crores of their own resources for CAPEX and paid a dividend to the Government of India to the tune of ₹21,204.18 crores

## Union Government launched a Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR):

The Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy have jointly launched a National Mission to quickly identify emerging technologies in the power sector and develop them indigenously, at scale, for deployment within and outside India.

The National Mission, titled "Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR)" aims to facilitate indigenous research, development and demonstration



of the latest and emerging technologies in the power sector. **Planned for an initial period of five years from 2023-24 to 2027-28**, the Mission will follow the technology life cycle approach of Idea to Product.

## Shri Giriraj Singh inaugurates two-day conference, invites sharpest minds to create roadmap for Rural India during Amrit Kaal

Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurated a two-day conference in New Delhi inviting the sharpest minds on rural development to brainstorm and create a roadmap for Rural India during the Amrit Kaal.

The two-day Conference is titled 'Evolving India: Re-imagining Rural Development for Shared Prosperity'. The mission to achieve its objectives



of enhanced income must leverage the benefits of various government schemes and build upon the partnerships.





## Shri Dharmendra Pradhan flags off Gabon's first Agri-SEZ Project:

Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** flagged off Gabon's first Agri-SEZ project from New Delhi.

The project will be implemented by the AOM group with Centurion University as the technical and knowledge partner. The development partnership is a key pillar in India's Africa policy. Being a trusted partner in the journey of socio-economic development, **India has extended concessional loans of over US\$ 12.3 billion to Africa and US\$ 700 mn of grant assistance with development projects in various sectors.**



## Women 20 Summit commences at Mahabalipuram near Chennai:

The third and final working group on W-20 began at Mahabalipuram near Chennai. The first session was on the road to achieving sustainable development goals, the intersection between women's health, gender equality, social and economic development.

## Second summit of Supreme Audit Institutions of G20 countries to begin in Goa

The second summit of the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of the G20 countries will begin in Panaji, the Capital of Goa. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Girish Chandra Murmu will deliver the inaugural address at the summit this morning. Later, he will lead the deliberations on the two priority areas - Blue Economy and Responsible **Artificial Intelligence**. Governor of Goa, P. S. Sreedharan Pillai, and India's G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant will also address the meeting. AIR correspondent reports, the three-day summit



will see the participation of the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, South Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Nigeria, Oman, Spain, the UAE, Morocco, and Poland.

**Over 80 national and international delegates, Think20, and Youth20 Engagement Groups will also attend the meeting.**

## India to host IIAS Annual Conference 2025 at Kochi

India expressed its willingness to host the 2025 IIAS (International Institute of Administrative Sciences) Annual Conference at Kochi, Kerala, in February, 2025. The 2025 Annual Conference of IIAS would be attended by 30 Member Countries, 18 National Sections and over 50 IIAS Universities/ Institutes of Public Administration in Member Countries. In accordance with India's governance model, the theme for 2025 IIAS



Annual Conference at Kochi is proposed as **"Next Generation Administrative Reforms - Empowering the Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile"**. In 2023, India will be hosting the G-20 Leaders' Summit and the SCO Leaders' Summit.

## Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society renamed as Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society:

The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, named after India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, has been renamed as the Prime Minister's Museum and Library Society. The renaming comes more than a year after the **'Pradhan Mantri Sanghralaya' or the Prime Minister's Museum was inaugurated at the historic Teen Murti Complex, where the NMML is housed.** The decision to



rename was taken at a special meeting of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) Society presided over by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is the Vice-President of the Society.



## India to participate at AIAF for the first time in France

India is participating in the Annecy International Animation Festival (AIAF) for the first time in France. An Indian delegation led by the Secretary, Information and Broadcasting Apurva Chandra with eminent personalities of the animation industry has been showcasing **India's prowess in creating animation and VFX content for global audiences at the AIAF**. He also inaugurated the India Pavilion, which has been designed on the theme of the Saraswati Yantra, and also interacted with the **Indian creative community who have won entries in the prestigious Annecy festival competition in 2023.**



## Ministry of Education is set to host the G20 4th Education Working Group meeting in Pune

The Ministry of Education is gearing up to host the G20 4th Education Working Group (EDWG) meeting in Pune. The event will take place from the 20th to the 21st of June and will witness the participation of 85 delegates from G-20 member countries, guest countries, and international organisations such as OECD, UNESCO, and UNICEF. The seminar, themed **"Ensuring Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, especially in the Context of Blended Learning,"** will be held at Savitribai Phule Pune University on the 19th of June.

## Rajasthan, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu Emerge as Top Achievers in Wind Energy Adoption:

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India joined the worldwide celebrations of **15th June as Global Wind Day**, through the organization of a day-long event in New Delhi. Delivering the keynote address, Secretary, the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Bhupinder Singh Bhalla emphasized that the Government of India is fully committed to achieving the target of **500 GW** of renewable energy capacity by the year 2030. India has made great strides in the generation



of wind energy over the years, and it now ranks fourth in wind power capacity in the world. Wind energy is crucial to India's **efforts to achieve its goal of having 50% of its electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030 and to achieve Net Zero by 2070.**

## Dr.Mahendra Nath Pandey Launches "Dugdh Sankalan Sathi Mobile App" to Transform Indian Dairy Industries:

The Union Minister of Heavy Industries Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey unveiled the ground-breaking **"Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App"** at Mussoorie, Uttarakhand. This innovative application, designed and developed by Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Limited (REIL), Jaipur, a **"Mini Ratna"** Central Public Sector Enterprises under the Ministry of Heavy Industries, is poised to make a lasting impact on the Indian Dairy Industries by addressing



key challenges in the milk collection process. The **"Dugdh Sankalan Sathi Mobile App"** will bring significant benefits for all stakeholders involved in the milk collection process, including milk producers, cooperative societies, milk unions, and state federations.

## NHAI Launches 'Knowledge Sharing Platform' for Inclusive Development of National Highways

NHAI has launched a **'Knowledge Sharing'** platform For sharing of knowledge and innovative best practices. Hosted on the NHAI website, this initiative will help the authority to collaborate with experts and citizens who want to share knowledge and insights related to topics such as road design, construction, road safety,



environment sustainability and related fields. The best practices can be uploaded on the NHAI web portal **<https://ksp.nhai.org/kb/>** in the form of video clips, powerpoint presentation and .PDF files.





## PM Modi remains the world's most popular leader with 75% approval rating

**P**rime Minister Narendra Modi remains the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 75 percent. This was revealed in a **Global Leader Approval Ratings** released by a US-based consulting firm **Morning Consult**.

Swiss President Alain Berset is second, followed by Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador. In the approval rating, US President Joe Biden is placed at the **8th position** while **UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak** is at the **13 position** among 22 world leaders.



## Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addresses the 8th Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit 2023 in Mumbai

**T**he Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers and Health & Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the **8th Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit 2023 in Mumbai**. Addressing the Summit, the Health Minister said that India played the role of pharmacy for the world during COVID-19 by **ensuring an uninterrupted supply of quality medicines and vaccines to the world**.

The Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) successfully

## 4th Education Working Group Meeting commences in Pune

**T**he 4th Education Working Group meeting (EdWG) commenced in Pune to finalize outcome documents to be presented at the Education Ministers meeting.

The meeting was chaired by G-20 India Chair and Secretary, Department of Higher Education **Shri K. Sanjay Murthy**, with Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, **Shri Sanjay Kumar**, and Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship **Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari** as Alternate Chairs.



Deliberations with the G20 delegates on the draft ministerial declaration took place on day 1 of the 4th EdWG meeting. **The International Organisations (IOs) UNICEF, OECD and UNESCO presented the education working group report.**

## India hosts the 18th Session of the India - Iraq Joint Commission Meeting at New Delhi

**S**hri Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs, **Government of India**, hosted H.E. **Mr. Hayan Abdul Ghani Abdul Zahra Al Sawad**, Deputy Prime Minister for Energy Affairs, and Minister of Oil of the **Republic of Iraq**, at the **18th India - Iraq Joint Commission Meeting (JCM)**, held in New Delhi. The **Confederation**



**of Indian Industry organized a Business Roundtable on 19th June 2023**, between the Business Leaders of both countries.

## Centre allocates 145 Crores rupees to Nagaland for the purpose of Unity Mall in Dimapur

**T**he Department for the Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade and Invest India in collaboration with the Department of Industries and Commerce, Nagaland, and Press Information Bureau Kohima organized an ODOP Sampark event on the 21st of June 2023 at the Hotel Vivor, Kohima, Nagaland. Smt. Sumita Dawra, Special Secretary, DPIIT, Govt. of India



highlighted the efforts of DPIIT and Invest India in conducting a National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) Drive in Kohima, Nagaland for Chilli from Nagaland.

concluded the 8th edition of the Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit. The theme for the

Summit was, **'Patient Centricity: New Paradigm of Manufacturing and Quality'**.



## Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launches New CSR guidelines 'Sagar Samajik Sahayog'

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'Sagar Samajik Sahayog' - the new guidelines of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.

The new guidelines empower ports to undertake CSR activities directly.

The new CSR guidelines unveiled will impact projects and programmes relating to activities specified in Section 70 of the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021. A port with an annual net profit of ₹100 crores or less can fix between 3% - 5% for CSR expenses. Similarly, ports with a net profit between ₹100 crores to ₹500 crores annually, can fix their CSR expenses between 2% and 3% of their net profit, subject to a minimum of ₹3 crores.



## Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to inaugurate 17th Indian Cooperative Congress in New Delhi:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress (ICC) on the 1st of July 2023 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.

National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) is organizing the two days Indian Cooperative Congress with the theme of Amrit Kaal: Prosperity through Cooperation for a Vibrant India.

## Union Minister Anurag Thakur flagged off the "Bharat in Paris" campaign at JL Nehru Stadium in New Delhi

The campaign has been launched by Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to create awareness and promote sports across India ahead of the Paris Olympics games. Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur flagged off "Bharat in Paris" campaign with a short marathon at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. The campaign has been launched by Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to



create awareness and promote sports across India ahead of the Paris Olympics games. The 2024 Olympics will take place from 26 July to 11 August in France, at Paris.

## 8th edition of the World's Largest Urban Cleanliness Survey Begins

8th edition of the world's largest urban Swachhata survey, Swachh Survekshan 2023 - Mera Shehar, Meri Pehchan. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the Field Assessment for Swachh Survekshan (SS) 2023.

Under SS 2023, around 3,000 assessors will take the field for assessment from 1 July, 2023. Originally designed as a competitive monitoring tool, Swachh Survekshan was



introduced under the aegis of MoHUA in 2016, with the objective of sanitation, helping cities to achieve the goal of sustainable sanitation and waste management in a fast-track competitive manner.

## India plays a key role in shaping ITU 6G Vision Framework

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has approved the 6G Vision Framework. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released India's 6G Vision "Bharat 6G Vision" document on March 23, 2023 which envisages India to be a front-line contributor in the design, development and deployment of 6G technology by 2030. Bharat 6G Vision is based on principles of Affordability,



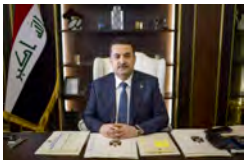
Sustainability and Ubiquity. The 6th Generation or 6G Technology has been named 'IMT 2030' by ITU, the specialised agency for Information and Communication Technologies of the United Nations.

It will be chaired by the Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.



# INTERNATIONAL

## Iraq announces plans for \$17 billion transportation project linking Asia to Europe



Iraq's prime minister Mr Mohammed Shia al-

**Sudani** announced plans for a **\$17 billion regional transportation project** intended to facilitate the flow of goods from Asia to Europe. The planned Development Road project would facilitate the movement of goods from the Gulf to Europe by way of the Grand Faw Port in Basra, in southern Iraq, which would be connected to Turkey, then to Europe, through a network of railways and highways. The Development Road project will link the Grand Faw Port in Iraq's oil-rich south to Turkey, with plans for **high-speed trains, local industry connections, and potentially oil and gas pipelines**. The planned project, which would involve the construction of about **1,200 km (about 745 miles)** of railways and highways, will be "an economic lifeline and a promising opportunity for the convergence of interests, history, and cultures. The project is expected to be completed by 2029.

## Nepal Approves 2nd Hydropower Project To Be Developed By India

Nepal decided to allow India's **Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Limited** to develop a second hydropower project in the country. Presently, SJVN is developing a **900-MW Arun-III hydroelectric project**. It is a run-of-river project located on the **Arun River in Eastern Nepal**. It is scheduled to be completed in 2024. Prime Minister (PM) Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda chaired a meeting of the **Investment Board Nepal (IBN)**. It approved the draft project development agreement (PDA) to be signed with SJVN to develop the



**669-megawatt (MW) Lower Arun Hydropower project in eastern Nepal**. Before implementation, the draft needs to be endorsed by the Council of Ministers. This is the third project undertaken, all through negotiation windows, on the Arun River after the **900 MW Arun-III and 695 MW Arun-IV hydroelectricity projects**. The previous meeting of the IBN had approved **92.68 billion rupees** investment for the development of the project.

## Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni to visit India

**King of Cambodia, Norodom Sihamoni**, is on his maiden State visit to India from the 29th to 31st of May, 2023. His visit will mark the culmination of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Cambodia. A Cambodian king last visited India in 1963. The King received a ceremonial welcome at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on 30th May, 2023. The Cambodian king will hold bilateral meetings with **President**



**Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar**. India has extended a grant of **1.5 million dollars** for the purchase of demining equipment and has offered a line of credit worth 50 million dollars for the procurement of defence equipment from India.

## India joins Centralised Laboratory Network (CLN) for testing vaccines

India has joined the **Centralized Laboratory Network (CLN)** which currently has 15 partner facilities in 13 countries that works to test vaccines which can be used during **pandemic, epidemic disease outbreak**. CLN is a part of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and the



Network is the **largest global group** which has standardised methods and materials for testing. The new members of the CLN now are **Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Virology (ICMR-NIV)**,

**Institut Pasteur de Dakar (IPD) (Senegal), KAVI Institute of Clinical Research (KAVI ICR) & University of Nairobi Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (UNITID) (Kenya), Synexa Life Sciences (South Africa) and Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) (Uganda)**.



## Montana becomes the first US state to ban TikTok

**M**ontana has become the first United States (US) state to ban the popular social media app TikTok. Montana Republican Governor Greg Gianforte signed the law expecting a legal fight. The law, scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 2024, also faces questions over whether it can be enforced. TikTok is facing growing calls from some U.S. lawmakers to ban the app nationwide over concerns about potential Chinese government influence over the platform.

CEO of Tiktok : Shou Zi Chew



## Bangladesh: World Bank launches its first road safety project in South Asia

**T**he World Bank (WB) launched its first dedicated road safety project in South Asia with a USD 358 million financing agreement signed in Dhaka with the government of Bangladesh. The project seeks to improve road safety and reduce fatalities and injuries from road crashes in selected cities, high-risk highways, and district roads. 2 national highways of Bangladesh, Gazipur-Elenga (N4) and Natore-Nawabganj (N6), will be taken up for the implementation of this project.

## UAE to Host World's Largest Conservation Conference in 2025

**T**he United Arab Emirates (UAE) has won the bid to host the 2025 World Conservation Congress (WCC) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The WCC is the world's largest and most important gathering of conservationists, and it is expected to draw more than 10,000 delegates from over 160 countries. The IUCN WCC in 2025 in Abu Dhabi, UAE is expected to bring an estimated 10,000-15,000 delegates from over 160 countries across the globe and will be an event which could galvanise conservation actions to protect



our planet, amid local and global challenges. The 2025 WCC will be held in Abu Dhabi from October 10-21, 2025. The event will be an opportunity for conservationists from around the world to come together and discuss the most pressing environmental challenges facing our planet. The WCC is also expected to produce a number of important resolutions and recommendations that will help to guide future conservation efforts.

## UN General Assembly adopts resolution introduced by India to honour fallen peacekeepers

**T**he United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted a draft resolution introduced by India to establish a memorial wall in the UN Headquarters to honour fallen peacekeepers. India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj introduced the draft resolution titled 'Memorial wall for fallen United Nations peacekeepers' in the UN General Assembly hall. 18



countries including Bangladesh, Canada, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Nepal, Rwanda and the United States (US) had submitted the resolution.

## G20 Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI) Summit begins in Goa

**T**he Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) of India is the Chair of the Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group under India's Group of 20 (G20) Presidency. The SAI20 Summit will take place in the state of Goa from 12th to 14th June 2023. CAG of India Shri Girish Chandra Murmu (14th CAG of India) is the chair of the SAI20 engagement group under India's



G20 presidency. The delegates of SAIs of Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Nigeria, Oman, Spain, UAE, Morocco and Poland are participating in the summit.





## United Kingdom to Host 1st global summit on Artificial Intelligence

United Kingdom (UK) Prime Minister Mr Rishi Sunak has announced that Britain, UK will host the **first major global summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI) safety**. The summit will bring **together key countries, leading tech companies** and researchers to agree on safety measures to evaluate and monitor the most significant risks from AI. The UK and US are **two of the only three countries in the world to have a tech industry valued at more than \$1 trillion**.



## India, Egypt elevate ties to 'Strategic Partnership' During Modi's Visit

India and Egypt elevated their relationship to a **'Strategic Partnership'** as Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** and President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi held wide-ranging talks with a particular focus on **enhancing political and security cooperation**. This was the **first bilateral visit** by an Indian Prime Minister to Egypt in 26 years.

## India, Australia add 15 new areas for talks on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement

India and Australia have decided to expand the negotiations on the **Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)** by including **15 more areas** like agri-tech, critical minerals, space and sports which have never been part of any trade deal that India has been part of. For the **first time**, these new segments would become part of a trade pact being negotiated by India. The next round of talks are scheduled for **July, 2023**.

On **Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity**



(IPEF), Additional secretary in the department of commerce Rajesh Agrawal stated that India has an observer status on the trade pillar and it is observing the developments "very" closely.

## IFFCO starts exporting the world's first Nano urea invented and manufactured indigenously in India to the US

**Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)** has started exporting the world's first Nano urea invented and manufactured indigenously in India to the US. An agreement to export Nano urea was **signed between IFFCO and Kapoor Enterprises Inc of California**. The nano urea is a revolution in the agriculture sector as it has the potential to reduce storage space and money.

A 500 ml bottle of IFFCO Nano



Urea Liquid has the capacity to replace at least one bag of conventional Urea.

## India and UAE signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Authorized Economic Operators

India and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** have signed a **Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)** for **Authorized Economic Operators (AEO)**. The agreement was formally inked on the sidelines of the **141st/142nd sessions** of the World Customs Organization's (WCO) Customs Co-operation Council meeting held in Brussels, Belgium. To promote trade facilitation, improve the ease of



doing business, and encourage investments. Earlier in **September 2021**, India and the United States (US) signed a MRA AEO.



## Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan launched 1st phase of Kerala Fibre Optic Network project

Kerala Chief Minister (CM) Shri Pinarayi Vijayan launched the Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON) project at Shankaranarayanan Thambi Hall of the State Legislative Assembly, Kerala. At the time of the launch, the KFON has been made available in **more than 2,000 houses and 17,412 government offices**. To ensure internet facilities for all at affordable rates in Kerala. It also aims to give free internet to over **20 lakh poor families**. This project will bridge the digital divide in society.



## Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurates 2-day lavender festival in J&K's Baderwah

Union Minister Shri Jitendra Singh inaugurated the two-day "Lavender Festival" in Jammu and Kashmir's (J&K) Baderwah Valley. Baderwah has emerged as the lavender capital of India and a prominent agri-startup destination. The festival has been organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Indian

## Odisha government announces 'Mo Ghara' housing scheme

Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Shri Naveen Patnaik announced the launch of the 'Mo Ghara' (My House) a credit-linked housing scheme to provide **financial assistance** to people of states for completing or **upgrading their houses**. The housing scheme was approved by the Odisha cabinet "to meet the aspiration of the lower and lower middle-income households of rural Odisha. This scheme will cover all such families who have been left out of the existing housing schemes. Approximately **4 lakh people** will be covered under



the new scheme for which the government will bear **Rs 2150 crore** over a period of 2 years. Under this scheme, beneficiaries can get housing loans up to **Rs 3 lakh** which can be repaid in 10 years excluding 1 year moratorium period. An individual can opt for one of the four slabs of loan amount – **Rs. 1 lakh, Rs. 1.5 lakh, Rs. 2 lakh and Rs. 3 lakh**.

## Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar launches community policing, outreach programme 'Haryana Uday'

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Shri Manohar Lal launched the community policing outreach programme Haryana Uday from the Gurugram district of the state, another innovative initiative towards public welfare. The programme will be implemented across the state from **1 June 2023**. Community Policing & Outreach Programme Haryana UDAY Programme aims to



strengthen **community relations and promote better relations between district administration, law enforcement agencies & public**.

Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) and is part of the institution's 'One Week One Lab Campaign'.

Singh described Baderwah as the birthplace of **India's purple revolution**, highlighting the region's success in promoting lavender cultivation and nurturing agri-startups.





## Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches 'Odisha for AI, and AI for Youth' initiative

Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Shri Naveen Patnaik launched 'Odisha for Artificial Intelligence' (AI) and 'Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Youth' initiatives. 'Odisha for AI, and AI for Youth' initiative will be implemented in Bhubaneswar, Puri and Cuttack in the first phase. Odisha Electronics and IT Department has collaborated with Intel India. 'Odisha for AI' is a free 4-hour course on AI by Intel on its app/site. 'Odisha for AI' is a self-learning online program designed to raise public awareness about artificial intelligence. AI for youth is an initiative for students (below 18) of 2000 5T schools and Odisha Adarsh Vidyalayas.



## Banas Dairy inaugurated a honey testing lab in Gujarat

Banas District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union (Banas Dairy) has inaugurated Gujarat's 1st honey testing laboratory at Banas Dairy complex at Badarpura near Palanpur in North Gujarat. The new lab would also be open for other co-operatives under the Amul umbrella to conduct tests on the quality and purity of the honey, apart from its own brands Banas Honey and Amul Honey.

## Maharashtra farmers to get Rs 6,000 a year under new scheme Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana approved by Cabinet

The Maharashtra government has approved a new financial scheme Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana under which more than one crore farmers in the state will be paid 6,000 rupees annually. The scheme was approved in the cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The amount of 6,000 rupees per year given in this scheme will be in addition to the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman



Nidhi scheme of the Center. The Maharashtra cabinet also approved the implementation of 'Gender Inclusive Tourism Policy' named 'Aai' to empower women in the tourism sector. Similarly, approval was also given to start women bike-taxi service at some tourist places of the state.

## Kashmiri Pandits celebrate the annual "Kheer Bhawani Mela" in Ganderbal

Kashmiri Pandits celebrated the annual "Kheer Bhawani Mela" in Ganderbal, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). A convoy of pilgrims from the Kashmir Pandit community reached the Kashmir Valley on May 26, 2023 to participate in the annual Kheer Bhawani fair in the Union Territory of J&K. The annual Kheer Bhawani Mela, celebrated on Zeisht Ashtami, was held on May 28, 2023. The Kheer Bhawani fair is organized annually in 5 temples in the Kashmir Valley.



These are Ragya Bhagvati Temple at Tulmulla in Ganderbal, Ragya Bhagvati Temple at Manjgam in Kulgam, Tripurasundari Temple at Devsar in Kulgam, Ragani Bhagvati Temple at Logripora in Anantnag and Ragni Bhagvati Temple at Tikkar in Kupwara.

## Maharashtra Cabinet approves implementation of Gender-Inclusive Tourism Policy



In order to empower women in the tourism sector, the Maharashtra Cabinet approved the implementation of the Gender Inclusive Tourism Policy called 'Aai' under the 'Ajadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Similarly, approval was also given to start women's bike-taxi services at some tourist spots in Maharashtra. The policy will be implemented through the Directorate of Tourism

and Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation in association with the various schemes of all concerned departments. Under this policy, a five-point program will be implemented. The promotion of women's entrepreneurship, the creation of infrastructure for women, prioritising the safety of women tourists, customising products for women tourists, and providing discounts to women travellers will be part of this five-point program.



## Assam Government Launches Web Portal to Check Illegal Cattle Transportation

In a bid to prevent illegal transportation of cattle in Assam, the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department of the Assam Government inaugurated a web portal for cattle transportation. The portal was launched by Assam Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Veterinary Minister Atul Bora in an event held in Guwahati, Assam.



## Kerala's FarmersFZ selected for United Nations' 'Accelerator Programme' for food startups

A Kerala-based startup, Farmers Fresh Zone (FarmersFZ), has been selected for the 'Accelerator Programme' by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN). FarmersFZ has figured in the list of 12 agri-food startups around the world for the UN body to develop business. It acts as a bridge between rural farmers and urban consumers, offering healthy, premium-quality, and pesticide-free vegetables within 24 hours of harvest. KSUM is the nodal agency of the Kerala government for entrepreneurship development and incubation activities in the state.

## NIMAS launches Har Shikhar Tiranga unique expedition to hoist tricolour at highest point of all states

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu flagged off Mission Har Shikhar Tiranga (HST), from Mountaineers of the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), Dirang. It is a unique expedition to hoist the national flag on the highest point of every state of India for the first time. It is a campaign under the aegis of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to take the tricolour to



all the states of the country and hoist it on the summits to mark the 75th year of independence and to commemorate India's Group of 20 (G20) presidency.

## Haryana CM Manohar Lal to Launch Integrated Water Resources Action Plan 2023-25 in Chandigarh

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Shri Manohar Lal will launch integrated Water Resources Action Plan-2023-25 under Amrit Jal Kranti at Chandigarh, which will be a bold step towards conserving water resources. A 2-day water conservation seminar was organized in Panchkula in April, 2023, in which many departments of Haryana, including experts from India and abroad doing research on water conservation participated. Several initiatives like Mera Pani-Meri Virasat Yojana, have been



taken towards water conservation which have drawn significant results. He also directed that the mapping of schools and sports stadiums should be done on the same lines as mapping was done to open a college in a 20 kilometre radius.

## Haryana Padma Awardees to Get Monthly Pension Of Rs 10,000 - Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Shri Manohar Lal Khattar announced a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for the Padma awardees from Haryana. Besides the monthly pension, a free travel facility in the 'Volvo bus' service of the state government



for Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardees from Haryana.





## Bihar Governor Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar inaugurates L20 meet in Patna

The Governor of Bihar Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar inaugurated the thematic event of the engagement group of L20 held at Gyan Bhawan in Patna. Shri Hiranmay Pandaya, Chair of the L20 meet, also while welcoming the delegations said that this is not only a proud occasion for Bihar but also for the rest of the country and representatives of the Labour department.



## Rajasthan government brings PCTS mobile app to ensure better healthcare for mothers & infants

The Medical, Health & Family Welfare Department of the Rajasthan Government has launched the Pregnancy, Child Tracking & Health Services Management System (PCTS) app which enables online tracking, reporting and monitoring of the health of pregnant women, obstetricians and infants. The PCTS was developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) as an Integrated Health Information Management System (HIMS).

## Karnataka Government launches free power scheme - 'Gruha Jyothi Scheme'

The Government of Karnataka has launched a free power scheme named 'Gruha Jyothi scheme' for providing free electricity up to 200 units a month. The beneficiaries can register for the scheme on Seva Sindhu portal under a special custom-made page for the



scheme (<http://sevasindhukarnataka.gov.in/>)

The beneficiaries will get a 'zero bill' starting August 1, 2023 if usage is within their entitlement.

## Uttar Pradesh government to launch 'Didi Cafe' to uplift women

'Didi Cafe' is coming up in Uttar Pradesh (UP), which will provide cheap food and breakfast. A strategy has been made to start 'Didi Cafe' in 17 municipal corporation cities including Mathura, Firozabad and Vrindavan in Agra division. This Didi Cafe will only be maintained by women's self-help groups, which will provide access to low-



cost meals, snacks, and other facilities in areas where women are employed through these canteens.

## Karnataka government launched the 'Brand Bengaluru' portal to seek suggestions from citizens to improve city

The Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister (CM) & Bengaluru Development Minister Shri DK Shivakumar launched a portal for people to share suggestions regarding the development of the city, under the title 'Brand Bengaluru'.



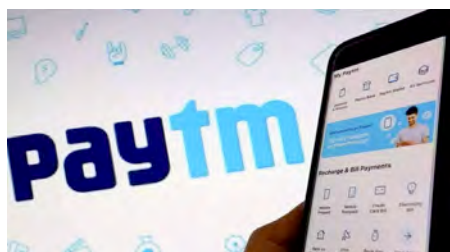
The public can visit <https://brandbengaluru.karnataka.gov.in/> or contact the WhatsApp number 9480685700 to provide their suggestions until June 30, 2023.

## North India's first Skin Bank inaugurated at New Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital

North India's first skin bank has been inaugurated at Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi. This facility serves as a repository where deceased donors can donate their skin, which can be utilized in the treatment of burns. What is Skin Bank? A skin bank is a facility where skin from deceased persons can be donated.



The skin can be donated within 6 hours of death and utilized for burns and trauma patients after processing.



## Paytm inks MoU with Arunachal Pradesh for creating startup ecosystem

**P**aytm Payment Services Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Arunachal Pradesh Innovation and Investment Park (APIIP) to create a startup ecosystem for the youth.

The MoU was signed at the APIIP, the first state-owned marquee incubator here in the presence of its CEO **Tabe Haidar**.



## World's Largest Ramayan Temple in Bihar To Be Completed By 2025

**T**he construction work of the 'world's largest Ramayan temple' started in the East Champaran district of Bihar. The Viraat Ramayan temple will be a three-storeyed structure completed by the end of 2025. The 'Ramayan temple' in Bihar will be taller than the 12th-century Angkor Wat temple complex in Cambodia.

The estimated cost of the temple's construction is ₹500 crore.

## India's 1st hydrogen-powered train expected to run from Jind district of Haryana

**I**n a first in India, hydrogen-powered trains are expected to start from Haryana's Jind district by March 2024 and the first hydrogen plant of the country is being set up in the district. This move will provide a significant boost to the nation's transport network's greening. The first prototype of the hydrogen train is expected to be introduced in the financial year 2023-2024 between



Jind and Sonapat (Haryana) on the Northern Railway. Germany became the first country to operate the world's first-ever hydrogen-powered passenger train fleet.

## Tamil Nadu Police Launches New Scheme for Women Traveling Alone at Night - 'Pungal Pathukaaptu Thittam'

**T**he Tamil Nadu (TN) police have introduced a new scheme called 'Pungal Pathukaaptu Thittam' (Women Safety Scheme) in Chennai city, TN for Women Travelling Alone at Night. Chennai city women, who return from work between 10 pm and 7 am, can use a police patrol vehicle to reach their residence safely. In October 2022, the



Coimbatore Police launched an ambitious project 'Police Akka' aimed at curbing crimes against girl students.

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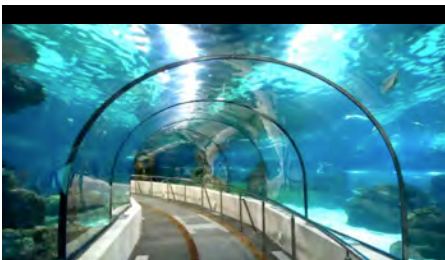
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## Kerala to launch mobile app to promote women-friendly tourism

Kerala Tourism will soon come out with a mobile app to strengthen the country's first 'women-friendly tourism' initiative launched by the State Government to turn the State's tourism sector gender inclusive. State Responsible Tourism Mission (RT Mission), the nodal agency for implementing the 'women-friendly tourism' project, has been asked to prepare the content of the app.



## Assam to construct 1st underwater tunnel in Brahmaputra between Gohpur and Numaligarh

Assam Chief Minister (CM) **Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma** announced that **Assam's first underwater railroad tunnel** will be built between **Numaligarh and Gohpur**. To connect the towns of Numaligarh and Gohpur, **revolutionising transportation infrastructure** in the region. The project will cost around Rs 6,000 crore. The tender for the project will open on **July 4, 2023**. It will be built under the **Brahmaputra River** and will be around **35 kilometres long**.

## World's first 3D-printed temple to come up in Telangana

Telangana is set to build the world's first 3D-printed Hindu temple.

The temple will be built in a tie-up between a Hyderabad-based construction company **Apsuja Infratech** and **Simpliforge Creations**, a 3D-printed construction company. The 3D-printed temple will be situated within **Charvitha Meadows**, a gated villa community at



Burugupally in Siddipet.

In **March, 2023** **Simpliforge Creations** along with **IIT-Hyderabad**, built the prototype of the bridge within 2 hours.

## India's largest private rail coach factory inaugurated in Telangana's Kondakal village



India's largest private rail coach factory was inaugurated in **Kondakal village, Telangana**. Chief Minister **Shri K. Chandrasekhar Rao** formally

inaugurated the facility built by **Medha Servo Drives Pvt Ltd**, a Telangana company that designs and manufactures complex electrical and electronic Railway products in a joint venture with **Swiss railway rolling stock manufacturer Stadler Rail**. It is also the only Indian firm with in-house research and development (R&D) facilities.

## Uttar Pradesh Government launches Legal Aid Defence Counselling System to provide free legal aid to needy



The **Uttar Pradesh (UP) government** implemented the **Legal Aid Defence Counsel System (LADCS)** for a period of **2 years** under the **Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority**

to provide free legal aid to the needy. This will help in solving **minor disputes**. Through the LADCS system, legal assistance will be provided to the general public by the chief, deputy and assistant counsel. The primary objective of LADCS is to **provide legal assistance, specifically in criminal cases**, in districts or headquarters.



## Himachal Pradesh to set up a Special Task Force to Combat Drug Menace

The Himachal Pradesh (HP) government has decided to set up a **special task force to combat** the problem of the **drug menace**. Chief Minister Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu emphasized the need for strict action against drug peddlers and to **increase awareness campaigns** to rescue the youth from the clutches of drug abuse. He also presented awards to winners of various events organized under the **'Pradhav'** (Wipe out drugs) campaign.

## Uttar Pradesh launched 'Operation Conviction' for cow slaughter & child abuse cases

The Uttar Pradesh (UP) Police Department launched 'Operation Conviction' to combat criminals and mafias in UP. The initiative will expedite the prosecution of cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, as well as those involving cow slaughter, religious conversion, rape, and murder.



## Kharchi Puja commenced in Tripura

In a vibrant display of **cultural heritage** and religious fervour, the Historical **'Kharchi Puja'** commenced in Tripura. It is one of the main festivals of Tripura. Kharchi Puja, also called the Festival of **14 Gods**, is observed on the 8th day of the new moon in July or August every year. This year, the auspicious festival will begin on **June 26** and will continue till July 2, 2023.



## '1,000-year-old' Jaina sculptures found fitted to sluice near Hyderabad

Two 1000-year-old square pillars with sculptures of Jain Tirthankaras (a saviour and spiritual teacher of the dharma) and inscriptions, were found on the outskirts of **Hyderabad** in Rangareddy district's Moinabad village. Two pillars, one of granite and another of black basalt, have sculptures of **four Jaina Tirthankaras** - Adinatha, Neminatha,



Parsvanatha and Vardhamana Mahavira in meditation pose.

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# BANKING & ECONOMY



## Ikano Bank Selects TCS BaNCS to Build a Bank for the Future

**T**ata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced that **Ikano Bank AB in Sweden** has selected the TCS BaNCS Global Banking SaaS Platform for its **pan-Europe core banking transformation**. Ikano Bank aims to provide a flexible, digital core that will support the rapid launch of new products and expansion into new markets.

With the **objective** of building multi-country capabilities on a single core banking **platform**, the bank selected TCS BaNCS for its event-based streaming architecture and functionality.



## 14.4% Increase in fake ₹500 notes during 2022-23 – RBI

**T**he Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported a 14.4% increase in the number of counterfeit Rs 500 notes (new design) during the year 2022-23. RBI has recognized 91,110 counterfeit **Rs 500 notes** worth **Rs. 4.55 crore** during the year 2022-23. In the year **2021-22**, **79,699 counterfeit notes** were detected by RBI. During 2022-23,

## RBI Becomes Net Seller of USD in FY23

**T**he Reserve Bank of India (RBI) became a **net seller of US dollars** in fiscal year 2023, after being a net purchaser for **three consecutive years**. The RBI sold **\$25.52 billion** in the spot foreign exchange market. The RBI sold dollars to **reduce volatility** in the rupee, which has been under pressure due to the **Russia-Ukraine war** and interest rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve.

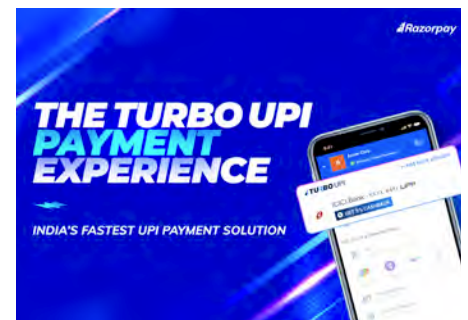


The RBI sold the greenback to prop up the rupee, which had depreciated due to higher import bills and foreign investors pulling out money from the **domestic market**.

## Razorpay Launches India's fastest one-step payments solution – Turbo UPI

**R**azorpay has launched **India's fastest one-step UPI (unified payments interface) payment solution, 'Turbo UPI'** that allows customers of online merchants to make UPI payments directly without getting redirected to a third-party UPI app during checkout.

Razorpay Turbo UPI aims to deliver a **5X faster payment experience**. This solution was developed in partnership with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and **Axis Bank**. It streamlines the payment process and eliminates any redirection



to external apps. This helps businesses achieve a significant increase in the success rate of UPI payments by 10%. Turbo UPI also offers insights into the end-users drop-off pattern and enables merchants to control the entire payment experience of their customers, end-to-end.

out of total fake Indian Currency notes (FICNs) 4.6% were detected at RBI and 95.4% at other banks. There was an 8.4% increase in the counterfeit notes detected in the denominations of **Rs 20**. The **counterfeit notes detected in the denominations of Rs 10, Rs 100 and Rs 2000 declined by 11.6%, 14.7% and 27.9%, respectively**.



## SBI raises USD 750 million via bonds on India INX under its 10 billion MTN programme

The country's largest public sector lender **State Bank of India (SBI)**, raised **USD 750 million** under its **USD 10 billion** Global Medium Note programme to fund its overseas business growth. The fund was raised at **INX's Global Securities Market (GSM)**, GIFT International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at Gandhinagar from global investors. The bonds were issued through **SBI's London Branch** to fund offshore business growth and were priced competitively. This demonstrates strong investor confidence in the country's largest bank and paves the way for a strong pipeline of foreign currency bond issuances this year.

The listing of the bond issue on INX Gift City emphasises the vision to make Gift City a hub for all international business opportunities including **foreign currency fund-raising programs**.

## mooMark Becomes 1st Indian Private Dairy to Launch Heat Index Insurance Plan for Farmers

**Dairy technology provider Stellapps'** fintech arm mooPay Private Limited, in partnership with **IBISA Network, HDFC ERGO and Gramcover**, has launched a unique heat Index-based insurance plan for farmers. The claim settlement process is simple and hassle-free.

The insurer takes the data of temperature trends for the insured period from a pre-agreed public database and compensates the

## Angel tax regime: Draft rules give investors more valuation flexibility

**D**raft valuation rules for overseas investments into startups under the 'angel tax' regime have been announced. The rules have been issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). 5 new valuation methods for calculating Angel Tax under a new mechanism for non-resident investors in startups have been proposed under the rules. The new mechanism will be effective from **April 1, 2024**. Regulated investor entities from 21 countries and recognised startups will be immune from the new mechanism. These 5 new valuation methods will be separate from 2 methods already in use- Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) and Net Asset Value (NAV).

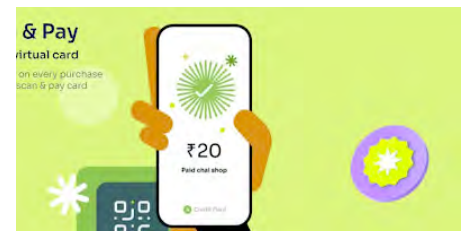


**10% variation** has been allowed over the value determined under these rules.

Investment from angel investors belonging to Singapore, Ireland, the Netherlands and Mauritius will not be exempted under the new angel tax mechanism. DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Investment and Internal Trade)-recognised start-ups will get an exemption from the new angel tax provision.

## Credit card platform Kiwi launches 'credit on UPI' service

**K**iwi, a ground-breaking credit card platform, has launched its all-inclusive "**Credit on Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**" customer solution. The solution has been certified by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), making Kiwi the first app in India to provide "**Credit on UPI**" by issuing Rupay Cards in collaboration with banks. The launch of this solution is a significant move by Kiwi towards creating one of the



most comprehensive direct-to-consumer (D2C) models in the credit market. The company's mobile application will allow users to make payments securely using either a credit card or bank account, directly from their phones.

claimant as per the prescribed benefits slab. Farmers are informed about this plan through village-level collection centres and Stellapps' smartFarms app. This groundbreaking financial product has the potential to benefit more than 80 million dairy farming families who rely on the income generated from approximately **300 million cattle**.





## Karbon Card launched India's 1st mobile-based expense management card - Card++



**K**arbon Card, a B2B (Business to Business) payment solution provider,

has launched **India's 1st mobile-based expense management card called Card++**. To help thousands of startups and small businesses that are constantly facing challenges in finding a reliable and accessible expense solution, causing disruptions in their day-to-day operations and forced to use multiple payment instruments. Card ++ is **free to use** and comes with uncapped cash-back offers. It is currently live and already gaining mass traction amongst both startups and Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Its features include allowing payments on platforms like **Google, Amazon, Swiggy, Ola, etc.**

## Equitas Small Finance Bank collaborates with IBM to build a digital banking platform

**C**onsulting to design and build a **digital banking platform** that delivers a modern and highly secure experience to the bank's customers and partners.

**To boost Equitas'** digital products and services offerings as it evolves its business for a digital-first generation.

Equitas is working together with IBM Consulting to adopt a cloud-native architecture so that digital channels and applications can securely run across any technology environment.

This will help boost operational



efficiency for the bank and enhance adherence to industry regulatory compliance requirements, while enforcing higher levels of security.

