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1. Kyriakos Mitsotaki has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- [A] France
- [B] Greece
- [C] South Korea
- [D] Japan

**Answer:** Greece

Kyriakos Mitsotakis has achieved a majority and has been re-elected for a second term as the Prime Minister of Greece. New Democracy, led by Mitsotakis, secured over 40 percent of the votes, guaranteeing them a minimum of 158 seats out of the total 300 seats in parliament, based on the preliminary count of approximately 96 percent of the votes.

2. What is the rank of India in 'WCC's Global Competitiveness Index'?

- [A] 12
- [B] 25
- [C] 40
- [D] 56

**Answer:** 40

Denmark, Ireland and Switzerland have been named the top three among 64 economies in the 2023 Global Competitiveness Index. India has been placed at the 40th position in the same index. The 2023 IMD World Competitiveness Ranking was published by the World Competitiveness Center for the 35th consecutive year.

3. Which bloc has conducted a joint military drill named 'Solidarity Exercise'?

- [A] EU
- [B] G-20
- [C] ASEAN
- [D] BIMSTEC

**Answer:** ASEAN

'Solidarity exercise' is a joint military drill involving the ASEAN nations -Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines. This year, Indonesia holds the rotating chair of the regional bloc. The military exercise has been planned amid the tensions with China.

4. Honeybee hives in which country faced the second highest mortality rate ever recorded?

- [A] India
- [B] USA
- [C] Australia
- [D] Indonesia

**Answer:** USA

According to a recent survey by the University of Maryland and Auburn University, honeybee hives in the US faced the second highest mortality rate ever recorded, with beekeepers losing almost half of their managed colonies. However, the survey also revealed that the total number of honeybee colonies in the country has remained relatively steady, despite this significant loss.

5. Which company introduced 'Perspectives' tab feature, which allows users to explore diverse viewpoints on a particular topic?

- [A] Google
- [B] Microsoft
- [C] Apple
- [D] Samsung



**Answer:** Google

Google, owned by Alphabet, introduced the 'Perspectives' tab feature, which allows users to explore diverse viewpoints on a particular topic. By selecting the filter, users can access a range of content such as videos from platforms like TikTok and YouTube, written posts from discussion boards and social media, and more, as explained in a blog post by Google.

6. Which institution released a report titled 'Compliance Status of Coal-Based Power Plants'?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] World Economic Forum
- [C] Centre for Science and Environment
- [D] UNEP

**Answer:** Centre for Science and Environment

A report titled "Compliance Status of Coal-Based Power Plants" was released recently by the Delhi-based non-profit Centre for Science and Environment (CSE). The report reveals that as of April 2023, a mere 5 percent of the India's coal-based thermal power generation capacities had implemented the Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) mechanism.

7. National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) successfully trained the civil servants from which country?

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] Maldives
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Bangladesh

**Answer:** Maldives

The 'National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG)' has signed MoU with the Government of Maldives to enhance the skills and capabilities of 1,000 civil servants in the field of public administration and governance by 2024. NCGG has already imparted training to 685 officers from Maldives. It has recently trained the 24th batch of civil servants from Maldives.

8. Jos Buttler, who recently passed the 10,000 runs in the T20 format, is from which country?

- [A] Australia
- [B] England
- [C] South Africa
- [D] New Zealand

**Answer:** England

England's Jos Buttler scripted history as he completed 10,000 runs in T20 cricket. He is only the ninth batter to achieve this feat. In 372 matches, Buttler has scored 10080 runs at an average of 34.16 with 6 centuries in T-20 format.

9. India recently signed an agreement to establish strategic partnership with which country?

- [A] Egypt
- [B] Myanmar
- [C] Afghanistan
- [D] Sri Lanka

**Answer:** Egypt

India and Egypt have signed an agreement establishing a strategic partnership between the two nations. The strategic partnership between the two countries will encompass four key components, namely political, defense, and security cooperation, economic engagement, collaborative efforts in the fields of science and academia, as well as cultural exchanges and fostering people-to-people connections.

10. Who was awarded 'BET Lifetime Achievement Award for 2023'?

- [A] A R Rahman



- [B] Busta Rhymes
- [C] Bob Dylan
- [D] Jennifer Lopez

**Answer:** Busta Rhymes

American rapper Busta Rhymes was awarded the BET Lifetime Achievement Award for 2023. Throughout his career, Busta Rhymes has released a total of nine studio albums, all of which have received praise from critics. Busta Rhymes has received widespread recognition for his contributions to hip hop. He has been honored with 12 Grammy Awards nominations. It is presented by the Black Entertainment Television (BET) network and has been held since 2001.

11. Which Indian golfer won 'Czech Ladies Open title'?

- [A] Aditi Ashok
- [B] Diksha Dagar
- [C] Pranavi Urs
- [D] Amandeep Drall

**Answer:** Diksha Dagar

Indian golfer Diksha Dagar won her second Ladies European Tour (LET) title as she grabbed a four-shot win at the Tipsport Czech Ladies Open. The 22-year-old won her first LET title back in 2019 in her rookie year and in 2021 she was part of the winning team at the Aramco Team Series in London. This was Diksha's 79th start on the LET and she now has two individual wins and nine Top-10 finishes.

12. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Swachh Survekshan 2023 - Mera Shehar, Meri Pehchan' survey?

- [A] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Jal Shakti
- [D] Ministry of MSME

**Answer:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the Field Assessment for Swachh Survekshan (SS) 2023. This is 8th edition of world's largest urban swachhata survey, Swachh Survekshan 2023 - Mera Shehar, Meri Pehchan. The assessors will study performances of 4500+ cities across 46 indicators and it is expected to be completed within a month.

13. Which Union Ministry launched NOC Approvals for New Drugs & Inoculation System (NANDI)?

- [A] Ministry of Health and Family Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- [C] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [D] Ministry of External Affairs

**Answer:** Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Union Minister Parshottam Rupala launches NOC Approvals for New Drugs & Inoculation System (NANDI) portal. With this portal, DAHD will facilitate the regulatory approval process with transparency to assess and examine veterinary product proposals will be more streamlined through integration with the SUGAM portal of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization.

14. How many medals were won by India in the 'Special Olympics World Games 2023'?

- [A] 101
- [B] 202
- [C] 303
- [D] 404

**Answer:** 202

India ended their Special Olympics World Games campaign with 202 medals, including 76 gold medals.



The Indian athletes bagged six medals from the track events (2 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze) on the concluding day. The Special Olympics- World Games, closing ceremony was held at the Brandenburg Gate, in Berlin.

15. Which city is the host of the 'ODI Cricket World Cup 2023'?

- [A] Chennai
- [B] Mumbai
- [C] Ahmedabad
- [D] Kolkata

**Answer:** Ahmedabad

The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the schedule for the 2023 men's ODI cricket world cup. The 50-over men's cricket will commence on 5 October at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. India is set to host Pakistan after seven years for a cricket match.

16. Which country approved 'National Research Foundation (NRF) Bill, 2023'?

- [A] USA
- [B] India
- [C] Japan
- [D] Australia

**Answer:** India

The Union Cabinet of India approved the introduction of the National Research Foundation (NRF) Bill, 2023 in the Parliament. The approved Bill will pave the way to establish National Research Foundation (NRF) that will promote Research and Development (R&D) and promote a culture of research and innovation throughout India's universities, colleges, research institutions, and R&D laboratories.

17. Union Culture Ministry is set to implement "Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists" along with which bank?

- [A] State Bank of India
- [B] Canara Bank
- [C] Punjab National Bank
- [D] HDFC Bank

**Answer:** Canara Bank

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Culture and Canara Bank for disbursement of financial assistance to veteran artists under the "Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists". Under the scheme, a financial assistance of Rs. 6000/- per month is provided to artists and scholars above the age of 60 years who have contributed significantly in their specialized fields of performing arts and culture.

18. Which state/UT is implementing the 'Anna Bhagya scheme'?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Telangana
- [C] Goa
- [D] Rajasthan

**Answer:** Karnataka

Karnataka Government decided to temporarily give ₹170 per person per month from July 1 in replacement for the promised five kg of free rice. As the Food Corporation of India (FCI) refused to sell rice to the state, the State has not been able to procure enough grains in time for the July 1.

19. Which Union Ministry implements the 'PM-PRANAM scheme'?

- [A] Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers
- [B] Ministry of Sports
- [C] Ministry of Defence



[D] Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer:** Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers

The Centre approved a new scheme PM-PRANAM to incentivise states to promote alternative fertilisers and reduce the use of chemical fertilisers. PM-PRANAM stands for PM - Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Generation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth scheme. It also decided to continue the current urea subsidy scheme for three years ending March 2025, with an outlay of Rs 3.68 lakh crore.

20. Which Union Ministry announced '5G & Beyond Hackathon 2023'?

[A] Ministry of Communication

[B] Ministry of Science and Technology

[C] Ministry of MSME

[D] Ministry of External Affairs

**Answer:** Ministry of Communication

The Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications recently announced the '5G & Beyond Hackathon 2023'. It is aimed at shortlisting India-focused cutting-edge ideas that can be converted into workable 5G & beyond products and solutions. Hundred winners of the hackathon will share a total prize pool of Rs one crore.

21. Which city is the host of 'International Conference on Green Hydrogen'?

[A] Mysuru

[B] Bengaluru

[C] New Delhi

[D] Pune

**Answer:** New Delhi

The International Conference on Green Hydrogen is scheduled to take place in New Delhi from July 5 to 7, 2023. The primary objective of the conference is to establish a comprehensive Green Hydrogen Ecosystem and accelerate progress towards global decarbonization goals by leveraging the potential of Green Hydrogen.

22. Which Union Ministry presented the inaugural report on "Critical Minerals for India"?

[A] Ministry of Mines

[B] Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers

[C] Ministry of Home Affairs

[D] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

**Answer:** Ministry of Mines

The Minister of Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi, has officially presented the inaugural report on "Critical Minerals for India." The report was prepared by a team of experts appointed by the Ministry of Mines. This list, for the first time in India, has identified the comprehensive list of critical minerals while considering the requirements of sectors like defence, agriculture, energy, pharmaceutical, telecom etc.

23. Which is the 4th country to sign the Just Energy Transition Partnership deal?

[A] Ukraine

[B] Senegal

[C] Chile

[D] Sri Lanka

**Answer:** Senegal

Senegal has become the fourth country after South Africa, Indonesia and Vietnam to sign the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JET-P) deal. "Just Energy Transition Partnership" (JETP) was evolved at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP 26) in Glasgow. JETPs are a financing cooperation mechanism, to help heavily coal-dependent emerging economies make a just energy



transition.

24. Which festival is also called 'The festival of Sacrifice' in Islam?

- [A] Ramadan
- [B] Muharram
- [C] Bakrid
- [D] Arafat

**Answer:** Bakrid

The festival of sacrifice, Eid al-Adha or Baqraeed is being celebrated in various parts of the country. It is a significant Muslim festival that billions of people observe across the world. During this festival, individuals of the Muslim faith come together in unity to offer Salah (prayer) simultaneously. It holds the distinction of being the second major festival among Muslims.

25. What is the GNPA ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks in March 2023?

- [A] 9.9 %
- [B] 7.9 %
- [C] 5.9 %
- [D] 3.9 %

**Answer:** 3.9 %

The Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) of the scheduled commercial banks, which declined to a 10-year low of 3.9 per cent in March 2023. It is expected to fall further to 3.6 per cent by March 2024, as per the Reserve Bank of India. However, the report stated that nearly 10 per cent of retail borrowers are missing monthly payments.

26. Which country is the host of the 'World Mining Congress 2023'?

- [A] India
- [B] Australia
- [C] Canada
- [D] Japan

**Answer:** Australia

Coal secretary Amrit Lal Meena inaugurated the India pavilion featuring NLC India Ltd (NLCIL), Coal India Limited (CIL) and NMDC at the World Mining Congress (WMC) 2023 in Brisbane, Australia. The event, being held in Brisbane, brought together industry leaders, experts and organizations from around the world to share knowledge and advancements in the mining and power generation sector.

27. As per the Financial Incentive scheme, what per cent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is available to the States for borrowing?

- [A] 0.25 %
- [B] 0.5 %
- [C] 1 %
- [D] 1.5 %

**Answer:** 0.5 %

The Department of Expenditure has given a boost to reforms by the States in power sector by providing financial incentives, under which an additional borrowing space of up to 0.5 percent of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is available to the States annually for a four-year period from 2021-22 to 2024-25. A total of 12 states have received Rs. 66,413 crores in incentives for their efforts in implementing power sector reforms.

28. Which state/UT is associated with 'EKAMRA project'?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Bihar





[D] Gujarat

**Answer:** Odisha

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik initiated the Rs 280-crore EKAMRA project, aimed at enhancing the surroundings of the 11th-century Lingaraj Temple in Bhubaneswar, as part of his government's commitment to the development of ancient temples. Launched in 2019, the EKAMRA plan focuses on revitalizing approximately 80 acres of land surrounding the historic Lord Shiva shrine in the Ekamra Kshetra (ancient name of Bhubaneswar).

29. What is the name of the type of electricity tariff which includes lower tariff during daytime and higher rates during peak hours?

[A] Differential time-based tariff

[B] Dynamic Electricity tariff

[C] Static Electricity Tariff

[D] Peak power Tariff

**Answer:** Differential time-based tariff

The government has indicated its intention to introduce differential time-based electricity tariffs, involving lower prices during an eight-hour period in the daytime and higher rates during peak power consumption hours. The Ministry of Power recently announced amendments to the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, which include the incorporation of provisions for time-of-day (ToD) tariffs.

30. Which Indian Armed Force is the host of 'Tarang Shakti' multinational air exercise?

[A] Indian Army

[B] Indian Navy

[C] Indian Air Force

[D] Indian Coast Guard

**Answer:** Indian Air Force

The Indian Air Force is making preparations for a large-scale multinational exercise called Tarang Shakti, which will involve the air forces of 12 nations, with six nations joining with their aircraft and the remaining six as observers. This exercise is set to be the largest air exercise held in India. It aims to strengthen military cooperation among participating air forces and enhance interoperability and synergy in joint operations.

31. As per a recent research, which factor has a significant impact on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) against women?

[A] Finance

[B] Mean temperature

[C] Education

[D] Employment

**Answer:** Mean temperature

A group of researchers from China, Pakistan, Australia, Germany, Tanzania, the United Kingdom, and the United States has discovered epidemiological proof indicating a potential link between high ambient temperature and the risk of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) against women. Each 1 °C increase in the annual mean temperature was associated with a mean increase in IPV prevalence of 4.49%.

32. Which country released the draft regulations for a 'Green Credit' system?

[A] Sri Lanka

[B] India

[C] China

[D] Afghanistan

**Answer:** India

The Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change has released draft regulations for a 'Green





Credit' system, offering incentives to individuals, farmer-producer organizations (FPOs), industries, rural and urban local bodies, and other stakeholders for their environmentally beneficial actions. In the notification, the ministry has invited feedback and suggestions for a period of 60 days.

33. Which state/UT introduced the country's first 'Police Drone Unit'?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Rajasthan

**Answer:** Tamil Nadu

The Greater Chennai Police has introduced the country's first 'Police Drone Unit' in order to conduct aerial surveillance in the capital city of Tamil Nadu. The unit consists of nine drones across three categories, operated by 20 trained police personnel.

34. Who was conferred with the 'Points of Light honour' by the British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak?

- [A] Narendra Modi
- [B] Rajnath Singh
- [C] Rajindar Singh Dhatt
- [D] Bipin Singh Rawat

**Answer:** Rajindar Singh Dhatt

During a UK-India Week reception, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak bestowed a Points of Light honor upon Rajindar Singh Dhatt, one of the few remaining Sikh soldiers who participated in World War II. Aged 101, Dhatt was acknowledged for his service and for his efforts in leading the "Undivided Indian Ex-Servicemen's Association," which aims to unite British Indian veterans of war.

35. What is Aspartame, which was mentioned by the World Health Organisation (WHO)?

- [A] Sugar Substitute
- [B] Human Enzyme
- [C] Anti AIDS Drug
- [D] Bird Disease

**Answer:** Sugar Substitute

The World Health Organization's cancer research division has intended to classify the widely used sugar substitute aspartame as "potentially carcinogenic to humans.". The official declaration is expected in the upcoming months. Aspartame is an artificial non-saccharide sweetener 200 times sweeter than sucrose and is commonly used as a sugar substitute in foods and beverages.