IBM Consulting will develop and deploy modern web and admin portals for **Retail Banking and Corporate Banking** as well as multi-device banking apps for Retail Banking.

## IIT Madras Research Park & RBI's innovation centre working on voice-banking technologies

**R**eserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has joined hands with the **Indian Institute of Technology Madras Research Park (IITMRP)** and IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) to introduce voice-banking solutions to eliminate language barriers across India. State Bank of India (SBI), Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra and IDFC First conducted a codefest on voice-banking called '**Vaulter Voice**' at the IIT Madras Research Park.



From the registrations received, IITMRP has shortlisted 9 teams to work on a 6-hour codefest for solutions. President of IIT Madras Research Park, Ashok Jhunjhunwala, stated that a pilot project should be available in **12 to 18 months**.

CEO of RBIH : Rajesh Bansal

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## IRDAI directs SBI Life to take over Sahara India Life Insurance business

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has identified SBI Life Insurance Company Limited (SBI Life) as the **acquirer-insurer** of the business of the beleaguered Sahara India Life Insurance Co. (SILIC). The decision was taken at the meeting of the IRDAI in view of the deteriorating financial health of the SILIC. SBI Life shall take over the policy liabilities of around 2 lakh policies of SILIC, backed by the policyholders' assets, with immediate effect.



## Manappuram Finance unveiled a digital lending app Ma-Money

Kerala-based Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), Manappuram Finance Ltd has launched a new digital lending platform named Ma-Money. To provide customers all the financial products offered by Manappuram Finance under one umbrella. Ma-Money is a key component of Manappuram Finance's overall goal to grow its digital presence and provide clients with innovative and user-friendly financial products. The app is primarily targeted at customers in tier 2 and tier 3 cities.

## SEBI proposes cutting IPO listing time from 6 days to 3 days for enhanced efficiency

Capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed to halve the time taken for the listing shares on stock exchanges after the closure of the initial public offer (IPO) to 3 days from 6. This change is expected to benefit both the companies issuing the shares as well as investors. The reason behind this proposed reduction in the timeline is related to SEBI's introduction of the Unified



Payment Interface (UPI) as an additional payment mechanism for retail individual investors. Issuers will have faster access to the capital raised, thereby enhancing the ease of doing business, and the investors will have an opportunity to have early credit and liquidity of their investment.

## SBI launches project Kuber in Bengaluru

The State Bank of India (SBI), Bengaluru (Karnataka) Circle has launched Project Kuber, under which there are 4 Transaction Banking Hubs, and 1 Corporate Salary Package Hub, in the city to source, facilitate, and cater to the various banking needs of customers. These hubs will help in increasing the market share in liability products of SBI. The hubs were inaugurated by



the Chief General Manager of State Bank of India Bengaluru Circle, Nand Kishore, and are located at the SBI Administrative Building, Mysore Bank Circle, KG Road, Bengaluru, and Sampige Road, Malleshwaram.

## Myntra & Kotak Mahindra Bank launched a digital fashion co-branded credit card

Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMBL) in partnership with Myntra has launched its first-of-its-kind co-branded digital fashion & lifestyle credit card namely the Kotak Myntra credit card. To provide trendy and new-age consumers an apt choice for their fashion needs. The card will be available on MasterCard and RuPay networks. The card will be available across



Myntra as well as Kotak mobile applications. The card will be dedicated to fashion shoppers across metros, tier 1, tier 2 & 3 cities. The joining fee and annual fee for this credit card is Rs 500 only.





## Bank of Baroda unveils facility for cash withdrawals using UPI on its ATMs

Public lender **Bank of Baroda** (BoB) has launched **Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW)** facility for its customers, wherein they can withdraw money from Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) using the **United Payment Interface (UPI)**.

BoB becomes the **first public sector bank** to launch this service.



## SEBI issues norms for transactions in corporate bonds through Request for Quote (RFQ) platform

Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** came out with guidelines for transactions in **corporate bonds (CBs)** through the **Request for Quote (RFQ)** platform by stock brokers (SBs). SEBI has been taking steps to increase the liquidity on the RFQ platform of stock exchanges to **enhance the transparency** and disclosure pertaining to trading in the secondary market in corporate bonds.

## Wipro Partnered with Microsoft Launched an Immersive Innovation Experience for Financial Services

**Wipro Limited**, a leading technology services and consulting company, has collaborated with **Microsoft** and announced the launch of the **Wipro Industry Innovation Experience for Financial Services**, featuring a new suite of banking and financial services solutions built on **Microsoft Cloud**. To help financial services clients accelerate growth and deepen client relationships. The Innovation Experience will bring together **Microsoft Cloud**



capabilities with **Wipro FullStride Cloud**, as well as leverage Wipro's and Capco's deep domain expertise in financial services. The Innovation Experience will allow financial services firms to explore new solutions in an **immersive 3D environment**.

## SIDBI signs pact with HDFC Bank to offer financial solutions to MSMEs

**State-owned Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has entered into a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **HDFC Bank** for providing financial solutions to **Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**. The MoU will facilitate providing complete financial solutions to MSMEs in a seamless manner. This arrangement will enable MSMEs



to avail financial products and services of both the banks. Both banks will endeavour to bring more MSMEs in financial ecosystems through the arrangement.

## Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship & SIDBI To Launch NBFC Growth Accelerator Program

**Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME)** has received in-principal approval from **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** for designing and structuring a sustainable and scalable **Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) Growth Accelerator Program (NGAP)**. The ultimate goal of the NGAP framework is to enable a larger set of NBFCs to get



access to institutional funding at a **reasonable rate**, so the benefit can be passed on to the MSMEs.

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### Federal Bank launches 'I am Adyar, Adyar is me' campaign in Tamil Nadu

The Federal Bank has launched a campaign titled 'I am Adyar, Adyar is me' in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN) to celebrate people and their culture by transforming an entire bank branch into a museum of local stories. The campaign is a **first-of-its-kind micro-marketing initiative in the banking industry**, which is aimed to showcase the soul of Adyar, including its people's struggles and triumphs which make it special.



### Moody's Projects India's GDP Growth at 6-6.3% in Q1FY24

The global credit ratings major **Moody** projected that the **Indian economy** is expected to clock a 6-6.3% growth in June quarter, and flagged risks of **fiscal slippage arising** from weaker than expected government revenues in the current fiscal. Moody's growth estimate is lower than the 8% projection for the first quarter made by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) last week. India has a relatively high level of general government debt at around 81.8% of GDP for 2022-23, and **low debt affordability**. **Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF)** is an **indicator** of investment in the economy.

### Samco launches India's 1st actively managed momentum fund – SAMCO active momentum fund

The **SAMCO Asset Management Private Limited** has launched India's first actively managed momentum fund – **SAMCO Active Momentum Fund**. The SAMCO Active Momentum Fund's new fund offer (NFO) runs from **June 15-29, 2023**. Investors seeking to employ a momentum investing strategy to achieve **long-term capital appreciation** can consider the SAMCO Active Momentum Fund. SAMCO Active Momentum Fund is an open-ended equity scheme



following momentum theme with Benchmark **Nifty 500 Index TRI**. The face value of each unit during the **New Fund Offer (NFO)** is **Rs. 10**, with a minimum application amount of Rs. 5,000 and multiples of Rs. 1 thereafter. CEO of SAMCO Asset Management Private Limited : Viraj Gandhi

### HSBC India launches campaign "My Account Starts Today" featuring cricketer Virat Kohli

The Hongkong and Shanghai **Banking Corporation Limited, India (HSBC India)** or **HSBC Bank India**, unveiled its latest advertising campaign **My Account Starts Today** featuring their new brand influencer, ace cricketer Virat Kohli. The campaign highlights HSBC's purpose of "opening up a world of opportunity" as it works to support the goals of India going



global. The campaign will run across print, television, outdoor, **Over The Top (OTT)** platforms and digital media to connect with the target audience.

### RBI Introduces '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign to settle unclaimed deposits

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has launched '**100 Days 100 Pays**' campaign to trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district within 100 days. This measure will complement the ongoing efforts and initiatives by the central bank to reduce the quantum of unclaimed deposits in the banking system and return such deposits to their rightful owners/claimants. Unclaimed



Deposit accounts are accounts which have not been operated for the last 10 years.

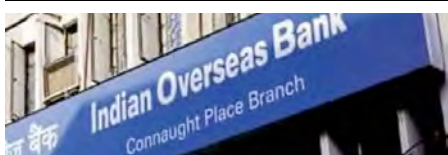




## ESAF Small Finance Bank adopts paperless initiative

**E**SAF Small Finance Bank, a leading small finance bank in India, has adopted e-signature for micro-loan disbursements. As on March 31, 2023, ESAF Bank has disbursed over **5.27 lakh loans** through e-signatures, showcasing its commitment to digital transformation.

Through the adoption of e-signatures, ESAF Bank has effectively saved reams of paper, which would have been utilised for the purpose of loan disbursement, documentation involving handwritten signatures, thereby **reducing deforestation**.



## Indian Overseas Bank launched My Account My Name for Savings Bank Account Holders

**I**n a first-of-its-kind move in the banking sector, Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has launched a Unique feature named '**My Account My Name**' for Savings Bank (SB) account customers. This feature allows customers to choose any name as their account number. The account name can be a combination of **7 letters only, or 7 numbers only or 7 alpha numeric only like AJIT007, PRADHAN or 2424707 etc.** Customers will not be required to remember their 15 digits' account numbers.

To begin with, this facility of "**MY ACCOUNT MY NAME**" is available for IOB SB HNI (High Networth Individuals) & IOB SB SALARY account customers.

## Go Digit-Life Insurance gets IRDAI approval for life insurance business in India

**I**ndia's insurance regulator, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), grants a license to conduct life insurance business in India to **Go Digit Life Insurance Limited**. This came after **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** returned Go Digit's draft **IPO (Initial Public Offering) papers on January 30, 2023** & asked the company to refile the documents with certain



updates. The approval to Go Digit will be the **4th life insurance business licence** issued by IRDAI this year. With the latest addition, the number of insurers operating in the life insurance segment has gone up to 26.

## SIDBI launched mission EVOLVE in Partnership with NITI Aayog & World Bank to finance EV MSMEs

**T**he principal financial institution for **Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** in India, the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has launched mission **EVOLVE** (Electric Vehicle Operations and Lending for Vibrant Ecosystem) in association with **National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog**, World Bank, Korean-World Bank and Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund



(EDCF) to finance MSMEs in the **Electric Vehicles (EV) space**. Under the initiative, SIDBI will give MSMEs access to affordable commercial financing for EV loans including hosting of telematics that could help reduce financing costs and provide data for other financial services.

## RBI Imposes Rs 2.2 Crore Penalty On Indian Overseas Bank

**T**he Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of **Rs 2.20 crores** on state-owned Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) for non-compliance of income recognition and other **deficiencies in regulatory compliance**. This action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its



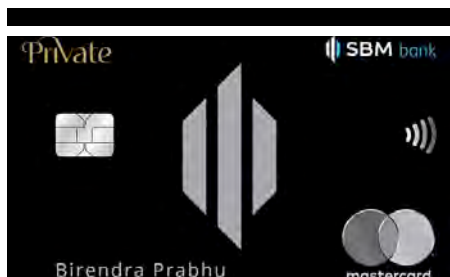
customers. The violated norms include guidelines on **disclosure of NPA (non-performing assets) divergence**, interest rates on deposits, and advisory on **Man in the Middle (MiTM) attacks in Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)**.



## South Indian Bank introduces Digital Platform – SIB SWIFTe for hassle-free account opening

South Indian Bank (SIB) has introduced SIB SWIFTe, an innovative and customer-centric digital account opening platform that eliminates the hassle of paper-based documentation. This initiative primarily targets new-to-bank users above 18 years of age, who possess a valid Aadhaar and/or Permanent Account Number (PAN).

With SWIFTe, customers can effortlessly complete the paperless Know Your Customer (KYC) process offering highly competitive interest rates on their savings balances.



## SBM Bank India Launches World Elite Metal Debit Card for the Uber-affluent Indian

SBM Bank India unlocked exclusive, on-invitation access to the world of luxury with the launch of the SBM World Elite Metal Debit Card.

Powered by Mastercard, & is designed and being offered exclusively to SBM Private customers. SBM World Elite Metal Debit Card is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of the card. This is an International Debit Card and can be used for international transactions.

## Punjab National Bank launched IVR Based UPI Solution – UPI 123PAY

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has become the first public sector bank to introduce an Interactive Voice Response (IVR)-based Unified Payment Interface (UPI) solution – UPI 123PAY, aligning with the Digital Payment Vision 2025 towards a cashless and cardless society.

### What is UPI 123PAY?

Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a 24-hour payment channel enabling customers to perform fast, encrypted and real-time payments. So far, the solution was accessible only through smartphones or through Unstructured Supplementary



Service Data (USSD) service and was dependent on good internet connectivity.

Also, Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) First Bank, City Union Bank (CUB) & National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) Payments Bank have gone live on IVR payments.

## Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank launched new deposit scheme – Vikas Ashadeep 400 days'



Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has launched a new deposit scheme named 'Vikas Ashadeep 400 days'.

The scheme was launched by Shreekanth M Bhandiwad, Chairman of KVGB.

### About 'Vikas Ashadeep 400 days':

The scheme is of a tenor of 400 days with an interest rate of 7.50% for senior citizens and 7% for the general public. Under the scheme, a minimum of ₹10,000 and a maximum of ₹2 crore can be deposited.

## IRDAI issues draft Bima Vahaks guidelines



Insurance Regulator Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) came out with draft guidelines for 'Bima

Vahaks (BV)', which seeks to set up a dedicated distribution channel at the level of gram panchayats to enhance insurance coverage and create awareness. To improve accessibility and availability of insurance in every nook and corner of the country.





## NPCI Partners with RING digital credit platform to integrate UPI Plug-in

**R**ING, India's leading digital credit platform has partnered with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to add its newly launched **UPI Plug-in functionality** to RING's pre-existing suite of digital services. This partnership will help RING offer 'Scan & Pay' options to its existing customers and acquire new customers who use UPI as a preferred mode of payment.



## Motilal Oswal AMC launches India's first-ever Nifty microcap 250 index fund

**M**otilal Oswal Asset Management Company (MOAMC) has launched **Motilal Oswal Nifty Microcap 250 Index Fund**, India's only passive fund offering exposure to microcap stocks. To provide investors an opportunity to participate in the growth potential of microcap stocks. The New Fund Offer (NFO) period commences on **15th June and closes on 29th June 2023**. The minimum application amount for **Motilal Oswal Nifty Microcap 250 Index Fund** is **₹500 and in multiples of Re 1 thereafter**.

## Fino Bank and Sequoia Funded Hubble to Introduce India's First Spending Account

**M**umbai-based **Fino Payments Bank** has entered into a tie-up with **Sequoia Capital-backed fintech Hubble** to introduce **India's & world's first spending account**.

The first of its kind spending account offering from a fintech in India and across the world



is specifically designed for **GenZ** and millennial customers' growing aspirations and lifestyle changes.

## RBI imposes Rs 20 lakhs penalty on Manappuram Finance for rule violations

**T**he Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed **₹20 lakhs monetary penalty on Manappuram Finance** for non-compliance with certain provisions of Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC). This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of section 58G (1) (b) read with section 58B (5) (aa) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934."

### Reason :

The RBI imposed this penalty on the NBFC as it did not classify certain gold loan accounts with overdue of more than 90 days as Non-Performing Assets (NPAs). It did not ensure maintenance of the mandated Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio in certain gold loan accounts during FY 2020-21.

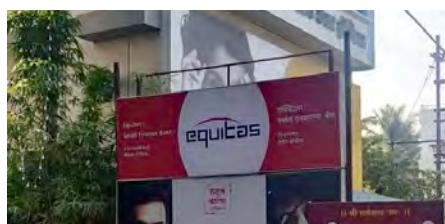
### What is a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)?

A Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) is a company regis-



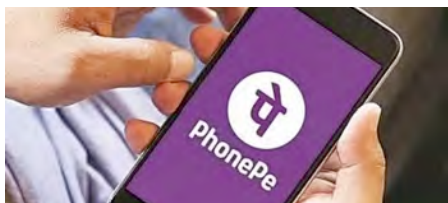
tered under the **Companies Act, 1956** engaged in the business of loans and advances, acquisition of shares/stocks/bonds/debentures/ securities issued by the Government or local authority or other marketable securities. NBFC **cannot accept demand deposits**. NBFCs do not form part of the payment and settlement system and cannot issue cheques drawn on itself. Deposit insurance facility of **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation** is not available to depositors of NBFCs, unlike in case of banks.

## Equitas Holdings surrenders NBFC licence to RBI



**T**he Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stated that Equitas Holdings Ltd has surrendered its Non Bank-

ing Financial Company (NBFC) licence, and accordingly its registration has been cancelled. The RBI, in the exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 45-IA (6) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, has therefore cancelled its CoR (certificate of registration).



## PhonePe launches payment gateway that Offers Free Onboarding To New Merchants

Indian digital payments and financial services company, PhonePe officially launched the **PhonePe Payment Gateway** with a special limited-period offer for new **Micro Small & Medium Enterprise (MSME)** merchants. PhonePe Exclusive Free Plan for Payment Gateway for Merchants, Zero setup fee, Zero annual maintenance fee, Zero hidden charges. This is in contrast to most payment gateways that charge a standard transaction fee of 2%.



## Kotak Mahindra Bank launched "ActivMoney" feature for savings account holders

**K**otak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) announced the launch of its **ActivMoney** feature which gives customers the benefit of **fixed deposit (FD)**-like interest rates of up to 7% per annum with no charges on premature withdrawal. Once a customer avails the ActivMoney feature in the savings account, it automatically transfers the balance above the threshold (defined as per account variant) in multiples of **Rs 10,000** to a Fixed Deposit (FD) of **180 days** currently at an interest rate of **7% per annum**.

## RBI opens sub-office at Kohima, to increase presence in north east India

**T**he Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has opened a sub-office at Kohima, the capital of Nagaland. It has also announced its aim to have an office in Itanagar, the capital of Arunachal Pradesh, to strengthen its presence in North East India. The sub-office at Kohima was inaugurated by Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra. The Kohima sub-office has **Financial Inclusion**



and Development Department (FIDD), Consumer Education and Protection Cell (CEPC), Market Intelligence Cell and Human Resource Management Department (HRMD).

## SEBI Issues Guidelines on Product Offerings by Online Bond Platform Providers



**T**he Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) restricted online bond platform providers (OBPPs) from offering products other than listed debt securities on their Online Bond Platform (OBP).

### What are OBPPs?

The online bond platform provider means any person operating or providing such a platform.

### What is OBP?

"Online bond platform" means **any electronic system**, other than a recognised stock exchange or an electronic book provider platform, on which the debt securities which are listed or proposed to be listed, are offered and transacted."

## Paytm established UPI SDK for Seamless Online Merchant Payments

**P**aytm has introduced a **UPI software development kit (SDK)** for customers to make payments to online merchants **without any failure** of the system. UPI SDK has also assured **fail-proof transactions**.

Paytm UPI SDK will let users pay **directly from bank accounts** through UPI PIN without having



to jump between merchant and payment app.





## NSE International Exchange unveils new identity for Gift Nifty

**N**SE International Exchange (NSE IX) unveiled a new and refreshed brand identity of GIFT Nifty (National Stock Exchange FIFTY) as a part of the full-scale transition of **SGX Nifty to Gift Nifty from July 3, 2023**. Injeti Srinivas, Chairman of the International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) will be the chief guest of the event, which will be held in the presence of **Ashishkumar Chaunah, MD & CEO, NSE**, and **V Balasubramaniam, MD & CEO, NSE IX**.



## IRDAI Expands Scope Of 'Use And File' Procedure For Life Insurance Products

**T**he Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) introduced modifications to the existing 'use and file' procedure for life insurance products. These changes aim to facilitate the insurance industry in promoting insurance penetration.

## Union Bank launches 4 new deposit schemes to advantage women, pensioners and cooperative societies

**U**nion Bank of India (UBI) has launched 4 bank account schemes named Union Unnati, Union Samriddhi, Union Samman, Union SBCHS acknowledges the significance of cooperative housing societies, targeting women, **women entrepreneurs**



and professionals, pensioners and cooperative housing societies.

## Axis Bank launches One-View feature on its Mobile App

**O**ne of the largest private sector banks, Axis Bank, launched its latest feature, 'One-View', on **Axis Mobile Application**. Axis Bank is the first private sector Bank to introduce this new-age banking feature leveraging the Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem to create a seamless banking experience for its customers.

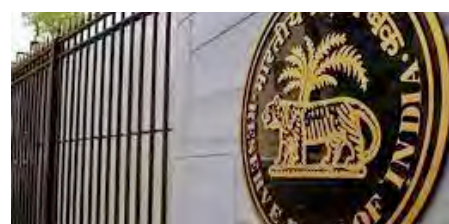
**What is an Account Aggregator?** Account Aggregator is a **type of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**



**regulated framework** that helps an individual securely and **digitally access** and share information from one financial institution they have an account with to any other regulated financial institution in the AA network.

## RBI to conduct 4-day Variable Rate Repo auction for Rs 75000 crore

**T**he Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted a **4-day Variable Rate Repo (VRR)** auction for a notified amount of **Rs 75,000 crore**. The RBI usually conducts the repo auction to inject liquidity in the **banking system**, when it narrows or turns into deficit mode. Banks' tried to draw funds aggregating **₹75,695 crore** from the RBI at the auction. The notified amount for the auction was **₹75,000 crore**. They received



funds aggregating **₹75,004 crore** at the cut-off rate of **6.51%**. **Last time**, the RBI carried out the VRR auction on **May 19, 2023**. RBI will carry out **Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR)** if call money trades around **6.25%**.



## World Bank Approved USD 255.5 Million Loans to Enhance Technical Education in Govt-run Institutions

The World Bank has approved a **USD 255.5 million** loan for improving the quality of technical education in government-run institutions in India. To enhance the skills and **employability of students** enrolled in government-run technical institutions across the nation. Over the next 5 years, approximately **275 selected institutions** will benefit from this funding, positively impacting the lives of more than 350,000 students annually.



## RBI imposes fine on Jammu and Kashmir Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, Axis Bank for breaking rules

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs 2.5 crore** on Jammu & Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank), **Rs 1.45 crore** on Bank of Maharashtra (BoM), and **Rs 30 lakh** on **Axis Bank** for rule violations.

## LIC launches close-ended Dhan Vridhhi plan

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched **Dhan Vridhhi**, a single-premium, non-participating endowment plan. It is a **limited-time guaranteed** returns policy that will be available for purchase up to September 30, 2023. This plan provides financial support to the family in case of unfortunate death of the life assured during the policy term. **Dhan Vridhhi** is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings, single premium life plan, offering a combination of protection and savings.

The plan's entry age ranges from



**90 days to 8 years**, depending on the insurance term selected. The maximum admission age varies from **32 to 60 years old**, depending on the term and policy choice chosen. The minimum basic sum assured is **Rs 1.25 lakh**, with the opportunity to enhance it in multiples of **Rs 5,000**.

## ADB approves \$295million loan to improve transport connectivity in Bihar

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a **\$295 million loan** to widen and upgrade around **265 kilometres** of state highways, improving transport connectivity and safety in the state of **Bihar** in India. The highways will be upgraded with **climate- and disaster-resilient design, road safety elements**, and other features that will respond to the needs of the elderly, women, children,



and people with disabilities. The project will also **encourage women's participation** by providing employment to female workers in construction works.

## Indian Bank partners with Manipal Technologies to offer customised banking solutions

**Manipal Technologies Limited** (MTL) has partnered with state-owned **Indian Bank** to drive **financial inclusion** by offering customised banking products. To build a sustainable network of **corporate business correspondents (CBCs)** that will enhance the availability, affordability, and accessibility of



financial services, particularly in underserved markets and rural areas.





## Indian Overseas Bank signed an MOU with the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission

**I**ndian Overseas Bank (IOB), a leading financial institution, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission (TNSRLM)**. To foster the growth of **Self Help Groups (SHGs)** in the state and provide them with vital financial support.



## Kotak Mahindra Bank partners with actyv.ai to provide insurance products to MSMEs

**K**otak Mahindra Bank's subsidiary, Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company has partnered with actyv.ai to offer bite-sized insurance products to new-age **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)** companies in India.

**actyv.ai** founder and global CEO: Raghunath Subramanian

## Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Launches New Guaranteed Pension Plan - ABSLI Nishchit Pension Plan

**A**ditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company Limited (ABSLI), the life insurance arm of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), has launched a new retirement solution called **ABSLI Nishchit Pension Plan**.

The ABSLI Nishchit Pension Plan is a **non-linked, non-participating individual pension plan**. The plan sets a maximum entry age of 65 years and a minimum entry age of 30 years. The minimum annualised premium required is **Rs. 20,000**.

Policyholders can avail the vesting benefit until the **age of 75, with a minimum vesting age of 45 years**.



### What is Vesting?

The age at which the insured starts to receive the pension is called the vesting age. Once the vesting age is reached, the policy begins to release the annuity payout amount in the frequency mentioned in the policy.

All life insurance policies do not come with a vesting age clause.

## World Bank Approves USD 300 Million Loan to Improve Quality Of School Education in Chhattisgarh

**T**he World Bank has approved a loan worth **USD 300 million** to help expand and improve the quality of education in government-run schools in Chhattisgarh.

The loan has a maturity of **18.5 years with a grace period of 5 years**. To benefit about **4 million students**, mostly from poor and vulnerable communities in Chhattisgarh. The Chhattisgarh Accelerated Learning for a



Knowledge Economy Operation (CHALK) aims to improve access to education across all grades, and also address the **growing demand** for science and commerce studies at the senior secondary level.

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# BUSINESS



## 'India's Internet economy to reach \$1 trillion by 2030'

A continued shift in consumer behavior and the evolution of the business ecosystem will underpin the growth of India's Internet economy, from approximately **\$175 billion** of consumption in 2022 to **\$1 trillion by 2030**, according to a report by Google, Temasek, and Bain & Company. Consequently, the contribution of the Internet economy to India's technology sector is set to expand, from the present **48 per cent to 62 per cent** in 2030, while its share in India's GDP will increase from **4-5 per cent to nearly 12-13 per cent**.



## 'India's Internet economy to reach \$1 trillion by 2030'

Google is investing **10 billion dollars** in India's digitisation fund.

He also announced the opening of Google's global fintech operation centre in **GIFT City, Gujarat**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi separately met **Google CEO Sundar Pichai, Amazon CEO Andrew Jassy, and Boeing CEO David Calhoun** in Washington DC.

## JSW Steel Receives GreenPro Ecolabel For Its Automotive Steel Products

JSW Steel's "Automotive Steel" products have received GreenPro ecolabel.

**Confederation of Indian Industry's Green Business Centre** has developed the **GreenPro Ecolabel**. The ecolabel recognizes the highest standards of environmental sustainability and product performance in the Indian manufacturing sector.



The ecolabel shows that the products of JSW steel are manufactured with utmost care to their environment impact throughout their lifecycle which includes sourcing of raw material, production process, energy consumption and end-of-life management.

## Nvidia becomes the first chipmaker valued at over \$1 trillion

Nvidia Corp breached the **\$1 trillion** in market capitalization, making it the first chipmaker to join the trillion-dollar club. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd is the next largest chipmaker globally, valued at about **\$535 billion**. Meta Platforms Inc, valued at about **\$670 billion** as of last close, clinched the trillion-dollar market



capitalization milestone in 2021, while Apple Inc, Alphabet Inc, Microsoft Corp and Amazon.com Inc are the other U.S. companies that are part of the club. Wall Street analysts called Nvidia's forecast "**unfathomable**" and "**cosmological**", hiking their price

## IREDA opens Paperless Business Centre at East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), a Mini Ratna (Category - I) Government of India enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, **has set up a state-of-the-art Business Centre at NBCC Office Complex, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi**. A significant milestone in IREDA's commitment to sustainable practices, the office which



is designed to operate in a completely paperless manner, has been inaugurated by **IREDA Chairman & Managing Director, Pradip Kumar Das**, in the presence of **Chief Financial Officer R. C. Sharma**, other senior officials and employees of the company.





## Fitch Ratings raises India's economic growth forecast to 6.3 percent for current fiscal year

Fitch Ratings has raised India's GDP forecast to 6.3 percent from 6 percent for the current fiscal year (2023). This is primarily because of a stronger out-turn in the first quarter and near-term momentum. The rating agency has estimated a growth of 6.5 per cent each for 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years.



## India's MSME sector contributes 30% to GDP and nearly 50 % to exports

The country's MSME sector contributes 30 percent to the GDP and nearly 50 percent to exports. On the occasion of International MSME Day, the Minister was speaking at Udyami Bharat-MSME Day in New Delhi. These include the **CHAMPIONS 2.0 Portal**, **MSME Idea Hackathon 3.0 for Women Entrepreneurs**, and a Mobile App for Geo-tagging of Cluster Projects and Technology Centers.



## RBI informs GNPA ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks fallen to 10 year low of 3.9% in March 2023

The Reserve Bank of India has informed that the Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks has fallen to 10 year low of 3.9 percent in March 2023 and net non-performing assets (NNPA) ratio declined to 1 percent. As per the report Scheduled commercial banks bolstered their capital base

## WPI maintains the declining trend; falls to -3.48% in May, 2023:

The annual rate of inflation based on the All India Wholesale Price Index (WPI) number is (-) 3.48% (Provisional) for the month of May, 2023 (over May, 2022) against (-) 0.92%

recorded in April, 2023.

The index numbers and inflation rate for the last three months of all commodities and WPI components are given below:

All Commodities/ Major Groups	Weight (%)	Mar-23 (F)		Apr-23 (P)		May-23 (P)	
		Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation
All Commodities	100.0	151.	1.41	150.	-0.92	149.	-3.48
I. Primary	22.62	175.	2.52	177.	1.60	175.	-1.79
II. Fuel & Power	13.15	156.	8.69	152.	0.93	148.	-9.17
III. Manufactured Products	64.23	141.3	-0.70	141.2	-2.42	140.7	-2.97
Food Index	24.38	172.	2.32	173.	0.17	172.	-1.59

Note: P: Provisional, F: Final, \* Annual rate of WPI inflation calculated over the corresponding month of previous year.

## Gross Direct Tax collections for Financial Year (FY) 2023-24 register a growth of 12.73%

Direct Tax collections for the Financial Year 2023-24, net collections are at **Rs. 3,79,760 crore**, compared to **Rs. 3,41,568 crore** in the corresponding period of the preceding Financial Year i.e. FY 2022-23, representing an increase of 11.18%.

The Gross collection of Direct Taxes (before adjusting for refunds) for the FY 2023-24 stands at **Rs. 4,19,338 crore** as compared to **Rs. 3,71,982 crore** in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year,



registering a growth of 12.73% over collections of FY 2022-23. The Advance Tax collections for the first quarter of the FY 2023-24 stand at **Rs. 1,16,776 crore**, against Advance Tax collections of **Rs. 1,02,707 crore** for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding Financial Year i.e. 2022-23, showing a growth of 13.70%.

## All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural and Rural Labourers – May 2023:

The All-India Consumer Price Index Number for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers for the month of **May, 2023** increased by 6 & 5 points to stand at 1186 and 1197 points respectively. Tamilnadu with 1371 points topped the index table whereas Himachal Pradesh with 918 points stood at the bottom.

In case of Rural Labourers, it with Capital to risk-weighted assets ratio at a historical high of 17.1% and common equity tier1



recorded an increase of **1 to 17 points in 12 States** and a decrease of 1 to 5 points in 7 States while it remained stationary for Kerala State. Tamilnadu with 1360 points topped the index table whereas Himachal Pradesh with 968 points stood at the bottom.

capital ratio at 13.9 percent in March 2023.

# APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

## P Upadhyay takes charge as Director General of Naval Armament



P Upadhyay assumed charge as Director General of Naval Armament

(DGONA) on June 1, 2023, and replaced KSC Iyer, who superannuated on 31 May 2023. He is an alumnus of the Naval Defence College of NDC-53. He belongs to the 1987 batch of the Indian Naval Armament Service. He joined the Naval Armament Organization of the Indian Navy in 1989. In a span of 34 years, he has held various important assignments at NAD (Visakhapatnam), NAD (Karanja), NAD (Trombay), NAD (Alwaye).



## Competition Commission of India Director Atul Verma gets 3-month extension

The government has extended the tenure of Atul Verma as the Director General of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for 3 months. The Director General (DG) office is the investigation arm of the fair trade regulator.

## Government appoints Ashwani Kumar as MD & CEO of UCO Bank

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Ashwani Kumar, Executive Director, Indian Bank as **Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of UCO Bank for a period of **three years**. Kumar will replace Soma Sankara Prasad, who is due to superannuate on May 31, 2023. Kumar, a chartered



accountant, rose through ranks serving various offices of 5 public sector

banks - Bank of Baroda (BoB), Corporation Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC), Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Indian Bank.

## Ajay Yadav appointed as the new Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited

The government has appointed **Ajay Yadav**, a 2005 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Bihar cadre as the **Managing Director (MD)** of **Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd. (SECI)**. Ajay Yadav succeeded **Suman Sharma**. Prior to this appointment Ajay Yadav served



as the **Joint Secretary, Ministry of New Renewable Energy, Government of India (GoI)**.

## K. Krithivasan to take charge as MD & CEO of TCS

**K. Krithivasan**, took charge as the new **Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of the Indian Information Technology (IT) services company, **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**. He Succeeded **Rajesh Gopinathan** stepped down from the position he assumed in 2017. The term of his appointment



as CEO is for 5 years till February 2027. **Krithivasan** is only the fifth CEO of

the company in its 55-year history, reflecting the stable management and strong leadership.

## Amarendu Prakash takes over as the new SAIL chairman

**Amarendu Prakash** has taken charge as the **new Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)**. He succeeds **Soma Mondal**, who retired from the post on April 30, 2023. Prior to this appointment



he has been serving as the **Director (in-charge at SAIL's Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL), in**

**Bokaro, Jharkhand.**





## Nirmala Lakshman appointed as new Chairperson of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited

**N**irmala Lakshman has been unanimously appointed as **Chairperson** of the Board of Directors of **The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited (THGPPL)** for a term of **3 years**. She succeeds **Malini Parthasarathy**, who stepped down as Chairperson at the Board's meeting upon nearing the completion of her **3-year term**.



## TransUnion CIBIL Appoints V Anantharaman as Chairman

**T**ransUnion CIBIL, India's leading insights and information company, has announced the appointment of **V Anantharaman** as non-executive chairman. Anantharaman takes over from **M V Nair**, who steps down after more than 11 years as the Chairman. Anantharaman is an industry veteran who brings over three decades of experience in the financial services sector having led corporate and investment banking teams in leading international firms including **Standard Chartered Bank, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank and Bank of America**.

## ICICI Bank's board approves the reappointment of Sandeep Batra as Executive Director for 2 more years

**T**he board of directors of **ICICI Bank** have approved the reappointment of **Sandeep Batra as Executive Director (ED)** of the Bank for a period of **2 years** with effect from Dec 23, 2023 to Dec 22, 2025. The current tenure of Batra as ED of the Bank is set to end on **December 22, 2023**. The Board noted that this renewed term of two years is within the five years term as previously approved by the shareholders. Also, the board of directors of ICICI Bank have



approved the reappointment of **Hari Mundra, B. Sriram and S. Madhavan** as **Independent Directors** for a second term, subject to the approval of the shareholders.

## Recep Tayyip Erdogan sworn in as Turkey's president for 3rd time

**R**ecep Tayyip Erdogan was re-elected as the President of Turkey for the **third consecutive time**. Erdogan received 52.14% of votes in the second round beating his challenger, Kemal Kilicdaroglu, who won 47.86%. Ambassador Virander Paul will be representing India at the ceremony. In **2014** he became the **country's first popularly-elected** president and was elected again in 2018 after securing new executive powers



for the presidency in a 2017 referendum. Previously, he served as prime minister of Turkey from 2003 to 2014 and as mayor of Istanbul from 1994 to 1998.

## Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar Named 'Smile Ambassador' For Oral Hygiene Campaign In Maharashtra

**C**ricket icon Sachin Tendulkar has been appointed as the **'Smile Ambassador'** for the Maharashtra government's oral hygiene campaign titled **'Swachh Mukh Abhiyaan'**.

Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Shri Devendra Fadnavis signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for **5 years** with Tendulkar for the major state-wide initiative. The Swachh Mukh Abhiyaan is a **national campaign** undertaken by the Indian Dental Association to



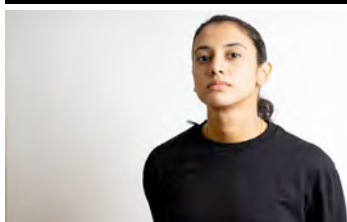
improve oral health and hygiene and educate people about its importance. In March 2023, **Savlon Swasth India Mission** enlisted Sachin Tendulkar as the world's first **'Hand Ambassador'** to promote handwashing as a routine for better overall hygiene



## UK's Birmingham Gets First Indian-Origin Lord Mayor – Chaman Lal

**C**ouncillor Chaman Lal has become the first ever British-Indian Sikh to take oath as Birmingham's Lord Mayor. He joined the Labour Party in 1989 and has taken part in many social justice campaigns to challenge inequality and all forms of discrimination.

He first elected to Soho and Jewellery Quarter ward in 1994, he has served the city council for the past 30 years. Prior to his appointment to the ceremonial role of Birmingham's First Citizen, Lal held various posts, including Chair of Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), and membership of Co-ordinating OSC and West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee.



## Wrangler onboards cricketer Smriti Mandhana as its brand ambassador

**A**ce Turtle Omni Pvt Ltd., a retail company, has appointed Indian cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** as the brand ambassador of its **Wrangler brand**. Her association with Wrangler will inspire customers, especially the youth, to embrace their uniqueness and chase their dreams fearlessly."

## K. Prathapa Reddy appointed as new chairman of Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank

**P**rathapa Reddy, Deputy General Manager of State Bank of India (SBI), has been appointed as Chairman of Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank (APGVB) for 5 years. He took over the charge from K. Praveen Kumar. A deputy general manager with the SBI, he had successfully led the Real Estate Housing Business Unit (REHBU) at SBI Bhopal circle. He had held various positions, including that of the regional manager of Nizamabad and Himayat Nagar regions,



overseeing rural, semi-urban, urban, and metro branches. He also served as the head of the agriculture development branch and retail assets centralised processing centre of SBI in Hyderabad.

## Janardan Prasad appointed as new Director General of Geological Survey of India

**J**anardan Prasad has been appointed as the new **Director General** of the Geological Survey of India (GSI). Mr. Prasad, succeeds **Dr. S. Raju**. Prasad joined GSI, Gandhinagar, as a geologist in 1988. He was also posted in Shillong, Patna, Faridabad, Ranchi and Hyderabad in various capacities. Before this assignment, he was posted as the Additional Director General and Head of the Department



(ADG & HoD) of the southern region since June 2020. He was also chairman of the **technical-cum- cost committee (TCC)**, **National Mineral Exploration Trust**, New Delhi.

## Comptroller and Auditor General Girish Chandra Murmu re-elected as External Auditor of WHO for 4-year term

**C**omptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu has been re-elected as External Auditor of the World Health Organisation (WHO) for a 4-year term from 2024 to 2027. CAG is already holding this position in WHO since 2019 for a four-year term from 2019 to 2023. The election was held in the **76th World Health Assembly in Geneva**.



The CAG of India was re-elected with an overwhelming majority of **114 out of 156 votes** in the first round of voting itself.





## Gurdeep Singh appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) **Gurdeep Singh** has been given **additional charge** of the CMD of North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) for a period of **3 months**. He was appointed following the retirement of the incumbent **CMD P C Pankaj**. The decision was taken following the approval of the Union Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy (NRE), **RK Singh**.



## Gurbachan Singh Randhawa resigns as chairman of Athletics Federation of India's selection committee after 18-year tenure

Two-time Olympian and 1962 Asian Games gold medallist Gurbachan Singh Randhawa resigned as the chairman of Athletics Federation of India (AFI) Selection Committee after a tenure of 18 years owing to his **"advancing age"**.

He was bestowed second-highest sporting honour of India,

## Kerala-cadre IPS officer Nitin Agarwal appointed as Director General of Border Security Force

**Nitin Agarwal**, an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the 1989 Kerala cadre, has been appointed as the new director general (DG) of the Border Security Force (BSF). The appointment of Agarwal came on a day the BSF began its bi-annual four-day border talks with its Bangladeshi counterpart Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in Delhi.

The position of BSF chief had remained vacant for over 5



months since the retirement of **Pankaj Kumar Singh** on December 31, 2022.

For the past 5 months, the **additional charge** of the BSF has been held by Sujoy Lal Thaisen, the DG of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

## Argentina's Celeste Saulo appointed as 1st female Secretary-General of World Meteorological Organization

**Celeste Saulo** of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General (SG) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). She will take office on 1 January 2024 and succeeds Prof Petteri Taalas, who has completed his two-term mandate. Prof. Saulo was appointed after receiving the requisite two thirds majority of votes from delegates



at the quadrennial World Meteorological Congress, the top decision-making body of the 193-Member WMO.

## Sourav Ganguly becomes Brand Ambassador of Tripura Tourism

Former Indian cricket captain **Sourav Ganguly** has been appointed as the **brand ambassador** of Tripura tourism. The announcement came after Tripura's Tourism Minister **Sushanta Chowdhury** met Ganguly at his residence in Kolkata along with state officials, and discussed the proposal. Ganguly's participation in the campaigns will give impetus to the tourism sector of Tripura.



Tripura is the 3rd smallest state in India known for its diverse culture, archaeology, handicrafts, and music.

Arjuna Award in 1961

In 2005, Randhawa was conferred with the fourth highest civilian

award in India, the Padma Shri award.

## Pankaj Agrawal to be the new Power Secretary & Chanchal Kumar as new Civil Aviation Secretary

In a major bureaucratic reshuffle, the government of India (GoI) has appointed **Pankaj Agrawal** as the new **Power Secretary**.