36. Who is honoured with PEN Pinter Prize 2023?

- [A] Michael Rosen
- [B] Arundhati Roy
- [C] Raquel Murillo
- [D] Monica Esther

**Answer:** Michael Rosen

Michael Rosen, a renowned British children's writer and performance poet, has been honoured with the prestigious PEN Pinter Prize 2023. This esteemed award is established in memory of English playwright Harold Pinter bestowed upon writers from the UK, Ireland, and the Commonwealth, recognizing their commitment to fearlessly portraying the realities of modern life.

37. Bald eagle is endemic to which part of the world?

- [A] North America
- [B] Africa
- [C] Ireland
- [D] Australia



**Answer:** North America

The bald eagle is a bird of prey and a sea eagle found in North America. It is the national bird of USA. In 2007, the American bald eagle was taken off the endangered species list in the United States. Since then, there has been a consistent increase in the population of these birds. According to a report by the US Fish and Wildlife Service in 2021, the number of bald eagles in their natural habitat has multiplied by four since 2009.

38. The import of which product has been recently prohibited if its value per unit is less than Rs.20?

- [A] Tempered Glass
- [B] Cigarette Lighters
- [C] Die cast toys
- [D] Fire crackers

**Answer:** Cigarette Lighters

As per a recent notification by the Directorate general of foreign trade (DGFT), the import of cigarette lighters if the price per unit is less than Rs.20, stands prohibited, with a view to discourage inbound shipments of the product. The prohibition has been imposed on pocket lighters, gas fuelled, non-refillable or refillable. However, the import is not prohibited, if the CIF value is Rs.20 or more per unit.

39. When is the International Day of Parliamentarism observed by the United Nations?

- [A] June 30
- [B] July 1
- [C] July 5
- [D] July 10

**Answer:** June 30

June 30 marks the annual celebration of the International Day of Parliamentarism which commemorates the founding of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in 1889. This special day was established by a United Nations General Assembly Resolution in 2018 to reflect on the progress made by parliaments worldwide in achieving predetermined goals.

40. Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP) is being constructed in which state/UT?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Jharkhand

**Answer:** Gujarat

India's first domestically developed 700 MW nuclear power reactor, located at the Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP) in Gujarat, has commenced commercial operations. The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) is building two 700 MW pressurised heavy water reactors (PHWRs) at Kakrapar, which is also home to two 220 MW power plants.

41. Which organisation has released the 'Ozone-UV bulletin'?

- [A] FAO
- [B] UNEP
- [C] WMO
- [D] NASA

**Answer:** WMO

After a gap of seven years, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) reintroduced the ozone-UV bulletin, demonstrating the consistent recuperation of the ozone layer. The annual bulletin will offer up-to-date details regarding global stratospheric ozone levels and ultraviolet radiation.

42. Durand Cup, which was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- [A] Cricket



- [B] Hockey
- [C] Football
- [D] Basket ball

**Answer:** Football

The "Trophy Tour" for the 132nd edition of the Durand Cup, India's oldest football tournament was officially launched. The tournament is scheduled to take place in Kolkata from August 3 to September 3, 2023. In this edition, 24 teams will participate in the tournament. The teams of Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh are also taking part in the tournament after a gap of 27 years.

43. The lowest geoid anomaly on Earth has been identified in which Ocean?

- [A] Pacific Ocean
- [B] Indian Ocean
- [C] Arctic Ocean
- [D] Antarctic Ocean

**Answer:** Indian Ocean

Researchers from Bengaluru's Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have identified the cause of an over three million square kilometres-wide 'gravity hole' in the Indian Ocean. It is here that the Earth's gravitational pull is at its weakest and as a result, the sea level is a 100 metres lower than the global average. The Indian Ocean geoid low (IOGL) represents the most prominent gravitational anomaly on Earth.

44. 'Musompo Trading Centre' is associated with which country?

- [A] DRC
- [B] Canada
- [C] Egypt
- [D] Argentina

**Answer:** DRC

Musompo Trading Centre is a government-backed depot in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) that was set up to prevent rigging of the purity reading of illegally mined ore brought in by informal miners. This initiative aims to eliminate intermediary mercenaries by providing testing and storage services for ore on behalf of the miners.

45. Which neighboring country of India recently enacted a new foreign relations law?

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] China
- [C] Bangladesh
- [D] Myanmar

**Answer:** China

The National People's Congress (NPC) of China recently enacted a new law pertaining to foreign relations, which bolsters the legal foundation of the Politburo to take 'countermeasures' against Western nations. The law was initiated in response to a report presented during the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in October last year, which called for legislation in important areas related to emerging industries and foreign affairs.

46. 'Alef Armada Model Zero', the car that can be flown in air or driven on road, was approved in which country?

- [A] Spain
- [B] France
- [C] USA
- [D] China

**Answer:** USA



Alef Armada Model Zero is a car that can be flown in the air or driven on the road. It recently received a Special Airworthiness Certification from the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Alef Aeronautics is a California company building a flying electric car. This certification means the company will now be allowed to road/air test the car.

47. Wiener Zeitung, one of the world's oldest newspapers, was published in which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] Austria
- [C] Australia
- [D] South Korea

**Answer:** Austria

Vienna-based Wiener Zeitung, one of the world's oldest newspapers, ceased its daily print edition after more than three centuries, marking the end of an era in journalism. The newspaper's final front page paid tribute to its remarkable legacy, highlighting 320 years of publication encompassing multiple presidents, emperors, and republics.

48. Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) is based in which city?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Bengaluru
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Pune

**Answer:** Bengaluru

Researchers have developed a tool called Diversity for Restoration (D4R), originally created by Bioversity International, to support agroforestry and ecosystem restoration efforts. The tool has been further adapted by a team of researchers from Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) in collaboration with Bioversity International to specifically cater to restoration programs in India.

49. 'Global Biodiversity Framework Fund' is associated with which institution?

- [A] World Bank
- [B] World Economic Forum
- [C] Global Environment Facility
- [D] International Monetary Fund

**Answer:** Global Environment Facility

The governing board of the 64th Global Environment Facility (GEF) has given the green light for the creation of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund. The fund will help with the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which was reached in December 2022 during the Convention on Biological Diversity COP15 summit in Montreal.

50. Which country has reached a USD 3 Billion Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) with IMF?

- [A] Afghanistan
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] Iran
- [D] Thailand

**Answer:** Pakistan

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Pakistan have reached a staff-level agreement on a USD 3 billion 'stand-by arrangement'. The agreement, pending approval by the IMF board in mid-July, provides temporary relief to Pakistan as it grapples with a severe balance of payments crisis and declining foreign exchange reserves.

51. Which public sector bank along with NeSL has launched e-BG (electronic bank guarantee) services under Project WAVE?



- [A] Indian Bank
- [B] State Bank of India
- [C] Punjab National Bank
- [D] Canara Bank

**Answer:** Indian Bank

Indian Bank, in partnership with National E-Governance Service Limited (NeSL), has rolled out e-BG (electronic bank guarantee) services under Project WAVE. Indian Bank has also introduced a new facility under Project WAVE, to ensure fully end-to-end digitally pre-approved business loans. The facility is available to process a loan of ₹25 lakh.

52. Santa Fe frog, which was seen in the news, are found in which region?

- [A] South Asia
- [B] South America
- [C] Europe
- [D] Oceania

**Answer:** South America

Leptodactylus laticeps is a species of frog in the family Leptodactylidae. It is found in South American region especially Argentina, Bolivia, and Paraguay. Scientists from Argentina have conducted research on a frog with a distinct "leopard-print" pattern to gain insights into its reproductive behavior, aiming to safeguard the endangered Santa Fe frog. The species faces a threat due to habitat destruction caused by deforestation in the Dry Chaco region.

53. Which organisation released the report titled 'Trade in services for development' Report?

- [A] UNDP and World Bank
- [B] IMF and World Bank
- [C] WTO and World Bank
- [D] WEF and World Bank

**Answer:** WTO and World Bank

A report titled 'Trade in services for development' was released recently by the World Bank and World Trade Organization (WTO). According to this report, in India, South Africa, and Turkey, employment opportunities directly associated with cross-border services exports constitute over 10% of the total workforce in the services sector.

54. The Government of India has cautioned which segment of companies to not use "dark patterns" on their platforms?

- [A] E Commerce
- [B] Insurance
- [C] Banking
- [D] Health Care

**Answer:** E Commerce

The Government of India has recently urged e-commerce companies to abstain from employing "dark patterns" on their platforms, which have the potential to deceive customers or manipulate their decision-making process. Dark patterns, alternatively referred to as deceptive patterns are the methods employed by websites or applications to manipulate users into performing actions they did not intend to do.

55. The Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) is set to establish pig schools in collaboration with which country?

- [A] China
- [B] New Zealand
- [C] Japan
- [D] Denmark



**Answer:** Denmark

The Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) is set to finalize an agreement with the Danish government to establish India's inaugural pig schools. The authorities of BTC have collaborated with the Danish Consortium of Academic Craftsmanship (DCAC) and an agricultural business academy based in Denmark, to establish these schools. The BTC is governing a region of 8,970 sq. km in Assam that includes four districts bordering Bhutan.

56. "Animal Discoveries - New Species and New Records 2023" is published by which institution?

- [A] Zoological Survey of India
- [B] Blue Cross
- [C] WWF India
- [D] Animal Wellness Institute

**Answer:** Zoological Survey of India

The Zoological Survey of India has published the faunal discoveries in a publication titled "Animal Discoveries - New Species and New Records 2023." As per the publication, India has expanded its faunal database by including 664 animal species between 2022 to 2023, which consists of 467 newly discovered species and 197 species recorded in India for the first time.

57. Which event has been commemorated as the Dharma Chakra Pravartana Divas by the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC)?

- [A] Ashadha Purnima
- [B] Buddha Purnima
- [C] Holi
- [D] Diwali

**Answer:** Ashadha Purnima

Recently, the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) has commemorated Ashadha Purnima as the Dharma Chakra Pravartana Divas at the National Museum in Janpath, New Delhi. The Ashadha Purnima falls every year on the full moon day of the month of Ashadha as per the Indian lunar calendar. This event holds great significance as it is the annual flagship celebration of the IBC and is considered the second most sacred day for Buddhists, following the Buddha Purnima.

58. Which freedom fighter launched the Rampa Rebellion against the British in 1922?

- [A] Mahatma Gandhi
- [B] Alluri Sitarama Raju
- [C] Pottu Sriramalu
- [D] Velu Nachiyar

**Answer:** Alluri Sitarama Raju

The 125th birth anniversary of Alluri Sitarama Raju was observed recently. Born on 4 July 1897 near Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh, he was an Indian revolutionary who led an armed campaign against the British colonial rule in India. In August 1922, he launched what is now known as the Rampa Rebellion against the British.

59. Which state/ UT launched the 'Mo Jungle Jami Yojana'?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Jharkhand
- [D] Karnataka

**Answer:** Odisha

The Odisha government has introduced the Mo Jungle Jami Yojana, a scheme designed to enhance forest rights for tribal communities and forest dwellers in various districts of the state. This initiative will work in conjunction with the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of



Forest Rights) Act, 2006, commonly known as FRA.

60. Which country recorded the highest global prevalence of childhood diabetes cases and fatalities in 2019?

- [A] China
- [B] India
- [C] USA
- [D] Indonesia

**Answer:** India

According to a recent study published in the journal JAMA Network, India witnessed the highest global prevalence of childhood diabetes cases and fatalities in 2019, alongside holding the record for the highest disability-adjusted life-years (DALY) burden. As per the World Health Organization, a single DALY signifies the deprivation of one year of overall well-being and optimal health.

61. Sturgeon, which was seen in the news, is associated with which species?

- [A] Snake
- [B] Fish
- [C] Poultry
- [D] Cattle

**Answer:** Fish

Sturgeon is the common name for the 28 species of fish belonging to the family Acipenseridae. A newly published report highlights that the Lower Danube region in Europe is witnessing widespread poaching of sturgeons, which poses a significant risk to the survival of four endangered fish species belonging to the sturgeon family in that area.

62. Which term refers to the collective genetic material of bacteria and fungi present in samples taken from the environment?

- [A] Meta genomes
- [B] Enviro genomes
- [C] AMR genomes
- [D] Resistance genomes

**Answer:** Meta genomes

Metagenomes refer to the collective genetic material of bacteria and fungi present in samples taken from the environment. A study that analyzed 1,589 metagenomes from 26 countries had indicated that the high prevalence of antibiotic resistance in resource-limited settings contributes to ARG-related fatalities.

63. Which institution released the 'Guidelines for Promoting Community Boiler for Cluster of Small-Scale Industries'?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] CPCB
- [C] FCI
- [D] NABARD

**Answer:** CPCB

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has released draft guidelines titled 'Guidelines for Promoting Community Boiler for Cluster of Small-Scale Industries'. These guidelines aim to encourage the use of community boilers in clusters of small-scale industries.

64. GIFT NIFTY is the first cross-border initiative in connecting the capital markets of India and which country?

- [A] Singapore
- [B] Japan





[C] France

[D] USA

**Answer:** Singapore

GIFT NIFTY is the first cross-border initiative in connecting India and Singapore's capital markets. The Singapore Exchange (SGX) NIFTY commenced trading from GIFT City in Gujarat, successfully completing more than 30,000 trades in a single session.

65. What is the budget outlay of the new scheme launched by the Women and Child Development Ministry to support rape survivors and pregnant minor girls ?

[A] Rs 7.4 crore

[B] Rs 74.10 crore

[C] Rs 741.0 crore

[D] Rs 7410 crore

**Answer:** Rs 74.10 crore

The scheme, titled "critical care and support for accessing justice to rape/gang rape survivors and minor girls who get pregnant," has received approval from the Women and Child Development Ministry. With a budget of Rs 74.10 crore, the scheme will be implemented nationwide within a week. It aims to offer shelter, food, and legal assistance to pregnant minor victims of sexual assault who lack family support.

66. The early universe experienced time passing at a rate one-fifth of the current rate, due to which phenomenon?

[A] Time dilation

[B] Time repression

[C] Time solution

[D] Time sedation

**Answer:** Time dilation

According to a recent study, the early universe experienced time passing at a rate approximately one-fifth of the current rate, attributed to time dilation. This conclusion was reached by scientists who studied a group of powerful black holes known as quasars.

67. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States'?

[A] Ministry of Home Affairs

[B] Ministry of Defence

[C] Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

[D] Ministry of Family and Health Affairs

**Answer:** Ministry of Home Affairs

The Ministry of Home Affairs has initiated the "Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States" with a total budget of Rs. 5,000 Crore. A sum of Rs. 500 crore from the overall budget has been allocated to incentivize States based on their implementation of legal and infrastructure-related reforms.

68. As per a recent report, how many children and adolescents lose their lives due to infectious diseases annually?

[A] Three Million

[B] Five Million

[C] Ten Million

[D] Fifteen Million

**Answer:** Three Million

As per a recent study published in The Lancet journal, it is revealed that approximately three million children and adolescents lose their lives due to infectious diseases annually. This figure is equivalent to



one death occurring every 10 seconds due to infectious diseases. India, Nigeria and Pakistan share the highest disease burden.

69. When was the “Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act” enacted in India?

- [A] 2000
- [B] 2005
- [C] 2010
- [D] 2013

**Answer:** 2013

The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 was enacted to eradicate manual scavenging in all its forms and ensure the holistic rehabilitation of individuals identified as manual scavengers. Recently the eighth meeting of the Central Monitoring Committee was held at Dr Ambedkar International Centre to assess the implementation of the act.

70. Ambergris, which was in the news recently is also called?

- [A] Floating Gold
- [B] Dry Musk
- [C] Dry Ice
- [D] Marine Gold

**Answer:** Floating Gold

The substance named ambergris, often referred to as 'floating gold,' was found recently in the carcass of a sperm whale that washed up on a shore of the Canary Island of La Palma. Ambergris, is a wax-like material derived from the digestive system of protected sperm whales and is mostly known for its use in creating perfume and fragrance much like musk.

71. The decrease in yields of Tomato recently in India is attributed to which of the following?

- [A] EL Nino
- [B] Tomato mosaic virus
- [C] Land mining in western Ghats
- [D] Loss of soil fertility

**Answer:** Tomato mosaic virus

Tomato mosaic virus (ToMV) is a plant pathogenic virus. It is found worldwide and affects tomatoes and many other plants. Tomato growers in Maharashtra and Karnataka have attributed the decrease in yields to the tomato mosaic virus (ToMV). ToMV is a member of the Virgaviridae family and shares a close relationship with the tobacco mosaic virus (TMV).

72. Which term refers to the case when certain birds opt to separate from their current partners and find new mates?

- [A] Bird Separation
- [B] Bird Divorce
- [C] Bird Migration
- [D] Bird Regression

**Answer:** Bird Divorce

Bird divorce is a phenomenon where certain birds opt to separate from their current partners and find new mates for future breeding seasons, even if their original partners are still alive. A group of scientists from China and Germany have discovered two significant elements that play a role in divorce across various bird species: male promiscuity and long-distance migrations.