He would replace present Secretary **Alok Kumar**, who will retire on June 30, 2023.

### Other Appointments :

Senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer **Sudhanshu Pant** has been named as the new **Health Secretary**.

**Chanchal Kumar**, Managing Director (MD) of National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd., has been named as the new **Civil Aviation Secretary**.

**T K Ramachandran**, chairman of **V O Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin**, will be **Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways in place of Pant**.

Senior bureaucrat **Atal Dulloo** has been appointed as **Secretary, Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs** & he will succeed **Dharmendra S Gangwar**, who is due to superannuate on June 30, 2023.

**Rameshwar Prasad Gupta**, a 1987-batch Gujarat-cadre retired IAS officer, has been appointed as **Chairman & Managing Director**, **Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd.** on contract basis for a period of two years.

**Bharat Lal**, who is at present **Director General of National Centre for Good Governance**, has been appointed as **Secretary General, National Human Rights Commission** on contract basis for a period of 1 year, will succeed **Devendra Kumar Singh**, who is due to retire from service on June 30, 2023.

**Debashree Mukherjee** will be **Secretary, Department of Water**



**Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation**, will succeed **Pankaj Kumar**, upon his superannuation on September 30, 2023.

**Rajat Kumar Mishra**, Additional Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs, has been appointed as **Secretary, Department of Fertilizers**.

**Subhas Chandra Lal Das**, Director General of Hydrocarbons, will now be **Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**.

**Nivedita Shukla Verma**, Special Secretary in the Department of Defence, will be the new **Secretary, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals**.

**Vibhu Nayar**, Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of External Affairs will be **Tribal Affairs Secretary**.

**S Gopalakrishnan**, Special Secretary in the Department of Health & Family Welfare, has been appointed as **Director General, National Productivity Council**, and will replace **Sundeeep Kumar Nayak**, who will be superannuating on July 31, 2023.

**Chhattisgarh-cadre IAS officer Renu Gonela Pillay** will be **Secretary, the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, will succeed **Upma Srivastava**, who retires on July 31, 2023.

**Pillay's batchmate Seema Jain**, presently serving in her cadre state Punjab, will be **Member Finance, Space Commission** & she will take over the charge from **Talleen Kumar**, who is due to superannuate on July 31, 2023.



## Hyundai Motor India signs Hardik Pandya as brand ambassador for Exter

**Hyundai Motor India Limited (HML)**, India's first smart mobility solutions provider and largest exporter since inception, announced the **cricketing youth icon – Hardik Pandya** as its brand ambassador for its **sports utility vehicle (SUV), Exter**.



## Amitava Mukherjee gets 3 months extension as CMD of NMDC & NMDC Steel Limited

The Ministry of Steel has given 3 months extension to **Amitava Mukherjee**, Director (Finance) of the **National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)** to hold the additional charge of **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** mining major NMDC and its disinvested company **NMDC Steel Limited (NSL)** from June 01, 2023 to Aug 31, 2023.

## Sanjay Kumar assumes charge as new director for marketing in GAIL India



**Sanjay Kumar** took over as the new director for marketing in state gas utility **GAIL (India) Ltd.** Prior to his new role, he was the **Managing Director (MD)** of **Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL)**, the largest CNG distribution company in India, from April 2022.

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## IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers appointed as the Chair-elect of IATA's Board of Governors

India's preferred carrier, **IndiGo** announced that its **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**, **Pieter Elbers** has been elected as the chair-elect of the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)** Board of Governors. He will succeed present Chair, **Yvonne Manzi Makolo**, the CEO of **Rwandair** with effect from **June 2024**.



## Gopichand Hinduja takes over as Group chairman

**Gopichand Hinduja** has taken over as **chairman** of the \$34.5 billion-worth **Hinduja Group** following the death of his brother, **Srichand Hinduja** in May 2023. Earlier, he was the co-chairman and was overseeing the diverse global business empire that straddles across sectors such as automotive, IT, media and entertainment, infrastructure, oil and speciality chemicals, power and real estate.

## Romania's Nicolae Ciuca resigned as prime minister & appoints Justice Minister Catalin Predoiu as interim PM

Romania's President **Klaus Iohannis** has appointed incumbent **Justice Minister Catalin Predoiu** as interim prime minister (PM) following the resignation of Prime Minister **Nicolae Ciuca** as part of a ruling coalition deal for a rotating premiership. Under an agreement reached by the members of the ruling coalition that was sworn in in November 2021, the country



will rotate its prime minister every 18 months before the next parliamentary elections, which are expected in **December 2024**.

## Senior IPS Officer Ravi Sinha Appointed as Research and Analysis Wing 's Chief

A senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre, **Ravi Sinha**, has been appointed as the new chief of India's external intelligence Research and Analysis Wing or R&AW chief. The Ministry of Personnel has approved his appointment as Secretary RAW for a tenure of 2 years. He will succeed **Samant Goel** who completes his four-year



stint on June 30, 2023. Currently, Sinha is the special secretary at the Cabinet Secretariat (this is the number two position in RAW.)

## UK Appoints Jane Marriott as its First Woman Envoy To Pakistan

Senior diplomat **Jane Marriott**, has been officially appointed as the **new High Commissioner of the United Kingdom (UK) for Pakistan**, making her the **first female envoy** to hold this position. Jane, is due to take up her role in **mid-July, 2023**

She would be replacing **Dr Christian Turner**, who left Pakistan in January, 2023 after serving as the envoy since December 2019. Prior to this new appointment,



Jane Marriott, 47, was the high commissioner to Kenya from September 2019 to June 2023. She was the **first female UK High Commissioner to Kenya**.



## Reliance Group appoints Parul Sharma as Group President

The Reliance Group has appointed Parul Sharma as Group President.

For nearly 40 years, Tony Jesudasan was the public face of the Reliance Group, its bulwark in Delhi and across the world. Tony passed away in February 2023.



## SBI's MD Swaminathan Janakiraman appointed as RBI Deputy Governor

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has selected State Bank of India (SBI) Managing Director (MD) Swaminathan Janakiraman for the post of Deputy Governor (DG) in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a period of 3 years.

Currently, the other 3 deputy governors of the RBI are Michael D Patra, T Rabi Sankar and Rajeshwar Rao. Janakiraman will succeed Mahesh Kumar Jain, whose tenure ends on June 22, 2023.

## Axis Bank appoints former RBI Deputy Governor N S Vishwanathan as non-executive & part time chairman

Axis Bank has appointed N S Vishwanathan, former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as an independent director and non-executive (part-time) chairman. His appointment will be effective from October 27, 2023 or the date of approval of his appointment by the RBI for a period of 3 years.



## RBI approves re-appointment of Vasudevan P N as MD&CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the re-appointment of P N Vasudevan as the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB) for a period of 3 years, from July 23, 2023, to July 23, 2026. Equitas SFB posted 35% year-on-year (YoY) growth in its advances to reach Rs 27,861 crore by end of March 2023.



## Kuwait PM Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah reappointed by royal decree

A royal decree has been issued to reappoint Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah as Kuwait's Prime Minister (PM). The Emiri decree, signed by Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah stated that Sheikh Ahmad is responsible for nominating new



cabinet members and submitting their names.

## WHO appoints Dr Vanessa Kerry as Director-General Special Envoy for Climate Change and Health

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has appointed Dr Vanessa Kerry as the first-ever WHO Director-General Special Envoy for Climate Change and Health. She will play a pivotal role in amplifying WHO's climate and health messaging and undertake



high-level advocacy.





## LIC Housing Finance Limited appoints Tribhuwan Adhikari as Chief Operating Officer

LIC Housing Finance Limited (LIC HFL) has appointed Tribhuwan Adhikari as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the company. Prior to this assignment, he was posted as Additional Director at Zonal Training Center, Eastern Zone, Kolkata.



## RBI approved the appointment of A P Hota as Federal Bank's Part-Time Chairman

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its approval to the Federal Bank for the appointment of AP Hota as part-time chairman, with effect from June 29, 2023, till January 14, 2026.

## Alibaba Appoints Eddie Wu as New CEO; Joseph Tsai to Be New Chairman

Eddie Wu, chairman of Alibaba's Core Taobao and Tmall online commerce divisions, will take over as chief executive officer (CEO) of the Alibaba Group Holding Limited, or Alibaba. Meanwhile Joseph Tsai, executive vice chairman of Alibaba Group Holdings, will take over as chairman. Tsai succeeds 8-year



veteran chief Daniel Zhang. Both appointments will take effect on September 10, 2023.

## Senior IAS officer Amit Agrawal appointed as CEO of UIDAI

Senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Amit Agrawal assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). He was appointed to the position following the retirement of Saurabh Garg. Prior to joining UIDAI as CEO, he was Additional



Secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). He is

also the current Chairman of the National Digital Communications Policy Committee.

## Finland Parliament elects conservative leader Petteri Orpo as New Prime Minister

Petteri Orpo, the leader of the conservative party in Finland, has been elected as the country's prime minister by the parliament. Parliament voted in favour of Orpo, who won the April elections and has been in thorny negotiations to build a coalition since then, with 107 in favour, 81 opposed and 11 absent. He was formally



appointed as prime minister by President Sauli Niinisto. He took over from Sanna Marin,

whose Social Democrats finished third behind Orpo's National Coalition Party (NCP) and the Finns Party.

## Conservative leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis wins second term as Greek PM

Greece's conservative New Democracy (ND) party chief Kyriakos Mitsotakis won the national election & secured a second four-year term as Prime Minister (PM) of Greece. He served as the PM of Greece for the first term from July 2019 to May



2023. Mitsotakis' New Democracy party received over 40% of the vote, securing at least 158 seats

in the 300-seat parliament with around 96% of the votes counted.



## Haoliang Xu appointed as new Associate Administrator for the United Nations Development Programme

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed **Haoliang Xu** of **China** as undersecretary-general and associate administrator of the **UN Development Programme** (UNDP). Xu will succeed Usha Rao-Monari of India, Associate Administrator since April 2021.

Currently, Xu serves as UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator, and Director of the **Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS)**, a role he has carried out with distinction since July 2019.

## UN Secretary-General appoints Indian-origin satellite expert Aarti Holla-Maini as Director of UN Office for Outer Space Affairs

Indian-origin satellite industry expert **Aarti Holla-Maini** was appointed as the Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) in Vienna by the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Aarti Holla-Maini will succeed Simonetta Di Pippo of Italy, who served as the director of UNOOSA from 2014 to 2022. Until Aarti Holla-Maini assumes the position of Director of UNOOSA, Niklas Hedman of Sweden has been serving as the Acting Director of UNOOSA since March 2022.



will continue in the post. Prior to this new appointment, she was **Executive Vice-President Sustainability, Policy & Impact at NorthStar Earth & Space**.

## Former Finance Secretary Hasmukh Adhia Appointed as Chairman of GIFT City

Senior retired bureaucrat and former Union Finance Secretary & Revenue Secretary, **Hasmukh Adhia**, has been appointed Chairman of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), the entity responsible for developing India's first smart city Gujarat International Finance-Tec City in Gandhinagar. As GIFT City Chairman, Adhia replaces Sudhir Mankad, former chief secretary of Gujarat.

Besides GIFT City, Adhia has also been appointed Director and **Chairman** of the boards of State public sector undertakings Gujarat Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd (GACL) and Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd (GMDC) with immediate effect. At present Adhia is a non-executive



Chairman of Bank of Baroda, and also the Chancellor of Central University of Gujarat.

**GIFT City** is India's first operational greenfield smart city and international financial services center, which the Government of Gujarat promoted as a **greenfield project**.



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## Goan writer Damodar Maujo honored with Jnanpith Award

Goa state governor P S Sreedharan Pillai honored Goan writer Damodar Maujo with the **57th Jnanpith Award**, the country's highest literary honour. He also stated that Maujo is the "epitome of the Konkani literary culture." 25 books of Maujo have been published in Konkani and one in English. Many of his books have also been translated into different languages. In 1983, the famous novel 'Karmelin' by Maujo received the Sahitya Akademi Award. Maujo is the second Goan after Ravindra Kelekar (2008), who received the Jnanpith Award.



## President Droupadi Murmu becomes Indian to be conferred with Suriname's highest civilian award

Suriname conferred its highest Civilian honour to President Droupadi Murmu- The **Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star**, the first Indian to receive this award. Murmu received the award

## The winners at the 76th Cannes Film Festival

76th edition of the Cannes Film Festival concluded.

**Justine Triet's Anatomy of a Fall won the Palme d'Or**, which is the highest prize awarded at the Cannes Film Festival.

French director Justine Triet is the third woman to win the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival. Jane Campion won the Palme d'Or for *The Piano* (1993) and Julia Ducournau won it for *Titane* (2021).

### List of Winners:

1. This year, two Honorary Palme d'Or were awarded to Michael Douglas and Harrison Ford. Ruben Ostlund served as jury president.
2. Jonathan Glazer's *The Zone of Interest* won the Grand Prix award.
3. Japanese actor Koji Yakusho won the best



actor award for his role in Wim Wenders's *Perfect Days*. Turkish actress Merve Dizdar won the Best Actress prize for her role in Nuri Bilge Ceylan's *About Dry Grasses*.

4. Best director - Tran Anh Hung for **"The Pot-au-Feu"**
5. **L'Oeil d'or** (Golden Eye) award for best documentary - Jointly won by Kaouther Ben Hania's *Four Daughters* and *The Mother of All Lies* by Asmae El Moudir.

## RINL presented with prestigious "Greentech Safety Award 2023"

RINL received the "GreenTech Safety Award 2023" under the **safety Excellence Category**. It has received the award for improving safety at the workplace in 2022-23.

The award has been received by Shri A K Bagchi - Director (Projects) and Additional Charge Director (Operations) on behalf of RINL. The award was presented at the 21st Annual Greentech Awards function in New Delhi. The 21st GreenTech Safety Award has



been organized by the Greentech Foundation. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd, also known as Vizag Steel, is a central public sector undertaking under the ownership of Ministry of Steel, Government of India based in Visakhapatnam, India

from the **President of the Republic of Suriname, Chandrikapersad Santokhi**. Murmu after receiving the award, said that the honour

holds tremendous significance not only for her but the people of India.



## Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar presents National Water Awards in New Delhi

**V**ice President Jagdeep Dhankhar conferred the fourth National Water Awards in New Delhi. The awards focus on encouraging good work and efforts made by various individuals and organisations to conserve water. **Madhya Pradesh was awarded the first prize in the best State category.**

In the best district category, the **award was given to the Ganjam District of Odisha.** The best Village Panchayat award was presented to Jagannadhapuram Village Panchayat, Bhadradi Kothagudem district of Telangana.

Akashvani, Guwahati also received the second-best award in the Media category.



## Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 to be conferred on Gita Press, Gorakhpur

**T**he Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2021 is being conferred on Gita Press, Gorakhpur. Gandhi Peace Prize is an annual award instituted by the Government

## Prithik Roshan and Alia Bhatt win the award for best actor at IIFA 2023.

**H**irithik Roshan won Best Actor in a Leading Role (male) award at the International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) 2023 held in Abu Dhabi. Alia Bhatt also won the award for Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) for her role in the movie Gangubai Kathiawadi for her role in the film Gangubai Kathiawadi. While Alia was not present at the ceremony, producer Jayantilal Gada accepted the award on her behalf.

Hirithik Roshan won best actor for Vikram Vedha in Indian Film Academy Awards 2023.

**Ajay Devgn's crime thriller Drishyam 2 won the award** for best editing and Best film.

Abhishek Bachchan and Vicky Kaushal hosted the award. Meanwhile, Brahmastra: Part One - Shiva was adjudged the



best film of the year. The film won many other awards at the event, including Best Playback Singer (Female) - Shreya Ghoshal, Best Playback Singer (Male) - Arijit Singh and Best Supporting Actor (Female) - Mouni Roy.

### Winners List:

Best Picture - Drishyam 2.

Best Director - R Madhavan (Rocketry: The Nambi Effect).

Best Actor (Male) - Prithik Roshan (Vikram Vedha).

Best Actor (Female) - Alia Bhatt (Gangubai Kathiawadi).

Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema - Kamal Haasan

## Guwahati Railway Station awarded 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI

**T**he Guwahati Railway Station in Assam under North East Frontier Railway has been awarded 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI in recognition of providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers. The station has been able to qualify the guidelines



established by FSSAI and becomes the first railway station in NF Railway to get this status.

of India in 1995, on the occasion of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi as a tribute to the ideals espoused by Mahatma Gandhi. The award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or gender.

The past awardees include organizations such as ISRO, Ramakrishna Mission, Grameen Bank of Bangladesh, Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, Akshaya Patra,

Bengaluru, Ekal Abhiyan Trust, India and Sulabh International, New Delhi.





## NTPC Barauni secures First Rank at 4th National Water Awards, in Best Industry Category

**N**TPC Barauni has achieved a significant milestone by securing the first rank in the Best Industry Category at the 4th National Water Awards. The recognition given by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India highlights NTPC's unwavering commitment and exceptional efforts in the conservation and management of water resources. The award was presented by the Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar to CMD, NTPC Gurdeep Singh and Head of Project, NTPC Barauni, **Rajeev Khanna** in the august presence of Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, at an event held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi



## Shankar Mahadevan receives Honorary Doctorate from Birmingham City University

**R**enowned musician-singer & Padmashree Awardee Shankar Mahadevan has been

## NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India sign the Government of India – United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework

**N**ITI Aayog and the United Nations in India signed the Government of India – United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023–2027.

The GoI-UNSDCF was signed by **Mr. B V R Subrahmanyam**, CEO, NITI Aayog, and **Mr. Shombi Sharp**, UN Resident Coordinator, India in the presence of the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, **Mr. Suman Bery**, senior representatives from NITI Aayog, central ministries and heads of UN agencies in India.

The **GoI-UNSDCF 2023–2027** is built on four strategic pillars derived from the 2030 Agenda – **People, Prosperity, Planet and**



**Participation.** The 4 interlinked pillars have six outcome areas focusing on Health and Well Being; Nutrition and Food Security; Quality Education; Economic Growth and Decent Work; Environment, Climate, WASH and Resilience; and Empowering People, Communities, and Institutions.

## President Droupadi Murmu confers National Florence Nightingale Awards 2022–2023 to nursing professionals

**P**resident Droupadi Murmu Conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the years 2022 and 2023 to the nursing professionals at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Thirty nursing professionals were awarded the prestigious award for their dedication, duty and service to the community. India has set a target of eradicating TB by 2025. The special mission



to eliminate sickle cell anaemia by 2047 was announced in the Union Budget 2023–24.

conferred an honorary doctorate by Birmingham City University (BCU) in London, England in recognition of his contribution to music and the arts.

He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Professor Philip Plowden, Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham City University during a ceremony held in Birmingham.



## PM Narendra Modi conferred Egypt's highest civilian honour 'Order of The Nile'

Prime Minister (PM) Shri Narendra Modi was conferred with the 'Order of the Nile', Egypt's highest honour, by President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi at the Presidential palace in Cairo. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is the first Indian to receive the award. Over the last 9 years, PM Modi has received many international awards and this is the 13th highest state honour conferred upon PM Modi. The Order of the Nile was established in the year 1915 by Sultan Hussein

## Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports invites nominations for Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award-TANNA 2022

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has invited nominations for the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award-TANNA 2022.

These National Adventure Awards are conferred by the Ministry to youth in order to recognise the achievements of persons associated with the field of adventure.

The aim of giving this award is also to encourage young people to develop the spirit of endurance, risk-taking, cooperative teamwork and quick, ready and



effective reflexes in challenging situations. The Awards are presented to the winners along with Arjuna Awards by the Government of India.

Kamel of Egypt & was one of the Kingdom of Egypt's principal orders until the monarchy was

abolished in 1953. The order is named after the Nile River, which is the lifeline of Egypt.

# RANKING & REPORTS



## Mumbai Most Expensive Indian City For Expats; Hong Kong Tops Globally

A report by Mercer's Cost of Living has positioned Mumbai as the most expensive city in India for expatriates. According to the report, after Mumbai, cities like New Delhi and Bengaluru fall on the second and third place in the most expensive list for expats list in India. The Mercer's Cost of Living survey was conducted across 227 cities from across five continents. In Mercer's 2023 Cost of Living survey, Mumbai

## Education Ministry announces NIRF ranking for 2023

The Ministry of Education today announced the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking for the year 2023. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has been declared the best educational institute under the overall category.

Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore got second position and Indian Institute of Technology, IIT-Delhi, awarded third position in the same category. All India Institute of Medical Science, 5th



position and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi got the 10th position in the overall category. In the category of top ten Universities in the country, IISc, Bangalore is in First position and JNU in second position.

has been positioned at 147 in the global ranking, New Delhi at 169, Chennai (184), Bengaluru (189), Hyderabad (202), Kolkata (211), and Pune (213).

Globally, Hong Kong, Singapore and Zurich are the most expensive cities for international employees this year, the report shows.





## Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya releases fifth State Food Safety Index in New Delhi

Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya released the fifth State Food Safety Index in New Delhi. The Index is an annual assessment released by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). This index assesses states' performance in six food safety parameters. Dr. Mandaviya awarded the winning states in different categories.

Kerala, Punjab, and Tamil Nadu were awarded in the Large State category, and Goa, Manipur, and Sikkim in the Small States category. Jammu and Kashmir, Chandigarh, and Delhi got the awards in the Union Territories category.



## AIIMS Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh top medical colleges in India: NIRF 2023

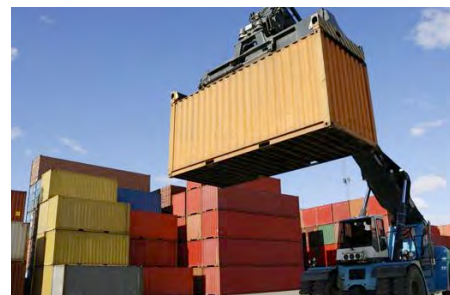
Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, has been ranked the second best medical institute in the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) Rankings, 2023, by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

PGIMER, Chandigarh has been ranked 2nd position 6th time in a row from 2018 to 2023.

Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Minister of State for Education and External Affairs, released NIRF India Rankings 2023, in which,

## India set to remain UAE's largest export destination by 2030:

India is set to remain the United Arab Emirates (UAE) largest export destination by 2030, according to a new report by Standard Chartered. The report, titled "Future of Trade: New opportunities in high-growth corridors", forecasts that the UAE's exports will reach around USD 543 billion by 2030, showcasing a robust annual growth rate of 5.5 percent. The report also highlights that trade corridors anchored in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East are



expected to outpace the global trade growth rate by almost four percentage points, propelling the combined trade volume in these regions to an astounding USD 14.4 trillion, accounting for 44 percent of global trade by 2030.

## Indian Agricultural Research Institute bags first spot among Agriculture and Allied courses colleges

The Indian Agricultural Research Institute, popularly known as the Pusa Institute and the harbinger of Green Revolution, scales to the pinnacle of the crest of the ranking by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for the year 2023 under the category of Agriculture and Allied sectors.

Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi bagged the top spot, with a score 83.16. The second position was secured by ICAR- National Dairy Research Institute in Karnal, Haryana with a score of 70.45.

Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana came third with a score of 65.98 and Banaras Hindu University came fourth with 63.68 points.



The fifth spot was bagged by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University with 61.71 points.

The sixth spot was secured by Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, followed by Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar at the seventh spot.

The eighth spot was secured by GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar.

PGIMER, Chandigarh competed amongst premier Institutes throughout the country under the Medical category. AIIMS, New Delhi has been ranked First in this category and CMC, Vellore has been ranked third.



## IIT Bombay ranked 1st in India and 149th in the world in QS World University Rankings

**I**IT Bombay has been ranked **1st in India and 149th in the world** in QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings. It has moved significantly up from **172nd rank last year to 149th rank this year.**

For the first time ever, IITB has been ranked within the top **150 and top 10% in QS rankings.** IITB has a score of 81.9 in employer reputation, **73.1** in citation per faculty, **55.5** in academic reputation, **47.4** in employment outcome, 54.9 in sustainability.



## Tata Power becomes the most attractive employer brand

**T**ata Power Company has emerged as India's most 'attractive employer brand', followed by Amazon and Tata Steel, reveals the findings of Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2023. Tata Power was at the ninth spot in 2022. IT major Tata Consultancy Services secured the **4th position in the top 10 most 'attractive employer brands'**, followed by Microsoft, Samsung India, Infosys, Tata Motors, IBM and Reliance Industries.

## NTPC climbs up 52 positions to 433rd rank in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List of top companies

**N**TPC Limited, India's largest power generation company, has climbed 52 positions to secure the 433rd rank in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List for 2023. Rising from 485th rank in the list in the year 2022, the climb of 52 positions in just one year demonstrates NTPC's emergence as a strong force in the global market. "The Global 2000" List recognizes the world's largest companies based on four key



metrics: sales, profits, assets and market value. Considering Indian companies, **NTPC has climbed up one place to secure the 10th rank among the largest Indian companies in the 2023 List.**

## Vienna is the most liveable city in the world: Global liveability index 2023

**A**ccording to the global liveability index 2023, Austria's capital Vienna has been named the world's "**most liveable city**" for 2023. The Global liveability index 2023 has been released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

It has ranked **173 cities** around the world on different factors including health care, education, stability, infrastructure and the environment.

In this ranking, Denmark's Copenhagen is in second place while Australia's Melbourne and Sydney are in third and fourth positions.

India's **5 cities- Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Chennai, New Delhi**



**and Mumbai - are also on the list of most liveable cities.**

New Delhi and Mumbai secured 141st position. Chennai, Ahmedabad and B Bengaluru are ranked **144th, 147th and 148th, respectively.**

Damascus is the least liveable city in the world.

Kyiv is also in the bottom 10.

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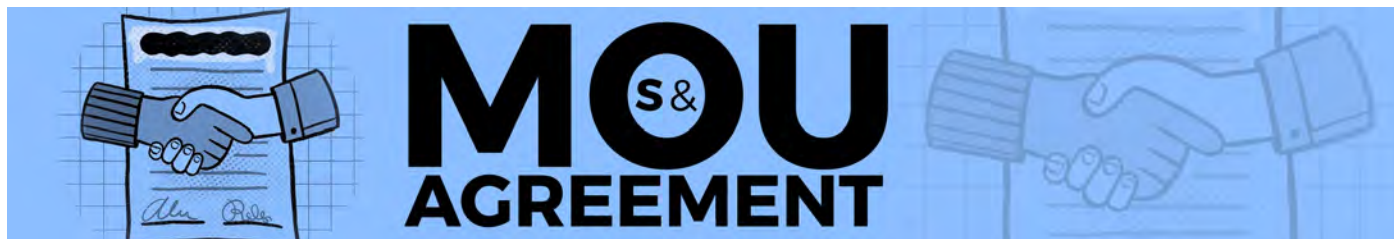
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## India and Nepal signed seven agreements in various fields

India and Nepal signed seven agreements in various fields in June 2023. These fields include trade and **commerce**, **cross-border petroleum pipelines**, development of Integrated Check Posts and hydroelectric **projects** and **payment mechanisms**.



## TRIFED collaborates with Ayush Ministry to supply 34,000 yoga mats

Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd, **TRIFED** has collaborated with the **Ministry of Ayush** to supply **34,000 yoga mats**.

This collaborative effort, set to coincide with the upcoming International Yoga Day, highlights the government's commitment to uplift tribal communities and celebrate India's rich cultural heritage.

## Tamil Nadu signs 6 MoUs worth ₹818.9 cr. with Japanese companies

Tamil Nadu and Japanese companies signed six MoUs to bring an investment of **₹818.9 crores in the State**. Guidance Tamil Nadu (the State's nodal agency for investment promotion and single window facilitation) and KyoKuto Satrac signed MoU for establishing a **13-acre plant** for manufacturing trailers and trucks. An MoU worth **₹155 crores** has been signed by Mitsuba for the expansion of its plant at SIPCOT Gummidipoondi in the Tiruvallur district. Kohyei signed an MoU for setting up a plant for manufacturing polycarbonate sheets.

Sato-Shoji Metal Works will invest



**₹200 crores** to set up a plant for manufacturing high-quality steel components. The Tamil Nadu government is setting up various industrial parks across the state. Tamil Nadu government has also launched '**Naan Mudhalvan**', a skill development programme for school and college students.

## Uber partners with GeM portal to offer taxi services to govt offices, agencies, PSUs at fixed price

Soon personnel from the government ministries, departments, agencies and public sector units will be able to book taxis for official purposes from cab aggregator Uber as the company has partnered with public procurement portal GeM to provide the service.

The ministry procured goods and services worth **INR 30,572.9 crore**. It was followed by the defence ministry (INR 28,741.2 crore), Ministry of Petroleum and **Natural Gas (INR 28,157.2 crore)**, steel ministry (INR 12,527.3 crore),



and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (INR 7,158.3 crore). **South Korea's KONEPS** is the largest such platform in the world. Currently, GeM stands at the third position after Singapore's GeBIZ.



## GE Aerospace signs MoU with HAL to produce fighter jet engines for Indian Air Force

US aerospace major, GE Aerospace, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Indian aerospace company Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, to produce fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force. This major decision has come at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on an official visit to the United States. According to the agreement, GE Aerospace's **F414** engines will be co-produced in the country to power the Indian Air Force's Light Combat Aircraft Mk2.



## India and Belgium have signed Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs) in criminal matters

India and Belgium have signed Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs) in criminal matters which obligates both the countries to execute each other's search warrants and summons against fugitives wanted by individual investigating agencies.

## NHPC inks pact with Energy Department of Maharashtra for developing 7,350 MW pumped storage hydro power projects in Maharashtra

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between NHPC Limited and Department of Energy, Government of Maharashtra for the development of Pumped Storage schemes and other Renewable Energy Source projects in the state of Maharashtra. The MoU envisages development of four Pumped Storage Projects aggregating to a total capacity of **7,350 MW, namely Kalu – 1,150 MW, Savitri – 2,250 MW, Jalond – 2,400 MW and Kengadi – 1,550 MW.** Other Renewable Energy Source Projects too will be developed in the state under the agreement.



The MoU entails harnessing the Pump Storage Projects as Energy Storage Solutions to help achieve the national objective of Energy Transition, i.e., installed capacity of 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030 and Net Zero by 2070. These projects will attract an investment of about **Rs. 44,000 crores** and will generate indirect and direct employment for **7,000 people in the state,**

## UNDP partners with DAY-NULM towards empowering women entrepreneurs

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) entered into a collaborative partnership aimed at **empowering women to make well-informed career choices in the field of entrepreneurship.**

The partnership will provide support for women looking to start and expand their own enterprises, particularly in sectors such as care economy, digital economy, electric mobility, waste management, food packaging



and more. Focused on fostering entrepreneurship development and accelerating enterprise growth, the **three-year project, extendable beyond 2025,** will cover eight cities in the initial phase.

The **MHA** is the nodal ministry for executing court orders under the MLATs.

**Till 2019,** India had entered into MLATs in criminal matters with **42 countries.**





## Gujarat government sign an MoU with American chipmaker firm Micron Technology for semiconductor assembly and test facility in Ahmedabad

The Gujarat government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with computer storage chip maker Micron for setting up a USD 2.75 billion semiconductor assembly and test facility at Sanand in Ahmedabad district.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Electronics & Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.

The plant at Sanand will entail a total investment of **USD 2.75 billion** (around Rs 22,540 crore). Micron's plant has been approved under the Union government's 'Modified Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging (ATMP) Scheme'.

## Indian Railways signed MoU with USAID/India

Indian Railways (IR) is proactively working towards the achievement of Net Zero Carbon Emission by 2030. IR has strategized a multi-pronged approach. In line with this, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Indian Railways, the Government of India and the United States Agency for International Development/India (USAID/India) for collaboration on Renewable energy and Energy Efficiency.

USAID is an agency of the U.S. Government that supports international development and advances its Mission objectives by supporting economic growth, agriculture and trade,



clean energy, climate change mitigation and adaptation, global health, democracy and conflict mitigation and management, and humanitarian assistance.

The collaboration of Indian Railways with USAID, India will go a long way in helping Indian Railways to achieve Net Zero Carbon Emission by 2030.

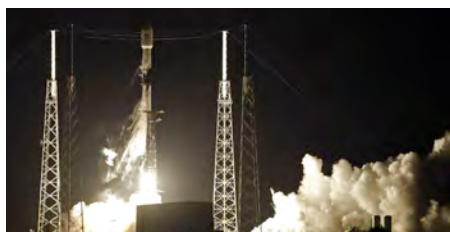
## NHPC signs MoU with GRIDCO Odisha, for developing 2 GW Pumped Storage Projects and 1 GW Solar Energy Projects in Odisha

NHPC Limited, the largest hydropower development organization in India, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with GRIDCO Odisha, Government of Odisha, for "Development of Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs) and Renewable Energy in the State of Odisha". The MoU envisages setting up Self-identified Pumped Storage Projects of at least 2,000 MW and Renewable Energy Projects (Ground-Mounted Solar Projects



/ Floating Solar Projects) of at least 1,000 MW in the state.

# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



## SpaceX launched 52 starlink satellites to provide global broadband

SpaceX (Space Exploration Technologies Corporation) has launched Falcon 9 rocket topped with the **52 Starlink spacecraft** lifted off from California's Vandenberg Space Force Base, United States of America (USA). It was the **14th launch** and landing for this particular booster. According to astrophysicist and satellite tracker Jonathan McDowell, SpaceX has now launched more than **4,500 Starlink satellites**, more than **4,100** of which are currently active. SpaceX already has permission to send **12,000 Starlink satellites to orbit**, and it has applied for approval to launch another **30,000** on top of that.



## IIT Madras to set up its first overseas campus in Tanzania

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras will set up its **first International campus in Zanzibar, Tanzania**. The institute is planning to start classes by **October 2023** with a

## North Korea 1st spy satellite launch fails as rocket falls into the sea

North Korea's attempt to put its **first spy satellite Malligyong-1** into space failed in a setback to leader Kim Jong Un's push to boost his military capabilities as tensions with the United States and South Korea rise. A satellite launch by North Korea is a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions that ban the country from conducting any launch based on ballistic technology. The newly developed **Chollima-1 rocket** was launched at the **North's Sohae Satellite Launching**



Ground in the northwest, carrying the Malligyong-1 satellite. The rocket crashed off the **Korean Peninsula's western coast** after it lost thrust following the separation of its first and second stages

## Indian Scientists discovers Alien Planet 13 Times Bigger Than Jupiter

An international team of scientists led by Professor Abhijit Chakraborty of the **Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat** has discovered an alien planet, which is **13 times bigger** in size than Jupiter. It has been identified as a planet and designated as **TOI 4603b or HD 245134b**. It is the **third exoplanet identified** by PRL scientists.

The findings of the study were published in the **journal Astronomy and Astrophysics Letters**. Scientists from India, Germany, Switzerland, and the United States have used PRL Advanced Radial-velocity

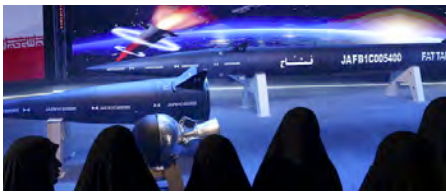


Abu-sky Search spectrograph (PARAS) at Mt Abu's Gurushikhar Observatory for determining the planet's mass. The newly-discovered planet has a mass of **14 g/cm<sup>3</sup>**. This planet is **731 light years away from Earth** and orbits its star once every **7.24 days**. Its temperature is around **1396 degree Celsius**.

batch of 50 undergraduate and 20 postgraduate students. The establishment of IIT in Zanzibar is a significant step towards strengthening the ties between

India and Africa. The IIT campus in Tanzania will **promote research and innovation in the African continent**.





## Iran unveils its 1st hypersonic missile – Fattah

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) of Iran has unveiled its first-ever Indigenously made hypersonic ballistic missile, called **Fattah**, or “**Conqueror**” (in Farsi language). The missile can move at a speed of up to **Mach 15 (5,145 metres or 16,880 feet per second)**, has a range of **1,400km (870 miles)** and features a moveable secondary nozzle and employs solid propellants that allow for high manoeuvrability. A hypersonic missile is a weapon system which flies at least at the speed of Mach 5 i.e. **five times the speed of sound and is manoeuvrable**.



## Indian Startup Azista BST Aerospace launched its First Satellite AFR by SpaceX

Gujarat-based aerospace firm **Azista BST Aerospace (ABA)** launched its maiden satellite **Azista BST Aerospace First Runner (AFR)**, also called **ABA First Runner**.

The satellite was launched as part of the **SpaceX Transporter-8 mission**, atop a **Falcon 9 rocket**, from Space Launch Complex 4E, Vandenberg Space Force Base, **California, the United States of America (USA)**. This was SpaceX's **40th mission of 2023**, and the firm's 200th successful recovery to date. AFR is the first satellite of its size and performance built by the private space industry in India, capable of supporting various critical applications for civilian and defence purposes.

## IIT-Madras-incubated space startup to launch world's 1st multi-sensor earth observation satellite –Drishti

An Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Madras, Tamil Nadu (TN) -incubated space-tech startup, GalaxEye, is building the world's first multi-sensor earth observation satellite named **Drishti**. It will launch its first satellite ‘**Drishti Mission**’ in **2024**.

It is being built with the help of a **visible spectrum camera** providing synchronised imaging that can take multiple images at



the same time. ‘**Drishti**’ becomes **India's first and the world's highest-resolution multi-sensor imaging satellite**.

## World's most powerful wind tunnel JF-22 opens in Beijing, China

China has completed the construction of the **most powerful largest & fastest wind tunnel in the world**, called **JF-22** located in the mountainous Huairou district of northern Beijing, **China**. The Institute of Mechanics, which owns the facility, stated that the **JF-22** wind tunnel will play a crucial role in advancing China's hypersonic ambitions. The wind tunnel, , has a diameter of 4 metres (13 feet) and can **generate incredibly high airflow speeds of up to 10 kilometres (6.2 miles) per second**. This makes it capable of simulating hypersonic



flight conditions up to Mach 30, which is **30 times the speed of sound**.

The tunnel will support research and development efforts for China's space transport system and hypersonic aircraft, as well as for military purposes.

## India's metaverse platform Bharatmeta receives global recognition at VivaTech 2023 in Paris

In a first of its kind, India-based **Kiya.ai**, which is into Artificial Intelligence and other emerging technology-based solutions services, showcased its version of the metaverse called **Bharatmeta** at the **VivaTech 2023 event** held in Paris expo Porte de Versailles, Paris, France. Bharatmeta aims to **bridge the gap between** physical and virtual realms. The Bharatmeta has been



showcased at the **India Pavilion**. VivaTech 2023 is the **7th edition** of Europe's biggest annual technology and startup event.



## Skyroot successfully tested Raman-I engine designed to help Vikram-I rocket

**S**kyroot Aerospace Private Limited successfully conducted the flight qualification test of the Raman-I engine, intended for roll attitude control in the Vikram-I rocket. The Raman-I engine underwent a test fire at the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in Bangalore, Karnataka. Skyroot Aerospace, a start-up based in Telangana, made history by becoming the first Indian private company to launch a rocket with Vikram-S. The indigenous Vikram-S was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, marking India's entry into commercial space exploration.

## Indian Institute of Toxicology Research developed a haemoglobin self test kit

**T**he Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR) has developed an indigenous innovative rapid haemoglobin detection test kit called 'SenzHb'. It is a paper-based kit that gives results in just 30 seconds & costs just Rs 10 for a test. **"Also, this kit incorporates a QR code that provides detailed instructions for conducting the test in 8 languages."**

It is a point-of-care test (POCT) kit that can be used by



healthcare workers, even in the absence of advanced laboratory facilities. Its simplicity and user-friendly design enables efficient and accurate haemoglobin estimation.

## DCGI approved India's 1st mRNA based Omicron-specific booster vaccine

**I**ndia's first indigenous mRNA vaccine for the Omicron variant, **GEMCOVAC-OM**, developed by Pune-based Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd, was approved under emergency use guidelines by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI).

The vaccine has been developed by Gennova Biopharmaceuticals in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the 'Mission COVID Suraksha'. In 2022, the company received approval for **GEMCOVAC-19**, the country's



**first m-RNA vaccine against COVID-19.**

**GEMCOVAC®-OM** is an Omicron-specific mRNA-based Booster vaccine developed using the indigenous platform technology by Gennova in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

## IIT Kanpur successfully conducts test flight for cloud seeding

**T**he Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur has successfully conducted a test flight for cloud seeding. The project was initiated at IIT Kanpur a few years ago and is headed by **Prof. Manindra Agrawal** from the **Computer Science and Engineering Department**. The experiment was conducted with due approval from the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil



Aviation).

### What is Cloud Seeding?

Cloud seeding is a **type of weather modification** that aims to change the amount or type

of precipitation that falls from clouds by dispersing substances into the air that serve as cloud condensation or ice nuclei, which alter the microphysical processes within the cloud. The most common chemicals used for cloud seeding include **silver iodide**, **potassium iodide** and **dry ice (solid carbon dioxide)**, **common salt**, **Liquid propane**.



# ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS



## LIC raises stake in SAIL to 8.6%

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has raised its stake in state-owned steel production firm Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) by about 2% through an open market acquisition. **LIC bought 8.26 crore shares or 2.001% of equity capital at an average price of Rs 66.18 per unit.** Following this, LIC's holding in SAIL increased from 6.68% to 8.68%. LIC bought the additional shares between **October 14, 2022 and June 8, 2023 for about Rs 547 crore.**



## Max Life Insurance picks up 2.99% stake in Capital Small Finance Bank for ₹49.5 crores

Max Life Insurance Company Limited (Max Life), a subsidiary of Max Financial Services, has picked a **2.99% equity stake in Capital Small Finance Bank (CSFB) for a consideration of ₹49.50 crores.** Towards this investment, as many as **10,57,700 equity shares of CSFB of ₹10 each at a premium of ₹458 per equity share** have been allotted to Max Life.

## CCI approves acquisition of additional stake in Acko Tech by General Atlantic

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has given its approval for General Atlantic Singapore ACK Pte. Ltd. (GASACK) to acquire an additional stake in Acko Technology and Services Private Limited (Acko Tech). The proposed combination involves the acquisition of a 4.04% shareholding of Acko Tech by GASACK, an investment holding company controlled by funds or vehicles under General Atlantic. GASACK, an investment holding



company, is held by funds or vehicles controlled by General Atlantic. Acko Tech is engaged in the business of **providing general (non-life) insurance through its subsidiary, Acko General Insurance Limited (Acko GI).**

## IRDAI approved SBI Mutual Fund to acquire up to 10% stake in ICICI Lombard

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) gave its approval to SBI Mutual Fund (SBI MF), along with its group entities, to acquire up to **10% stake in ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited (ICICI**



**Lombard).** Currently, SBI Mutual Fund, through various schemes, already holds a **4.62% stake in ICICI Lombard General Insurance.**

## TPG India sells entire 2.65% stake in Shriram Finance for ₹1,390 crores

TPG India Investments II Inc sold its entire **2.65% stake, or 99.2 lakh shares, in Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) Shriram Finance Limited for Rs 1390 crore through open market transactions.** However, Shriram Finance's share price rallied nearly **5%** as there were multiple major buyers. Among key



investors were Morgan Stanley, and Goldman Sachs along with many fund houses. The largest buyer was **Kotak Funds India Midcap Fund.**



## Piramal Enterprises to sell entire 8.34% stake in Shriram Finance

Piramal Enterprises sold its entire stake of 8.34% in Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) major Shriram Finance through a block deal.

Investment banking firm Morgan Stanley will be the sole broker for the block deal.

## HDFC sells 90% stake in HDFC Credila to PE firms for Rs 9,060 crores

Housing Development Finance Corp Ltd (HDFC) has sold 90% of its total stake in its subsidiary HDFC Credila Financial Services Ltd to a consortium of Baring PE (BPEA) and ChrysCapital for Rs 9,060 crores. The sale of HDFC Credila, the education loan arm



of the Housing Development and Finance Corporation (HDFC), comes ahead of the completion of HDFC's merger with HDFC Bank.

## LIC sold 2% stake in NMDC for Rs 649 crores; brings down holding to 9.62%

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has reduced its stake in iron ore producer NMDC formerly National Mineral Development Corporation to 9.62% by selling a little over 2% stake for about Rs 649 crore. LIC sold over 6.06 crore shares or 2.07% stake in NMDC



between March 14 and June 20, 2023 at an average price of Rs 107.59 a share via open market sale.

# BOOKs & Author

## A political Biography of NTR by K Ramachandra Murthy



Justice Sudarshan Reddy released a book titled 'A Political Biography NTR'. 'A Political Biography NTR' has been written by senior Editor K. Ramachandra Murthy.

Publisher: HarperCollins India. Supreme Court retired Judge Justice Chalameshwar released the Telugu version of the book 'NTR- Rajakiya Jeevitha Charitra- Asalu Kadha'.

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## BJP President Jagat Prakash Nadda re-leased a book titled 'Amrutkaal ki Ore' in New Delhi

BJP President Jagat Prakash Nadda released a book titled 'Amrutkaal ki Ore' in New Delhi based on nine Years' Achievements of the Narendra Modi Government.

Mr. Nadda said the nine years of the Modi government have transformed the country and its progress is being recognised by the world today. He said, there has been a big difference since 2014 when Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office. The



BJP president said, from policy paralysis to a bold decision-making government, the political culture has changed drastically. He said, earlier there used to be vote bank politics and now it is report card politics.

Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao served as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for seven years over three terms. He also acted in more than 300 films.





## 6th edition of India Maldives exercise 'ekatha' begin in maldives

The sixth (6th) edition of the annual exercise **Ekatha** between **India and Maldives** is scheduled to run from **June 4 to July 3, 2023** in Maldives. To enhance interoperability in diving and special operations. The Indian Navy's Marine Commandos (MARCOS) and divers went to participate in the 6th edition of Exercise with the **Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF)**.



## 1st India, France, UAE hold maiden maritime exercise held in the Gulf of Oman

Navies of **India, France** and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** held the maiden trilateral maritime partnership exercise held in the **Gulf of Oman**. Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Tarkash** and **French Ship Surcouf** both with integral helicopters, **French Rafale aircraft** and **UAE Navy Maritime Patrol Aircraft** are participating in the exercise. To enhance trilateral cooperation between the three navies and pave the way for adopting measures towards addressing traditional and non-traditional threats in the maritime environment.

## Indian Navy's MiG-29K makes 1st ever maiden night landing on INS Vikrant

An Indian Navy **MiG-29K** fighter jet landed on the indigenous aircraft carrier Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Vikrant** for the **first time** at night, an important step towards the warship becoming fully operational along with its air wing by the year-end. The aircraft carrier is currently sailing in the Arabian Sea. This achievement of the Navy is a big step towards the growing power of **self-reliant**



**India.** It was commissioned into the navy **September, 2022** marking a pivotal point in the country's quest for self-reliance in the defence manufacturing sector.

## India carries out successful training launch of Agni-1 ballistic missile

A successful training launch of a **Medium-Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-1** was carried out by the Strategic Forces Command (SFC) from **APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha**.



The missile is a proven system, capable of striking targets with a **very high degree of precision**.

The user training launch successfully validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile. The

development of the Agni missile series began in early **1980** under the **Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP)** led by former president, Dr Kalam, who played a key role in India's missile and space programmes.

## Bangladesh-US joint naval exercise 'Tiger Shark 40' begins in Chattogram

The **Joint Bangladesh-United States (US)** Naval drill Exercise '**Tiger Shark 40**' started at BNS Nirvik in Chattogram. **Special Forces of Bangladesh Army & Navy** and US Special Forces participated in this training exercise held under the management of Commodore Swords Command. To increase strategic capabilities of both the countries and to acquire mutual technical and procedural



knowledge. Chattogram Naval Area Commander Rear Admiral Abdullah AL Mamun Chowdhury attended the event as the Chief Guest. The Special Warfare Diving and Salvage is an elite special operational unit of the Bangladesh Navy. Its base is formally called **BNS Nirvik**.



## India gifts missile corvette INS Kirpan to Vietnam

Defence Minister **Shri Rajnath Singh** announced that India will gift the indigenously-built in-service missile 'Corvette INS Kirpan' to Vietnam and both the countries will also collaborate in defence industry cooperation, maritime security and multinational cooperation. He held bilateral talks with Vietnamese Defence Minister **Mr General Phan Van Gang** in New Delhi, Delhi.

INS Kirpan is a **Khukri class missile corvette displacing 1,350 tonnes**. It was commissioned into the Navy on **January 12, 1991**.



## Indian Defence Industries Showcases Cutting-Edge Capabilities to Thailand

The Department of Defence Production, MoD organized a briefing and interaction meeting with the Thailand delegation led by Deputy Chief of Air Staff, **Royal Thai Airforce (RTAF) – Air Marshal Piboon Vorranvornpreecha** in New Delhi showcasing defense industries cutting-edge capabilities and fostering bilateral defense cooperation between two countries.

The event was aimed to deepen mutual understanding, explore potential partnerships, and contribute to the regional security

## Ministry of Defence approves acquisition of 31 MQ-9 Reaper armed drones from US

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) cleared the acquisition of 31 MQ-9 Reaper (Predator B) armed drones from the United States of America (USA) during a Defence Acquisition Council meeting led by Defence Minister **Shri Rajnath Singh**.

The final decision would be taken by the **Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)**.

The MQ-9B drone is a variant of the MQ-9 "Reaper" which was used to launch a modified



version of the **Hellfire missile that eliminated al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in Kabul**. MQ-9B Sea Guardian can carry up to **12,500 lb (5,670 kg)** and has fuel capacity of **6,000 lb (2,721 kg)**, as per the information by General Atomics.

## DRDO & Indian Navy demonstrate command and control of Tapas Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy successfully showcased the transfer of command and control capabilities of the **Tapas Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)**.

The Tapas UAV took off from the **Aeronautical Test Range (ATR)** in Chitradurga and covered a distance of **285 kilometres** to reach the Karwar naval base. The demonstration involved commanding the UAV from a distant ground station to the onboard Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Subhadra**, a warship situated **148 kilometres** away from the Karwar



naval base.

The Tapas UAV, developed by DRDO, is a **Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE)** UAV capable of operating at altitudes of up to **28,000 feet** with an endurance of over 18 hours. It was designed to fulfil the **Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition, Tracking & Reconnaissance (ISTAR)** requirements of the tri-services.

## Indian Navy launched the 4th ship of Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project – Sanshodhak

Indian Naval Ship (INS) **'Sanshodhak'**, the fourth of four ships of Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project, being built by Larsen and Toubro (L&T)/ Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) for the Indian Navy was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN). The ship named **'Sanshodhak'**, meaning 'Researcher', signifies the primary role of the ship as a Survey



Vessel. The first three ships of the project, Sandhayak, Nirdeshak and Ikshak were launched on **05 Dec 21, 26 May 22 and 26 Nov 22 respectively**.





## Indian Army Conducted Massive Military Exercise- Agneyastra 1 in eastern Ladakh

**I**ndian Army took part in **Agneyastra 1** military exercise in eastern Ladakh.

Various artillery platforms of the Indian Army, including the newly-inducted **Korean K-9 Vajra-T 155mm/52 calibre self-propelled howitzer (SPH)**, **FH-77 Bofors 155mm/39 calibre** towed howitzer and mortars took part in the exercise.

Anti-tank missiles and Carl Gustav rocket launchers (RLs) were also used in the exercise. Agneyastra means firearms.



## IAF carried out Exercise Ranvijay with focus on integrated operations

**T**he Indian Air Force (IAF) carried out **Exercise 'Ranvijay'** with a focus on integration. The Exercise Ranvijay was conducted in **UB Hills and Central Air Command (CAC) Area of Responsibility (AOR)** from June 16-23, 2023.

It was conducted from different air bases of the command headquarters of IAF in **Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh (UP)**. The IAF conducted day and night operations with its various combat fleet including the Sukhoi Su-30MKI aircraft, a twin-engine multirole fighter aircraft developed by Russia's Sukhoi and built under license by India's Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

## Indian Army Contingent participates in multinational peacekeeping Joint Exercise - Ex Khaan Quest 2023 in Mongolia

**T**he Indian Army contingent participated in the Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise 'Ex Khaan Quest 2023' in Mongolia which is scheduled to be held from **June 19 to July 2, 2023 (14 day long exercise)**. **Mr Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh**, the Hon'ble President of Mongolia inaugurated the Exercise in a ceremony organised at Five Hills Training Area in Mongolia. To enhance interoperability of the participating nations, for sharing experience and to train uniformed personnel for the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO). The exercise is co-sponsored by Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) and the United



States Army Pacific Command (USARPAC). The Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the **GARHWAL RIFLES**.

### About Khaan Quest :

Khaan Quest is an annual military exercise held in **Mongolia**.

The exercise was established in 2003.

It only became an **international exercise in 2006**, originally being a joint exercise between the Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) and the United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM).

## Indian Navy Organises Special Event 'Ocean Ring Of Yoga' On International Yoga Day

**T**o commemorate International Day of Yoga (IDY) 23, the Ministry of AYUSH has planned an event '**Ocean Ring of Yoga**' (symbolising unity and solidarity) in coordination with the Ministry of Defence and other ministries. In support of the IDY-23 initiative, Indian Navy ships deployed in the Indian Ocean Region are visiting various ports of friendly foreign countries and spreading the message of '**Vasudhaiva**



**Kutumbakam'** which is also the theme for IDY 23. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared June 21 as the **International Day of Yoga (IDY)** following a resolution moved by India and co-sponsored by a large number of countries. The first IDY was observed on June 21, 2015.

## Indian Navy Launched Powerful Anti-Submarine Warfare Vessel - INS Anjadip

**I**ndian Naval Ship (INS) Anjadip, the 3rd of the eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (SWC) Project, was launched at the Larsen and Toubro (L&T) Kattupalli Port, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN). It was built by Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) for the Indian Navy. It is an



anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft vessel built for the Indian Navy. The previous two ships launched were Androth and Arnala on **March 21, 2023** and **December 2022, respectively**.

# SPORTS

## Chennai Super Kings win IPL 2023 beating defending champions Gujarat Titans by 5 wickets

**C**hennai Super Kings won their 5th IPL title by **defeating defending champions Gujarat Titans by 5 wickets** at the **Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.**

The 2023 Indian Premier League was the **16th edition of the IPL.**

Chasing a revised target of 171 in 15 overs against Gujarat Titans, Chennai Super Kings achieved the target with the loss of 5 wickets on the last ball of the final over.

### Awards:

The Player of the Match was given to Devon Conway and Player of the Series was given to Shubman Gill.



Purple cap - Mohammed Shami (28 wickets).

Orange cap - Shubman Gill (890 runs).

Emerging player of the season - Yashasvi Jaiswal.

Catch of the Season - Rashid Khan.

Most Valuable Player - Shubman Gill.

Fairplay Award - Delhi Capitals.

## India clinches title of CAVA Women's Challenge Cup 2023

**I**ndia has won the **NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup title.**

NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup was held in Kathmandu.

**India defeated Kazakhstan** in the final at the National Sports Council's Covered Hall in Tripureshwor, Kathmandu on 28 May 2023 and won the title. Nepal Volleyball Association has



organised the event. National Sports Council supported it. **Eight nations participated in it.**

## Verstappen wins Monaco GP in mixed conditions

**M**ax Verstappen won the **Monaco GP**, **acing the challenging conditions as a rain shower** hit the track in the closing stages. With his title rival and teammate **Sergio Perez only managing to finish 16th**, **Verstappen** has further extended his lead at the top of the standings. **Fernando Alonso** held on to second place for **Aston Martin.**



Verstappen's win, his fourth in **six races this year**, moved him **39 points clear of team-mate Sergio Perez** in the championship.





## Tamil Nadu to host Khelo India Games 2023

Tamil Nadu will be hosting **Khelo India Games 2023**.

Chief Minister **MK Stalin**, announced that the Union Government has approved the state government's request to allow Tamil Nadu to host the games and added that the event will showcase.



## Dhanush Srikanth bags gold in 10m Air Rifle at ISSF Junior World Cup

**Dhanush Srikanth** has won the **Men's 10 metre Air Rifle** on Day 3 of the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) **World Cup Junior**, giving India their third gold of the competition so far. **Dhanush posted 249.4** in the **24-shot final** to leave Sweden's Pontus Kallin, a clear **1.3 points** behind in a clinical display. India also bagged a bronze in the Skeet Mixed Team competition, when Harmehar Lally and Sanjana Sood defeated Swedish pair of David Jonsson and Felicia Ros.

## HS Prannoy clinches his first BWF World Tour title

**HS Prannoy** won the men's singles at the **\$420,000 Malaysia Masters** his first individual title in six years made him the 10th different champion in as many BWF World Tour tournaments this year. He defeated China's Weng Hong Yang. The win helped him to claim his maiden BWF (Badminton



World Federation) World Tour title and also the first singles crown of the year for India.

## Flanders Cup 2023 Athletics: Top Indian sprinter Amlan Borgohain bags two gold medals

**Top Indian sprinter Amlan Borgohain** bagged two gold medals, one each in the men's 100 and 200-meter races at the Flanders Cup 2023 athletics meet, known as the International Antwerp Athletics Gala, in Merksem, Belgium. **Borgohain clocked 10.70 seconds** to emerge as the fastest man of the meet. He holds the 100-meter national record of 10.25 seconds. In the 200 meter, the **25-year-old Borgohain clocked 20.96 seconds** to emerge winner ahead



of Hofman 21.42 and Jamaica's Samuel Rowe 21.88. Meanwhile, Sapna Kumari finished behind Belgium's Amber Vanden Bosch in the women's 100m hurdles after clocking 14.10, in what was a two-woman field.



## Tajinderpal Singh Toor sets new Asian shotput record at Inter-State Championships in Bhubaneswar

**India's top shot putter, Tajinderpal Singh Toor** has set a new Asian shotput record at the **Inter-State Championships** in Bhubaneswar.

The **28-year-old athlete, representing Punjab**, shattered his own previous Asian record with a massive throw of 21.77 metres.



## India finishes on top at International Shooting Sport Federation Junior World Cup:

India finished on top of the International Shooting Sport Federation Junior World Cup with 15 medals, including six gold, six silver, and three bronze medals, at Suhl, Germany. On the final day, yesterday India's junior Trap shooters could not make it to the medal round after finishing outside the top six in the qualification round.

With this achievement, India has now finished on top of all the ISSF Junior World Cups and World Championships held since 2019.



## French Open: Iga Swiatek of Poland wins Women's Singles title

In French Open tennis, World No 1 and top seed Iga Swiatek of Poland has won the Women's Singles crown. She defended her title against unseeded Czech Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. This is her third French title in just 5 years. In Men's singles, third seed Serbian Novak Djokovic will meet Fourth seed Norwegian Casper Ruud in the finals. Djokovic will be eyeing history in the final as he is just one win away from the men's record 23rd Grand Slam singles title.

## ISSF Junior World Cup: Indian shooters Abhinav Shaw, Gautami Bhanot win Gold medal in Mixed Team event

Indian shooters Abhinav Shaw and Gautami Bhanot have given India their second gold at the ISSF World Cup Junior after winning the final of 10 meter Air Rifle Mixed Team event in Suhl, Germany. Indian team of Shaw and Bhanot registered a 17-7 win over the French pairing of Oceanne Mueller and Romain Aufrere in the gold medal match yesterday. The Indian pair had



qualified second to the French pair but turned the tables on them in the final. India now has two gold medals, one silver and one bronze from the World Cup after two days of competition.

## India win three medals in Asian U-20 Athletics Championship 2023

India started their 2023 Asian Under 20 Athletics Championships campaign by winning three medals, including two gold, on the opening day in Yecheon, South Korea.

Rezoana Mallick Heena and Bharatpreet Singh kicked off their campaigns by clinching gold medals in women's 400-meter race and men's discus throw respectively. The sprinting sensation Henna clocked 53.31 seconds to take the top position on the podium in women's 400 meter.

Having won the U18 Asian Athletics



Championships title earlier this year, Rezoana is now the 400m reigning Asian champion in both the U18 as well as U20 categories. Bharatpreet Singh attained a distance of 55.66 meter with his third attempt to be crowned the men's U20 Asian Champion in the discus throw field. Antima Pal won India's third medal of the day, a bronze, in the women's 5,000-meter race with a time of 17 minutes and 17.11 seconds.

## Indian wrestlers Manisha wins Gold, Reetika clinches Silver and Sarita Mor bags Bronze at UWW Ranking Series event in Bishkek

Indian grapplers have signed off with three medals in the UWW Ranking Series event in Bishkek, with Manisha grabbing Gold, Reetika finishing second-best and Sarita Mor getting her hand so on the Bronze Improvising with the small sized-draws, Manisha bagged Gold in the 65 kg weight category, while India's tally in the series is four medals including 1 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze.

Manisha won four matches in the four rounds she completed which



helped her win the gold medal. In the tournament, the wrestler with the most number of victories will be ranked first.

Earlier, Manjeet won a bronze in the men's Greco Roman 55kg category, opening India's medal account in the series.



## India won the Women's Junior Hockey Asia Cup 2023



**I**ndia defeated four-time champions South Korea 2-1 to win their first Women's Junior Hockey Asia Cup in Kakamigahara, Japan. After a scoreless first quarter, India got things moving with Annu's penalty corner goal in the 22nd minute. South Korea equalised three minutes later, with Park Seo Yeon scoring. In the 41st minute, however, Neelum shot strongly to the bottom right of the South Korean custodian to make it 2-1. To secure the deal, the Indian defence held on to a slim lead in the third quarter.



## India's long jumper Murali Sreeshankar finishes third at prestigious Diamond League Meet in Paris:

**A**ce Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar secured a creditable third place in the Paris Diamond League with a jump of 8.09m, in his maiden podium finish in the prestigious one-day meeting series in Paris. Commonwealth Games silver medallist Sreeshankar achieved his best jump of the day in his third attempt. Sreeshankar also became the only third Indian to finish in the top three of a Diamond League after Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and former discus thrower Vikas Gowda.

## Novak Djokovic reaches record 23 grand slam titles after French Open final win

**I**n Tennis, Serbian Novak Djokovic created history by becoming the first man to reach the coveted 23 grand slam title mark with his straight sets win over Casper Ruud in the men's singles final of the French Open 2023 in Paris. This was the Serb's 3rd title on Parisian clay as he goes past rival Rafael Nadal as the man with the most number of major honours in the history of the game. The world no.3 ranked Serb breezed past his opponent



7-6, 6-3, 7-5 to claim his third French Open title and 23rd grand slam title overall. With this victory, the three-time French Open winner will reclaim the No. 1 spot from Carlos Alcaraz in the ATP Rankings.

## India beat Argentina 2-1 in the final match at Eindhoven in the Netherlands: FIH

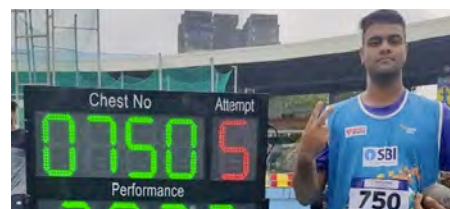
**I**n Hockey, India beat Argentina 2-1 in its final FIH Pro League 2022-23 match in Eindhoven, the Netherlands. Akashdeep Singh and Sukhjeet Singh scored goals for India while Lucas Toscani netted the only goal for Argentina. With this victory, India consolidated their position atop the FIH Pro League standings with 30 points from 16 matches. Argentina are fifth with 13 points from 14 matches. India now holds



a four-point advantage over second-placed Great Britain in the FIH Pro League 2022-23 standings but the European team has four games to go.

## Siddharth Choudhary clinches gold in men's shot put event of U-20 Asian Athletics Championships in South Korea

**I**ndia showcased its dominance on the second day of the Under 20 Asian Athletics Championships in Yecheon, South Korea. India's Siddharth Choudhary clinched gold in men's shot put with a personal best throw of 19.52 metres. Further, three other players Sharuk Khan (3000-metre steeplechase), Shivam Lohakare (Javelin), and Susmita (Long Jump) claimed silver medals in their respective



events. Shakeel (800 metre) and the mixed relay team concluded the day by winning the bronze medal. With this India won six medals on day 2 with the overall tally accounting to nine.



## India's Esow Alben wins bronze medal at Finale Bahnen-Tournee 2023 cycling

India's Esow Alben won bronze medal in Keirin at Finale Bahnen-Tournee 2023 Cycling. Indian cyclist Esow Alben won the bronze medal in the Elite Men's Keirin event at the UCI Class 1 Event-Finale Bahnen-Tournee 2023 cycling competition in Dudenhofen, Germany. In 2022, the 22-year-old was the first cyclist from India to participate in the UCI Champions League. He is the first Indian to win a medal at the 2018 UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships.



## India won one Gold, 3 Silver & 3 Bronze medals in U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships

In wrestling, India wrapped up their campaign in the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2023 with one gold, three silver and three bronze medals on the final day in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Ankush won India's only gold medal of the day in the freestyle 55kg weight category, defeating Iran's Amirreza Ali Teymorizad.

## 280 member Indian team head to Berlin for Special Olympics Summer Games

The Indian team comprising 280 members including 198 athletes has left for Berlin, Germany to compete at the Special Olympics Summer Games.

Earlier, the team attended a preparatory coaching camp at Sports Authority of India's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi for the world event which will see participation from



over seven thousand athletes from 190 countries.

The Special Olympics Summer Games will be held from 17th to 25th of May.

## MOC approves Olympic medalist Mirabai Chanu and CWG medalist Bindyarani Devi's proposal to train in St. Louis, USA:

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) in the recent meeting approved the foreign training camp for Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) athletes Mirabai Chanu and Bindyarani Devi's proposal to train in St. Louis, USA. During their 65 days foreign training camp, the duo



will be accompanied by Indian Chief Coach Vijay Sharma and their physiotherapist Tesneem Zayyad.

## Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Chirag Shetty script history by winning Men's doubles title of the Indonesia Open

India's shuttler duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated reigning world champions Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik of Malaysia to clinch the Indonesia Open Men's Double Title, in Jakarta. Satwik and Chirag, who are ranked sixth in the world, won their first Super 1000 title with a straight-set victory of 21-17, 21-18. With this feat, they become



India's first-ever doubles pair to win the prestigious tournament. It was also their first win over the Malaysian pair in their ninth meeting.

## Egypt retains World Squash Championship 2023



Egypt has retained the World Squash Championship 2023. Egypt beat Malaysia 2-1 in the final in Chennai. Malaysia won the silver. The third place was shared jointly by hosts India and Japan.





## National Yoga Olympiad organized in Madhya Pradesh:

The National Yoga Olympiad is being organized in Madhya Pradesh ahead of the main event on the 9th International Yoga Day on June 21 at Jabalpur. The three-day National Yoga Olympiad was inaugurated by Governor Mangu Bhai Patel in Bhopal. The National Yoga Olympiad is being organized for the first time outside the national capital Delhi.



## Taipei Open Badminton tournament has begun in Taiwan

The Taipei Open Badminton tournament has started at Taipei in Taiwan. HS Prannoy will lead India's challenge at the tournament. The other Indians in the Men's singles are Meiraba Luwang Maisnam, Kiran George, Sathish Kumar Karunakaran, Mithun Manjunath and S. Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian.

## Indian archer Abhishek Verma clinch gold medal in men's compound individual final at Archery World Cup 2023 at Colombia

Indian archer Abhishek Verma clinched the gold medal in the men's compound individual final at the Archery World Cup Stage 3 in Medellin, Colombia.

With this medal, Abhishek became the third Indian compound archer to book a spot in the 2023 Archery World Cup Final which will be played on the 9th and 10th of September in Hermosillo, Mexico. The 33-year-old Abhishek defeated James Lutz of USA 148-146, adding the second gold to



the Indian medal tally. The Indian contingent, which has won two gold and three bronze medals so far, has a chance to further increase its tally as the recurve mixed team will compete for the bronze medal.

## Indian Men's Senior Football Team beat Lebanon 2-0 to clinch Intercontinental Cup in Bhubaneshwar:

Indian men's senior football team clinched the Intercontinental Cup with a 2-0 victory over Lebanon in the final at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneshwar.

This is India's second title in the tournament, following their win in the inaugural edition in 2018. Korea won in 2019. This is Chhetri's



87th international goal in 137 appearances.

## Bhavani Devi becomes the first Indian to win a bronze medal at Asian Fencing Championships 2023 in China

Olympian C. A. Bhavani Devi has created history by defeating reigning World Champion Misaki Emura in the Asian Fencing Championship quarterfinal and securing India its first-ever medal at the event. The Indian fencer stunned the world number one 15-10 to enter the women's sabre semifinal.



Bhavani, however, lost to Uzbekistan's Zaynab Dayibekova in the semifinals, 15-14, securing a bronze medal.



## Hasaranga becomes 1st ODI spinner to take three consecutive 5-wicket hauls

**W**anindu Hasaranga of Sri Lanka has achieved a remarkable feat in cricket by becoming the first spinner and second overall player in history to take three consecutive 5-wicket hauls in the One Day Internationals (ODIs). He has taken six wickets by conceding only 24 runs in the match. He has placed himself equal to the legendary Pakistani bowler Waqar Younis.



## Kolkata Team Emerges Victorious in Historic Dubai Women's Kabaddi Final

**I**n a significant milestone for women's Kabaddi, Dubai hosted the world's first international Women's Kabaddi final, featuring the Punjab Panthers vs Uma Kolkata. The intense match concluded with the Uma Kolkata team emerging as champions, securing a grand prize of ₹10,000,000. The Punjab team demonstrated commendable skills and earned the second position, receiving a prize of ₹5,000,000. The event was successfully organized by Women's Kabaddi league who played a crucial role in bringing the tournament to fruition.

## At the Special Olympics World Games 2023 in Berlin, Germany, India added 21 medals

**A**t the Special Olympics World Games 2023 in Berlin, Germany, India added 21 medals to their overnight tally to take it to 76 (26 gold, 30 silver, 20 bronze) by the end of the action. In Judo, Suhalia Parveen won silver, to notch India's first medal in the event at the Games. **Ranveer Saini, Rahul Agarwal and Ankush Saha, who claimed a gold medal**



**in the Level 1 Golf event**, showed patience to win gold medals at the Special Olympics World Games 2023 as the medal rush continued for India at the event.

## India's achievements in the ACBS Asian U-21 Men's Snooker Championship 2023

**I**n the tournament, the men's team, composed of **Kamal Chawla, Brijesh Damani, and Sparsh Pherwani, secured a gold medal**. In the individual segment, Rayaana Razmi claimed a bronze medal. Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has commended Team India on their outstanding achievements at the **ACBS Asian U-21 Men's Snooker Championship 2023**. In



the tournament, the men's team, composed of Kamal Chawla, Brijesh Damani, and Sparsh Pherwani, secured a gold medal. In the individual segment, Rayaana Razmi claimed a bronze medal.

## Table Tennis: Indian women's doubles pair of Sutirtha and Ayhika clinches WTT Contender tournament title in Tunis

**T**he Indian women's doubles pair of **Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayhika Mukherjee won the World Table Tennis (WTT) Contender tournament in Tunis**, after beating the **Japanese pair of Miyuu Kihara and Miwa Harimoto**. The Indian duo won 3-1 (11-5, 11-6, 5-11, 13-11) in a challenging final. The



pair also became the first Indians to win a Contender title this year.



# OBITUARY



## Veteran Hindi & Marathi film Actress Sulochana Latkar passed away

**R**enowned Hindi & Marathi film Actress **Sulochana Latkar** passed away at the age of 94 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Sulochana was born as Nagabai on July 30, 1928, in Belgaum, Karnataka. She was a well-known actress of Marathi and Hindi cinema and acted in 50 films in Marathi and around 250 films in Hindi. Sulochana Latkar made her debut in films in 1946.



## Prominent Doordarshan News Anchor Gitanjali Aiyar Passed Away

**O**ne of India's first English female news presenters on national broadcaster **Doordarshan**, **Gitanjali Aiyar** passed away at the age of 70 in Delhi. She joined Doordarshan in 1971 and presented news programmes for more than three decades. She was a diploma holder from the **National School of Drama (NSD)**. She was also the deputy head of the **Press and Public Affairs wing** of the British High Commission in Delhi for over 3 years.

## Padma Shri Awardee Writer Vellayani Arjunan Passed away

**E**minent scholar, linguist, academician and writer **Vellayani Arjunan** passed away at the age of 90 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Vellayani Arjunan began his illustrious career as a research assistant in the **Kerala Lexicon Department** and later became a Malayalam faculty at Sree Narayana (SN) College in Kollam,



Kerala. He rose to the position of the head of the **Department of Modern Indian Languages** at Aligarh Muslim University years later.

## Noted theatre actor & director Aamir Raza Hussain passed away

**A**noted theatre actor and director, **Amir Raza Hussain** has passed away at the age of 66.

Hussain was born on 6 January 1957, Lucknow, **Uttar Pradesh (UP), India**

He was known for his large outdoor stage productions like **The Fifty Day War (2000)**, based



on the **Kargil War** and **The Legend of Ram (2004)**, based on the epic Ramayana

## Tonga's Princess Mele Siu'ilikutapu passed away

**T**onga's Princess **Mele Siu'ilikutapu Kalaniuvalu Fotofili** has passed away at the age of 75. Siu'ilikutapu was born in May 1948, **Tonga**. The Princess was the eldest granddaughter of Her Majesty, the late Queen Salote. In 1975 she was elected to the Legislative Assembly, becoming its first female member. She served as President of the **Langafonua Gallery & Handicrafts Centre**, a national organisation established by the late Queen Salote to empower



Tongan women with traditional skills and talents.



## Veteran singer of 'Titli Udi' fame Sharda Rajan Iyengar Passed away

Veteran singer and composer Sharda Rajan Iyengar, who was best known for her iconic song **Titli Udi** from the movie Sooraj, passed away at the age of 89 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Sharda hails from Tamil Nadu. In her illustrious career, She was the first female Indian singer to release her **pop album, Sizzlers** (1971). She won the Filmfare Award for Best Female Playback Singer for the cabaret "**Baat Zara Hai Aapas Ki**" in Jahan Pyar Miley (1970).

## Renowned saxophonist Alevoor Sundar Sherigar passed away



Renowned saxophonist Alevoor Sundar Sherigar has

passed away at the age of 76 in Karnataka. Sherigar was the first to train students to **play the saxophone** (a type of musical instrument in the woodwind family) in Udupi.

## Co-Inventor of Rechargeable Lithium Battery Inventor & Oldest Winner Of Nobel Prize John Goodenough Passed Away

## P.V. Valsala Govindan Kutty, officer known for 1999 copyright law Passed away

Retired bureaucrat P.V. Valsala Govindan Kutty, who was actively involved in **drafting the Copyright (Amendment) Act, 1999**, passed away in Thrissur, Kerala. She is a member of the Indian delegation at the 1996 **'Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions'** at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva.



She was a former Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs. She served as Director of the **Rajiv Gandhi National Water Supply Mission**.

## Kerala's 1st 'Ashoka Chakra' winner Havildar Alby D'Cruz passed away



The first recipient of the **Ashoka Chakra** from Kerala, Havaldar

Alby D'Cruz passed away at the age of 87. D'Cruz joined the Indian Army as a Lance naik in

the paramilitary force- Assam Rifles as a radio officer and his battalion was given the job of busting the Naga rebels. In 1962, he received the **Asoka Chakra (Class III)** from the country's first president Rajendra Prasad.

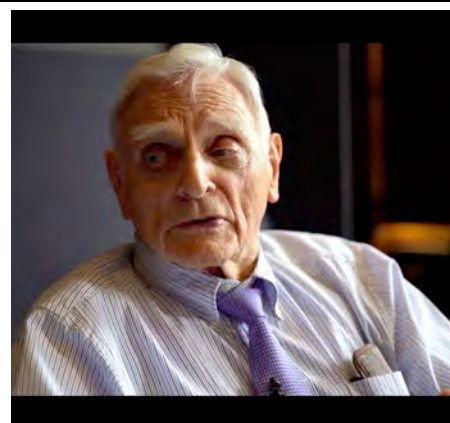
## Oscar-winning UK actress & ex MP Glenda Jackson passed away

Two-time Oscar-winning United Kingdom (UK) actress and former UK politician **Glenda Jackson** passed away at the age of 87 in London. Jackson was born on **9 May 1936, Birkenhead, England**. She won two Academy Awards, for Women in Love in 1971 and A Touch of Class in 1974. She had her first film role in a quarter century in the 2019 movie

Elizabeth is Missing. Jackson won a **British Academy**



**of Film & Television Arts (BAFTA)** award, Britain's equivalent of an Oscar, for her performance as a woman with Alzheimer's trying to solve a mystery.



The American co-inventor of Lithium-ion batteries and a co-winner of **2019 Nobel prize for Chemistry**, John Bannister Goodenough passed away at the age of 101. Along with Stanley Whittingham, and Akira Yoshino, Goodenough was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2019 for their work on **"the development of lithium-ion batteries."**



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## Union Government allows 2,000 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies to open PMBJAKs



The government has decided to allow two thousand Primary Agricultural Credit Societies PACS to open Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country. The decision was taken in a meeting of Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah with

Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in New Delhi. Two thousand PACS across the country will be identified to open Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras. One thousand Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras will be opened by August this year and another one thousand by December 2023. One-time additional incentive of two lakh rupees as reimbursement for IT and infra expenditure in special categories and areas is also provided.



## India to host 22nd SCO Summit in virtual format on July 4, 2023

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that India will host the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in a virtual format on July 4, 2023. It will be held in a virtual format. All the SCO Member States, China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have been invited to attend the Summit. Iran, Belarus and Mongolia have been invited as Observer States.

The theme of the Summit is 'Towards a SECURE SCO'.

The SECURE acronym stands for Security, Economy and Trade, Connectivity, Unity, Respect for Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity and Environment. India has set up new pillars of cooperation under its Chairmanship - Startups and Innovation, Traditional Medicine, Digital Inclusion, Youth Empowerment and Shared Buddhist Heritage.

## CAG to host SAI20 Summit under India's G20 Presidency in Goa:

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) is hosting a three-day SAI20 Summit under India's G20 Presidency in Goa. Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI20) is the Engagement Group of Audit organisations belonging to the G20 countries. CAG Girish Chandra Murmu will deliver the inaugural address at the SAI20 Summit tomorrow.

Akashvani correspondent reports that SAIs of Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, South Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Nigeria, Oman, Spain, UAE, Morocco and Poland



will participate in the Summit. Besides, delegates from invitee countries and International Organisations will also attend the event. The SAI20 Engagement Group's two priority areas are - Blue Economy and Responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI).

## 5 New nations were elected as non-permanent members of UN Security Council

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) elected 5 countries Algeria, Guyana, Sierra Leone, Slovenia and South Korea as non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for a 2-year term starting on January 1, 2024 & serving till December 31, 2025. These new members will replace Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana and the United Arab Emirates



(UAE) at present when their two-year term ends on 31 December 2023.



## Bank Of Maharashtra Tops PSU Lenders Chart In Profit And Loan Growth In FY23

State-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has emerged as the top performer among public sector lenders in terms of loan and deposit growth in percentage terms during 2022-23. BoM also recorded the highest growth in profitability with the bottomline growing almost 126% to ₹2,602 crore during the year. However, all the 12 public sector banks together recorded a 57% jump in net profit at ₹1,04,649 crore in FY23, according to published yearly numbers of public sector banks (PSBs).



## Maharashtra's Ahmednagar to be re-named as Ahilya Nagar

The Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde announced that the Ahmednagar district in the state will be renamed 'Ahilya Nagar'. The decision has been taken on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Ahilya Bai Holkar, the hereditary noble queen of the Maratha Empire, in early-modern India. The event was attended by Maharashtra deputy chief minister Devendra

Fadnavis, Maharashtra minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil and BJP MLA Gopichand Padalkar among others. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs in February, 2023 approved a proposal by the Maharashtra government to change the names of Aurangabad and Osmanabad cities to Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Dharashiv respectively.



## RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das launches Financial Inclusion Dashboard - ANTARDRIHSTI

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das, launched a Financial Inclusion Dashboard - ANTARDRIHSTI To provide the required insight to assess and monitor the progress of financial inclusion by capturing relevant parameters.

## Dennis Francis elected as 78th UNGA president

Trinidad and Tobago's Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) Dennis Francis was elected as the 78th President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

He will succeed Csaba Korosi of Hungary. He will take charge



as President of UNGA at the beginning of the 78th session in September 2023. The 78th session of the UN General Assembly

(UNGA 78) will open 12 September 2023.

The first day of the high-level General Debate will be 25 September 2023.



## Bank of Maharashtra emerges as the top performer in NPA management during FY23

**B**ank of Maharashtra (BoM) has emerged as the best bank as far as management of bad loans is concerned with its net non-performing assets (NPAs) falling as low as 0.25% during the financial year ended March 2023. This is the **lowest level among all banks** having total business above ₹3 lakh crore and not just public sector banks (PSBs). Bank of Maharashtra was followed by HDFC Bank with net NPA declining to **0.27%**. **Kotak Mahindra Bank** stood at third place with NPAs at **0.37%** of net advances. Among the PSBs, Bank of Maharashtra was followed by the **State Bank of India (SBI)** with net NPAs



declining to 0.67% at the end of March 2023. SBI was followed by **Bank of Baroda at 0.89%**.

Bank of Maharashtra has the **highest Provision Coverage Ratio at 98.28%**.

It was followed by UCO Bank at 94.50% and Indian Bank at **93.82%**.

Bank of Maharashtra has the **highest Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) of 18.14% among PSBs**.



## World Bank Cuts India's GDP Growth Forecast To 6.3% In FY24

**A**ccording to the **World Bank's (WB) latest Global Economic Prospects report**, the World Bank expects growth in India to slow down further to **6.3%** in the financial year FY 2023/24 (April to March). This is a **0.3 percentage point downward** revision from the previous estimates of **6.6%**. This revision is primarily attributed to constraints faced by private consumption due to **high inflation and increasing borrowing costs**, as well as the impact of fiscal consolidation on government consumption.

India is projected to retain its position as the fastest-growing economy among the emerging and developing economies, both in terms of **high aggregate and per capita GDP growth**.

## India's GDP Projected to Grow 6.5% In FY24 – RBI

**A**ccording to the **RBI's annual Report 2022-23**, India's **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** growth for 2023-24 is projected at 6.5% for FY24 amid softer global commodity and food prices, and good rabi crop prospects, among others. As per the Annual report of RBI for FY23, India's growth momentum is likely to be sustained in 2023-24 but domestic economic activity is facing challenges from the global outlook. **Resilient domestic macroeconomic and financial conditions**, expected dividends from past reforms and new growth opportunities from global geo-economics shifts create an advantage for India. The report emphasized the need to sustain structural reforms to improve medium-term growth potential of India.



With the ongoing global uncertainties, FPI flows may remain volatile. **Lower inflation, business-friendly policy reforms, and a favourable domestic growth outlook** could help sustain buoyant FDI inflows. Inward remittances are expected to remain robust due to better growth prospects in the gulf nations.

## RBI's Monetary Policy Committee keeps the repo rate unchanged at 6.5%

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das in its second bi-monthly monetary policy meeting of FY24 has kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5%.

To focus remains on the withdrawal of accommodation

Earlier In the MPC meeting held in

February, 2023 the repo rate was increased by 0.25% to 6.50%.

The RBI also retained FY24 GDP growth forecast at 6.5%, while expecting FY24 CPI inflation to be at 5.1% (from 5.2%).

The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled for August 8-10, 2023.



## Ministry Of Jal Shakti Launches the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARDhan

A Unified Registration Portal for GOBARDhan launched by Union Jal Shakti Minister. It will act as a single repository for assessing investment and participation in the biogas/CBG sector on a pan-India basis. More importantly, it will streamline the process of setting up biogas plants/CBG in India.