73. The meteor-like streaks falling on the Sun's surface are called as?

- [A] Solar Comets
- [B] Solar Shooting stars



[C] Solar Streaks

[D] Solar Photons

**Answer:** Solar Shooting stars

Solar shooting stars are meteor-like streaks falling on the Sun's surface. They were observed by the researchers by utilizing the European Space Agency's Solar Orbiter spacecraft. This observation marks the first time the impacts of Solar shooting stars have been spotted.

74. Which institution released a consultation paper on Consolidated Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience Framework (CSCRF)?

[A] NITI Aayog

[B] SEBI

[C] RBI

[D] NASSCOM

**Answer:** SEBI

SEBI has recently released a consultation paper on 'Consolidated Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience Framework (CSCRF) for Sebi Regulated Entities'. This proposed framework requires all regulated entities to establish an updated cyber crisis management plan.

75. Which state approved MSME (Facilitation of Establishment & Operation) Rules, 2023?

[A] Assam

[B] Tamil Nadu

[C] Odisha

[D] West Bengal

**Answer:** Assam

The Assam state cabinet recently approved the Assam Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Facilitation of Establishment & Operation) Rules, 2023. These regulations aim to grant a three-year exemption to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from specific approvals and inspections necessary for their establishment and operation within the State.

76. Septimius Severus was the Emperor of which country/ region?

[A] Greece

[B] Turkey

[C] Mongolia

[D] Rome

**Answer:** Rome

Emperor Septimius Severus, hailing from the Roman province of Africa, served as the Roman emperor from 193 to 211. A dispute has arisen between a Danish Museum and Turkey regarding a bronze head of Emperor Septimius Severus showcased in a Copenhagen Museum. Turkey asserts that the head was unlawfully obtained during an archaeological excavation in the 1960s and is requesting its return.

77. Zanzibar, where the first IIT Global Campus is to be set up, is located in which country?

[A] Egypt

[B] Tanzania

[C] Kenya

[D] South Africa

**Answer:** Tanzania

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed for the establishment of an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras campus in Zanzibar, Tanzania. This is the first IIT campus ever to be established outside of India. Zanzibar is a Tanzanian archipelago off the coast of East Africa.

78. Which city is the host of the 'Meeting of Space Economy Leaders under India's G20 presidency'?

[A] Bengaluru



- [B] Chennai
- [C] Pune
- [D] Mysuru

**Answer:** Bengaluru

Under India's presidency of the Group of Twenty (G20), the 4th edition of the Space Economy Leaders Meeting (SELM) is scheduled to be held in Bengaluru. The theme for this event, 'Towards a New Space ERA (Economy, Responsibility, Alliance)', is chosen in line with India's G20 Summit's theme of "One Earth, One Space and One Future".

79. Lallianzuala Chhangte and Manisha Kalyan, who were in the news recently, play which sports?

- [A] Cricket
- [B] Football
- [C] Badminton
- [D] Squash

**Answer:** Football

India and Mumbai City FC footballer Lallianzuala Chhangte was named as the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) Men's Footballer of the Year for 2022-23. Manisha Kalyan was named as the AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year for 2022-23. She recently became the first Indian to play in UEFA Women's Champions League.

80. Naegleria fowleri, which was seen in the news, affects which part of the body?

- [A] Lungs
- [B] Brain
- [C] Liver
- [D] Intestine

**Answer:** Brain

A teenager in Kerala recently died after he contracted a rare brain-eating amoeba called Naegleria fowleri while swimming in a stream near his house. Naegleria fowleri is a rare but extremely dangerous organism that can cause a fatal brain infection called primary amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM).

81. Which company has won the GeM "Timely Payments (CPSEs)" award for the year 2023?

- [A] NTPC Ltd
- [B] IOCL
- [C] NLC Ltd
- [D] ONGC

**Answer:** NLC Ltd

NLC India Limited, a navratna company under the Ministry of Coal, has bagged the GeM award in the category "Timely Payments (CPSEs)" for the year 2023. The award has been conferred to NLC India Limited for its outstanding contribution in improving the reliability of e-market practices of GeM. The company has registered a growth of Rs 984.93 crore in GEM procurements during the year FY 2022-23.

82. Which institution has been working on 'Internationalisation of rupee'?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] RBI
- [C] SEBI
- [D] NPCI

**Answer:** RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI's) inter-departmental group is currently working on a roadmap towards the internationalization of the rupee. This comes in light of the economic sanctions imposed by the US on Russia.

83. Karuvattu Mana Vasudevan Namboothiri, who was seen in the news, is associated with which



profession?

- [A] Sports person
- [B] Politician
- [C] Artist
- [D] Business person

**Answer:** Artist

Renowned artist Karuvattu Mana Vasudevan Namboothiri popularly known as artist Namboothiri passed away. Namboothiri illustrated characters of top Malayalam writers such as Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai, Kesavadev, M T Vasudevan Nair, Uroob, S K Pottekkatt and VKN. He was also a painter, sculptor and art director.

84. Bastille Day is the National Day of which country?

- [A] Bhutan
- [B] Bangladesh
- [C] France
- [D] USA

**Answer:** France

14th July is celebrated as the Fête Nationale Française, or the National Day in France. It is also known as the Bastille Day. For this year's celebrations, the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi has been invited as the Guest of Honour at the Bastille Day Parade in France.

85. Who is the head of the RBI's working group on internationalisation of the rupee.?

- [A] D Subbarao
- [B] Sakthikanta Das
- [C] Urjit Patel
- [D] Radha Shyam Ratho

**Answer:** Radha Shyam Ratho

The Reserve Bank recently constituted a working group on to accelerate the pace of internationalisation of the rupee, which is headed by RBI Executive Director Radha Shyam Ratho. The working group has submitted its report and has recommended various measures, including inclusion of the rupee in the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) basket and recalibration of the foreign portfolio investor (FPI) regime etc.

86. Kent, where giant hand-axes of pre-historic period were recently excavated, is in which country?

- [A] UK
- [B] USA
- [C] Greece
- [D] Japan

**Answer:** UK

During excavations conducted in Kent, UK, one of the longest stone tools ever found in Britain was discovered alongside 800 other prehistoric artifacts that were preserved in deep ice age sediments. The stone tool was measuring 29.5cm and other notable findings are "giant handaxes" and a Roman cemetery, dating to a quarter of a million years later than the Ice Age activity.

87. Which institution released the 'State of the Climate in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2022'?

- [A] WMO
- [B] FAO
- [C] UNEP
- [D] NASA

**Answer:** WMO

The State of the Climate in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2022 report, issued by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), highlights the escalating effects of global warming and resulting



climate change in the region. Over the past three decades, the region has experienced significant impacts including rising average temperatures, altered rainfall patterns, and a surge in extreme weather phenomena such as heatwaves, droughts, wildfires, tropical cyclones, floods, landslides, as well as the melting of glaciers and rising sea levels.

88. Svalbard is a Norwegian archipelago located in which Ocean?

- [A] Pacific Ocean
- [B] Antarctic Ocean
- [C] Arctic Ocean
- [D] Indian Ocean

**Answer:** Arctic Ocean

The Arctic region is witnessing a newly discovered consequence of climate change as groundwater springs, rich in methane, emerge due to the retreat of glaciers caused by global warming. Groundwater springs in the Arctic's Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard have the potential to release over 2,000 tonnes of methane each year.

89. Which institution has developed 'Farmers' distress index'?

- [A] NABARD
- [B] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- [C] CRIDA
- [D] CSIR

**Answer:** CRIDA

The Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) in India has developed an early warning system known as the "farmers' distress index" to address agricultural challenges. The index, aimed at reducing crop loss, income shocks, and farmer distress, is nearing completion and will be presented to the central government within the next few months.

90. Which body released the report titled 'Uncovering the Invisible: Successes and Challenges for Wildlife Crime Prosecution in Europe'?

- [A] LIFE SWiPE project
- [B] ESA
- [C] UNEP
- [D] FAO

**Answer:** LIFE SWiPE project

The report titled 'Uncovering the Invisible: Successes and Challenges for Wildlife Crime Prosecution in Europe' highlights that a significant number of wildlife crimes in Europe go unnoticed or unpunished, with approximately 60% of reported complaints not resulting in indictments. The study conducted by the LIFE SWiPE project, which focuses on successful wildlife crime prosecution in Europe, reveals that suspended imprisonment was the most common form of punishment issued.