The Government of India intends to create a strong ecosystem for setting up Biogas/Compressed Biogas (CBG)/Bio-Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) plants to promote sustainable economic growth and promote a circular economy.

Gobardhan aims to generate wealth and energy by converting cattle dung, agricultural residues and other organic waste into biogas, CBG and bio-fertilizers.



stood at ₹14.89 lakh crore with an increase of 43% on a year-over-year basis. 8.89 billion UPI Transactions were recorded in April, 2023 while transactions in March, 2023 were 8.68 billion. In FY 2022-23, the UPI payment system processed a total of 83 billion transactions, amounting to a value of 139 lakh crore rupees.

### RBI's Policy rates:

Category	Rate
Standing Deposit Facility (SDR) Rate	6.25%
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate	6.75%
Bank Rate	6.75%

## RBI governor Shaktikanta Das was honoured with the 'Governor of the Year' award at Central Banking Awards 2023, London

The governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Shaktikanta Das was honoured with the title of 'Governor of the Year' for 2023 by Central Banking Awards 2023 in London. The award recognised his role as the RBI chief in managing inflation and skillfully handling India's banking system during crises like COVID pandemic and global turmoil. With this award, Das became the second Central Bank governor to be honoured with the award after



Raguram Rajan, who won the title in 2015. Central Banking is an international economic research journal.

## UPI records 9 billion transactions in May worth Rs 14.3 trillion

According to the data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the governing body of Unified Payment Interface (UPI) - India's

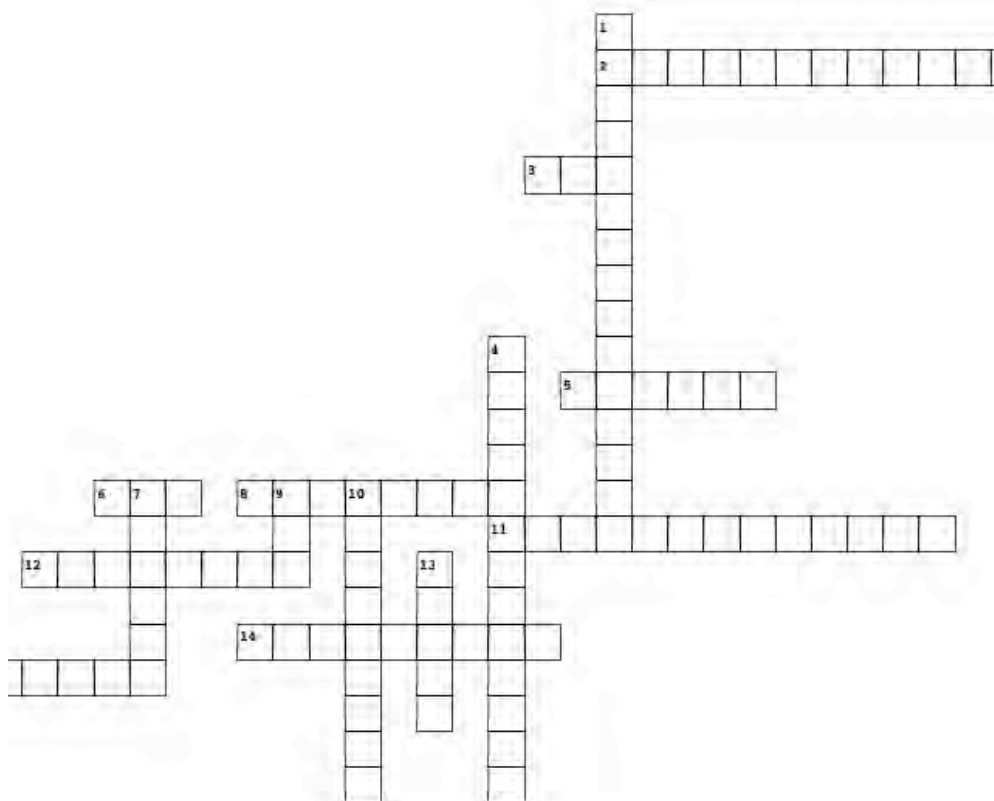
prominent digital payment network 9 billion transactions have been made through UPI in May, 2023. The overall value of the UPI transactions



# Current Affairs

# CROSSWORD

PUZZLE



## Across

2. Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of UCO Bank
  - a) Ashwani Kumar
  - b) Rajneesh Karnatak
  - c) Ajay Kumar
  - d) Shanthi Lal
  - e) Shatyanarayanan Raju
3. Which organisation launched '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign?
  - a) SBI
  - b) RBI
  - c) NHB
  - d) GOI
  - e) SEBI
5. Recep Tayyip Erdogan was re-elected as the President of \_\_\_\_ for the third consecutive time
  - a) France
  - b) Turkey
  - c) Syria
  - d) Gabon
  - e) Russia
6. Which bank launched an Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facility for its customers?
  - a) SBI
  - b) RBI
  - c) BoB
  - d) IOB
  - e) UCO
7. Razorpay has launched India's fastest one-step UPI (unified payments interface) payment solution named \_\_\_\_
  - a) TurboUPI
  - b) JumboUPI
  - c) RupayUPI
  - d) RazorUPI
  - e) MasterUPI
11. Brand ambassador of Tripura tourism
  - a) Virat Kohli
  - b) Sourav Ganguly
  - c) Sachin Tendulkar
  - d) Rohit Sharma
  - e) R Ashwin

**12. Which country conferred its highest civilian honour to President Droupadi Murmu- The Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star?**

- a) Suriname
- b) France
- c) Russia
- d) Ireland
- e) Jordan

## Down

**1. Smile Ambassador' for the Maharashtra government's oral hygiene campaign titled 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyaan**

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Sourav Ganguly
- c) Sachin Tendulkar
- d) Deepika Padukone
- e) Anushka Sharma

**9. Host of the 2025 World Conservation Congress (WCC) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**

- a) UAE
- b) USA
- c) Iran
- d) Iraq
- e) India

**14. Which district will be re-named as 'Ahilya Nagar'?**

- a) Bhopal
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Vadodara
- d) Surat
- e) Bhavnagar

**4. 78th President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**

- a) Dennis Francis
- b) Angela Merkel
- c) Paul Francis
- d) Dennis Franklin
- e) Peter Thomson

**10. Lavender Festival**

- a) Shimla
- b) Bhaderwah
- c) Mandla
- d) Bhopal
- e) Kashmir

**15. Which country has completed the construction of the most powerful largest & fastest wind tunnel in the world, called JF-22?**

- a) China
- b) Russia
- c) Japan
- d) India
- e) Iran

**7. 'Mo Ghar' (My House)- a credit-linked housing scheme**

- a) Assam
- b) Sikkim
- c) Odisha
- d) Gujarat
- e) Kerala

**13. Asia's largest, ambitious and historic cluster development scheme**

- a) Thane
- b) Bhopal
- c) Surat
- d) Kochi
- e) Chennai



# STATIC GK

1. India will host the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in a virtual format. Which of the following is not a member country of SCO?

- a) China                      b) Iran                      c) Kazakhstan  
d) Nepal                      e) Russia

**Answer: e**

**Explanation:**

The SCO grouping now comprises China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

2. Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) has launched Asia's largest, ambitious and historic cluster development scheme in Thane, Maharashtra. Which of the following National Parks belongs to Maharashtra?

- a) Chandoli National Park  
b) Panna National Park  
c) Sanjay Gandhi National Park  
d) Indravati National Park  
e) Gugamal National Park

**Answer: b**

**Explanation:**

Some of the best national parks in Maharashtra are Chandoli National Park, Gugamal National Park, Tadoba Andhari tiger Reserve, Navegaon National Park, Pench National Park and Sanjay Gandhi National Park.

3. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (SFB) has signed an agreement with IBM Consulting to design and build a digital banking platform that delivers a modern and highly secure experience to the bank's customers and partners. Where is the Headquarters of Equitas Small Finance Bank?

- a) Kochi                      b) Thrissur                      c) Chennai  
d) Jaipur                      e) Vishakapatnam

**Answer: c**

**Explanation:**

Equitas Small Finance Bank has its headquarters in Chennai and is a subsidiary of holding company Equitas Holdings Ltd. Equitas Small Finance Bank.

4. The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has joined hands with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras Research Park (IITMRP) and IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) to introduce voice-banking solutions to eliminate language barriers across India. RBIH was set up under a \_\_\_\_\_ under the Companies Act, 2013,

- a) Section 4                      b) Section 5                      c) Section 6

d) Section 8

e) Section 10

**Answer: d**

**Explanation:**

The RBI had set up the RBIH as a Section 8 company under the Companies Act, 2013, with an initial capital contribution of ₹100 crore to encourage and nurture financial innovation in a sustainable manner through an institutional set-up.

5. Bank of Baroda has launched Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facility for its customers. Where is the headquarters of the Bank of Baroda?

- a) Kochi                      b) Mumbai                      c) Vadodara  
d) Bengaluru                      e) Chennai

**Answer: c**

**Explanation:**

Bank of Baroda is an Indian state-owned International banking and financial services company headquartered in Vadodara, Gujarat.

6. Trinidad and Tobago's ambassador to the United Nations (UN) Dennis Francis was elected as the 78th President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). Where is the Headquarters of UNGA?

- a) Washington D.C                      b) Paris  
c) New York                      d) Rome  
e) Belgium

**Answer: c**

**Explanation:**

The headquarters of the UN General Assembly is located in New York.

7. Amarendu Prakash has taken charge as the new Chairman and Managing Director of the Maharatna company, Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL). How many Maharatna companies are there in India at present?

- a) 9                      b) 10                      c) 12  
d) 15                      e) 16

**Answer: c**

**Explanation:**

There are 12 Maharatna companies in India at present (2023). They are: Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Coal India Limited, GAIL India Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, NTPC Limited, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Power Finance Corporation, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Rural Electrification Corporation Limited and Steel Authority of India Limited.

8. Recep Tayyip Erdogan was re-elected as the President of Türkiye for the third consecutive time. What is the capital of Türkiye?

- a) Ankara                      b) Helsinki                      c) Amman  
d) Amsterdam                      e) Stockholm

**Answer: a**

Explanation:

Ankara is Turkey's capital and second-largest city; Istanbul is its largest city and main financial centre.

9. Girish Chandra Murmu has been re-elected as External Auditor of the World Health Organisation (WHO) from 2024 to 2027. Where is the headquarters of WHO?

- a) Washington D.C                      b) Paris                      c) New York  
d) Rome                      e) Geneva

**Answer: e**

Explanation:

World Health Organisation's global office is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

10. Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Tripura tourism. Which of the following river belongs to Tripura?

- a) Gomti                      b) Manu                      c) Mohuri  
d) Haorah                      e) All the above

**Answer: e**

Explanation:

The major rivers flow across Tripura are Gomati River, Longai River, Manu River, Deo River, Dhalai River, Khowai River, Haora River, Muhuri River.

11. Suriname conferred its highest civilian honour to President Droupadi Murmu- The Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star. What is the capital of Suriname?

- a) Ankara                      b) Helsinki                      c) Amman  
d) Amsterdam                      e) Paramaribo

**Answer: e**

Explanation:

Paramaribo is the capital city of Suriname on the banks of the Suriname River.

12. Where is Narendra Modi Stadium Located?

- a) Gandhinagar                      b) Ahmedabad  
c) Surat                      d) Hyderabad  
e) Mumbai

**Answer: b**

Explanation:

The Narendra Modi Stadium, (formerly known as Motera Stadium) is a cricket stadium situated in Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, India.

13. Name the place where the Alaknanda and Bhagirathi rivers meet?

- (a) Gomukh                      (b) Gangotri                      (c) Rudraprayag  
(d) Devprayag                      (e) Mussoorie

**Answer: d**

Explanation:

Devprayag - where Alaknanda and Bhagirathi rivers meet and take the name Ganga or Ganges River.

14. Sundarbans National Park is a Natural World Heritage Site located in which state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh                      (b) Goa  
(c) Maharashtra                      (d) Uttar Pradesh  
(e) West Bengal

**Answer: e**

Explanation:

The Sundarbans National Park is a national park, tiger reserve and biosphere reserve in West Bengal, India. It is part of the Sundarbans on the Ganges Delta and adjacent to the Sundarban Reserve Forest in Bangladesh. It is located in the southwest of Bangladesh.

15. Sultanpur National Park is located in which state?

- (a) Haryana                      (b) Punjab                      (c) Bihar  
(d) Goa                      (e) None of these

**Answer: a**

Explanation:

Sultanpur National Park is located in Haryana.



## IBPS RRB PO Prelims 2023 Practice Set

### Reasoning Ability

**Direction (1–5):** Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Eight different groceries viz. Dal, Fennel, Jeera, Oil, Pepper, Salt, Sugar, and Turmeric are placed in a square box in such a way that four items are placed at the corners while four items are placed in the middle of the sides. All the items are facing towards the centre.

Salt is placed at one of the corners of the box. Two items are placed between Salt and Pepper, which is placed to the immediate left of Sugar. As many items placed between Sugar and Salt as between Pepper and Dal, when counted from the left of both Salt and Pepper. One item is placed between Dal and Turmeric, which is not placed adjacent to Sugar. Jeera is placed to the immediate right of Fennel.

**1. Which of the following item is placed second to the right of Salt?**

- a) Fennel
- b) Jeera
- c) The one which is placed opposite to Jeera
- d) Pepper
- e) The one which is placed opposite to Sugar

**2. How many items are placed between Jeera and Sugar when counted from the left of Jeera?**

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) More than three
- e) None

**3. If Dal is related to Oil and Pepper is related to Jeera in a certain way, then Turmeric is related to which of the following item?**

- a) Salt
- b) Sugar
- c) Fennel
- d) Oil
- e) None of these

**4. Which of the following statement is true with respect to the final arrangement?**

- a) Salt is placed third to the left of Fennel
- b) Both Dal and Oil are placed at the corners of the box
- c) More than two items are placed from the left of Turmeric to Jeera
- d) Neither fennel nor Sugar is placed adjacent to Oil
- e) None is true

**5. What is the position of Sugar with respect to Oil?**

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- a) Second to the left
- b) Third to the right
- c) Fourth to the left
- d) Immediate right
- e) None of these

**Directions (6-9):** Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

**547 738 474 694 836**

**6) If all the digits within the numbers are added, then which of the following number yields the second-highest value?**

- a) 474
- b) 738
- c) 694
- d) 836
- e) Other than the given option

**7) How many numbers are there where the difference between the first and second digit is higher than the third digit?**

- a) None
- b) One
- c) Two
- d) Three
- e) More than three

**8) If all the digits are arranged in ascending order within the number, then which of the following number is the second-lowest number?**

- a) 836
- b) 474

- c) 738
- d) 547
- e) Other than the given option

**9) If the position of the first and the last digits of each number are interchanged, then what is the difference between the highest and lowest number after the rearrangement?**

- a) 462
- b) 363
- c) 384
- d) 265
- e) Other than the given option

**Directions (10-14):** Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Eight appliances viz. Blender, Coffee maker, Cooker, Kettle, Lantern, Microwave, Mixer, and Toaster are kept on different floors of an eight-storey building where the lowermost floor is numbered 1 and the floor immediately above it is numbered 2 and so on.

Cooker was kept on a prime numbered floor and two floors above Coffee maker. As many floors below Coffee maker as above Toaster. Only three floors are there between Toaster and Kettle. As many floors between Kettle and Coffee maker as between Toaster and Microwave. Lantern was kept on an odd



numbered floor but neither adjacent to Mixer nor Blender, which was kept above Mixer.

**10. Which of the following appliance was kept on the floor which is immediately above Microwave?**

- a) Lantern
- b) Blender
- c) Mixer
- d) No such item
- e) None of these

**11. Kettle was kept on which of the following floor?**

- a) Floor 2
- b) Floor 8
- c) Floor 6
- d) Floor 4
- e) None of these

**12. How many floors are there between Toaster and Mixer?**

- a) As many floors below Kettle
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) More than three
- e) As many floors above Blender

**13. The number of floors above Kettle is the same as the number of floors below \_\_\_\_.**

- a) Blender
- b) Mixer
- c) Microwave
- d) Toaster
- e) None of these

**14. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and thus form a group. Which one of the following doesn't belong to the group?**

- a) Toaster
- b) Mixer
- c) Blender
- d) Coffee maker
- e) Kettle

**Direction (15-18):** In each of the following questions, the relationship between different elements is shown in the statements followed by two conclusions. Find a true conclusion.

**15. Statements:**

$$B < N < E \leq P = F \leq T > W = D > J$$

**Conclusions:**

- I)  $E \leq T$
- II)  $T \geq J$
- a) Only conclusion I is true.
- b) Only conclusion II is true.
- c) Either conclusion I or II is true.
- d) Neither conclusion I nor II is true.
- e) Both conclusions I and II are true.

**16. Statements:**

$$B > J > K = E \geq G < N \geq L \leq C = D$$

**Conclusions:**

- I)  $G \leq B$
- II)  $D < E$
- a) Only conclusion I is true.
- b) Only conclusion II is true.
- c) Either conclusion I or II is true.

- d) Neither conclusion I nor II is true.  
e) Both conclusions I and II are true.

### 17. Statements:

$$S \leq U \leq M < V < K = X \geq N \geq F \geq P = L$$

### Conclusions:

I)  $L \leq K$

II)  $S < X$

- a) Only conclusion I is true.  
b) Only conclusion II is true.  
c) Either conclusion I or II is true.  
d) Neither conclusion I nor II is true.  
e) Both conclusions I and II are true.

### 18. Statements:

$$V \leq K < A < N = B \geq E > H > L = O$$

### Conclusions:

I)  $V > E$

II)  $N > O$

- a) Only conclusion I is true.  
b) Only conclusion II is true.  
c) Either conclusion I or II is true.  
d) Neither conclusion I nor II is true.  
e) Both conclusions I and II are true.

**Direction (19–23):** Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Seven persons – G, H, I, J, K, L and M are writing the same exam on different days from Monday to Sunday of the same week, but not necessarily in the same order.

H writes the exam on one of the days after Wednesday. Only three persons write the exam between G and H. I

writes the exam two persons after G. The number of persons writing the exam between I and H is **one less** than the number of persons writing the exam between M and J. L writes the exam immediately before J.

**19) Who among the following person writes the exam on Tuesday?**

- a) G  
b) I  
c) J  
d) K  
e) None of these

**20) How many persons write the exam between G and M?**

- a) One  
b) As many persons write the exam before I  
c) Three  
d) More than three  
e) As many persons write the exam after J

**21) I write the exam on which of the following day?**

- a) Friday  
b) Thursday  
c) Monday  
d) Wednesday  
e) Saturday

**22) If K is related to Wednesday and M is related to Friday in a certain**



**way, then I is related to which of the following day?**

- a) Saturday
- b) Sunday
- c) Thursday
- d) Tuesday
- e) None of these

**23) The one who writes three persons before M writes the exam on which of the following day?**

- a) Monday
- b) Tuesday
- c) Thursday
- d) Saturday
- e) No such day

**Direction (24-27): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.**

D 3 T \$ B E Ω 5 A V # H 6 @ R 8 4 α N J  
% 7 2 & S O 9 β U 0 M £ I I L W € Z

**24. How many such symbols are there in the given series each of which is immediately followed by a letter and immediately preceded by a number?**

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) More than three
- e) None

**25. If all the symbols are dropped from the series, then how many consonants are immediately**

**preceded and immediately followed by a number in the given series?**

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) More than three
- e) None

**26. Which of the following element is seventh to the left of the fifteenth from the right end in the given series?**

- a) M
- b) α
- c) 4
- d) N
- e) None of these

**27. How many vowels are there between H and M in the given series?**

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) More than three
- e) None

**Direction (28-32): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.**

Eight home decorating items viz. Art, Book, Candle, Clock, Coral, Cushion, Lamp and Tray are placed around a circular table and all items are facing towards the centre.

Two items were kept between Book and Coral, which was kept to the immediate left of Cushion. As many items kept between Book and Cushion as between Coral to Art, when counted from the left of both Book and Art. Tray was kept to the immediate left of Clock where neither of them was kept adjacent to both Book and Coral. Candle was neither kept second to the left of Cushion nor kept third to the right of Cushion.

**28. Which of the following item was kept exactly opposite to Clock?**

- a) Art
- b) The one which is kept second to the right of Book
- c) Candle
- d) The one which is kept third to the left of Art
- e) None of these

**29. If all the items are kept in alphabetical order from Art in a clockwise direction, then how many items remain unchanged in their position, excluding Art?**

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) More than three
- e) None

**30. What is the position of Lamp with respect to Tray?**

- a) Second to the right
- b) Third to the right
- c) Immediate left
- d) Third to the left
- e) None of these

**31. How many items are there between Candle and Cushion, when counted from the right of Cushion?**

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) More than three
- e) None

**32. If Art and Coral interchanged their position, then what is the position of Coral with respect to Lamp?**

- a) Second to the right
- b) Immediate right
- c) Third to the left
- d) Second to the left
- e) None of these

**Direction (33–36): Study the following information carefully and answer the given question:**

In a certain code language,  
**“Strong money of power”** is coded as **“tb mp rm ju”**

**“Worst power things of”** is coded as **“ub pr rm tb”**

**“Happens things to money”** is coded as **“pr mp nj pm”**



**“Person of position to”** is coded as **“pm at br rm”**

(Note: All the given codes are two letter codes only)

**33) Which of the following word is coded as “pm” in the given code language?**

- a) of
- b) worst
- c) to
- d) things
- e) money

**34) Which of the following phrase is coded as “br rm” in the given code language?**

- a) position to
- b) person of
- c) of position
- d) Either (a) or (c)
- e) Either (b) or (c)

**35) What is the code for the phrase “strong worst” in the given code language?**

- a) ub rm
- b) pr ju
- c) ju ub
- d) rm pr
- e) ju rm

**36) What is the code for the word “happens” in the given code language?**

- a) mp

- b) ju
- c) pm
- d) nj
- e) pr

**Direction (37–38): Study the following information carefully and answer the given question:**

Point P is 8m to the south of point R. Point R is 6m to the west of point T, which is 12m to the north of point Q. Point U is 4m to the east of point S. Point Q is 9m to the west of point V, which is to the south of S. U is to the east of P.

**37) What is the direction of point Q with respect to point U?**

- a) Northwest
- b) Southeast
- c) Southwest
- d) Northeast
- e) None of these

**38) What is the shortest distance between points T and V?**

- a) 13m
- b) 11m
- c) 10m
- d) 14m
- e) 15m

**39) If in the number 563821496, the digits at even positions (from the left end) are dropped and the remaining digits are arranged in ascending order from the left end,**

then which of the following digits is fourth from the right end?

- a) 3
- b) 5
- c) 4
- d) 2
- e) 6

**40. How many such pairs of letters are there in the word "APPRECIATE" each of which has as many letters between them in the word as there are in the English alphabetical series (both forward and backward directions)?**

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) More than three
- e) None

### Quantitative Aptitude

**Directions (41-45): What approximate value should come in the place of (?) in the following questions?**

**41)  $31.89\%$  of  $250.12 + 14.98 * \sqrt{65} + 1480.11 \div \sqrt{1370} = ?$**

- A.230
- B.220
- C.240
- D.210
- E.200

**42)  $89.92\%$  of  $199.89 + 75.12\%$  of  $179.911 - 114.99 = ?$**

- A.200
- B.220
- C.240
- D.230
- E.250

**43)  $14.92\%$  of  $320.01 + 1027.12 \div 12.981 = ? + 10.98 * \sqrt{50}$**

- A.45
- B.50
- C.40
- D.70
- E.60

**44)  $\sqrt{325} * \sqrt{960} + 703.05 \div 19.012 - 31.13 * 4.902 = ?$**

- A.380
- B.410
- C.430
- D.420
- E.440

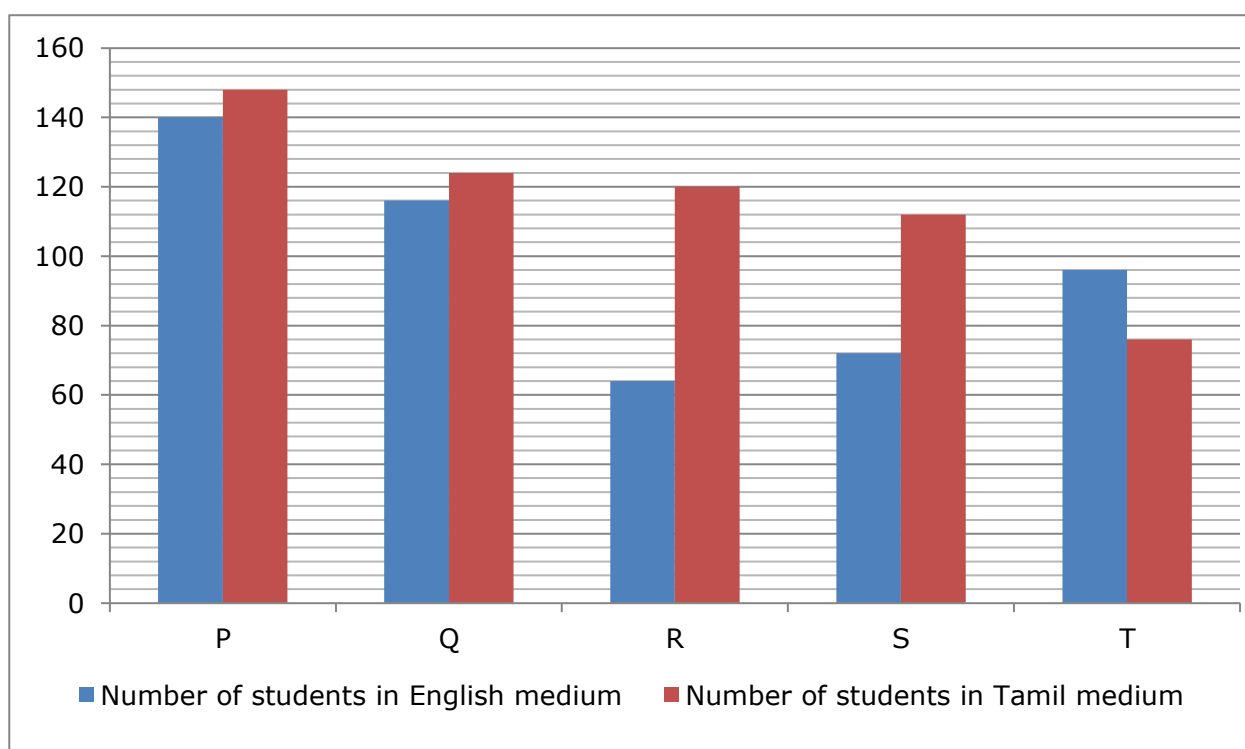
**45)  $44.96 * 24.31 + 65.12\%$  of  $119.92 - 677.89 = ?$**

- A.450
- B.430
- C.480
- D.510
- E.400



**Directions (46–50):** Read the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

The given bar graph shows the number of students in English medium in five different schools namely P, Q, R, S and T and the number of students in Tamil medium in these five schools.



**46) If the ratio of number of students in English medium in school T to School U is 3:5 and the average number of students in Tamil medium in school U and S is 150, then find the total number of students in both English and Tamil medium in school U.**

- A. 300
- B. 348
- C. 200
- D. 240
- E. None of these

**47) If the ratio of number of girls to boys in English medium in school P is 33:b and the number of girls is 50 more than the number of number of boys in English medium in school Q and the total number of girls in English medium in School P and Q is 149, then find the value of b.**

- A. 45
- B. 37
- C. 33
- D. 34
- E. None of these

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**48) If the number of girls in Tamil medium in School Q is 60 more than the number of boys in Tamil medium in School R and the number of girls in Tamil medium in School R is 300% of the number of boys in Tamil medium in School Q, then find the ratio of number of girls to boys in Tamil medium in School Q.**

- A. 24:9
- B. 24:7
- C. 24:5
- D. 5:31
- E. None of these

**49) The number of students in English medium in schools P, Q and R is approximately what percentage of number of students in Tamil medium in school R?**

- A. 260%
- B. 255%
- C. 267%
- D. 300%
- E. None of these

**50) Find the difference between the total number of students in English medium and the total number of students in Tamil medium from all five schools.**

- A. 90

- B. 78
- C. 67
- D. 92
- E. None of these

**Directions (51-55): What value should come in the place of (?) in the following number series?**

**51) 21, 64, 194, 585, ?, 5282**

- A.1738
- B.1759
- C.1742
- D.1767
- E.1728

**52) 221, 220, ?, 86, 37, -692**

- A.282
- B.289
- C.299
- D.207
- E.211

**53) 8, 11, 16, 23, 32, ?**

- A.38
- B.43
- C.48
- D.52
- E.59

**54) 2160, 360, 72, 18, ?, 3**

- A.9
- B.6



C.18

A.18890

D.12

B.19866

E.21

C.19997

D.20790

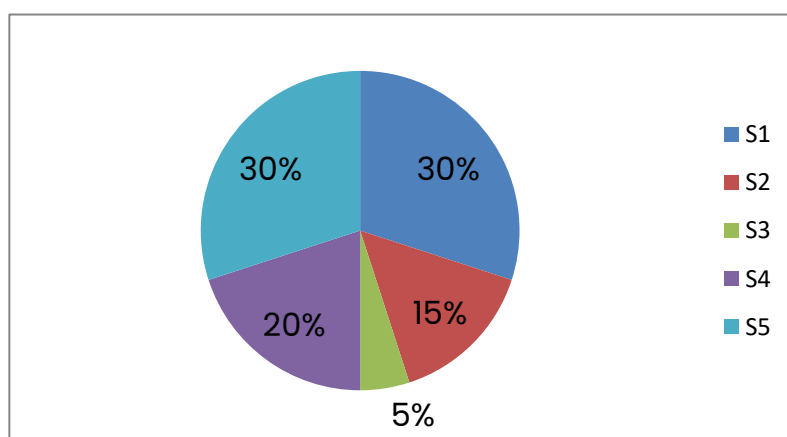
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**55) 64, 352, 1584, 5544, 13860, ?**

**Directions (56–60): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions.**

The given pie chart shows the percentage distribution of the number of shoes issued by five different schools namely S1, S2, S3, S4, and S5.

Total number of shoes issued by all five schools together = 1600



**56) If the number of black shoes issued by school S2 is  $7X$  and the number of white shoes issued by school S2 is  $5X$ , then find the ratio of the total number of (black + white) shoes issued by School S2 to the number of black shoes issued by school S2.**

A. 12:5

B. 9:5

C. 12:7

D. 12:11

E. 12:13

**57) If the number of black shoes issued by school S3 is 20% of the number of white shoes issued by school S4 and the number of black**

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shoes issued by school S4 is 80 more than the number of white shoes issued by school S3, then find the number of white shoes issued by school S3 and S4 together.

- A. 450
- B. 240
- C. 340
- D. 300
- E. 350

58) If the number of black shoes issued by School S6 is 60 more than the number of white shoes issued by School S6 and the sum of the total number of (black + white) shoes issued by School S6 is 200 more than that of School S4, then find the number of white shoes issued by School S6 is how much percentage of the number of black shoes issued by School S6?

- A. 89%
- B. 80%
- C. 79%
- D. 60%
- E. 55%

59) Find the difference between the number of shoes issued by schools S1, S2, and S3 together and the number of shoes issued by schools S5.

- A. 340
- B. 320
- C. 350
- D. 400
- E. 300

60) If the number of shoes issued by school S4 is increased by 80, then the number of shoes issued by school S4 after increase is what percentage of the number of shoes issued by school S3?

- A. 400%
- B. 500%
- C. 250%
- D. 625%
- E. 275%

61) A and B started the business with the investment of Rs.4800 and Rs.6000 respectively. After 4 months C joined with the investment of Rs.5000. At the end of year the total profit of the business is Rs.5300, find the profit share of B?

- A. Rs.2000
- B. Rs.2250
- C. Rs.2500
- D. Rs.2750
- E. None of these

62) The marked price of the laptop is Rs.3000 more than the cost price of



the laptop. If the shopkeeper offers a discount of 20% on marked price of the laptop while he gets the profit of  $6\frac{2}{3}\%$ , then find the cost price of the laptop?

- A.Rs.8000
- B.Rs.8800
- C.Rs.9600
- D.Rs.9200
- E. None of these

63) A, B and C together can complete the work in  $11\frac{1}{13}$  days and C alone complete the same work in 48 days. If the efficiency of A is 50% more than B, in how many days A and C together can complete the work?

- A.12 days
- B.16 days
- C.18 days
- D.20 days
- E. None of these

64) Ram invests Rs.x in scheme A which offers simple interest at the rate of 15% per annum for 4 years. Sam invests  $\text{Rs.} \frac{2x}{3}$  in scheme B which offers simple interest at the rate of 18% per annum for 3 years. If Ram received the interest is Rs.1080 more than the interest received by

Sam, then find the amount invests by Sam?

- A.Rs.3000
- B.Rs.2800
- C.Rs.3600
- D.Rs.4200
- E. None of these

65) Train A crosses train B running opposite direction in 16.8 seconds and train A crosses a man standing in the platform in 10 seconds. Ratio of the length of train A to B is 5:9 and the train A crosses 200 m long platform in 18 seconds, then find the speed of train B?

- A.40 kmph
- B.50 kmph
- C.60 kmph
- D.80 kmph
- E.90 kmph

**Directions (66–70): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions.**

A certain number of students attended singing classes in a music school and the students attended two types of singing classes namely western and carnatic in the school. The number of females who attended western singing classes is 30% less than the number of males who

attended western singing classes. The number of males who attended carnatic singing classes is half the number of males who attended western singing classes and the number of females who attended the carnatic singing classes is the same as the number of males who attended the western singing classes.

The total number of students who attended singing classes is 640.

**66. The ratio of the number of unmarried males to females who attended western singing classes 5:4 and the total number of married students who attended western singing classes is 70, then find the sum of the number of married males and unmarried females who attended western singing classes.**

- A. 170
- B. 140
- C. 120
- D. 135
- E. 125

**67) If the ratio of the number of married males to females who attended carnatic singing classes is 1:3 and the ratio of the number of unmarried males to females who attended carnatic singing classes is 3:4, then find the ratio of the number**

**of married to unmarried females who attended carnatic singing classes.**

- A. 4:3
- B. 7:5
- C. 3:2
- D. 3:4
- E. 1:1

**68) If the total number of married males who attended carnatic and western singing classes together is 83.33% of total number of males who attended carnatic and western singing classes together, then find the number of unmarried males who attended carnatic and western singing classes together.**

- A. 50
- B. 55
- C. 67
- D. 70
- E. 65

**69) Find the difference between the number of students who attended western singing classes and the number of students who attended carnatic singing classes.**

- A. 60
- B. 45
- C. 40
- D. 50



E. 55

**70. 50% of the number of males who attended western singing classes is how much percentage less than the total number of students who attended singing classes?**

- A. 90%
- B. 84%
- C. 78%
- D. 92%
- E. 72%

**Directions (71-75): What value should come in the place of (?) in the following questions?**

**71)  $136\% \text{ of } 650 - 60\% \text{ of } 360 + 65\% \text{ of } 480 = ?$**

- A.1080
- B.980
- C.1010
- D.998
- E.1000

**72)  $(1600 \div 125) * (360 \div 24) + 132 * \sqrt{16} = ?$**

- A.870
- B.670
- C.720
- D.580
- E.840

**73)  $18\% \text{ of } 730 + 78\% \text{ of } 230 + 135\% \text{ of } 960 = ?$**

- A.1506.8
- B.1606.8
- C.1706.8
- D.1406.8
- E.1809.8

**74)  $24\% \text{ of } 800 = ? + 17 * 7 - \sqrt{9} * \sqrt{81}$**

- A.90
- B.100
- C.80
- D.70
- E.60

**75)  $42\% \text{ of } 300 + 912 \div \sqrt{144} + \sqrt{225} * 25 = ?$**

- A.548
- B.358
- C.456
- D.577
- E.650

**76) The average of a series I of 5 consecutive odd numbers is 15 and the series II is of 4 consecutive even numbers. If the difference between the highest term of series II and series I is 7, then find the average of series II.**

- A.11
- B.13
- C.15

D.9

E. None of these

**77) A man goes office from his house at the speed of 20 kmph and reached the office at 15 minutes late. If he increased the speed by 5 kmph and he reaches the office on time, then find the distance between office and house?**

A.20 km

B.25 km

C.30 km

D.40 km

E.None of these

**78) 4 men and 6 women together can complete the work in 5 days and 6 men and 4 women do the same work in 4 days. In how many days 4 men and 2 women together complete the work?**

A.6.25 days

B.4.25 days

C.12.25 days

D.10.25 days

E.8.25 days

**79) A milkman has 65 liters mixture of oil and water in the ratio of 8:5. If he added  $x$  liters of water in the mixture, then the ratio of the oil and water becomes 5:6. Find the value of  $x$ ?**

A.20 liters

B.23 liters

C.25 liters

D.18 liters

E.27 liters

**80) A rectangular sheet of dimensions  $44 * 24 \text{ cm}^2$  is rolled into cone and the smaller side of the rectangle is equal to height of the cone, what is the curved surface area of the cone?**

A.550  $\text{cm}^2$

B.528  $\text{cm}^2$

C.264  $\text{cm}^2$

D.396  $\text{cm}^2$

E. None of these

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**Direction (1-5):**

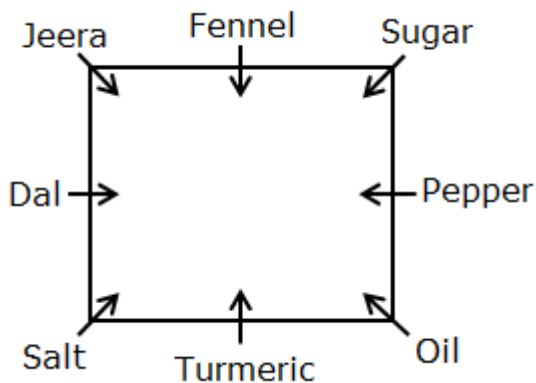
**1. Answer: C**

**2. Answer: A**

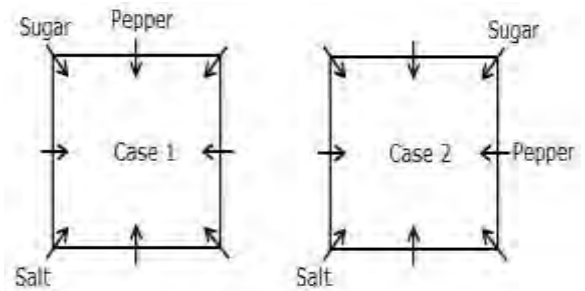
**3. Answer: B**

**4. Answer: D**

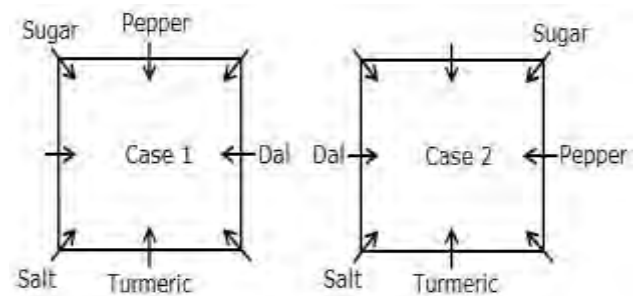
**5. Answer: E**



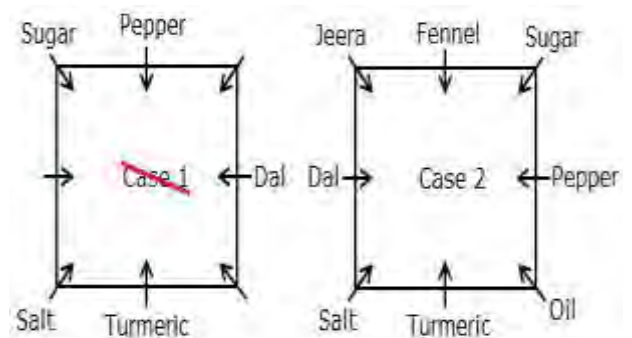
1. Salt is placed at one of the corners of the box. Two items are placed between Salt and Pepper, which is placed to the immediate left of Sugar.



2. As many items placed between Sugar and Salt as between Pepper and Dal when counted from the left of both Salt and Pepper. One item is placed between Dal and Turmeric, which is not placed adjacent to Sugar.



3. Jeera is placed to the immediate right of Fennel. Hence, case 1 gets eliminated.



**Directions (6-9):**

**6) Answer: B**

547 738 474 694 836

16 18 15 19 17

=> 18 = 738

**7) Answer: A**

1<7 4<8 3<4 3<4 5<6

**8) Answer: C**

547 738 474 694 836

457 **378** 447 469 368

**9) Answer: B**

547 738 474 694 836

745 837 474 496 638

837 - 474 = 363

**Directions (10-14):**

**10. Answer: B**

**11. Answer: A**

**12. Answer: A**

**13. Answer: C**

**14. Answer: D**

Floor	Appliances
8	Blender
7	Microwave
6	Toaster
5	Cooker
4	Mixer
3	Coffee maker
2	Kettle
1	Lantern

1. Cooker was kept on a prime numbered floor and two floors above Coffee maker. As many floors below Coffee maker as above Toaster.

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
Floor	Appliances	Appliances	Appliances
8			Toaster
7	Cooker		
6		Toaster	
5	Coffee maker	Cooker	
4	Toaster		
3		Coffee maker	Cooker
2			
1			Coffee maker

2. Only three floors are there between Toaster and Kettle. As many floors between Kettle and Coffee maker as between Toaster and Microwave.

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
Floor	Appliances	Appliances	Appliances
8	Kettle		Toaster
7	Cooker	Microwave	
6		Toaster	
5	Coffee maker	Cooker	Microwave
4	Toaster		Kettle
3		Coffee maker	Cooker
2		Kettle	
1	Microwave		Coffee maker

3. Lantern was kept on an odd numbered floor but neither adjacent to Mixer nor Blender, which was kept



above Mixer. Hence, cases 1 and 3 get eliminated.

	<del>Case 1</del>	Case 2	<del>Case 3</del>
Floor	Appliances	Appliances	Appliances
8	Kettle	Blender	Toaster
7	Cooker	Microwave	Lantern
6		Toaster	
5	Coffee maker	Cooker	Microwave
4	Toaster	Mixer	Kettle
3	Lantern	Coffee maker	Cooker
2		Kettle	
1	Microwave	Lantern	Coffee maker

#### 15. Answer: A

I)  $E \leq T$  ( $E \leq P = F \leq T$ )  $\rightarrow$  True

II)  $T \geq J$  ( $T > W = D > J$ )  $\rightarrow$  False

**Only conclusion I is true.**

#### 16. Answer: D

I)  $G \leq B$  ( $B > J > K = E \geq G$ )  $\rightarrow$  False

II)  $D < E$  ( $E \geq G < N \geq L \leq C = D$ )  $\rightarrow$  False

**Neither conclusion I nor II is true**

#### 17. Answer: E

I).  $L \leq K$  ( $K = X \geq N \geq F \geq P = L$ )  $\rightarrow$  True

II).  $S < X$  ( $S \leq U \leq M < V < K = X$ )  $\rightarrow$  True

**Both conclusions I and II are true**

#### 18. Answer: B

I).  $V > E$  ( $V \leq K < A < N = B \geq E$ )  $\rightarrow$  False

II).  $N > O$  ( $N = B \geq E > H > L = O$ )  $\rightarrow$  True

#### Direction (19–23):

**19. Answer: D**

**20. Answer: B**

**21. Answer: E**

**22. Answer: C**

**23. Answer: A**

Days	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Person	G	K	I	M	H	L	J

1) H writes the exam on one of the days after Wednesday. Only three persons write the exam between G and H.

	Days	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Case 1	Person	G				H		
Case 2	Person		G				H	
Case 3	Person			G				H

2) I writes the exam two persons after G. The number of persons writing the exam between I and H is **one less** than the number of persons writing the exam between M and J. Hence, case 2 gets eliminated.

	Days	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Case 1	Person	G		I	M/J	H		J/M
<del>Case 2</del>	Person		G		I		H	
Case 3	Person	M/J		G	J/M	I		H

3) L writes the exam immediately before J. Hence, case 3 gets eliminated.

	Days	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Case 1	Person	G	K	I	M	H	L	J
<del>Case 3</del>	Person	M/J		G	J/M	I		H

**24. Answer: D**

D 3 T \$ B E Ω 5 A V # H 6 @ R 8 4 α N J

% 7 2 & S O 9 β U 0 M £ I 1 L W € Z

Hence, option D is correct.

**25. Answer: A**

D 3 T B E 5 A V H 6 R 8 4 N J 7 2 S O 9 U

O M I 1 L W Z

Hence, option A is correct.

**26. Answer: C**

D 3 T \$ B E Ω 5 A V # H 6 @ R 8 4 α N J

% 7 2 & S O 9 β U 0 M £ I 1 L W € Z

Hence, option C is correct.

**27. Answer: B**

D 3 T \$ B E Ω 5 A V # H 6 @ R 8 4 α N J

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Hence, option B is correct.

**Direction (28–32):**

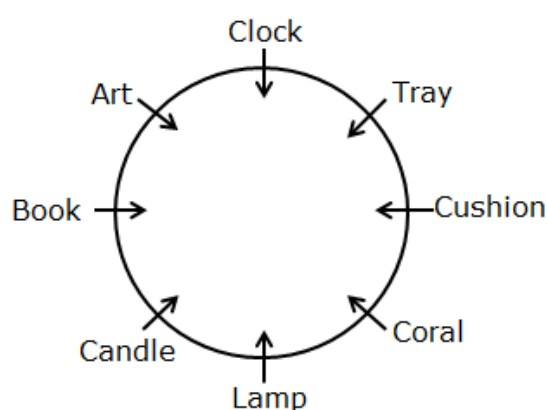
**28. Answer: B**

**29. Answer: A**

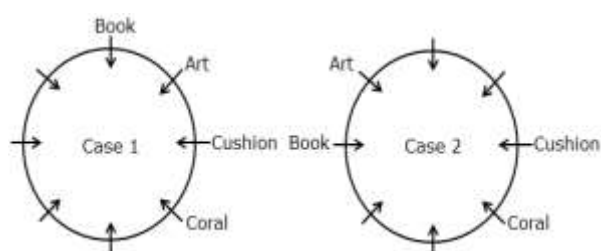
**30. Answer: D**

**31. Answer: D**

**32. Answer: C**



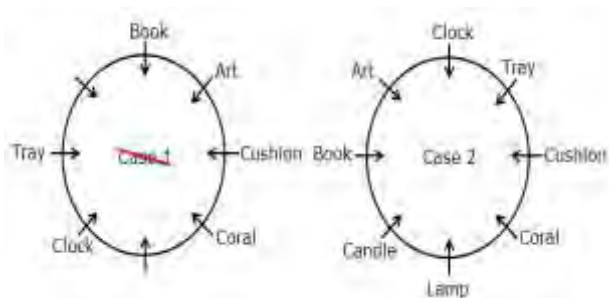
- Two items were kept between Book and Coral, which was kept to the immediate left of Cushion.
- As many items kept between Book and Cushion as between Coral to Art, when counted from the left of both Book and Art.



- Tray was kept to the immediate left of Clock where neither of them was kept adjacent to both Book and Coral.
- Candle was neither kept second to the left nor third to the right of Cushion.

Hence, case 1 gets eliminated.





**Direction (33–36):**

**33. Answer: C**

**34. Answer: E**

**35. Answer: C**

**36. Answer: D**

**Final arrangement:**

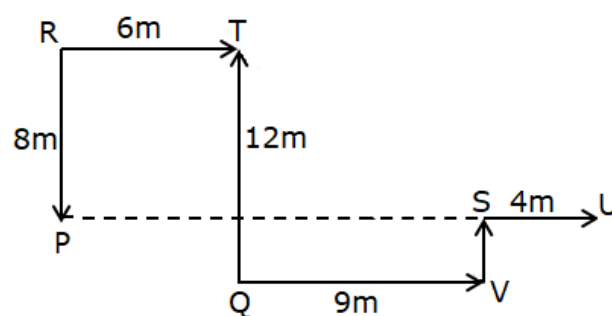
Word	Code
Money	Mp
Power	Tb
Of	Rm
Strong	Ju
Things	Pr
Worst	Ub
Happens	Nj
To	Pm
Person	at/br
Position	br/at

**Direction (37–38):**

**37. Answer: C**

**38. Answer: E**

**Final arrangements:**



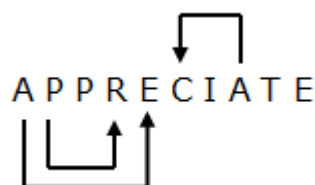
**39. Answer: A**

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**40. Answer: C**



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**41) Answer: C**

$$31.89 \% \text{ of } 250.12 + 14.98 * \sqrt{65} + 1480.11 \div \sqrt{1370} = ?$$

$$32/100 * 250 + 15 * \sqrt{64} + 1480/\sqrt{1369} = ?$$

$$80 + 120 + 40 = ?$$

$$240 = ?$$

**42) Answer: A**

$$89.92 \% \text{ of } 199.89 + 75.12 \% \text{ of } 179.911 - 114.99 = ?$$

$$90/100 * 200 + 75/100 * 180 - 115 = ?$$

$$180 + 135 - 115 = ?$$

$$? = 200$$

**43) Answer: B**

$$14.92 \% \text{ of } 320.01 + 1027.12 \div 12.981 = ? + 10.98 * \sqrt{50}$$

$$15/100 * 320 + 1027/13 = ? + 11 * \sqrt{49}$$

$$48 + 79 = ? + 77$$

$$? = 50$$

**44) Answer: E**

$$\sqrt{325} * \sqrt{960} + 703.05 \div 19.012 - 31.13 * 4.902 = ?$$

$$\sqrt{324} * \sqrt{961} + 703/19 - 31 * 5 = ?$$

$$558 + 37 - 155 = ?$$

$$440 = ?$$

**45) Answer: C**

$$44.96 * 24.31 + 65.12\% \text{ of } 119.92 - 677.89 = ?$$

$$45 * 24 + 65/100 * 120 - 678 = ?$$

$$1080 + 78 - 678 = ?$$

$$480 = ?$$

**46) Answer: B**

Number of students in English

$$\text{medium in school U} = 96/3 * 5 = 160$$

$$\text{Number of students in Tamil medium in school U} = 150 * 2 - 112 = 300 - 112 = 188$$

$$\text{Total number of students in English and Tamil medium in school u} = 160 + 188 = 348$$

**47) Answer: B**

Number of boys in English medium in school Q = x

Number of girls in English medium in school Q = x + 50

$$x + x + 50 = 116$$

$$2x + 50 = 116$$

$$x = 33$$

Number of girls in English medium in school Q = 50 + 33 = 83

$$\text{Number of girls in English medium P} \Rightarrow 149 \Rightarrow a + 83 = 149 \Rightarrow a = 66$$

$$\text{Number of boys in English medium in school P} = 140 - 66 = 74$$

$$\text{Ratio of number of girls to boys in English medium in School P} = 66:74 = 33:37$$

$$b = 37$$

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**48) Answer: B**

Number of boys in Tamil medium in

School R = x

Number of girls in Tamil medium in

School Q = x + 60

Number of boys in Tamil medium in

School Q = y

Number of girls in Tamil medium in

School R = 3y

$$x + 60 + y = 124$$

$$x + y = 64 \text{ ---- (1)}$$

$$x + 3y = 120 \text{ ---- (2)}$$

From (1) and (2),

$$y = 28$$

$$(1), \Rightarrow x + 28 = 64$$

$$x = 36$$

Number of girls in Tamil medium in

$$\text{School Q} = 36 + 60 = 96$$

Number of boys in Tamil medium in

$$\text{School Q} = 28$$

$$\text{Required ratio} = 96:28 = 24:7$$

**49) Answer: C**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Required percentage} &= (140 + 116 + 64)/120 * 100 = 320/120 * 100 = 267\% \\ &(\text{approx}) \end{aligned}$$

**50. Answer: D**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Required difference} &= (148 + 124 + 120 \\ &+ 112 + 76) - (140 + 116 + 64 + 72 + 96) \\ &= 580 - 488 = 92 \end{aligned}$$

**51) Answer: B**

$$21 * 3 + 1 = 64$$

$$64 * 3 + 2 = 194$$

$$194 * 3 + 3 = 585$$

$$585 * 3 + 4 = 1759$$

$$1759 * 3 + 5 = 5282$$

**52) Answer: E**

$$221 - 1^3 = 220$$

$$220 - 3^2 = 211$$

$$211 - 5^3 = 86$$

$$86 - 7^2 = 37$$

$$37 - 9^3 = -692$$

**53) Answer: B**

$$1^2 + 7 = 8$$

$$2^2 + 7 = 11$$

$$3^2 + 7 = 16$$

$$4^2 + 7 = 23$$

$$5^2 + 7 = 32$$

$$6^2 + 7 = 43$$

**54) Answer: B**

$$2160/6 = 360$$

$$360/5 = 72$$

$$72/4 = 18$$

$$18/3 = 6$$

$$6/2 = 3$$

**55) Answer: D**

$$64 * 5.5 = 352$$

$$352 * 4.5 = 1584$$

$$1584 * 3.5 = 5544$$

$$5544 * 2.5 = 13860$$

$$13860 * 1.5 = 20790$$

**Directions (56-60):**

Name of schools	Percentage of number of shoes issued by the schools	Number of shoes issued by the schools
S1	30%	$1600/100 * 30 = 480$
S2	15%	$1600/100 * 15 = 240$
S3	5%	$1600/100 * 5 = 80$
S4	20%	$1600/100 * 20 = 320$
S5	30%	$1600/100 * 30 = 480$

**56) Answer: C**

$$7X + 5X = 240$$

$$X = 20$$

Number of black shoes issued by

$$\text{School S2} = 7 * 20 = 140$$

$$\text{Required ratio} = 240 : 140 = 12 : 7$$

**57) Answer: B**

Number of white shoes issued by school S4 = x

Number of black shoes issued by school S3 =  $x/5$

Number of white shoes issued by school S3 = y

Number of black shoes issued by school S4 = y + 80

$$x/5 + y = 80$$

$$x + 5y = 400 \text{ ---- (1)}$$

$$x + y + 80 = 320$$

$$x + y = 240 \text{ ---- (2)}$$

From (1) and (2),

$$4y = 160$$

$$y = 40$$

From (2),

$$x = 200$$

Number of white shoes issued by the school S3 and S4 together =  $x + y = 200 + 40 = 240$

**58) Answer: C**

Number of white shoes issued by School S6 = x

Number of black shoes issued by School S6 = x + 60

Total number of shoes issued by School S6 =  $320 + 200 = 520$

$$x + x + 60 = 520$$

$$2x = 460$$

$$x = 230$$

Number of white shoes issued by School S6 = 230

Number of black shoes issued by School S6 =  $230 + 60 = 290$



Required percentage =  $230/290 * 100$   
 $= 79\%$  (approx)

**59) Answer: B**

Required difference =  $(480 + 240 + 80) - 480 = 320$

**60) Answer: B**

Required percentage =  $(320 + 80)/(80) * 100 = 500\%$

**61) Answer: B**

Profit ratio of A, B and C =  $4800 * 12:6000 * 12:5000 * 8$   
 $= 36:45:25$

Profit share of B =  $45/106 * 5300 = 2250$

**62) Answer: E**

CP of the laptop =  $x$

MP of the laptop =  $x + 3000$

$(x + 3000) * 80/100 = x * 320/300$

$x + 3000 = 4x/3$

$3x + 9000 = 4x$

$x = \text{Rs.}9000$

**63) Answer: B**

A + B + C together can complete the work =  $13/144$

C alone complete the work =  $1/48$

A + B complete the work =  $13/144 - 1/48$

$= 13 - 3/144$

$= 5/72$

Efficiency of A and B =  $150:100 = 3:2$

Time ratio of A and B =  $2:3$

$1/2x + 1/3x = 5/72$

$5/6x = 5/72$

$x = 12$

A alone complete the work =  $12 * 2 = 24$  days

A + C together can complete the work =  $1/24 + 1/48$   
 $= 1/16$

**64) Answer: A**

$SI = P * R * N/100$

SI received by Ram =  $x * 15 * 4/100 = 3x/5$

SI received by Sam =  $2x/3 * 18 * 3/100 = 9x/25$

$3x/5 - 9x/25 = 1080$

$15x - 9x = 1080 * 25$

$x = \text{Rs.}4500$

Sam investment =  $2 * 4500/3 = \text{Rs.}3000$

**65) Answer: C**

Length of train A =  $5x$

Length of train B =  $9x$

Speed of train A =  $y$

Speed of train B =  $z$

$$5x = y * 5/18 * 10$$

$$9x = 5y$$

$$5x + 200 = y * 5/18 * 18$$

$$5x + 200 = 9x$$

$$4x = 200$$

$$x = 50$$

$$\text{Length of train A} = 50 * 5 = 250 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Length of train B} = 50 * 9 = 450 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Speed of train A} = 90 \text{ kmph}$$

$$250 + 450 = (90 + z) * 5/18 * 16.8$$

$$z = 60 \text{ kmph}$$

### Directions (66–70):

Let the number of males who attended western singing classes be  $10x$ .

Number of females who attended western singing classes =  $7x$

Number of males who attended carnatic singing classes =  $1/2 * 10x = 5x$

Number of females who attended carnatic singing classes =  $10x$

$$10x + 7x + 5x + 10x = 640$$

$$32x = 640$$

$$x = 20$$

Singing class	Number of males	Number of females
Western singing	$10x = 10 * 20 = 200$	$7x = 7 * 20 = 140$
Carnatic singing	$5x = 5 * 20 = 100$	$10x = 10 * 20 = 200$

### 66) Answer: A

Total number of unmarried students who attended western singing classes =  $340 - 70 = 270$

Number of unmarried males who attended western singing =  $270/9 * 5 = 150$

Number of unmarried females who attended western singing =  $270/9 * 4 = 120$

Number of married males who attended western singing =  $200 - 150 = 50$

Required sum =  $50 + 120 = 170$

### 67) Answer: C

Number of married males who attended carnatic singing classes =  $x$

Number of married females who attended carnatic singing classes =  $3x$

Number of unmarried males who attended carnatic singing classes =  $3y$

Number of unmarried females who attended carnatic singing classes =  $4y$

$$x + 3y = 100 \text{ ---- (1) * 3}$$

$$3x + 9y = 300 \text{ ---- (2)}$$

$$3x + 4y = 200 \text{ ---- (3)}$$

From (2) and (3),

$$5y = 100$$

$$y = 20$$

From (1),

$$x + 3 * 20 = 100$$

$$x + 60 = 100$$

$$x = 40$$

Number of married females who attended carnatic singing classes =  $3 * 40 = 120$

Number of unmarried females who attended carnatic singing classes =  $4 * 20 = 80$

Required ratio =  $120:80 = 3:2$

### 68) Answer: A

Total number of married males who attended carnatic and western singing classes together =  $(200 + 100) * 83.33/100 = 5/6 * 300 = 250$   
Total number of unmarried males who attended both carnatic and western singing classes together =  $(200 + 100) - 250 = 300 - 250 = 50$

### 69) Answer: C

Required difference =  $(200 + 140) - (100 + 200) = 40$

### 70) Answer: B

Required percentage =  $(640 - (50/100 * 200))/640 * 100 = 540/640 * 100 = 84\%$  (approx)

### 71) Answer: B

$136\%$  of  $650 - 60\%$  of  $360 + 65\%$  of  $480 = ?$

$$884 - 216 + 312 = ?$$

$$980 = ?$$

### 72) Answer: C

$(1600 \div 125) * (360 \div 24) + 132 * \sqrt{16} = ?$

$$192 + 528 = ?$$

$$720 = ?$$

### 73) Answer: B

$18\%$  of  $730 + 78\%$  of  $230 + 135\%$  of  $960 = ?$

$$131.4 + 179.4 + 1296 = ?$$

$$1606.8 = ?$$

### 74) Answer: B

$24\%$  of  $800 = ? + 17 * 7 - \sqrt{9} * \sqrt{81}$

$$192 = ? + 119 - 27$$

$$? = 100$$

### 75) Answer: D



$$42\% \text{ of } 300 + 912 \div \sqrt{144} + \sqrt{225} * 25 = ?$$

$$126 + 76 + 375 = ?$$

$$577 = ?$$

### 76) Answer: E

$$\text{Series I} = x, x+2, x+4, x+6, x+8$$

$$x + x + 2 + x + 4 + x + 6 + x + 8 / 5 = 15$$

$$5x + 20 = 75$$

$$x = 11$$

$$\text{Series II} = y, y+2, y+4 \text{ and } y+6$$

$$y + 6 - 19 = 7$$

$$y = 20$$

$$\text{Average of series II} = (20 + 22 + 24 + 26) / 4 = 23$$

### 77) Answer: B

$$\text{Distance} = (20 * 25 * 15 / 60) / 5 = 25 \text{ km}$$

### 78) Answer: A

$$(4m + 6w) * 5 = 4 * (6m + 4w)$$

$$20m + 30w = 24m + 16w$$

$$4m = 14w$$

20 women complete the work in 5 days

One woman complete the work = 100 days

One man complete the work in  $14 / (100 * 4) = 200 / 7$  days

$$\text{Required time} = 28 / 200 + 2 / 100 = 32 / 200 = 4 / 25$$

Required time = 6.25 days

### 79) Answer: B

Initial Oil quantity =  $8 / 13 * 65 = 40$  liters

$$\text{Water} = 5 / 13 * 65 = 25 \text{ liters}$$

$$40 / (25 + x) = 5 / 6$$

$$125 + 5x = 240$$

$$5x = 115$$

$$x = 23 \text{ liters}$$

### 80) Answer: A

Height of the cone = 24 cm

Length of the rectangular sheet is equal to circumference of the base

$$2 * 22 / 7 * r = 44$$

$$r = 7 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Slanting height of the cone} = \sqrt{24^2 + 7^2} = 25 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{CSA of the cone} = 22 / 7 * 7 * 25 = 550 \text{ cm}^2$$

## IBPS Clerk Prelims Memory Based Paper

(Memory Based Paper held on 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2022)

### English Language

**Directions (1-8): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. Some words are printed in bold in order to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.**

The best first step towards addressing a malaise is to recognise that it exists. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's recently published National Suicide Prevention Strategy fits right there. It has been a long time coming, but the Strategy, finally in the public realm, calls attention to the massive burden of suicides in the country, and initiates steps to achieve a reduction in suicide mortality by 10% by 2030. At the same time, it has measured the paces forward with a time-bound action plan that takes into account the grim realities of a varying ground situation in India. The problem is indeed dire, and without targeted intervention programmes, and stigma reduction strategies, a public health crisis of gargantuan

proportions is imminent. Globally, suicide is the second leading cause of death among 15-29-year-olds and also the second leading cause of death for females aged 15-19 years, as per WHO estimates.

In India, more than one lakh lives are lost every year to suicide. In the past three years, the suicide rate has increased from 10.2 to 11.3 per 1,00,000 population. As per National Crime Records Bureau statistics, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Karnataka have the highest percentage share of suicides (2018-2020), ranging between 8% to 11%. The most common reasons include family problems and illnesses, while other causes include marital conflicts, love affairs, bankruptcy, substance abuse and dependence. Further, in approximately 10% of cases, the cause for suicide remains unknown. Importantly, the document notes that contrary to belief, the majority of suicides are preventable.

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The Strategy is etched with evidence based practices to reduce the number of suicides, inspired by WHO's strategy for the South East Asian region, and strings together multiple sectoral collaborations to provide a cohesive strategy and achieve the intended reduction in the number of suicides. In addition to establishing effective surveillance mechanisms within the next three years, and psychiatric outpatient departments in all districts over five years, the Strategy also intends to write mental health in the curriculum in educational institutions within the next eight years. Addressing issues relevant to India, including access to pesticides, and alcoholism, has set the Strategy on the path towards achievement of the goals. It is, however, incumbent on the Government to stay the course until the targets are achieved. Of course, in a federal country, any success is possible only if States are enthusiastic participants in the roll out.

**1) According to the passage, which of the following statement(s) is/are true?**

- i) It is incumbent on the Government to stay the course until the targets are achieved.
- ii) Approximately 20% of cases, the cause for suicide remains unknown.
- iii) In India, more than two lack lives are lost every year to suicide.
- iv) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's recently published National Suicide Prevention Strategy fits right there.
- a) Only i is true
- b) Only iii is true
- c) Both i and iv are true
- d) Both ii and iii are true
- e) All of the above

**2) What are the most common reasons behind the highest percentage share of suicides?**

- a) calls attention to the massive burden of suicides in the country.
- b) As only States are enthusiastic participants in a federal country.
- c) As the public health crisis of gargantuan proportions is imminent.
- d) family problems and illnesses and some other reasons include marital conflicts, love affairs, bankruptcy.
- e) None of the above



**3) According to the passage, which of the following statement(s) is/ are false?**

- i) In the past three years, the suicide rate has increased from 6 % to 11% per 1,00,000 population.
  - ii) Importantly, the document notes that contrary to belief, the majority of suicides are preventable.
  - iii) The best first step towards addressing a malaise is to recognise that it exists.
  - iv) The massive burden of suicides in the country, and initiates steps to achieve a reduction in suicide mortality by 10% by 2030.
- a) Only i is false
  - b) Only iii is false
  - c) Both i and ii are false
  - d) Both ii and iii are false
  - e) None of the above

**4) According to the passage, What was the strategy intended in establishing effective surveillance mechanisms within the next three years?**

- a) intervention programmes, and stigma reduction strategies, a public

health crisis of gargantuan proportions.

- b) The Strategy is etched with evidence based practices to reduce the number of suicides for South East region.
- c) the paces forward with a time-bound action plan that takes into account the grim realities.
- d) to write mental health in the curriculum in educational institutions within the next eight years.
- e) None of the above

**5) According to the passage, In a federal country when the success is possible?**

- a) As reasons include family problems and illnesses increases.
- b) Only if States are enthusiastic participants in the roll out.
- c) As the suicide rate has decreased from 11.2% to 9.2%.
- d) As the first step towards addressing a malaise is to recognise that it exists.
- e) None of the above

**6) According to the passage, what has been set the Strategy on the**

**path towards achievement of the goals?**

- a) the grim realities of a varying ground situation in India.
- b) the massive burden of suicides in the country, and initiates steps to achieve a reduction in suicide mortality.
- c) Addressing issues relevant to India, including access to pesticides, and alcoholism.
- d) The effective surveillance mechanisms and psychiatric outpatient departments.
- e) None of the above

**7) What is the synonym of the word "surveillance"?**

- a) ignorance
- b) scrutiny
- c) neglect
- d) indifference
- e) None of the

**8) What is the antonym of the word "incumbent"?**

- a) discretionary
- b) binding
- c) compelling
- d) necessary
- e) None of the above

**Directions(9-13): In the following passage there are blanks each of which are numbered. Only one word fits the blank appropriately out of the given five options. Find out the appropriate word in each case.**

The habitual\_\_\_\_\_ (9) of Pakistani politics took a decidedly dangerous turn last week, with an assassination attempt on its former Prime Minister Imran Khan, who was ousted seven months ago. Mr. Khan escaped with leg injuries after a gunman opened fire. In a press conference a day later, Mr. Khan blamed the government and the military for plotting to kill him. Mr. Khan, who had earlier invoked comparisons between himself and former PM Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, hanged in 1979 – of a popular leader whose mandate is being\_\_\_\_\_ (10) by the establishment. Both PM Sharif and the Army have denied Mr. Khan's allegations but it is harder to deny the growing problem that he now poses. Since April, when he was forced to step down following a confidence vote in parliament, and losing all court appeals, he has taken to the streets, demanding a general

election immediately. He has grown vocal about the political role of the military, accusing "Dirty Harrys" of \_\_\_\_\_(11) and torturing his supporters in the Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) Party, and mocking Army Chief General Bajwa, whose tenure ends this month, for suggesting that the military would maintain a "neutral" role. There have been \_\_\_\_\_(12). In September, he was indicted in a contempt of court case for impugning the High Court judiciary, and although terror charges were dropped against him, he faces criminal charges for threatening to sue government officials. In October, the Election Commission held him guilty in a case involving undeclared official gifts and disqualified him from holding public office; he could face a legal challenge to his seat in Parliament for \_\_\_\_\_(13)the judiciary and armed forces.

**9) Which of the following will fill the blank 9?**

- a) prudent
- b) turbulence
- c) allegation
- d) contempt

e) None of the above

**10) Which of the following will fill the blank 10?**

- a) defecited
- b) insolent
- c) guiled
- d) thwarted
- e) None of the above

**11) Which of the following will fill the blank 11?**

- a) forbear
- b) imprisoning
- c) contemptuous
- d) indigent
- e) None of the above

**12) Which of the following will fill the blank 12?**

- a) repercussions
- b) bastion
- c) impotent
- d) crossly
- e) None of the above

**13) Which of the following will fill the blank 13?**

- a)vilifying
- b) looming
- c)defaming



- d) retaliatory
- e) None of the above

**Directions (14-18)** In the following questions a sentence is given with two blanks. The sentence is then provided with five options which consist of the words that can fill the given blanks. Choose that option as your answer which can fill the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. If none of the given options fills the given blanks then choose option (e), 'None of these' as your answer.

- 14)** Present trends are positive enough to generate \_\_\_\_\_ among \_\_\_\_\_ about medium term of North India-Bangladesh bilateral trade.
- a) adage, hovering
  - b) allusion, verbose
  - c) Optimism, analysts
  - d) calumny, antebellum
  - e) None of the above

- 15)** Russia is now \_\_\_\_\_ targeting Ukrainian infrastructure with repeated missile attacks to \_\_\_\_\_ its failure.
- a) keen, detour

- b) deliberately, overcome
- c) tariff, consistent
- d) prospect, volatile
- e) None of the above

- 16)** It is unlikely its forces will be able to \_\_\_\_\_ Russian from all captured \_\_\_\_\_ territories though \_\_\_\_\_ a case for talks.
- a) refute, exclave
  - b) outreach, anomaly
  - c) expel, making
  - d) dormant, wanton
  - e) None of the above

- 17)** \_\_\_\_\_ All \_\_\_\_\_ the stakeholders \_\_\_\_\_ Russia which started the war have the responsibility to put in place the \_\_\_\_\_ against escalation.
- a) primarily, guardrails
  - b) diffusion, bombard
  - c) pinning, frozen
  - d) concrete, rolling
  - e) None of the above

- 18)** While there \_\_\_\_\_ response avoided a showdown, the incident has highlighted the risks of this hair \_\_\_\_\_ situation.
- a) spark, exploded

- b) invasion, potentially
- c) nightmare, misfire
- d) sober, trigger
- e) None of the above

**Direction 19-23-** In the questions given below, a statement has been divided into 4 parts with one or more parts containing an error (grammatical and contextual). You are required to choose the part/parts which do not have an error and are contextually and grammatically correct.

**19)** The old lady is **(A)** much to **(B)** weak to lift **(C)** this heavy box **(D)**.

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) None of the above

**20)** I am very **(A)** delighted with **(B)** your progress in **(C)** the semester examination **(D)**.

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) None of the above

**21)** Will you be **(A)** kind sufficient to sanction **(B)** my loan in the **(C)** upcoming market deal **(D)**?

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) None of the above

**22)** Every boy of the **(A)** class was given **(B)** sweets for their hard **(C)** work and performance appraisal **(D)**.

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) None of the above

**23)** Most of the districts **(A)** in the state **(B)** protested against corruption **(C)** and non violence to propagate **(D)** equality.

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) None of the above

**Direction (24-25):** In the given question, a word has been

mentioned and there are three ways in which the word has been used in either similar or different ways. You are required to check which of the sentences have correctly used the highlighted word, and mark that as your answer.

#### 24. Sink

- i. Radhika threw the stale food in the **sink** without taking her mom's permission.
  - ii. The captain informed us that the boat might **sink** due to a small hole in it.
  - iii. Rahul never **sinks** before he speaks.
- a. only i
  - b. only ii
  - c. only iii
  - d. both i and iii
  - e. both i and ii

#### 25. Hike

- i. Shalini and her friends went on a **hike** through the forest.
  - ii. All the employees have proposed a 10% **hike** in their wages.
  - iii. You should wear sports shoes while going for a **hike**.
- a. only i
  - b. only ii

- c. only iii
- d. both i and iii
- e. all i, ii, iii

**Directions (26–30):** The following questions consist of a sentence. Four of the words of the sentences are marked in bold, which may or may not be correctly spelt. Choose the correct option.

26. Statecraft involves **management** (A) of competing demands for **accomodation** (B) and inclusion, without unduly **affecting** (C) the interests of any **section** (D) of society.

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C
- d. D
- e. No error

27. However, some **rulers** (A), such as those in Karnataka, want to be seen as **discriminating** (B) against a minority group in the hope of **ganering** (C) the support of the **majority** (D).

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C



- d. D
- e. No error

**28.** The BJP **regime (A)** has also created four sub-categories to **introduce (B)** internal **reservation (C)** for different Dalit **communities (D)** under the Scheduled Caste (SC) category.

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C
- d. D
- e. No error

**29. Developing (A)** countries, including India and China, have rightly **resisted (B)** the **secutetisation (C)** of climate **change (D)**.

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C
- d. D
- e. No error

**30.** The **resolution (A)**, sponsored by the small Pacific island nation, Vanuatu, was adopted **unanimously (B)** by the UNGA **testifies (C)** to the

global **consensus (D)** on the climate crisis.

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C
- d. D
- e. No error

### Numerical Ability

**Directions (31-35):** What value should come in the place of (?) in the following number series?

**31) 1440, 288, 72, 24, ?, 12**

- a) 20
- b) 16
- c) 15
- d) 12
- e) 18

**32) 13, 6, 5, 6, ?, 22.5**

- a) 10
- b) 14
- c) 17.5
- d) 12.5
- e) 15

**33) ?, 458, 431, 495, 370, 586**

- a) 466
- b) 450
- c) 462
- d) 454

e) 456

**34) 51, ?, 84, 117, 161, 216**

a) 58

b) 62

c) 70

d) 66

e) 64

**35) ?, 1010, 1013, 1018, 1025, 1036**

a) 1009

b) 1010

c) 1007

d) 1006

e) 1008

**36) A started a business with an investment of Rs.3600. After  $x$  months, B joined the business with an investment of Rs.6000. At the end of two years, the ratio of the profit share of A to B is 4:5. Find the value of  $x$ ?**

a) 6

b) 4

c) 8

d) 2

e) 5

**37) The average weight of boys in a class is 28 kg and the average**

**weight of girls in the class is 34 kg. The number of boys in the class is 10 more than that of girls. If the average weight of the class is 30 kg, then find the total number of students in the class?**

a) 25

b) 42

c) 28

d) 30

e) 40

**38) The time taken by car A to cover a certain distance is one hour more than the time taken by car B to cover the same distance. If the speed of cars A and B is 90 km/hr and 108 km/hr respectively, then find the distance covered?**

a) 324 km

b) 480 km

c) 540 km

d) 630 km

e) 360 km

**39) Ana invested Rs.X in simple interest at the rate of 15% per annum for 2 years and Abi invested Rs.Y in simple interest at the rate of 12% per annum for 1 year. If the ratio of the simple interest received by**

**Ana to Abi is 2:1, then find the ratio of the principal of Ana to Abi?**

- a) 4:5
- b) 3:2
- c) 7:5
- d) 9:8
- e) None of these

**40) The ratio of the selling price of a flask to a stapler is 12:5. If the shopkeeper sold the flask at a profit of 20% and the stapler sold at a profit of 25%, then he gets an overall profit of Rs.135. Find the cost price of the stapler?**

- a) Rs.120
- b) Rs.320
- c) Rs.240
- d) Rs.180
- e) Rs.200

**Directions (41-45): What value should come in the place of (?) in the following questions?**

**41)  $260 \div \sqrt{169} * 18 - ? = 20^2 \div 5$**

- a) 420
- b) 310
- c) 180
- d) 360
- e) 280

**42)  $\sqrt{(144 \div 4)} * 15 + ? = 11 * \sqrt{400}$**

- a) 130
- b) 110
- c) 150
- d) 170
- e) 120

**43)  $31^2 - 22^2 - ?^2 = 21^2 - 4^3$**

- a) 18
- b) 10
- c) 15
- d) 12
- e) 14

**44)  $\sqrt{196} * 15 + ? = 495 \div 3 + 190$**

- a) 125
- b) 105
- c) 145
- d) 170
- e) 110

**45)  $95 \div 6 * 144 \div 15 = ? * \sqrt{361}$**

- a) 11
- b) 7
- c) 10
- d) 8
- e) 15

**46)  $20\% \text{ of } 320 + 50\% \text{ of } 520 = ?^2$**

- a) 18
- b) 25
- c) 17



d) 31

e) 14

**47)  $? + \sqrt{1024} = 930 \div 31 + 16^2$**

a) 186

b) 254

c) 312

d) 175

e) 308

**48)  $(106 + 11^2 - 52) \div (26^2 - 421 - 250) = ?$**

a) 60

b) 48

c) 26

d) 51

e) 35

**49)  $? - 905 + 810 = 1035 - 345 * 2$**

a) 410

b) 380

c) 405

d) 440

e) 325

**50)  $?^2 - 13 * \sqrt{169} = 80\% \text{ of } \sqrt{22500}$**

a) 11

b) 17

c) 15

d) 18

e) 10

**51)  $(\sqrt{(136 + \sqrt{64}) + 500})^{1/3} * 15 = ?$**

a) 120

b) 200

c) 80

d) 240

e) 160

**52)  $22\% \text{ of } 2000 - 150 = ? + 14\% \text{ of } 1000$**

a) 190

b) 120

c) 170

d) 110

e) 150

**53)  $840 \div 14 + ? = 420 \div 6 + 880 \div 22$**

a) 130

b) 70

c) 110

d) 50

e) 90

**54)  $1200 \div 24 * ? \div 15 = 16 * 10$**

a) 48

b) 70

c) 34

d) 52

e) 66

**55)  $38\% \text{ of } 500 - 209 \div 11 = ? + 100$**

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- a) 45
- b) 82
- c) 56
- d) 94
- e) 71

**56) The efficiency of P is two times the efficiency of Q. P and Q together complete the work in 18 days. In how many days Q alone complete 33.33% of the work?**

- a) 24 days
- b) 54 days
- c) 36 days
- d) 18 days
- e) 27 days

**57) A boat covers 168 km upstream in 8 hours and the ratio of the speed of the boat in still water to the speed of the stream is 10:3. Find the time taken by the boat to cover 120 km in still water?**

- a) 3 hours
- b) 6 hours
- c) 5 hours
- d) 8 hours
- e) 4 hours

**58) The ratio of the age of Rohan to Mohan is 9:5 and the age of Mohan**

**is 25% more than that of Sohan. If the difference between the age of Rohan and Sohan is 25 years, then find the age of Mohan 6 years hence?**

- a) 26 years
- b) 31 years
- c) 18 years
- d) 25 years
- e) 32 years

**59) The ratio of the total surface area of the cube to the cylinder is 11:20. The volume of the cube is  $1331 \text{ cm}^3$ . If the height of the cylinder is 1cm, then find the radius of the cylinder?**

- a) 7 cm
- b) 21 cm
- c) 14 cm
- d) 3.5 cm
- e) None of these

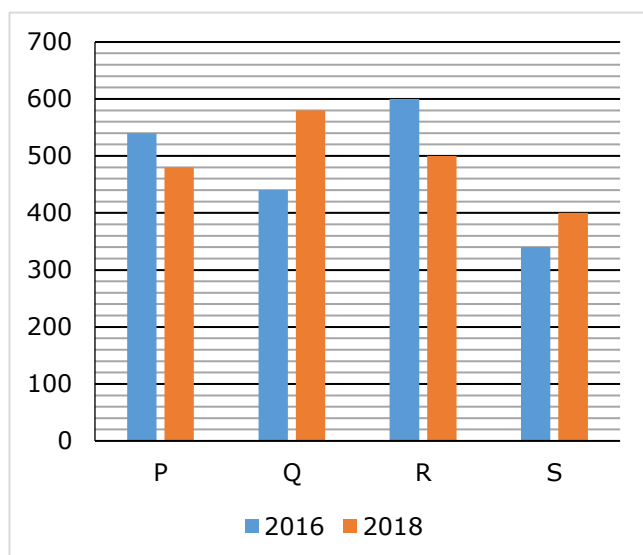
**60) A jar contains x liters of milk and (x-50) liters of water. If 20 liters of milk and 30 liters of water are added to the jar, then the ratio of milk to water becomes 3:2. Find the value of x?**

- a) 100
- b) 80

- c) 50
- d) 130
- e) 90

**Directions (61-65):** Study the following information carefully and answer the questions.

The given bar graph shows the tax paid(in Rs.) by four different persons i.e. P, Q, R and S in two different years i.e. 2016 and 2018.



**61) If the total tax paid by T in 2016 and 2018 together is Rs.120 more than the total tax paid by Q and R together in 2018 and the tax paid by T in 2018 is 40% more than that of 2016, then find the tax paid by T in 2018?**

- a) Rs.420
- b) Rs.700

- c) Rs.350
- d) Rs.560
- e) Rs.630

**62) The tax paid by Q in 2016 is what percentage of the tax paid by R in both years together?**

- a) 15%
- b) 35%
- c) 70%
- d) 40%
- e) 25%

**63) If the tax paid by P and S in 2018 is 20% and 60% more than that of 2017, then find the sum of the tax paid by P and S together in 2017?**

- a) Rs.650
- b) Rs.810
- c) Rs.550
- d) Rs.720
- e) None of these

**64) In 2016, if R paid 12% of his income as tax and S paid 5% of his income as tax. The income of R in 2016 is how much more/less than the income of S in 2016?**

- a) Rs.1080 more
- b) Rs.1500 more
- c) Rs.2100 less



d) Rs.3000 more

e) Rs.1800 less

**65) If the tax paid by A in 2016 is equal to the average of the tax paid by P in 2016 and 2018, then find the ratio of the tax paid by R to A in 2016?**

a) 11:8

b) 5:3

c) 20:17

d) 7:2

e) 10:9

### Reasoning Ability

**Direction (66-70) Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.**

Seven boxes viz., A, B, C, D, E, F and G are kept one above another in a single stack, but not necessarily in the same order.

Box C is kept three boxes above A. As many boxes kept above C as below G. Only one box is kept between G and B. Box E is kept immediately above box F. Two boxes are kept between D and E.

**66. Which among the following box is kept three boxes below box F?**

a) D

b) The box which is kept immediately below box B

c) A

d) B

e) The box which is kept two boxes above B

**67. Which of the following statement is/are not true with respect to the final arrangement?**

a) Only three boxes are kept between boxes G and B

b) Box B is kept three boxes below box C

c) As many boxes kept above A as below F

d) Both a and b

e) Both a and c

**68. As many boxes kept between D and A as between \_\_ and \_\_.**

a) G and F

b) C and G

c) E and A

d) B and C

e) A and B

**69. How many boxes are kept between boxes E and G?**

a) Two

b) Four

c) Three

d) More than four

e) None

**70. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and thus form a group. Which one of the following does not belong to the group?**

- a) GC
- b) DB
- c) CA
- d) ED
- e) FG

**Direction (71-74) Study the following information carefully and answer the questions below questions.**

T X 8 @ E 7 V 3 ^ L P 4 B Z % Y 1 F \* 0 G  
M 9 D 5 R & I O 2

**71. How many such letters are there in the given series which is immediately preceded by a number and immediately followed by a symbol?**

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) More than three
- e) None

**72. Which of the following will be the third number to the right of the fifth letter from the left end?**

- a) 3
- b) 8
- c) 9
- d) 0
- e) 2

**73. If the first half of the series is written in reverse order, then which of the following element will be twenty second from the right end?**

- a) 7
- b) E
- c) ^
- d) 3
- e) V

**74. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and thus form a group. Which one of the following does not belong to the group?**

- a) PB%
- b) G95
- c) X@7
- d) YFO
- e) EV^

**Direction (75-77) Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.**

Point B is 5m south of A and 8m west of C. Point D is 15m north of C. Point F is 7m north of E, which is 4m east of D. Point G is 18m west of F. Point H is 9m south of G and 12m east of I.