91. Which state/UT launched Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) scheme?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Haryana
- [C] Odisha
- [D] West Bengal

**Answer:** Haryana

The Haryana government has introduced a monthly pension program - Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) scheme of ₹2,750 for low-income unmarried individuals aged 45 to 60. Additionally, widowed individuals between the ages of 40 and 60, with an annual income below ₹3 lakh, will also receive the same monthly pension amount.

92. Centre has sought an explanation from which state for diversion of PM POSHAN funds for State



elections?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Goa
- [D] West Bengal

**Answer:** West Bengal

Union government has sought an explanation from the West Bengal government regarding the diversion of PM POSHAN (midday meal scheme) funds for State elections. The letter mentioned that funds earmarked for midday meal under PM POSHAN are being used for a different purpose.

93. Which institution has filed papers with SEBI for IPO?

- [A] IRDAI
- [B] PFRDA
- [C] NSDL
- [D] IRCTC

**Answer:** NSDL

National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), a leading market infrastructure institution in India, has recently filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). This is an important step for NSDL as it prepares to launch its Initial Public Offering (IPO).

94. Tanabata is a famous festival celebrated in which country?

- [A] Japan
- [B] China
- [C] USA
- [D] Russia

**Answer:** Japan

Tanabata is a Japanese festival is celebrated on the 7th day of the seventh lunar month every year. Also known as the Star Festival, it is a Japanese festival originating from the Chinese Qixi Festival. In certain regions of Japan, the star festival is observed on August 7, following the traditional Chinese calendar.

95. Which Union Ministry published the report of 'Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D)'?

- [A] Ministry of Education
- [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C] Ministry of MSME
- [D] Ministry of External Affairs

**Answer:** Ministry of Education

Recently, the Ministry of Education's Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L) has published the combined report of the Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) for the years 2020-21 and 2021-22. This report evaluates the performance of the school education system at the District level by establishing an index for thorough analysis. It graded 742 districts during 2020-21 and 748 districts during 2021-22 across India.

96. Compton-Belkovich is a volcanic complex on the far side of which celestial body?

- [A] Earth
- [B] Moon
- [C] Sun
- [D] Venus

**Answer:** Moon

A significant granite formation was found beneath an ancient lunar volcano known as Compton-Belkovich. Hence, a new evidence has emerged supporting the notion that volcanic activity once occurred on the far side of the moon. This discovery strengthens the understanding of past volcanic





eruptions on the moon's far side.

97. Which space agency has identified the farthest active supermassive black hole in a galaxy named CEERS 1019?

- [A] ESA
- [B] NASA
- [C] ISRO
- [D] JAXA

**Answer:** NASA

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has identified an active supermassive black hole, marking it as the farthest one discovered to date. The galaxy hosting this black hole, CEERS 1019, has survived for over 570 million years since the big bang, and the black hole itself is smaller in mass than any other found in the early universe.

98. As per a new research, the 5,000-year-old skeleton, originally presumed to belong to a man, discovered in Spain, belonged to?

- [A] A baby
- [B] A highly respected Woman
- [C] Bonobo
- [D] Chimpanzee

**Answer:** A highly respected Woman

In 2017, a new technique utilizing tooth enamel analysis was employed to determine the gender of ancient skeletal remains. This method has now revealed that a 5,000-year-old skeleton, originally presumed to belong to a man, discovered in a tomb near Seville, Spain, in 2008, actually belonged to a highly respected woman of that era.

99. Which institution released the report titled 'Twenty Years of Child Trafficking Data'?

- [A] IOM
- [B] NITI Aayog
- [C] UNDP
- [D] UNICEF

**Answer:** IOM

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University collaborated on a report titled 'From Evidence to Action: Twenty Years of IOM Child Trafficking Data to Inform Policy and Programming.' According to this report, more than 50% of child trafficking victims are subjected to trafficking within their own countries.

100. Which institution has formed Expert Panels for enhancing the survey process in India?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] National Statistical Commission
- [C] Reserve Bank of India
- [D] Bureau of Indian Standards

**Answer:** National Statistical Commission

The National Statistical Commission (NSC) has formed five expert committees to examine methods for enhancing the survey process and improving the quality of data in India. These committees will provide recommendations to the NSC on various aspects, such as integrating technology in surveys, sampling techniques, data collection procedures, and statistical methods.

101. The University Grants Commission (UGC) removed the requirement of which qualification for applying for the position of assistant professors?

- [A] Ph D
- [B] M Phil



[C] M S

[D] M D

**Answer:** Ph D

The University Grants Commission (UGC) recently revised the regulations on 'Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges'. According to the new regulations, a PhD degree is no longer mandatory for applying for the position of assistant professor in colleges and universities.

102. Which country's court ruled that a thumbs-up emoji sent via text message can be considered as consent to a contract?

[A] India

[B] Canada

[C] North Korea

[D] Australia

**Answer:** Canada

In a recently held case, a Canadian court has ruled that a thumbs-up emoji sent via text message can be considered as consent to a contract. The case involved a breach of contract dispute between two companies, South West Terminal Ltd. (SWT) and Achter Land & Cattle Ltd., regarding the delivery of flax seeds.

103. Mukhra (K) is a model village situated in which state/UT?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Telangana

[C] West Bengal

[D] Gujarat

**Answer:** Telangana

Mukhra (K), a model village in the Adilabad district of Telangana, has achieved the distinction of being the first habitation in the state to have 100% insurance coverage. It has received National-level Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh award this year, accompanied by a cash incentive of 50 lakh rupees. The village was recognized with Swacch Sujal Shakti Samman this year, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Shashaktikaran Purashkar last year, and the Biodiversity award and Swacch Sarvekshan Award for the year 2020.

104. Joro spiders, originally from East Asia, are spreading as invasive species in which country?

[A] India

[B] USA

[C] South Africa

[D] Germany

**Answer:** USA

Trichonephila clavata, also known as the Joro spiders, originally from East Asia, have started spreading throughout the United States, establishing Georgia as their new habitat. These striking spiders are known for their colorful appearance and the impressive size of their webs. Female Joro spiders can grow up to 3 inches, while males are smaller. Joro spiders are orb weavers, spinning large circular webs.

105. Which entity has been recently brought under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)?

[A] Central Vigilance Commission

[B] Goods and Services Tax Network

[C] NITI Aayog

[D] Central Bureau of Investigation

**Answer:** Goods and Services Tax Network

The government has updated the Prevention of Money Laundering Act to include the Goods and Services



Tax Network (GSTN) among the entities obligated to share information with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU). As the 26th entity on the list, the GSTN will be required to provide relevant information to these agencies when investigations fall under their jurisdiction or when the agencies request information for their probes.

106. Which company announced a breakthrough in creating Majorana zero modes?

- [A] Google
- [B] Microsoft
- [C] Apple
- [D] Samsung

**Answer:** Microsoft

Majorana zero modes are a theoretical concept that mathematically represents electrons as composed of two distinct parts. Microsoft researchers have announced a breakthrough in creating Majorana zero modes, which will help in advancing quantum computing by enhancing stability and resilience in quantum systems.

107. Which disease, listed among WHO's 9 priority diseases, is spreading across Europe, Africa and Middle East?

- [A] Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever
- [B] Dengue Fever
- [C] Swine Flu
- [D] Chikungunya

**Answer:** Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever

The highly dangerous Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) virus is expanding its reach in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, prompting concerns over its potential impact in the context of climate change. World Health Organization (WHO) has listed CCHF among its 9 priority diseases. The list contains the diseases which the organisation thinks are the biggest threats to public health.

108. PBW RS1, which was seen in the news, is a new variety of which crop?

- [A] Rice
- [B] Wheat
- [C] Cotton
- [D] Sugarcane

**Answer:** Wheat

Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) has come up with a new wheat variety called PBW RS1, which contains high levels of amylose starch. RS stands resistant starch. This new wheat will help regulate blood sugar and obesity and to reduce the risk of type-2 diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

109. Pholcodine, is a drug present in which type of medicine?

- [A] Cough Syrup
- [B] Analgesic
- [C] Anti-septic
- [D] Anti-pyretic

**Answer:** Cough Syrup

India's drug regulatory authority has planned to issue a warning about the potential risks associated with Pholcodine-containing cough and cold remedies due to concerns of life-threatening allergic reactions. Pholcodine, an opioid cough suppressant found in certain cough medications, has sedative effects and is used to alleviate dry coughs.

110. Which country announced a national emergency, in response to a sharp increase in Guillain-Barré syndrome cases?

- [A] China



- [B] North Korea
- [C] Peru
- [D] Chile

**Answer:** Peru

In response to a sharp increase in Guillain-Barré syndrome cases, Peru has announced a national emergency. This condition causes the immune system to mistakenly target nerves, potentially resulting in paralysis. Guillain-Barré syndrome is rare, found in 1 or 2 cases per 100,000 people every year.

111. Which Union Ministry launched the comprehensive guidelines for exhibition of Public Service Awareness (PSA) films?

- [A] Ministry of Communication
- [B] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technology

**Answer:** Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has published a preliminary version of extensive guidelines regarding the screening of Public Service Awareness (PSA) films created by the Central Government and intended for display in cinema theaters. The guidelines aim to rationalize the screening of PSA films in cinema theatres.

112. What is Candida auris, which was seen in the news?

- [A] Fungus
- [B] Algae
- [C] Bacteria
- [D] Bird

**Answer:** Fungus

Isolated live cultures of Candida auris, a new fungus that poses a significant worldwide health risk and is highly resistant to most antifungal treatments, have been found and documented within the ear canals of stray dogs receiving hospital care in Delhi. Candida auris is a multidrug-resistant oval-shaped fungus that is on the rise and has the potential to cause life-threatening outbreaks, particularly within healthcare facilities.

113. What is the objective of 'Ama Odisha, Naveen Odisha' scheme?

- [A] Promote Rural Infrastructure
- [B] Aid Farmers
- [C] Aid Students
- [D] Aid Transgenders

**Answer:** Promote Rural Infrastructure

The Odisha Cabinet has granted approval for the 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' scheme, aimed at enhancing rural infrastructure to stimulate rapid development and safeguard the culture and traditions of the state's Jagannath community. An official statement revealed that a budget of INR 4,000 crore will be allocated from the state funds to ensure the scheme's effective implementation.

114. Which Indian company has collaborated with Spain's Navantia for Indian Navy's P75 (I) Submarine Program Bid?

- [A] Larsen and Toubro
- [B] HAL
- [C] DRDO
- [D] BHEL

**Answer:** Larsen and Toubro

Recently, Navantia from Spain and Larsen & Toubro joined forces by signing a collaborative agreement



called the Teaming Agreement (TA), aiming to present a cutting-edge techno-commercial proposal for India's esteemed P75 (India) submarine program. To fulfill the requirements of Project 75 (I), the Indian bidder must establish a partnership with a Foreign Collaborator (FC) and successfully carry out the program's implementation, delivering six conventional submarines equipped with Air-Independent Propulsion (AIP).

115. Which institution has developed a framework named Osteo HRNet?

- [A] IIT Madras
- [B] IIT Varanasi
- [C] IIT Guwahati
- [D] IIT Kanpur

**Answer:** IIT Guwahati

A team of scientists at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, has created a cutting-edge framework called Osteo HRNet, which utilizes Deep Learning (DL) techniques to automatically evaluate the intensity of Knee Osteoarthritis (OA) by analyzing X-ray images. This artificial intelligence (AI) model has the potential to identify the extent of the condition and support healthcare professionals in remote locations, facilitating more precise diagnoses.

116. Which institution has operationalized the Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF)?

- [A] Rs 5000 crore
- [B] Rs 10000 crore
- [C] Rs 15000 crore
- [D] Rs 20000 crore

**Answer:** Rs 10000 crore

The National Housing Bank (NHB) said it has operationalized the Rs 10,000-crore Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) announced in this year's Budget for creation of urban infrastructure in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. The initial corpus for this fund managed by NHB is Rs 10,000 crore. UIDF has been launched to supplement efforts of the State governments by providing stable and predictable source of finance for creation of urban infrastructure in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

117. Emma Reyes, who is known as "godmother" of Latin American art, belonged to which country?

- [A] USA
- [B] Brazil
- [C] Colombia
- [D] Ecuador

**Answer:** Colombia

Emma Reyes, who is known as "godmother" of Latin American was a realism painter and writer from Bogota, Colombia. Her birth anniversary was observed recently on 9<sup>th</sup> July. She was orphaned at a young age, and she spent much of her childhood in orphanages. Despite these challenges, she realized her dream of becoming successful painter and sculptor.

118. Which month of the year 2023 recorded the hottest week ever on recorded on Earth?

- [A] January
- [B] May
- [C] June
- [D] July

**Answer:** July

As per the World Meteorological Organization, the week at beginning of July was the hottest week on record for the planet as a whole, The year 2023 had already seen the hottest June on record as per the WMO, which is primarily driven by climate change and the early stages of an El Niño weather pattern.



119. The European Union has reached an agreement with which country to continue storing data of European individuals?

- [A] Japan
- [B] China
- [C] USA
- [D] Russia

**Answer:** USA

The European Union has reached an agreement with the United States that will enable companies to continue storing data of European individuals on American servers, avoiding potential disruptions in trans-Atlantic data flows. The deal ensures the continuity of data transfers utilized by numerous businesses for activities such as online advertising and website traffic analysis.

120. The Product Design Centre (PDC) of the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) was recently inaugurated at which city?

- [A] Chennai
- [B] Kolkata
- [C] New Delhi
- [D] Pune

**Answer:** Kolkata

The Product Design Centre (PDC) at the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) in Kolkata was officially inaugurated recently. This newly established center is equipped with advanced software and printing technologies, providing facilities for system designing, prototyping, ideation, and fabrication.

121. 'Ker Puja' festival is celebrated in which state/UT?

- [A] Tripura
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Kerala

**Answer:** Tripura

Ker Puja, a Hindu festival, occurs a fortnight following Kharchi Puja and pays tribute to Ker, a protective deity. It is mainly observed in Tripura. It is a century old traditional festival. The area around the royal palace has been notified for Ker Puja, where the rituals are held uninterrupted for more than 30 years.

122. Louvre Museum, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] Ukraine
- [C] France
- [D] Germany

**Answer:** France

India is in the final stages of establishing a unique partnership with the renowned Louvre Museum to assist in the design and planning of the proposed new National Museum in the national capital, located on Raisina Hill. During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Paris, an extensive cultural agreement is expected to be signed between the Indian and French governments.

123. 'The Eunuchs Act 1919', which was seen in the news, is associated with which state/UT?

- [A] Telangana
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

**Answer:** Telangana



The Telangana Eunuchs Act, formerly known as the Andhra Pradesh (Telangana Area) Eunuchs Act, was established in 1919 within territories of Hyderabad Nizam. This act pertained to individuals identified as "eunuchs." According to its provisions, "eunuchs" were defined as "individuals of the male gender who either self-identified as impotent or were deemed impotent based on medical examination." Recently, the Telangana High Court declared the Telangana Eunuchs Act of 1919 invalid, stating that it violated the constitution and encroached upon the personal lives of transgender individuals.

124. Which country hosted the 'India-Arab business partnership conference' recently?

- [A] India
- [B] Bahrain
- [C] UAE
- [D] Saudi Arabia

**Answer:** India

The sixth India-Arab Partnership Conference 2023 was organized in New Delhi. UAE was the third-largest trading partner of India while Saudi Arabia, was the fourth-largest partner during the last financial year. The Conference has provided a useful platform to the business community on both sides to explore new prospects for trade and investment.

125. As per a recent draft notice, Installation of air-conditioning systems has been mandated in the cabins of trucks manufactured from which date?

- [A] 1st January 2024
- [B] 1st January 2025
- [C] 1st January 2026
- [D] 1st January 2027

**Answer:** 1st January 2025

Recently, the Indian government released a draft notice that requires the installation of air-conditioning systems in truck cabins, manufactured from 1st January 2025 onwards. This step aims to enhance the working environment for truck drivers in India. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said installation of air-conditioning system in the cabins of motor vehicles belonging to categories N2 and N3 will be mandatory. The N2 category motor vehicles are goods carriages of 3.5 tons, while N3 exceed 12 tons.

126. What is the peculiarity of the LTT9779b exo-planet recently discovered?

- [A] It is the most reflective planet
- [B] It is the farthest planet
- [C] It is the biggest planet
- [D] It is the heaviest planet

**Answer:** It is the most reflective planet

A peculiar planet named LTT9779b has been identified by astronomers. This Neptune-sized body, located over 260 light-years away from Earth, reflects 80% of the light from its host star. Notably, it is the first exoplanet found to exhibit a similar brightness level to Venus. The ultra-hot exoplanet, acts like a cosmic mirror because it is covered by reflective clouds of metal.