**75. What is the shortest distance between H and A?**

- a) 8m
- b) 6m
- c) 10m
- d) 11m
- e) 13m

**76. What is the direction of I with respect to D?**

- a) North-east
- b) South-west
- c) East
- d) South-east
- e) West

**77. If X is 1m south of E, then the distance between F and X is equal to \_\_ and \_\_?**

- a) G and H
- b) I and H
- c) A and B
- d) B and C

e) D and E

**78. How many such pairs of letters are there in the word "TROPICAL" each of which has as many letters between them in the word as in the English alphabetical series (both forward and backward direction)?**

- a) Two
- b) Three
- c) More than three
- d) One
- e) None

**79. If in the given number "94725863", one is subtracted from the odd digits and one is added to the even digits, then what is the sum of the second lowest and third highest digits thus formed?**

- a) 7
- b) 8
- c) 4
- d) 10
- e) 12

**80. E is the grandmother of B, who is the son of D. F is the daughter-in-law of C, who is the father of two children. D is the only son of C. B is the nephew of A, who is an**



**unmarried person. F, who has no siblings and her mother is not E.**

**How is A related to F?**

- a) Sister
- b) Sister-in-law
- c) Brother
- d) Brother-in-law
- e) Either b or d

**Directions (81-84): Study the following statements and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding the commonly known facts.**

- a) If only conclusion I follows
- b) If only conclusion II follows
- c) If either conclusion I or II follows
- d) If neither conclusion I nor II follows
- e) If both conclusions I and II follow

**81. Statements:**

Only a few Tesla is Kia

All Kia is Audi

Only a few Volvo is Audi

**Conclusions:**

- I. All Tesla can be Audi
- II. Some Kia is Volva

**82. Statements:**

All Myntra is Ajio

Only a few Ajio is Amazon

No Myntra is Flipcart

**Conclusions:**

- I. No Amazon is Myntra
- II. Some Myntra is Amazon

**83. Statements:**

Some Airtel is Aircel

All Aircel is Idea

Only a few Aircel is Ajio

**Conclusions:**

- I. All idea can be Ajio
- II. No Airtel is Ajio is a possibility

**84. Statements:**

Only a few Dinner is Lunch

Only a few Breakfast is lunch

Only Breakfast is Food

**Conclusions:**

- I. All Dinner is Food
- II. Some Food can be Dinner

**Direction (85-89) Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.**

Seven persons viz., P, Q, R, S, T, U and V went to the exhibition in seven different months-February, April, May, July, August, October and December in 2021, but not necessarily in the same order.

R went to the exhibition after July. As many persons went to the exhibition before R as after P. T went to the exhibition three months after P. V went to the exhibition immediately after T. As many persons went to the exhibition between S and U as between U and V. Q went to the exhibition after S.

**85. Who went to the exhibition two persons after U?**

- a) R
- b) V
- c) T
- d) P
- e) S

**86. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and thus form a group. Which one of the following does not belong to the group?**

- a) UQ
- b) TR
- c) VU
- d) SP
- e) RS

**87. How many persons went to the exhibition between S and V?**

- a) As many persons went to the exhibition before R
- b) Two
- c) Four
- d) As many persons went between U and Q
- e) None

**88. Which of the following statements is/are true with respect to the final arrangement?**

- a) S went to the exhibition three months before U
- b) V and R went to the exhibition in adjacent months
- c) No one went to the exhibition between T and Q
- d) All the given statements are true
- e) All the given statements are false

**89. Who among the following person went to the exhibition in august?**

- a) The one who went two months before T
- b) P
- c) The one who went two persons before Q
- d) R
- e) U

**Directions (90–92):** In the given questions, the relationship between different elements is shown in the statements followed by some conclusions. Find the conclusion which is definitely true.

- a) Only conclusion II is true
- b) Either conclusion I or II is true
- c) Both conclusions I and II are true
- d) Only conclusion I is true
- e) Neither conclusion I nor II is true

**90. Statements:**

$A > B < C \leq D$ ;  $E \leq B > F$ ;  $G > D = H$

**Conclusions:**

- I.  $G > F$
- II.  $E < H$

**91. Statements:**

$P \geq Q < R > S$ ;  $T < Q = U \geq V$

**Conclusions:**

- I.  $P \geq V$
- II.  $T < S$

**92. Statements:**

$I > M \geq K = O < J \geq N < L$

**Conclusions:**

- I.  $M > N$
- II.  $N \geq M$

**Direction (93–97)** Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Eight persons viz., H, I, J, K, L, M, N and O are living in four storey building such that the lowermost floor is numbered as one and the floor immediately above it is numbered as two and so on.

**Note-I:** Each floor has two flats viz., Flat-P and Flat-Q, where Flat P is to the west of flat Q

**Note-II:** Flat Q of floor 2 is immediately above Flat Q of floor 1 and Flat Q of floor 3 is immediately below Flat Q of floor 4 and so on.

O lives on an odd numbered floor. I live immediately above O. K lives to the immediate South-west of I. Only one floor is between K and N, where both lives in the same flat. M lives to the north of H. No one lives to the west of H. N and J are living on different floors. At least two floors are there below L.

**93. Who among the following person lives on the fourth floor of flat Q?**

- a) L
- b) O
- c) The one who lives east of J



d) The one who lives two floors above I's flat

e) N

**94. Who among the following person lives immediately above N's flat?**

a) H

b) M

c) J

d) I

e) O

**95. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and thus form a group. Which one of the following does not belong to the group?**

a) L

b) O

c) H

d) I

e) J

**96. L lives on which of the following floor and flat?**

a) Floor 3, flat Q

b) Floor 1, flat Q

c) Floor 2, flat P

d) Floor 3, flat P

e) Floor 4, flat Q

**97. Which of the following statement is/are true with respect to the final arrangement?**

a) I lives two floors below M's flat

b) Only two floors are between M and H

c) N lives immediately above K

d) All the given statements are true

e) All the given statements are false

**Direction (98-100) Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.**

Six trains are of different lengths. The length of train A is more than train F but less than train B. The length of train C is less than train D but more than train E. The length of train D is more than train A but doesn't have the highest length. The length of train F is more than C. The train which has the fourth highest length is of 400m.

**98. The length of how many trains are less than A?**

a) One

b) Two

c) Three

d) Four

e) None

**99. If the average length of trains F and D is 535m, then what may be the length of train B?**

- a) 500m
- b) 580m
- c) 650m
- d) 670m
- e) 720m

**100. If the difference between the length of the adjacent trains is 150m, then what will be the total length of trains E and A?**

- a) 550m
- b) 650m
- c) 600m
- d) 700m
- e) 750m

### ANSWER WITH EXPLANATION

**1. Answer: C**

Option c is correct as mentioned in the first paragraph of the passage (The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's recently published National Suicide Prevention Strategy fits right there ) and in third paragraph of the passage ( It is, however, incumbent on the Government to stay the course until the targets are achieved ).

**2. Answer: D**

Option d is correct as mentioned in the second paragraph of the passage (The most common reasons include family problems and illnesses, while other causes include marital conflicts, love affairs,

bankruptcy, substance abuse and dependence).

**3. Answer: A**

Option a is correct as mentioned in the second paragraph of the passage (In the past three years, the suicide rate has increased from 10.2 to 11.3 per 1,00,000 population).

**4. Answer: D**

Option d is correct as mentioned in the third paragraph of the passage (the Strategy also intends to write mental health in the curriculum in educational institutions within the next eight years).

**5. Answer: B**

Option b is correct as mentioned in the third paragraph of the passage (Of course, in a federal country, any success is possible only if States are enthusiastic participants in the roll out).

#### 6. Answer: C

Option c is correct as mentioned in the third paragraph of the passage ( Addressing issues relevant to India, including access to pesticides, and alcoholism, has set the Strategy on the path towards achievement of the goals).

#### 7. Answer: B

Option b is correct as **surveillance** means the careful watching of somebody who may have done something wrong.

Ignorance, neglect and indifference are antonyms of surveillance.

#### 8. Answer: A

Option a is correct as **incumbent** means an individual who currently holds a set of responsibilities within a specific office as part of a corporation or within a branch of the government.

Binding, compelling and necessary are synonyms of incumbent.

#### 9. Answer: B

Option b is correct as **turbulence** means great commotion or agitation. Whereas prudent means marked by wisdom or judiciousness.

**Allegation** means the act of alleging something. And **contempt** means a strong feeling of disliking and having no respect for someone or something. Hence option b is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

#### 10. Answer: D

Option d is correct as **thwarted** means to oppose successfully. Whereas **deficited** means deficiency in amount or quality. **Guiled** means the ability to be clever but by using dishonest means. And **insolent** means insultingly in speech or conduct. Hence option d is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

#### 11. Answer: B

Option b is correct as **imprisoning** means to put in or as if in prison.



Whereas **forbear** means to hold oneself back from especially with an effort **contemptuous** means manifesting, feeling, or expressing deep hatred or disapproval. And indigent means a person is referred to as indigent when they are impoverished, or unable to afford the basic necessities of life. Hence option b is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

### 12. Answer: A

Option a is correct as **repercussions** means an action or effect given or exerted in return. Whereas **bastion** means something that keeps or defends a belief or a way of life that is disappearing or threatened. **Impotent** means without enough power to influence a situation or to change things. And **crossly** means in an annoyed or slightly angry way. Hence option a is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

### 13. Answer: C

Option c is correct as **defaming** means to harm the reputation of by communicating false statements

about. Whereas **vilifying** means to utter slanderous and abusive statements against. **Looming** means something is about to happen soon and causing worry. And **retaliatory** means to hurt someone or do something harmful to someone because that person has done or said something hurtful to you.

Hence option c is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

### 14. Answer: C

Option c is correct as **Optimism** means the feeling that the future will be good or successful and Analysts means someone whose job is to study or examine something in detail, in order to discover or understand more about it and often to make predictions.

In option a : **Adage** means a saying often in metaphorical form that typically embodies a common observation and hovering means to stand somewhere, especially near another person, eagerly or nervously waiting for their attention.

In option b: **Allusion** means an implied or indirect reference to a

person, event, or thing or to a part of another text and verbose means using or containing more words than are needed.

In option d: **calumny** means a misrepresentation intended to harm another's reputation and antebellum means occurring or existing before a particular war.

Hence option c is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

#### 15. Answer: B

Option b is correct as deliberately means intentionally or slowly and carefully, without hurrying and overcome to reduce something.

In option a : **keen** means very interested in something; wanting to do something and detour means a deviation from a direct course or the usual procedure.

In option c : **Tariff** means a tax that has to be paid on goods coming into a country and consistent means always behaving or happening in a similar, especially positive, way.

In option d : **prospect** means the possibility that something might happen in the future, especially

something good and volatile means changing easily from one mood to another.

Hence option b is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

#### 16. Answer: C

Option c is correct as **expel** means to force out something and making a case means to argue that something is the best thing to do, giving your reasons.

In option a : **Refute** means to prove wrong by argument or evidence and excavate means to dig a hole or channel in the ground, or to make a hole or channel by removing earth.

In option b : **outreach** means the extending of services or assistance beyond current or usual limits and anomaly means something different, abnormal, peculiar, or not easily classified.

In option d : **Dormant** means not active but capable of becoming active and wanton means done in order to hurt somebody or damage something for no good reason.

Hence option c is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

### 17. Answer: A

Option a is correct as **primarily** means more than anything else; mainly and guardrails means a railing guarding usually against danger.

In option b : **diffusion** means the process of spreading into a surrounding substance and bombard means to attack a place with bombs or guns.

In option c : **Pinning** means a mutual promise of a couple not to date anyone else and frozen means treated, affected, or covered over by freezing.

In option d : **Concrete** means a hard substance made from cement mixed with sand, water, small stones and rolling means to move by turning over and over; to make something move in this way.

Hence option a is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

### 18. Answer: D

Option d is correct as **Sober** means marked by sedate or gravely or earnestly thoughtful character or demeanor and Trigger means to initiate, actuate, or cause an intense and usually negative emotional reaction.

In option a : **spark** means to set off in a burst of activity and exploded means to burst forth with sudden violence or noise from internal energy.

In option b : **invasion** means the action of entering another country with an army in order to take control of it and potentially means used to describe the possible results or effects of something.

In option c : **nightmare** means a frightening or unpleasant dream and misfire means to fail to have the intended result or effect.

Hence option d is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

### 19. Answer: B

Option b is correct because **Much too** is used before an adjective. In this sentence much to should be



replaced with much too to make the sentence contextually correct.

### 20. Answer: A

Option a is correct because '**Quite**' is sometimes used with past participles in the sense of very. In this sentence very should be replaced with quite to make the sentence contextually correct.

### 21. Answer: B

Option b is correct because **enough** is used immediately after the adverb it modifies. In this sentence sufficient should be replaced with enough to make the sentence contextually correct.

### 22. Answer: A

Option a is correct because **Each** is used for one of the two or more things taken one by one. In this sentence "**every**" should be replaced with each to make the sentence contextually correct.

### 23. Answer: A

Option a is correct because **All** is used before Common Nouns in plural numbers. In this Sentence

most of should be replaced with all to make the sentence contextually correct.

### 24. Answer: E

In statement i, sink means a large open container in a kitchen, with taps to supply water, where you wash things. Hence the word usage is correct to make the sentence contextually correct.

In statement ii, to go down or make something go down under the surface of liquid or a soft substance. In this sentence, the sinking of a ship is mentioned. Hence, the word usage is correct to make the sentence contextually correct.

In statement iii, in place of sink, think will be used to make the sentence contextually correct. Hence, the word usage is incorrect.

### 25. Answer: E

In statement i and iii , hike means to walk a long distance especially for pleasure or exercise. Hence the word usage is correct to make the sentence contextually correct.

In statement ii, hike means to suddenly increase the cost, amount.

Hence the word usage is correct to make the sentence contextually correct.

**26. Answer: B**

Spelling of **accomodation** is incorrect instead it should be **accommodation** to make the sentence contextually correct.

**Accommodation** means a place for somebody to live or stay.

**27. Answer: C**

Spelling of **ganering** is incorrect instead it should be **garnering** to make the sentence contextually correct.

**Garnering** means to obtain or collect something such as information or support

**28. Answer: A**

Spelling of **regeme** is incorrect instead it should be **regime** to make the sentence contextually correct.

**Regime** means a method or system of government, especially one that has not been elected in a fair way

**29. Answer: C**

Ans. Spelling of **secreetisation** is incorrect instead it should be **securitisation** to make the sentence contextually correct.

**Securistisation** means the process in which certain types of assets are pooled so that they can be repackaged into interest-bearing securities

**30. Answer: D**

Ans. Spelling of **consencus** is incorrect instead it should be **consensus** to make the sentence contextually correct.

**Consensus** means agreement among a group of people.

**31. Answer: D**

$$1440 \div 5 = 288$$

$$288 \div 4 = 72$$

$$72 \div 3 = 24$$

$$24 \div 2 = 12$$

$$12 \div 1 = 12$$

**32. Answer: A**

$$13 * 0.5 - 0.5 = 6$$

$$6 * 1 - 1 = 5$$

$$5 * 1.5 - 1.5 = 6$$

$$6 * 2 - 2 = 10$$

$$10 * 2.5 - 2.5 = 22.5$$

**33. Answer: B**

$$450 + 2^3 = 458$$

$$458 - 3^3 = 431$$

$$431 + 4^3 = 495$$

$$495 - 5^3 = 370$$

$$370 + 6^3 = 586$$

**34. Answer: B**

$$51 + 11 = 62$$

$$62 + 22 = 84$$

$$84 + 33 = 117$$

$$117 + 44 = 161$$

$$161 + 55 = 216$$

**35. Answer: E**

$$1008 + 2 = 1010$$

$$1010 + 3 = 1013$$

$$1013 + 5 = 1018$$

$$1018 + 7 = 1025$$

$$1025 + 11 = 1036$$

**36. Answer: A**

Let the investment period of B =  $\alpha$

$$3600 * 24 / (6000 * \alpha) = 4/5$$

$$\alpha = 3600 * 24 * 5 / (6000 * 4)$$

$$\alpha = 18$$

$$x = 24 - 18 = 6 \text{ months}$$

**37. Answer: D**

Let the number of girls in the class =  $x$

And the number of boys in the class =  $x + 10$

$$30 * (x + 10 + x) = (x + 10) * 28 + x * 34$$

$$30 * (2x + 10) = 28x + 280 + 34x$$

$$60x + 300 = 62x + 280$$

$$2x = 20$$

$$x = 10$$

The total number of students in the class =  $10 + 10 + 10 = 30$

**38. Answer: C**

Let the total distance =  $x$  km

$$x/90 - x/108 = 1$$

$$108x - 90x = 108 * 90$$

$$x = 108 * 90 / 18$$

$$x = 540 \text{ km}$$

**39. Answer: A**

$$(X * 15 * 2/100) / (Y * 12 * 1/100) = 2/1$$

$$X/Y = 2/1 * (12/100) * (100/30)$$

$$X/Y = 4/5$$

The ratio of the principal of Ana to Abi = 4:5

**40. Answer: D**

$$12x * 20/120 + 5x * 25/125 = 135$$

$$2x + 1x = 135$$

$$x = 45$$

The cost price of the stapler =  $5 * 45 * 100/125 = \text{Rs.}180$



**41. Answer: E**

$$260 \div \sqrt{169} * 18 - ? = 20^2 \div 5$$

$$260 \div 13 * 18 - ? = 400 \div 5$$

$$20 * 18 = ? + 80$$

$$? = 360 - 80$$

$$? = 280$$

**42. Answer: A**

$$\sqrt{(144 \div 4)} * 15 + ? = 11 * \sqrt{400}$$

$$\sqrt{36} * 15 + ? = 11 * 20$$

$$6 * 15 + ? = 220$$

$$? = 220 - 90$$

$$? = 130$$

**43. Answer: B**

$$31^2 - 22^2 - ?^2 = 21^2 - 4^3$$

$$961 - 484 = ?^2 + 441 - 64$$

$$?^2 = 477 - 441 + 64$$

$$?^2 = 100$$

$$?^2 = 10^2$$

$$? = 10$$

**44. Answer: C**

$$\sqrt{196} * 15 + ? = 495 \div 3 + 190$$

$$14 * 15 + ? = 165 + 190$$

$$? = 355 - 210$$

$$? = 145$$

**45. Answer: D**

$$95 \div 6 * 144 \div 15 = ? * \sqrt{361}$$

$$95 * 24 \div 15 = ? * 19$$

$$? = 5 * 24 \div 15$$

$$? = 8$$

**46. Answer: A**

$$20\% \text{ of } 320 + 50\% \text{ of } 520 = ?^2$$

$$20 * 320/100 + 50 * 520/100 = ?^2$$

$$?^2 = 64 + 260$$

$$?^2 = 324$$

$$?^2 = 18^2$$

$$? = 18$$

**47. Answer: B**

$$? + \sqrt{1024} = 930 \div 31 + 16^2$$

$$? + 32 = 30 + 256$$

$$? = 254$$

**48. Answer: E**

$$(106 + 11^2 - 52) \div (26^2 - 421 - 250) = ?$$

$$? = (106 + 121 - 52) \div (676 - 421 - 250)$$

$$? = 175 \div 5$$

$$? = 35$$

**49. Answer: D**

$$? - 905 + 810 = 1035 - 345 * 2$$

$$? - 95 = 1035 - 690$$

$$? = 345 + 95$$

$$? = 440$$

**50. Answer: B**

$$?^2 - 13 * \sqrt{169} = 80\% \text{ of } \sqrt{22500}$$

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$$?^2 - 13 * 13 = 80 * 150/100$$

$$?^2 = 120 + 169$$

$$?^2 = 289$$

$$?^2 = 17^2$$

$$? = 17$$

### 51. Answer: A

$$(\sqrt{(136 + \sqrt{64})} + 500)^{1/3} * 15 = ?$$

$$(\sqrt{(136 + 8)} + 500)^{1/3} * 15 = ?$$

$$? = (\sqrt{144} + 500)^{1/3} * 15$$

$$? = (12 + 500)^{1/3} * 15$$

$$? = (512)^{1/3} * 15$$

$$? = 8 * 15$$

$$? = 120$$

### 52. Answer: E

$$22\% \text{ of } 2000 - 150 = ? + 14\% \text{ of } 1000$$

$$22 * 2000/100 - 150 = ? + 14 * 1000/100$$

$$440 - 150 = ? + 140$$

$$? = 150$$

### 53. Answer: D

$$840 \div 14 + ? = 420 \div 6 + 880 \div 22$$

$$60 + ? = 70 + 40$$

$$? = 110 - 60$$

$$? = 50$$

### 54. Answer: A

$$1200 \div 24 * ? \div 15 = 16 * 10$$

$$? = 160 * 15/50$$

$$? = 48$$

### 55. Answer: E

$$38\% \text{ of } 500 - 209 \div 11 = ? + 100$$

$$38 * 500/100 - 19 = ? + 100$$

$$? = 190 - 19 - 100$$

$$? = 71$$

### 56. Answer: D

Let the ratio of the efficiency of P to Q = 2:1

The ratio of P to Q alone complete the work = 1:2

$$1/1x + 1/2x = 1/18$$

$$(2 + 1) * 18 = 2x$$

$$x = 18 * 3/2$$

$$x = 27$$

Q alone complete 33.33% of the work =  $27 * 2 * 33.33/100 = 54 * 1/3 = 18$  days

### 57. Answer: E

The upstream speed of the boat =  $168/8 = 21$  km/hr

The speed of the boat in still water =  $21 * 10/(10 - 3) = 21 * 10/7 = 30$  km/hr

Required time =  $120/30 = 4$  hours

### 58. Answer: B

Let the age of Rohan =  $9x$

The age of Mohan =  $5x$

The age of Sohan =  $5x * 100/125 = 4x$

$$9x - 4x = 25$$

$$x = 25/5$$

$$x = 5$$

The age of Mohan 6 years hence =  $5 * 5 + 6 = 31$  years

### 59. Answer: C

Let the radius of the cylinder =  $r$

The side of the cube =  $\sqrt[3]{1331} = 11$  cm

The total surface area of the cube =  $6 * 11 * 11 = 726 \text{ cm}^2$

The total surface area of the cylinder =  $726 * 20/11 = 1320 \text{ cm}^2$

$$2 * 22/7 * rh + 2 * 22/7 r^2 = 1320$$

$$r + r^2 = 1320 * 7/44$$

$$r^2 + r - 210 = 0$$

$$r^2 - 14r + 15r - 210 = 0$$

$$r(r - 14) + 15(r - 14) = 0$$

$$r = +14, -15$$

$$r = 14$$

### 60. Answer: A

$$(x + 20)/(x - 50 + 30) = 3/2$$

$$(x + 20) * 2 = (x - 20) * 3$$

$$2x + 40 = 3x - 60$$

$$x = 100$$

### 61. Answer: B

The total tax paid by Q and R together in 2018 =  $580 + 500 = \text{Rs.}1080$

The total tax paid by T in 2016 and 2018 together =  $1080 + 120 = \text{Rs.}1200$

The ratio of the tax paid by T in 2016 to 2018 =  $100:140 = 5:7$

The tax paid by T in 2018 =  $1200 * 7/(7 + 5) = 1200 * 7/12 = \text{Rs.}700$

### 62. Answer: D

The tax paid by R in both years together =  $600 + 500 = \text{Rs.}1100$

Required percentage =  $440/1100 * 100 = 40\%$

### 63. Answer: A

The tax paid by P in 2017 =  $480 * 100/120 = \text{Rs.}400$

The tax paid by S in 2017 =  $400 * 100/160 = \text{Rs.}250$

Required sum =  $400 + 250 = \text{Rs.}650$

### 64. Answer: E

The income of R in 2016 =  $600 * 100/12 = \text{Rs.}5000$

The income of S in 2016 =  $340 * 100/5 = \text{Rs.}6800$

Required difference =  $5000 - 6800 = \text{Rs.}1800$  less



**65. Answer: C**

The tax paid by A in 2016 =  $(540 + 480)/2 = 1020/2 = \text{Rs.}510$

Required ratio =  $600:510 = 20:17$

**Directions (66–70)**

**66. Answer: E**

**67. Answer: D**

**68. Answer: B**

**69. Answer: C**

**70. Answer: A** (In the given options, two boxes are kept between the pair of boxes, except in option A)

**Final arrangement:**

Stack	Boxes
7	E
6	F
5	C
4	D
3	G
2	A
1	B

We have,

- Box C is kept three boxes above A.
- As many boxes kept above C as below G.
- Only one box is kept between G and B.

From the above conditions, we have three possibilities:

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
Stack	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes
7	C		
6		C	
5			C
4	A	B	
3	B	A	G
2		G	A
1	G		B

Again we have,

- Two boxes are kept between D and E.
- Box E is kept immediately above box F.

While applying the above conditions, cases 1 and 2 get eliminated, because can't keep two boxes between D and E. Thus, case 3 gives the final arrangement.

	<del>Case 1</del>	<del>Case 2</del>	Case 3
Stack	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes
7	C		E
6	E	C	F
5	F		C
4	A	B	D
3	B	A	G
2		G	A
1	G		B

**71. Answer: B**

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Given series: T X 8 @ E 7 V 3 ^ L P 4 B Z

% Y 1 F \* 0 G M 9 D 5 R & I O 2

Required series: T X 8 @ E 7 V 3 ^ L P 4

B Z % Y 1 F \* 0 G M 9 D 5 R & I O 2

## 72. Answer: D

Given series: T X 8 @ E 7 V 3 ^ L P 4 B Z

% Y 1 F \* 0 G M 9 D 5 R & I O 2

Required series: T X 8 @ E 7 V 3 ^ L P 4

B Z % Y 1 F \* 0 G M 9 D 5 R & I O 2

## 73. Answer: E

Given series: T X 8 @ E 7 V 3 ^ L P 4 B Z

% Y 1 F \* 0 G M 9 D 5 R & I O 2

Required series: % Z B 4 P L ^ 3 V 7 E

@ 8 X T Y 1 F \* 0 G M 9 D 5 R & I O 2

## 74. Answer: D

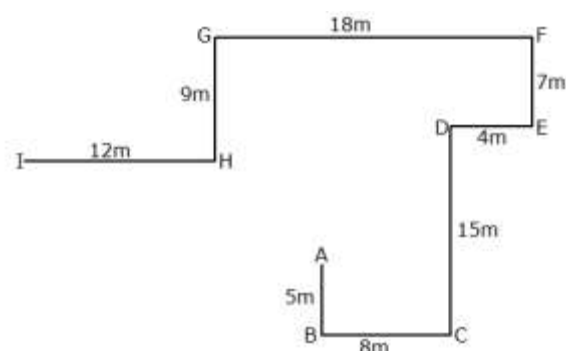
In the given option, one element is between each given element, except in option d

## Directions (75-77):

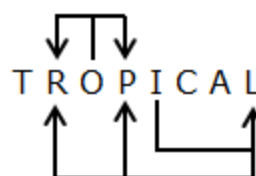
75. Answer: C

76. Answer: B

77. Answer: D



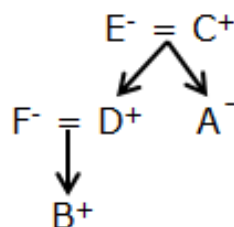
## 78. Answer: C



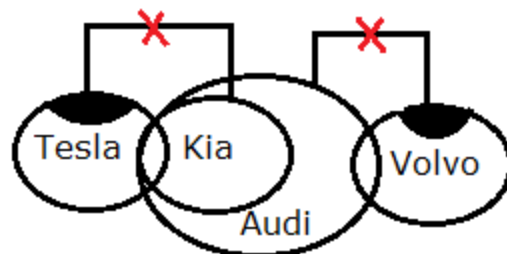
## 79. Answer: D

94725863 -> 85634972 -> 7+3 -> 10

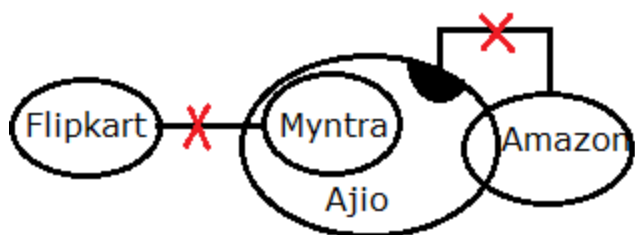
## 80. Answer: B



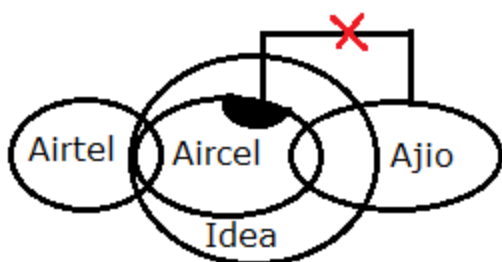
## 81. Answer: A



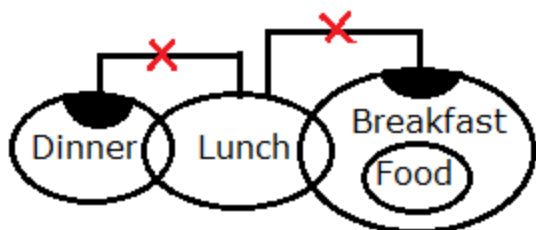
## 82. Answer: C



83. Answer: B



84. Answer: D



Directions (85–89)

85. Answer: B

86. Answer: E (In the given options, both the persons went to the exhibition either in the month which has an even number of days or odd number of days, except in option e)

87. Answer: D

88. Answer: A

89. Answer: C

Final arrangement:

Months	Persons
February	S
April	P
May	U
July	T
August	V
October	R
December	Q

We have,

- R went to the exhibition after July.
- As many persons went to the exhibition before R as after P.
- T went to the exhibition three months after P.

From the above conditions, we have two possibilities:

	Case 1	Case 2
Months	Persons	Persons
February		P
April	P	
May		T
July	T	
August		
October	R	
December		R

Again we have,

- V went to the exhibition immediately after T.



- As many persons went to the exhibition between S and U as between U and V.
- Q went to the exhibition after S.

From the above conditions case 2 gets eliminated because Q went to the exhibition before S. Thus, case 1 gives the final arrangement.

	Case 1	<del>Case 2</del>
Months	Persons	Persons
February	S	P
April	P	Q
May	U	T
July	T	V
August	V	U
October	R	S
December	Q	R

### 90. Answer: C

- I.  $G > F \rightarrow F < B < C \leq D < G \rightarrow \text{True}$   
 II.  $E < H \rightarrow E \leq B < C \leq D = H \rightarrow \text{True}$

### 91. Answer: D

- I.  $P \geq V \rightarrow P \geq Q = U \geq V \rightarrow \text{True}$   
 II.  $T < S \rightarrow T < Q < R > S \rightarrow \text{False}$

### 92. Answer: B

- I.  $M > N \rightarrow M \geq K = O < J \geq N \rightarrow \text{False}$   
 II.  $N \geq M \rightarrow M \geq K = O < J \geq N \rightarrow \text{False}$

By combining conclusions, I and II, Either I or II is true

### Directions (93–97)

93. Answer: D

94. Answer: B

95. Answer: C (In the given options, all the persons are living in the same flat except in option c)

96. Answer: A

97. Answer: E

Final arrangement:

Floor	Flat P	Flat Q
4	M	J
3	N	L
2	H	I
1	K	O

We have,

- O lives on an odd numbered floor.
- I live immediately above O.
- K lives to the immediate South-west of I.
- Only one floor is between K and N, where both lives in the same flat.

From the above conditions, we have two possibilities:

	Case 1		Case 2	
Floor	Flat P	Flat Q	Flat P	Flat Q
4		I		
3	K	O	N	
2				I
1	N		K	O

Again we have,

- M lives to the north of H.
- No one lives to the west of H.
- N and J are living on different floors.
- At least two floors are there below L.

While applying the above conditions, case 1 gets eliminated, because no one lives below L. Thus, case 2 gives the final arrangement.

	<del>Case 1</del>		Case 2	
Floor	Flat P	Flat Q	Flat P	Flat Q
4	M	I	M	J
3	K	O	N	L
2	H	J	H	I
1	N	L	K	O

**Directions (99-100)**

**98. Answer: C**

**99. Answer: E**

**100. Answer: B**

$B > D > A > F > C > E$   
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## Zero to Infinity

### Importance of Zero to Infinity:

Seating arrangement and Puzzles are the most important topics that need more practice for every **"Banking Aspirant"**. Here, we are providing the content for all topics in a monthly basis for regular practice. It consists of the questions from **"Basics to Hard level"** (Prelims-Mains level), also we add some extra notes in a detailed manner to avoid the confusions (confusing statement) in seating arrangement and puzzles, this will help you to get a crystal clear view of each and every topic. We are providing questions based on the recent exam analysis, so that you can be the **"Expert"** if you are practicing the complete questions provided by us.

### Year Based Puzzle

#### Confusing statements in year-based puzzle:

**Statement – 1:** The age of each person is calculated with respect to the year **2023**

**For example, five persons born in five different years viz. 1995, 1996, 1998, 2006, 2012**

**Short Hint:** Subtract each year from 2023 to find the age of each person

Year	Age	Person
1995	28	A
1996	27	B
1998	25	C
2006	17	D
2012	11	E

**Statement 2:** A was born two years before B, that means A is elder than B

	Case-1	Case-2
Year	Persons	Persons
1992	A	

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1993		
1994	B	A
1996		B
2000		

**Statement 3:** A is 3 years younger than B. (The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023), that means A was born after B.

		Case-1	Case-2
Year	Age	Persons	Persons
1990	33	B	
1993	30	A	
1997	26		B
1998	25		
2000	23		A

**Statement 4:** As many persons born before A as after B. (The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023)

- Here, the number of persons born before A is equal to the number of persons born after B. It can be None/one/two/three/four/five persons born before A so the same number of persons born after B

**Short Hint:** The number of persons born before A = the number of persons born after B.

		Case-1	Case-2	Case-3	Case-4
Year	Age	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
1990	33	B			A
1993	30		B	A	
1997	26				
1998	25		A	B	
2000	23	A			B

**Statement 5:** The number of persons born between A and B is **one more** than the number of persons born between B and C. (The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023)

**Short Hint:** Persons born between A and B = (Persons born between B and C) + 1

		Case-1	Case-2	Case-3	Case-4
Year	Age	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
1990	33				B
1993	30	C		B	
1997	26	B	B		
1998	25		C	C	C
2000	23	A	A	A	A

**Statement 6:** There is a gap of four years between the born years of A and B (The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023).

**Statement 6 ->** If A was born in 1994 then B was born in either 1989/1999.

		Case-1	Case-2
Year	Age	Persons	Persons
1989	34		B
1990	33		
1994	29	A	A
1996	27		
1998	25		
1999	24	B	
2000	23		

**Statement 6a:** There is four years difference between the born years of A and B.

If A was born in 1994 then B was born in 1990/1998.

		Case-1	Case-2
Year	Age	Persons	Persons
1989	34		
1990	33	B	

1994	29	A	A
1996	27		
1998	25		B
1999	24		
2000	23		

**Statement 7:** The difference between the ages of A and B is equal to the age of C. If A's age is 19 and B's age is 42, then the difference between the age of A and B is  $42-19=23$ , which is equal to the age of C.

(The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023)

		Case-1	Case-2	Case-3	Case-4
Year	Age	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
1985	38	A	B	A	B
1987	36				
1994	29				
1998	25	B	A	C	C
2010	13	C	C	B	A

**Statement 8:** The difference between the ages of A and B is equal to the difference between the ages of C and D.

For example: If A's age is either 40/12 and B's age is either 40/12, then the difference between the ages of A and B is  $40-12=28$ , which is equal to the difference between the ages of C and D.

$C=38/10$ ;  $D=38/10$ ;  $38-10=28$

(The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023)

		Case-1	Case-2	Case-3	Case-4
Year	Age	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
1983	40	A	A	B	B
1984	39				
1985	38	C	D	C	D
1990	33				

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1995	28				
2011	12	B	B	A	A
2013	10	D	C	D	C

**Statement 9:** The sum of the ages of A and B is twice the age of C.

If A's age is either 32/20 and B's age is either 20/32, then the sum of the ages of A and B is 52, which is twice the age of C (26).

(The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023)

		<b>Case-1</b>	<b>Case-2</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Persons</b>
1989	34		
1991	32	A	B
1993	30		
1997	26	C	C
2003	20	B	A

**Statement 10:** Age of A is a multiple of 7.

The age of A is multiple of 7 (7, 14, 21, 28....)

(The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023)

		<b>Case-1</b>	<b>Case-2</b>	<b>Case-3</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Persons</b>
1974	49	A		
1982	41			
1995	28		A	
1997	26			
2009	14			A

**Statement 11:** The age of A is equal to the sum of the digits of the birth year of B.

If B's birth year is 1995 then A's age is  $1+9+9+5=24$

(The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023)

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		<b>Case-1</b>	<b>Case-2</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Persons</b>
1995	28	B	A
1996	27		
1999	24	A	B
2006	17		
2012	11		

**Statement 12:** The age of A is thrice the age of B.

If A's age is 33, then B's age is 11.

(The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023)

		<b>Case-1</b>	<b>Case-2</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Persons</b>
1990	33	A	
1993	30		A
1997	26		
1998	25		
2012	11	B	
2013	10		B

**Statement 13:** The age of A is equal to the last two digits of the birth year of B's age. It can be in any sequence.

If B was born in 1935, then A's age will be either 35 or 53.

(The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023)

		<b>Case-1</b>	<b>Case-2</b>	<b>Case-3</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Persons</b>
1935	88	B	B	A
1954	69			
1970	53	A		
1975	48			
1988	35		A	B
2008	15			

**Statement 14:** Only one person was born between A and B. (If one of the given years is vacant).

- A was born two persons before B or B was born two persons before A.

If six persons were born in seven different years. No person was born in one of the given years.

(The age of each person is calculated with respect to 2023)

		<b>Case-1</b>	<b>Case-2</b>	<b>Case-3</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Persons</b>
1989	34			
1990	33			
1994	29			
1996	27		A/B	A/B
1998	25	A/B		Vacant
1999	24		Vacant	
2000	23	A/B	A/B	A/B

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## Practice Questions

### Set 1 (Prelims)

**Direction (1-5): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.**

Seven persons – L, M, N, O, P, Q and R were born in seven different years viz., 1965, 1968, 1975, 1990, 2000, 2010 and 2015. The age of each person is calculated based on the year 2022.

The age of M is a multiple of 6. As many persons elder than M as younger than N. The difference between the ages of P and Q is 25. Both P and Q are neither the youngest person nor the eldest person. Only one person was born between P and R, who is younger than N. O is 50 years elder than R. At least two persons were born between O and N.

**1) Who among the following person was born in 1975?**

- a) The one who was born immediately before O
- b) P
- c) The one who was born immediately after M
- d) R
- e) L

**2) How many persons were born between M and R?**

- a) Five
- b) Three
- c) Two
- d) Four
- e) None

**3) Who among the following person was born three persons after L?**

- a) N
- b) The one who was born in 2015
- c) L
- d) The one who was born two persons before O
- e) P

**4) If all the persons were born in reverse alphabetical order from 1965 to 2015, then how many persons remain unchanged in their position?**

- a) One
- b) Three
- c) Two
- d) No one
- e) Four

**5) Which of the following statement(s) is/are true as per the given arrangement?**

- a) L was born before N  
b) P was born in 2000  
c) Q is elder than N
- d) All are true  
e) None is true

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### Answer Key with Final Arrangement

**Direction (1-5):**

1. Answer: C
2. Answer: D
3. Answer: B
4. Answer: D
5. Answer: D

**Final arrangement**

Year	Name
1965	O
1968	M
1975	Q
1990	L
2000	P
2010	N
2015	R

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## Practice Questions

### Set 2 (Prelims)

**Direction (6–10):** Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Eight persons – P, Q, R, S, T, U, V and W joined the company on the same date of seven different years viz., 1967, 1977, 1979, 1984, 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1996. Their experience is calculated with respect to the year 2022.

R joined five years before S. Only three persons joined between R and Q. Only one person joined between Q and T. The difference between the experience of T and S is same as the difference between the experience of V and U. The experience of U is not a prime number. W joined after P. The sum of the experience of P and W is not 63 years.

**6) V joined \_\_\_\_\_ years before W.**

- a) 8 year
- b) 11 year
- c) 7 year
- d) 5 year
- e) 3 year

**7) The difference between the experience of Q and P is same as**

**the difference between the experience \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.**

- a) S and T
- b) U and V
- c) W and T
- d) R and W
- e) V and T

**8) How many persons joined between S and U?**

- a) Three
- b) As many persons joined before R
- c) Two
- d) Five
- e) As many persons joined between Q and T

**9) Who among the following person joined in 1984?**

- a) T
- b) S
- c) P
- d) W
- e) V

**10) Which of the following statement(s) is/are true as per the given arrangement?**

- I. P has more experience than V
- II. U joined after Q



**III. S joined three years after W**

- a) Only III
- b) Only I and III
- c) Only I and II

d) All I, II and III

e) Only II



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**Answer Key with Final Arrangement**

**Direction (6–10)**

**6) Answer: D**

**7) Answer: C**

**8) Answer: B**

**9) Answer: C**

**10) Answer: C**

**Final arrangement**

Year	Persons	Experience
1967	Q	55
1977	U	45
1979	T	43
1984	P	38
1988	R	34
1991	V	31
1993	S	29
1996	W	26

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## Practice Questions

### Set 3 (Prelims)

**Directions (11–15): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.**

Five persons – A, B, C, D, and E were born in different years – 1982, 1987, 1997, 2012 and 2018. The age of each person is calculated with respect to the year 2023. Each of them likes different numbers.

D was born in one of the even-numbered years. Only one person was born between D and the one who likes 19. E is ten years elder than the one who likes 19. As many persons born before E as after A. The difference between the ages of A and B is a multiple of 5. C doesn't like 19. The sum of the numbers liked by B and E is 45. The difference between the numbers liked by E and D is 37. A likes the number, which is  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the number liked by D. C likes a prime number, which is the difference between C's age and twice the number liked by A.

**11. \_\_ likes the number, which is same as the age of \_\_ respectively.**

- a) B and E
- b) A and D
- c) E and B

- d) C and E
- e) D and B

**12. Find the ratio between the number liked by D and A.**

- a) 63:23
- b) 26:11
- c) 19:11
- d) 7:3
- e) 3:1

**13. The difference between the ages of A and C is \_\_\_ than the difference between the numbers liked by A and C.**

- a) Ten less
- b) Ten more
- c) Eight more
- d) Six less
- e) Nine less

**14. Find the average of the numbers liked by D, E, and A (approximately).**

- a) 38
- b) 35
- c) 34
- d) 37
- e) 22

**15. B is \_\_ years elder than the one who was born in a leap year.**

- a) 14 years
- b) 15 years

- c) 10 years
- d) 21 years
- e) 12 years

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**Answer Key with Final Arrangement**

**Directions (11-15):**

- 11) Answer: C**
- 12) Answer: E**
- 13) Answer: A**
- 14) Answer: D**
- 15) Answer: B**

**Final arrangement**

Year	Persons	Age	Numbers
<b>1982</b>	D	41	(63)
<b>1987</b>	E	36	(26)
<b>1997</b>	B	26	(19)
<b>2012</b>	A	11	(21)
<b>2018</b>	C	05	(37)



## Practice Questions

### Set 4 (Prelims)

**Directions (16–20):** Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Eight persons – A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H were born in nine different years – 1967, 1977, 1987, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, and 2015. The age of each person is calculated with respect to the year 2023. No person was born in one of the years.

E was born in 1987. Only three persons were born between E and G. B is five years younger than G. As many persons born before B as after D. The ratio of the ages between D and H is 2:1. The difference between the ages of H and C is 5, where C was not born in a leap year. The sum of the ages of A and F is a cube value. A is elder than F.

**16. Who among the following person's age is a multiple of 3?**

- I. F
- II. E
- III. A
- a) Only II
- b) Only II and III
- c) Only I and II
- d) Only I
- e) Only I and III

**17. F's age is equal to the difference between the ages of \_\_ and \_\_ .**

- a) C and F
- b) D and G
- c) F and B
- d) E and G
- e) A and H

**18. The difference between the ages of C and G is \_\_ the difference between the ages of F and B.**

- a) Twice
- b) Thrice
- c) Fourfold
- d) Equal
- e) None of the above

**19. The age difference between who among the following pairs of persons is a prime number?**

- a) D and C
- b) E and G
- c) H and B
- d) Both a and b
- e) Both a and c

**20. Which among the following combination is true?**

- a) D – 1977
- b) C – 1995
- c) B – 1967

- d) G – 2010  
e) A – 2000

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### Answer Key with Final Arrangement

**Directions (16–20):**

- 16) Answer: C  
17) Answer: E  
18) Answer: A  
19) Answer: D  
20) Answer: D

**Final arrangement:**

Year	Persons	Age
1967	D	56
1977	A	46
1987	E	36
1990	C	33
1995	H	28
2000	---	23
2005	F	18
2010	G	13
2015	B	08

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## Practice Questions

### Set 5 (Mains)

**Directions (21–25): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.**

Nine newspapers viz. Asian Age, Business Line, Deccan Chronicle, Economic Times, Hindu, Hindustan Times, Indian Express, News Today and Times of India were started in different years viz., 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2021. Indian Express was started in a leap year whereas only three years difference between the starting year of Indian Express and Asian Age. Only two newspapers were started between Asian Age and Times of India, which was started two newspapers after Business Line. The number of newspapers started after Business Line is one more than the number of newspapers started before Hindustan Times. The number of years between the starting year of Hindustan Times and Asian Age is one less than the number of years between the starting year of Business Line and Economic Times. More than a decade difference is between the starting year of Economic Times and

Hindu. At least five newspapers were started between Hindu and Deccan Chronicle.

**21. In which of the following year does Hindu newspaper start?**

- a) 2010
- b) 2012
- c) 2008
- d) 2018
- e) None of these

**22. How many years are there between the starting year of Indian Express and Deccan Chronicle?**

- a) As many years between the starting year of News Today and Business Line
- b) Four
- c) As many years between the starting year of Hindustan Times and Economic Times
- d) Seven
- e) None of these

**23. Which of the following newspaper was started in the year 2010?**

- a) Deccan Chronicle
- b) Hindu
- c) Hindustan Times



- d) News Today  
e) None of these

**24. If Bengal Gazette was started in the year 2003, then how many years difference between the starting year of Bengal Gazette and Indian Express?**

- a) 8yrs  
b) 9yrs  
c) 7yrs  
d) 11yrs

- e) None of these

**25. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way as per the given arrangement and hence form a group. Find the one that doesn't belong to that group.**

- a) News Today  
b) Business Line  
c) Deccan Chronicle  
d) Hindu  
e) Economic Times

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**Answer Key with Final Arrangement**

**Directions (21-25):**

**21. Answer: C**

**22. Answer: A**

**23. Answer: D**

**24. Answer: B**

**25. Answer: E**(All the newspapers were started in an even numbered year, except option e)

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Year	Newspaper
2008	Hindu
2010	News Today
2011	Hindustan Times
2012	Indian Express
2015	Asian Age
2016	Business Line
2018	Deccan Chronicle
2019	Times of India
2021	Economic Times

## Practice Questions

### Set 6 (Mains)

**Directions (26–30)** Study the following information carefully and answer the below questions

Seven persons – P, Q, R, S, T, U, and V were born in different years. Each person likes different footwear brands viz.– Relaxo, Sparx, Bata, Woodland, Adidas, Puma, and Reebok. All the information is not necessary in the same order. The age of the person is calculated from the base year 2021.

**Note:** If it's given that A's age is equal to the last two digits of B's birth year(B was born in 1992), then A's age is either 29 years or 92

years. None of the persons were born before 1965 nor born after 2010.

Only two persons were born after the one who likes Puma. The one who likes Puma was born two persons after the one who was born in 1984. The one who is the youngest was born in 2008 and likes Woodland. As many persons born between the one who likes Woodland and U as between P and the one who likes Reebok. U was born after the one who was born in 1984. T likes Reebok and is 15 years elder than the one who likes

Woodland. Neither P nor U likes Puma. V's age is equal to the last two digits of the birth year of T. V was born immediately after the one who likes Relaxo. P's age is equal to the last two digits of the birth year of S. The difference between the ages of P and V is the same as the difference between the ages of R and the one who likes Reebok. Only three persons were born between Q and the one who likes Sparx. The difference between the ages of Q and the one who likes Adidas is 26 years. The one who likes Bata was born six years after P.

**26) Who among the following person likes Sparx?**

- a) The one who was born in 1984
- b) S
- c) The one who was born immediately after U
- d) Either A or C
- e) None of these

**27) Who among the following person was born two persons before Q?**

- a) The one who likes Puma
- b) The one who was born in 1991
- c) The one who was born immediately after P

- d) Either B or C
- e) Both A and B

**28) In which of the following year V was born?**

- a) 1973
- b) 1984
- c) 1982
- d) 1991
- e) None of these

**29) Who among the following person was born before the one who likes Bata?**

**I. The one who likes Sparx**

**II. S**

**III. The one who was born three persons before R**

- a) Only I
- b) Both II and III
- c) All I, II, and III
- d) Both I and III
- e) None of these

**30) Which of the following statement is not true?**

- a) S was born in 1973
- b) Two persons were born between the one who likes Adidas and T
- c) Q was born in 2008
- d) The one who likes Bata was born in 1990.



e) All the above statements are true

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### Answer Key with Final Arrangement

**Direction (26–30):**

**26. Answer: A**

**27. Answer: E**

**28. Answer: C**

**29. Answer: C**

**30. Answer: B**

**Final arrangement**

Year	Name	Brands
1973	S	Relaxo
1982	V	Adidas
1984	P	Sparx
1990	U	Bata
1991	R	Puma
1993	T	Reebok
2008	Q	Woodland

## Practice Questions

### Set 7 (Mains)

**Directions (31–35) Study the following information carefully and answer the below questions.**

Seven persons – P, Q, R, S, T, U, and V from a three generations family visit the national museum in different years viz.– 1967, 1971, 1976, 1982, 1991, 1996, and 2003. Two married couples are in the family. All the information is not necessary in the same order.

U's daughter-in-law visits in a leap year. Q is the only daughter of U and visits fifteen years before P. P is the only son of Q's brother. V, who is the father of R and visits five years before S. S is the grandmother of R. The number of persons visiting after S is the same as the number of persons visiting before U. Only two persons visit between T and S. Not more than two persons visit between P's sister and Q's mother.

**31) How R is related to the one who visits in 1967?**

- a) Daughter-in-law
- b) Sister
- c) Niece
- d) Brother-in-law

e) None of these

**32) Who among the following person visits immediately before R's father?**

- a) The one who visits three persons after Q
- b) R
- c) The one who visits two persons before R
- d) S
- e) None of these

**33) How many persons visit after V's mother?**

- a) As many persons visit between Q and P's father
- b) Two
- c) As many persons visit before Q
- d) Either A or C
- e) None of these

**34) If all the persons are arranged in alphabetical order from 2003 to 1967, then the position of how many persons remain unchanged?**

- a) More than three
- b) None
- c) One

- d) Two
- e) Three

**35) Which of the following statement is not true?**

**I. R visits three persons after R's brother**

**II. Three persons visit between S and his wife**

**III. V visits in 1991**

- a) Only I
- b) Both II and III
- c) Only II
- d) Both I and III
- e) None of these

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**Answer Key with Final Arrangement**

**Directions (31–35):**

**31. Answer: C**

**32. Answer: A**

**33. Answer: E**

**34. Answer: D**

**35. Answer: C**

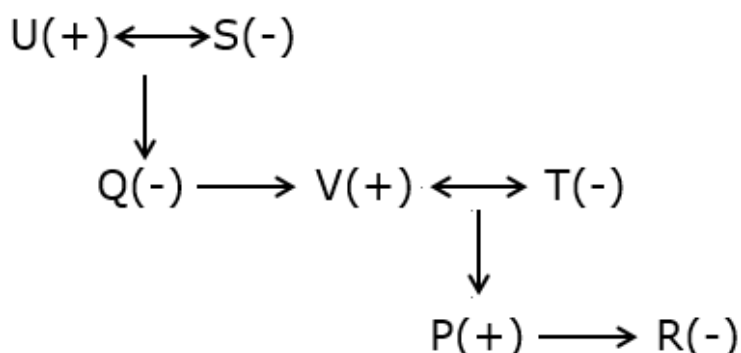
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### Final arrangement

Year	Case (2)
1967	Q
1971	U
1976	T
1982	P
1991	V
1996	S
2003	R



## Practice Questions

### Set 8 (Mains)

**Directions (36–40):** Study the following information carefully and answer the below questions.

Seven persons namely – P, Q, R, S, T, U, and V were married in seven different years viz.- 1999, 1996, 1994, 1991, 1987, 1984 and 1982. Each person belongs to different city viz.- Pune, Kochi, Chennai, Kota, Varanasi, Ranchi, and Jaipur.

"A @ B" means "A married three years after B".

"A % B" means "Three persons were married between A and B".

"A & B" means "A married just before B".

"A # B" means "One person married between box A and B".

"A ^ B" means "The number of persons married before A is the same as the number of persons married after B".

"A \* B" means "A was married two years before B".

**Note:** "A ?% B" means "Three persons were married between box A and B, but A was married in an odd year". The name of cities is coded from 1 to 7 as they appear in the above given series.

**Statement:** 6#S%7; 3?@Q^2; 1?&U#7; T%5\*P; 4#V.

**36) Who among the following person belongs to Jaipur?**

- a) V
- b) R
- c) S
- d) U
- e) None of these

**37) How many persons were married after the one who belongs to Kochi?**

- a) Two
- b) One
- c) Three
- d) More than three
- e) None

**38) Who among the following person was married in 1996?**

- a) P
- b) R
- c) S
- d) U
- e) None of these

**39) Which of the following city does Q belong?**

- a) Varanasi
- b) Ranchi
- c) Chennai
- d) Kota
- e) None of these

**40) Which of the following statement is/are not true?**

- a) The one who belongs to Jaipur was married just after P.
- b) Two persons were married between U and the one who belongs to Kota.
- c) T was married just after the one who belongs to Varanasi.
- d) One person was married between the one who belongs to Ranchi and S.
- e) All of the above statements are true.

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### Answer Key with Final Arrangement

Directions (36–40):

36. Answer: B

37. Answer: B

38. Answer: A

39. Answer: D

40. Answer: C

Final arrangement

Case (1)		
Year	Name	City
1982	T	Ranchi
1984	Q	Kota
1987	S	Chennai
1991	V	Pune
1994	U	Varanasi
1996	P	Kochi
1999	R	Jaipur



## 1. Immaculately(adverb)

In a way that is perfect and has no mistakes

**Synonyms**- Faultless, Impeccable

**Antonyms**- Bad, Damaged

**Example**- He gave an immaculate performance as the aging hero



## 2. Desecrate(verb)

Treat(a sacred place or thing) with violent disrespect; Spoil( something which is valued or respected)

**Synonyms**- Profane, befoul

**Antonyms**- venerate, sanctify

**Example**- More than 300 graves were desecrated



## 3. Searing(Adjective)

To indicate that something such as pain or heat is very intense

**Synonyms**- intense, sharp, scorch

**Antonyms**- Light, soft, cold

**Example**- She felt a searing pain in her foot



## 4. Fraternity(noun)

A group of people who share the same work or interests

**Synonyms**- Fellowship, Profession and community

**Antonyms**- Animosity, Enmity

**Example**- Members of the hunting fraternity



## 5. Stymie(verb)

To prevent something from happening

**Synonyms**- impede, hamper

**Antonyms**- Assist, help

**Example**- Progress on the project has been stymied by lack of money



## 6. Overhaul(verb)

To look at something carefully and change or repair it if necessary

**Synonyms**- Service, Maintain

**Antonyms**- Nreak, Damage and Ruin

**Example**- The steering box was recently examined



## 7. Intrigues(noun, verb)

The practice of engaging in secret schemes; arouse the curiosity, interest of

**Synonyms**- Lure, Tempt, Conspire, Plot

**Antonyms**- Bore

**Example**- I was intrigued by your question



## 8. Splintered(verb)

Withdraw from an organization or communication; to split into fragments, parts

**Synonyms**- Crack, Fracture, Disintegrate

**Antonyms**- Amalgamate, Connect

**Example**- The party had begun to splinter into factions



## 9. Patriarch(noun)

**A man who is the head of a family or social group**

**Synonyms**- leader, father, grandfather, ancestor

**Antonyms**- servant, matriarch

**Example**- The tribe's patriarch ruled for 20 years before his death



## 10. Bandwagon(noun)

**An activity, group, movement.etc that has become successful or fashionable and so attracts many new people**

**Synonyms**- Pattern, Model, Look

**Antonyms**- Deny, Discourage

**Example**- The environmental bandwagon is feeling mighty crowded



## 11. Defectors(noun)

**Someone who leaves a country, political party, etc especially in order to join an opposing one**

**Synonyms**- Deserter, Insurgent, Traitor

**Antonyms**- Supporter, Loyalist

**Example**- In politics, defectors abandon their home countries and claim allegiance to another



## 12. Fiasco(noun)

**A complete failure, especially a ludicrous or humiliating one**

**Synonyms**- Disaster, Catastrophe

**Antonyms**- Success

**Example**- Her plans turned into a fiasco



## 13. Resplendent(adjective)

**Having a very bright or beautiful appearance**

**Synonyms**- Splendid, Magnificent and brilliant

**Antonyms**- Dark, Dull and Gloomy

**Example**- She was resplendent in a sea-green dress



## 14. Maestro(noun)

**A man who is very skilled at playing or conducting**

**Synonyms**- Conductor, Director, Virtuoso

**Antonyms**- Amateur, Beginner, Inexpert

**Example**- A Vietnam vet turned movie maestro



## 15. Aficionados(noun)

**Someone who is very interested in and enthusiastic about a particular subject**

**Synonyms**- Connoisseur, Expert, Authority

**Antonyms**- Detractor, Critic, Belittlers

**Example**- A crossword aficionado



## 16. Besmirch(verb)

**Damage (someone's reputation)**

**Synonyms**- Sully, Tarnish

**Antonyms**- Honor, Enhance

**Example**- He had besmirched the good name of his family



## 17. Conspicuous(adjective)

**Easily seen or noticed**

**Synonyms**- Clear, Visible

**Antonyms**- Obscure, Invisible

**Example**- He showed conspicuous bravery



## 18. Gleaned(verb)

**To obtain information, knowledge, etc., sometimes with difficulty and often from various different places**

**Synonyms**- Obtain, Get

**Antonyms**- Disperse, Dissipate

**Example**- The information is gleaned from press cuttings



## 19. Stirring(adjective, noun)

**Causing excitement or strong emotion; moving briskly**

**Synonyms**- Exciting, Thrilling and Rousing

**Antonyms**- Boring, Pedestrian

**Example**- A stirring and thriving politician



## 20. Entrenched(verb, adjective)

**(of an attitude, habit, or belief) firmly established and difficult or unlikely to change**

**Synonyms**- Establish, Settle, Confirmed

**Antonyms**- Superficial, Temporary

**Example**- An entrenched resistance to change



## 21. Swindling (verb)

**To trick somebody in order to get money, etc.**

**Synonyms**- Defraud, Cheat

**Antonyms**- Uprightness, Fortrightness, Benevolence

**Example**- He was said to have swindled 33 million from the state-owned cement industry



## 22. Plaudit(noun)

**An expression of praise or approval**

**Synonyms**- Acclaim, Acclamation

**Antonyms**- Condemnation, Criticism

**Example**- The plaudits for the winner died down



## 23. Inhibitions(noun)

**A shy or nervous feeling that stops you from saying or doing what you really want**

**Synonyms**- Shyness, Reticence

**Antonyms**- Assistance, Uninhibited

**Example**- The children, at first shy, soon lost their inhibitions



## 24. Interlocutors(noun)

**A person who is in a conversation with somebody else**

**Synonyms**- Conversationist, Schmoozer

**Antonyms**- Hearer, Spectator

**Example**- Owen had the habit of staring motionlessly at his interlocutor





## 25. Transcendent(adjective)

**Beyond or above the range of normal or physical human experience**

**Synonyms-** Superior, Supreme, Outstanding, Out-of-sight

**Antonyms-** Poor, Ordinary

**Example-** The search for a transcendent level of knowledge



## 26. Acquittal(noun)

**The decision of a court that someone is not guilty**

**Synonyms-** Absolution, Clearing, Exoneration

**Antonyms-** Convict

**Example-** She was acquitted of the murder of her husband



## 27. Intrusive(adjective)

**Interrupting a peaceful situation**

**Synonyms-** Intruding, Invasive, Obtrusive

**Antonyms-** Reticent, Unobtrusive

**Example-** That was an intrusive question



## 28. Discrepancies(noun)

**A difference between two things that should be the same**

**Synonyms-** Inconsistency, Disparity

**Antonyms-** Similarity, Correspondence

**Example-** There is a discrepancy between your account and his account



## 29. Con(noun)

**An argument opposed to a proposal; an instance of deceiving or tricking someone**

**Synonyms-** Swindle, Defraud

**Antonyms-** Honesty, Frankness

**Example-** I conned him into giving me your home number



## 30. Perpetrated(verb)

**To commit a crime or do something wrong or evil**

**Synonyms-** Carry out, Perform

**Antonyms-** Prevent, Abstain

**Example-** A crime has been perpetrated against a sovereign state



## 31. Hiatus(noun)

**A pause in an activity when nothing happens**

**Synonyms-** Break, Interval

**Antonyms-** Resumption, Continuity

**Example-** There was a brief hiatus in the war with France



## 32. Ear to the Ground(idiom)

**The practice or characteristic of carefully gathering information**

**Synonyms-** Responsive, Alert

**Example-** David had his ear to the ground when it came to news about the latest and best technology to buy





### 33. Deviant(adjective)

**Different from what most people consider to be normal and acceptable**

**Synonyms-** Aberrant, Divergent

**Antonyms-** Normal, Orthodox

**Example-** Deviant behavior is one of the features of certain types of mental illness



### 34. Abeyance(noun)

**A state of temporary disuse or suspension**

**Synonyms-** Suspension, Deferred

**Antonyms-** Under way, In hand, Resume

**Example-** Matters were held in abeyance pending further enquiries



### 35. Tenuous(adjective)

**Very weak or uncertain**

**Synonyms-** Slight, Flimsy, Insubstantial

**Antonyms-** Convincing, Strong, Substantial

**Example-** The tenuous link between interest rates and investment



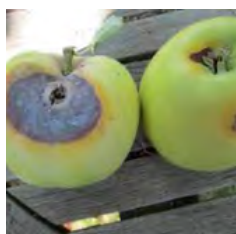
### 36. Festering(adjective)

**Persisting and growing increasingly bitter over time**

**Synonyms-** Infected, Sore, Blistered

**Antonyms-** Maturation, Growth

**Example-** They had ignored festering social problems they had ignored festering social problems



### 37. Stupendous(adjective)

**Extremely impressive**

**Synonyms-** Amazing, Astounding

**Antonyms-** Slight, Imperceptible

**Example-** The most stupendous views



### 38. Chide(verb)

**Scold or rebuke someone**

**Synonyms-** Chastise, Lambast

**Antonyms-** Praise

**Example-** She chided him for not replying to her letters



### 39. Sagacious(adjective)

**Having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgment**

**Synonyms-** Wise, Shrewd

**Antonyms-** Stupidity

**Example-** They were sagacious enough to avoid any outright confrontation



### 40. Pogrom(noun)

**A violent riot incited with the aim of massacring or expelling an ethnic or religious group**

**Synonyms-** Slaughter, Carnage

**Antonyms-** Amity, Cordiality

**Example-** I remember a time when I thought a pogrom had broken out in our street, and I wonder that I did not die of fear.



## 41. Mutiny(noun)

**Open rebellion against constituted authority**

**Synonyms-** Strike, Insurgence

**Antonyms-** Calm, Obedience

**Example-** A mutiny by those manning the weapons could trigger a global war



## 42. Jinx(noun)

**Bad luck, or a person or thing that is believed to bring bad luck**

**Synonyms-** Hoodoo, Curse

**Antonyms-** Benefit, Luck, Boon

**Example-** The play is jinxed



## 43. Gimmicky(adjecitive)

**Of a trick or deceive intended to attract attention, publicity or trade**

**Synonyms-** Ploy, Dodge, Contrivance

**Antonyms-** Reality, Frankness

**Example-** It is not so much a programme to improve services as a gimmick to gain votes



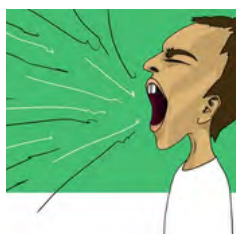
## 44. Vociferous(adjecitive)

**Expressing or characterized by vehement opinions; loud and forceful**

**Synonyms-** Outspoken, Vocal

**Antonyms-** Silent, Quiet

**Example-** He was a vociferous opponent of the takeover



## 45. Herculean(adjecitive)

**Requiring great strength or effort**

**Synonyms-** Arduous, Grueling, Strong

**Antonyms-** Easy

**Example-** A herculean task



## 46. Remnants(noun)

**A small remaining part of something**

**Synonyms-** Balance, Leftovers

**Antonyms-** Whole, Core

**Example-** Remnants go on sale next week



## 47. Candor(noun)

**The quality of being open and honest**

**Synonyms-** Frankness, Openness, Candidness

**Antonyms-** Insincerity, Evasiveness

**Example-** A man of refreshing candor



## 48. Didactic(adjecitive)

**Designed to teach people something, especially a moral lesson**

**Synonyms-** Moralistic, Sermonic

**Antonyms-** Corrupting, Non-educational

**Example-** A didactic novel that set out to expose social injustice



## 49. Clairvoyance(Noun)

**Ability to perceive matters beyond the range of ordinary perception**

**Synonyms**- second sight, acumen

**Antonyms**-stupidity

**Example**- She started at the card as if she could contact its writer by clairvoyance



## 53. Gambit(noun)

**Something done or said in order to gain an advantage or to produce a desired result**

**Synonyms**- Tactic, Stratagem

**Antonyms**- Frankness, Honesty

**Example**- His resignation was a tactical gambit



## 50. Untenable(adjective)

**Incapable of being defined or justified**

**Synonyms**- Indefensible, Unsustainable

**Antonyms**- Tenable, Defensible

**Example**- The argument is clearly untenable



## 54. Feud(noun)

**A prolonged and bitter quarrel or dispute**

**Synonyms**- Quarrel, Fight, Argue

**Antonyms**- Accord, Harmony

**Example**- Hoover feuded with the CIA for decades



## 51. Shelved(verb)

**Decide not to proceed with (a project or plan), either temporarily or permanently**

**Synonyms**- Suspend, Put off, and Lay aside

**Antonyms**- Carry out, Execute and Implement

**Example**- Plans to reopen the school have been shelved



## 55. Warlord(noun)

**A military commander, especially an aggressive regional commander with individual autonomy**

**Synonyms**- Commander, Guerrilla leader

**Antonyms**- Peacemaker, Follower

**Example**- he was the most feared warlord during the Liberian civil war



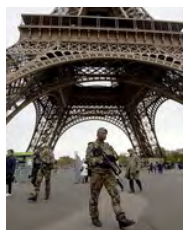
## 52. Spate(noun)

**An unusually large number of events that happen suddenly and at about the same time**

**Synonyms**- Series, Succession, String

**Antonyms**- Empty, Drought

**Example**- A spate of attacks on holidaymakers



## 56. Iron Fist(noun)

**Used in reference to the exercise of power in an oppressive or ruthless way**

**Synonyms**- Big stick, Control, Firm

**Antonyms**- Charitable, Warm

**Example**- He rules the town with an iron fist





## 57. Dismantle(verb)

**To destroy the integrity or functioning of**

**Synonyms-** Take apart, Disassemble

**Antonyms-** Assemble, Build

**Example-** The engines were dismantled and the bits piled into a heap



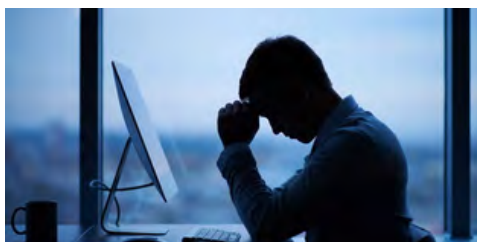
## 58. Disconcerting(adjective)

**Making someone feel uncertain and uncomfortable or worried**

**Synonyms-** Unsettling, Unnerving

**Antonyms-** Reassuring

**Example-** I found it disconcerting to be left alone in her office



## 59. Countenance(verb)

**To approve of or give support to something**

**Synonyms-** Tolerate, Permit

**Antonyms-** Boycott, Invalidate

**Example-** She was giving her specific countenance to the occasion



## 60. Espouse(verb)

**To become involved with or support to something**

**Synonyms-** Embrace, Adopt

**Antonyms-** Reject, Oppose

**Example-** She espoused the causes of justice and freedom for all



## 61. Rebuff(verb)

**An unkind refusal of an offer or suggestion**

**Synonyms-** Spurn, Turn down

**Antonyms-** Accept, Welcome

**Example-** I asked her to be my wife, and was rebuffed in no uncertain terms



## 62. Instrumentalities(noun)

**An organization that works for a government**

**Synonyms-** Agency, Aid, Assistance

**Antonyms-** Hindrance, Obstruction

**Example-** The report stressed the instrumentality of the parents in the rescue



## 63. Fanfare(noun)

**Great attention to and interest in something**

**Synonyms-** Flourish, Trumpet call

**Antonyms-** Modesty, Restraint

**Example-** The new laws were passed after much fanfare



## 64. Ostensible(adjective)

**Seeming or stated to be real or true, but not necessarily real or true**

**Synonyms-** Apparent, Outward

**Antonyms-** Real, Genuine

**Example-** The real dispute which lay behind the ostensible complaint





## 65. Evaders(noun)

Someone who avoids or escapes from something or someone

**Synonyms-** Elude, Eschew, Shun

**Antonyms-** Face, Confront

**Example-** The US loses \$70 billion annually to tax evaders



## 66. Quadrennial(adjective)

Recurring every four years

**Synonyms-** Quinary, Quintan

**Antonyms-** Anniversary

**Example-** lasting for or relating to a period of four years



## 67. Underwhelming(adjective)

Failing to make a positive impact or impression

**Synonyms-** Disappointing

**Antonyms-** Impressing

**Example-** Investors seemed underwhelmed by the company's turnaround plan



## 68. Kitty(noun)

An amount of money that has been collected by a person or organization for a particular purpose

**Synonyms-** Deposit, Fund, Budget

**Antonyms-** Loss, Abort

**Example-** You haven't put any money in the kitty for three weeks



## 69. Conflagration(noun)

A large and violent event, such as a war, involving a lot of people

**Synonyms-** Beacon, Wildfire, Inferno, Conflict

**Antonyms-** Peace, Disarmament

**Example-** The government has turned a minor local problem into a full-blown regional conflagration



## 70. Euphemism(noun)

A word or phrase used to avoid saying an unpleasant or offensive word

**Synonyms-** Substitute, Politeness, Understatement

**Antonyms-** Dysphemism

**Example-** Tax planning is a euphemism used by financial experts advising on legal ways to avoid tax



## 71. Inflammatory(adjective)

Likely to cause very strong feelings of anger

**Synonyms-** Provocative, Provoking

**Antonyms-** Uncontroversial

**Example-** Inflammatory remarks



## 72. Swindle(noun, verb)

Use deception to deprive (someone) of money or possessions; a fraudulent scheme or action

**Synonyms-** Deceit, Exploitation

**Antonyms-** Uprightness, Benevolence

**Example-** A businessman swindled investors out of millions of pounds



### 73. Dragnet(noun)

**A systematic search for someone or something, especially criminals or criminal activity**

**Synonyms-** Chase, Pursuit

**Antonyms-** Retreat

**Example-** The police have widened their dragnet in their search for the killer



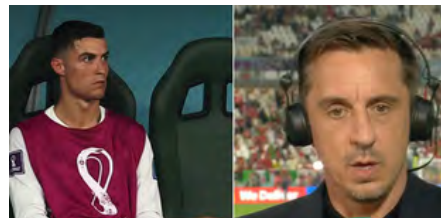
### 77. Scathing(adjective)

**Expressing a very strong negative opinion about somebody/something**

**Synonyms-** Blistering, Ferocious

**Antonyms-** Gentle, Mild, Complimentary

**Example-** He unleashed a scathing attack on his former boss



### 74. Intransigence(noun)

**Refusal to change one's views or to agree about something**

**Synonyms-** Stubbornness, Obduracy

**Antonyms-** Willing, Submissive

**Example-** Opponents accused him of intransigence



### 78. Callous(adjective)

**Not caring about the feelings or suffering of other people**

**Synonyms-** Heartless, Unfeeling

**Antonyms-** Kind, Compassionate

**Example-** His callous comments about the murder made me shiver



### 75. Forge(verb)

**Create something strong, enduring, or successful**

**Synonyms-** Build up, Construct

**Antonyms-** Ruin, Destroy

**Example-** The two women forged a close bond



### 79. Entitlements(Noun)

**The official right to have or do something**

**Synonyms-** Prerogative, Claim

**Antonyms-** Forbade, Proscribed, Disqualified

**Example-** Her annual leave entitlement



### 76. Maneuver(noun, verb)

**A movement or series of moves requiring skill and care**

**Synonyms-** Activity, Operation and Guide

**Antonyms-** Fumble, Bungle

**Example-** They were maneuvering him into betraying his friend



### 80. Put Up(phrasal verb)

**Construct or erect something**

**Synonyms-** Erect, Construct

**Antonyms-** Demolish, Knock down

**Example-** I put up the tent and cooked a meal



## 81. Harbinger(noun)

**A sign that shows that something is going to happen soon, often something bad**

**Synonyms-** Herald, Sign and indicator

**Antonyms-** Follower

**Example-** I put up the tent and cooked a meal



## 82. Buttressed(verb)

**Increase the strength of or justification for**

**Synonyms-** Reinforce, Standby, Anchor

**Antonyms-** Forbid, Disallow

**Example-** A buttressed wall



## 83. Perpetuate(verb)

**To cause something to continue for a long time**

**Synonyms-** Carry on, Keep going, Extend

**Antonyms-** Abolish, Destroy

**Example-** The confusion was perpetuated through inadvertence



## 84. Encroachment(noun)

**Intrusion on a person's territory, rights, etc**

**Synonyms-** Invasion into, Incursion into

**Antonyms-** Respecting, observance

**Example-** Minor encroachments on our individual liberties



## 85. Chaos(noun)

**A state of great disorder or confusion**

**Synonyms-** Uproar, Upheaval

**Antonyms-** Order, System

**Example-** Snow caused chaos in the region



## 86. Bulwarks(noun)

**A defensive wall**

**Synonyms-** Rampart, Fortification

**Antonyms-** Harm, Hurt, Weak point

**Example-** That country is a bulwark of freedom



## 87. Stratification(noun)

**The division of something into different layers or groups**

**Synonyms-** Categorization, Compartmentalization

**Antonyms-** - Disarrange, Subordinate

**Example-** Even in family stratification the role of women is hidden



## 88. Tenants(noun)

**A person who occupies land or property rented from a landlord**

**Synonyms-** Occupant, Resident

**Antonyms-** Owner, Freeholder

**Example-** The house was tenanted by his cousin





## 89. Respite(noun)

**A short period of rest from something that is difficult or unpleasant**

**Synonyms**- Cessation, Pause, Intermission

**Antonyms**- Exertion, Continuation, Start

**Example**- The refugee encampments will provide some respite from the suffering



## 90. Fructify(verb)

**Make something fruitful or productive**

**Synonyms**- Burgeoning, Flourishing

**Antonyms**- Dead, Languishing

**Example**- By this time it has fructified into reality



## 91.Solicit(verb)

**To ask for something in a persuasive and determined way**

**Synonyms**-Ask for, Request

**Antonyms**-- Refuse, Reject

**Example**- He called a meeting to solicit their views



## 92.Impinge(verb)

**To have a noticeable effect on something, especially a bad one**

**Synonyms**- Encroach, Meddle and intrude

**Antonyms**-Dodge, Avoid

**Example**- He never allowed his work to impinge on his private life



## 93.Hush money(noun)

**Money paid to someone to prevent them from disclosing embarrassing or discreditable information**

**Synonyms**--Kickback, Blackmail and graft

**Antonyms**- Outward, Exoteric

**Example**- She claimed that the politician had offered her hush money to keep their child a secret



## 94.Felony(noun)

**Act of committing a serious crime such as murder**

**Synonyms**-Crime, Trespass, Misdemeanor

**Antonyms**- Virtue, innocence and morality

**Example**- He was convicted of felony murder



## 95.Hot-Button(noun)

**An issue that people disagree about and argue a lot**

**Synonyms**-Disputation, contentious

**Antonyms**-Disputation, contentious

**Example**- The hot-button issue of nuclear waste disposal



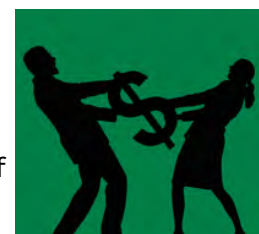
## 96.Willfully(adverb)

**In an unreasonably stubborn or headstrong way**

**Synonyms**-Intentionally, Premeditatedly

**Antonyms**-Cautiously, Carefully

**Example**- She denies four charges of willfully neglecting a patient





## 97. Arraigned (verb)

To order someone to go to a court of law to be formally charged with a crime

**Synonyms**- Indict, Prosecute

**Antonyms**- Clear, Acquit

**Example**- Her sister was arraigned on charges of attempted murder



## 98. Deceleration (noun)

Reduction in speed or rate

**Synonyms**- Retardation, Slowing

**Antonyms**- Accelerate

**Example**- By this time it has fructified into reality



## 99. Convalesce (verb)

To rest and get better over a period of time after an illness

**Synonyms**- Recuperate, get better, Recover

**Antonyms**- Retrograde, Deteriorate

**Example**- She spent two months convalescing



## 100. Succinctly (adverb)

In a brief and clearly expressed manner

**Synonyms**- Briefly, Compactly, Shortly

**Antonyms**- Wordily, Repetitiously

**Example**- Learn how to write clearly and succinctly





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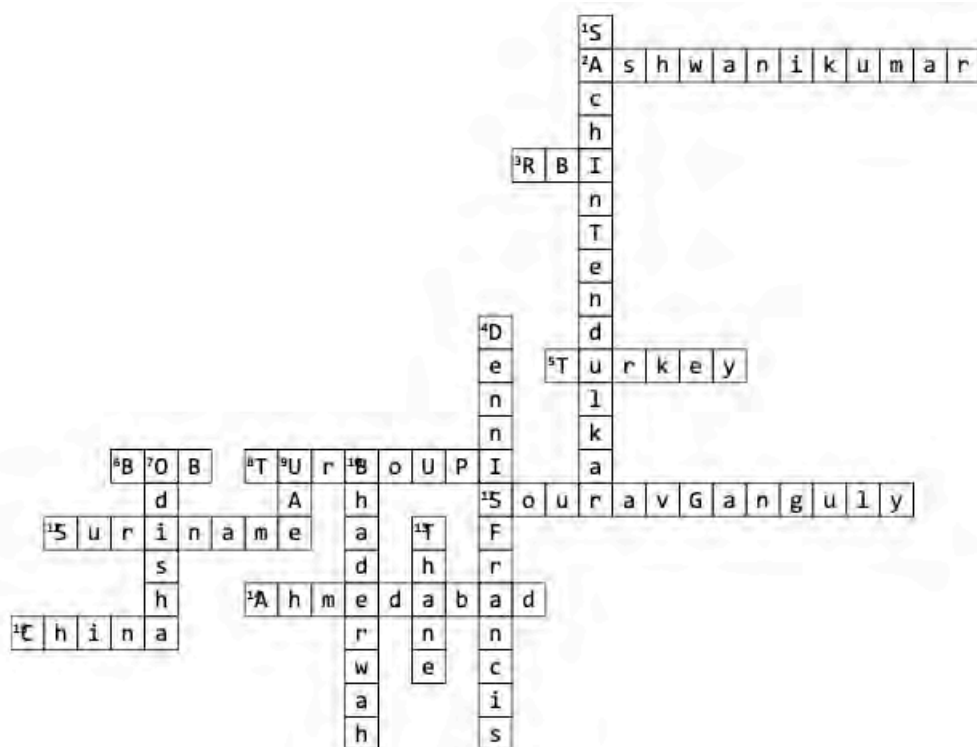
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# Current Affairs

# CROSSWORD

## ANSWERS

PUZZLE



## Across

2. Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of UCO Bank
  - a) Ashwani Kumar
  - b) Rajneesh Karnatak
  - c) Ajay Kumar
  - d) Shanthi Lal
  - e) Shatyanarayanan Raju
5. Recep Tayyip Erdogan was re-elected as the President of \_\_\_ for the third consecutive time
  - a) France
  - b) Turkey
  - c) Syria
  - d) Gabon
  - e) Russia
7. Razorpay has launched India's fastest one-step UPI (unified payments interface) payment solution named \_\_\_
  - a) TurboUPI
  - b) JumboUPI
  - c) RupayUPI
  - d) RazorUPI
  - e) MasterUPI
11. Brand ambassador of Tripura tourism
  - a) Virat Kohli
  - b) Sourav Ganguly
  - c) Sachin Tendulkar
  - d) Rohit Sharma
  - e) R Ashwin
3. Which organisation launched '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign?
  - a) SBI
  - b) RBI
  - c) NHB
  - d) GOI
  - e) SEBI
6. Which bank launched an Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facility for its customers?
  - a) SBI
  - b) RBI
  - c) BoB
  - d) IOB
  - e) UCO

**12. Which country conferred its highest civilian honour to President Droupadi Murmu- The Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star?**

- a) Suriname
- b) France
- c) Russia
- d) Ireland
- e) Jordan

## Down

**1. Smile Ambassador' for the Maharashtra government's oral hygiene campaign titled 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyaan**

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Sourav Ganguly
- c) Sachin Tendulkar
- d) Deepika Padukone
- e) Anushka Sharma

**4. 78th President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**

- a) Dennis Francis
- b) Angela Merkel
- c) Paul Francis
- d) Dennis Franklin
- e) Peter Thomson

**7. 'Mo Ghara' (My House)- a credit-linked housing scheme**

- a) Assam
- b) Sikkim
- c) Odisha
- d) Gujarat
- e) Kerala

**9. Host of the 2025 World Conservation Congress (WCC) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**

- a) UAE
- b) USA
- c) Iran
- d) Iraq
- e) India

**10. Lavender Festival**

- a) Shimla
- b) Bhaderwah
- c) Mandla
- d) Bhopal
- e) Kashmir

**13. Asia's largest, ambitious and historic cluster development scheme**

- a) Thane
- b) Bhopal
- c) Surat
- d) Kochi
- e) Chennai

**14. Which district will be re-named as 'Ahilya Nagar'?**

- a) Bhopal
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Vadodara
- d) Surat
- e) Bhavnagar

**15. Which country has completed the construction of the most powerful largest & fastest wind tunnel in the world, called JF-22?**

- a) China
- b) Russia
- c) Japan
- d) India
- e) Iran