127. P. indicus, which was seen in the news, belongs to which species?

- [A] Snake
- [B] Turtle
- [C] Shrimp
- [D] Dolphin

**Answer:** Shrimp

Aquaculture scientists in India have successfully decoded the genome of an indigenous white shrimp variety called P. indicus. This development is expected to enhance self-sufficiency and increase export





earnings. The country currently relies on imported Pacific white shrimp, but this breakthrough aims to reduce dependence on a single species and promote the use of indigenous species for the benefit of the shrimp industry and farmers.

128. Which state/UT approved a proposal to start Teacher Interface for Excellence (TIE) programme?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] West Bengal
- [D] Assam

**Answer:** Rajasthan

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved a proposal for starting the Teacher Interface for Excellence (TIE) programme. Under this, teachers of government universities, colleges and polytechnic colleges will get training in prestigious institutions of the country and abroad. A target has been set to train 500 teachers from across the State this year. The State government will spend ₹23.50 crore on research and training facilities for teachers during 2023-24.

129. India recently launched the trade transaction in rupees with which country?

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] Nepal
- [C] Bangladesh
- [D] Myanmar

**Answer:** Bangladesh

Bangladesh and India launched the trade transaction in rupees, a move aimed at reducing dependence on the US dollar and strengthening regional currency and trade. This is the first time Bangladesh has done bilateral trade with a foreign country in addition to the US dollar.

130. Vilnius, which hosted the NATO Summit, is in which country?

- [A] UK
- [B] Germany
- [C] Lithuania
- [D] Philippines

**Answer:** Lithuania

NATO country leaders and delegations gathered in Vilnius for the alliance's summit. The NATO summit is expected to bring together 48 delegations with 2,400 members, including 40 heads of state. Lithuania is hosting an event of this scale for the first time. It is a country of northeastern Europe, the southernmost and largest of the three Baltic states.

131. As per the UN data, India lifted how many people out of poverty in the last 15 years?

- [A] 11.5 crore
- [B] 21.5 crore
- [C] 41.5 crore
- [D] 61.5 crore

**Answer:** 41.5 crore

United Nations has said that India has registered remarkable reduction in poverty with 41.5 crore people coming out of it in just 15 years. The UN said, 25 countries, including India, successfully halved their global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) values within 15 years. These 25 countries include Cambodia, China, Congo, Honduras, Indonesia, Morocco, Serbia, and Vietnam besides India.

132. 'Schedule M' which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- [A] Automobile
- [B] Pharmaceutical



[C] Finance

[D] Defence

**Answer:** Pharmaceutical

Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya has directed regulatory authorities to conduct risk-based inspections and audits of manufacturing plants. He also added that Schedule M shall be made compulsory for the MSME pharma sector in a phased manner. Schedule M part of Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940 deals with 'Good Manufacturing Practices' for pharmaceuticals that should be followed by pharmaceutical manufacturing units in India.

133. Which country has deposited USD 2 billion in Pakistan's central bank?

[A] China

[B] Saudi Arabia

[C] UAE

[D] Russia

**Answer:** Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia has deposited USD 2 billion in Pakistan's central bank, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar announced. This was done just a day before the International Monetary Fund's board is expected to give the final nod to the provision of USD 3 billion in bailout funds under a stand-by arrangement.

134. Which country has delivered SCALP long range missiles to Ukraine?

[A] USA

[B] UK

[C] France

[D] Canada

**Answer:** France

France has already made a delivery of a number of SCALP long-range cruise missiles to Ukraine, a military source said, after President Emmanuel Macron announced the supplies. SCALP is an air-launched British-French missile known to UK forces as the "Storm Shadow" and the longest-range Western weapon in Ukraine.

135. Ash Gardner, who was seen in the news, is a cricketer from which country?

[A] Australia

[B] England

[C] South Africa

[D] New Zealand

**Answer:** Australia

Australia's all-rounder Ash Gardner has once again been crowned the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for June 2023. This is the third monthly award of her career so far after the ones she won in December in 2022 and February this year. The Australian team recently won the Ashes Test match.

136. Praveen Kumar and Nishad Kumar, who were seen in the news, play which sports?

[A] Shooting

[B] High Jump

[C] Golf

[D] Football

**Answer:** High Jump

Para-athlete Praveen Kumar became the first para-athlete from Uttar Pradesh to qualify for the 2024 Paris Paralympics after winning a bronze medal in the men's high jump T64 event at the World Para Athletics Championships in Paris. Kumar's medal was the first for India at the championships. India's Nishad Kumar clinches silver in Men's High Jump event at Para Athletics World Championships.

137. Which state/UT Rural Livelihoods Mission bagged the SKOCH Award under the theme "State of



Governance India 2047”?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Jammu and Kashmir
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Goa

**Answer:** Jammu and Kashmir

The Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) has bagged the SKOCH Award under the theme “State of Governance India 2047” in Gold category. It was recognised for its outstanding efforts in creating marketing avenues for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the Union Territory.

138. What is the Retail inflation, based on Consumer Price Index (CPI), in June 2023?

- [A] 4.81 %
- [B] 5.81 %
- [C] 6.81 %
- [D] 8.81 %

**Answer:** 4.81 %

Retail inflation, based on Consumer Price Index (CPI), stood at 4.81 percent in June this year. According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation data, the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) for the last month rises to 4.49 percent as compared to 2.91 percent in May, mainly due to a rise in vegetable prices.

139. What per cent of GST is levied on cancer-fighting drugs, medicines for rare diseases, and food products for special medical purposes?

- [A] 0 %
- [B] 2 %
- [C] 5 %
- [D] 12 %

**Answer:** 0 %

GST Council has decided to exempt cancer-fighting drugs, medicines for rare diseases, and food products for special medical purposes from GST tax. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently chaired the 50th GST Council meeting in New Delhi. She also said the Council has also decided to exempt GST from satellite launch services by private operators.

140. James Webb Space Telescope is associated with which space agency?

- [A] ISRO
- [B] ESA
- [C] NASA
- [D] JAXA

**Answer:** NASA

NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope completes its first year of science on July 12. The space agency will commemorate this anniversary by releasing a new science image in a live stream. NASA unveiled a brand-new Webb science image on July 12, showcasing the birth of a star in the Rho Ophiuchi cloud complex.

141. Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved procurement 26 Rafale Marine aircraft from which country?

- [A] Germany
- [B] France
- [C] Israel
- [D] Russia

**Answer:** France



The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, approved three proposals. These include the procurement of 26 Rafale Marine aircraft and associated equipment for Indian Navy from France, and the integration of Indian-designed equipment and establishment of a Maintenance, Repair & Operations (MRO) Hub to be included in the contract documents.

142. Michele Bullock has been appointed as the first female head of which country's central bank?

- [A] USA
- [B] Australia
- [C] New Zealand
- [D] UK

**Answer:** Australia

Michele Bullock has been appointed as the first female head of the Reserve Bank of Australia for a duration of seven years. The current Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) Governor Philip Lowe will leave office on September 17. For the first time in its 62-year history, the Reserve Bank of Australia has appointed a woman as governor.

143. 'Block 20', which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- [A] Iraq
- [B] China
- [C] Japan
- [D] South Africa

**Answer:** Iraq

'Block 20', previously referred to as Block 8, is a substantial land-based exploration block located in Iraq's Western Desert, covering an area of 10,500 square kilometers. Centre is looking at resuming operations of state-run ONGC Videsh Ltd's (OVL) hydrocarbon exploration block in Iraq, which has been under force majeure since 2003.

144. Which is the world's most liveable city as per the EIU's Global Livability Index 2023?

- [A] Vienna
- [B] Madrid
- [C] Paris
- [D] Berlin

**Answer:** Vienna

Vienna is the world's most liveable city as per the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) Global Livability Index 2023. The EIU's Global Livability Index 2023 ranks Karachi at 169th out of 173 cities evaluated, placing it among the least livable cities in the world. Only Lagos, Algiers, Tripoli, and Damascus have lower rankings than Karachi.

145. Which city is the host of 'MEIDAM 2023' Exhibition?

- [A] New York
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Dubai
- [D] Berlin

**Answer:** Dubai

Dubai is preparing to hold the eighth iteration of the Middle East International Dermatology and Aesthetic Medicine Conference & Exhibition (MEIDAM 2023) in September, 2023. Acting as a gathering hub for global experts, businesses, and governments, MEIDAM 2023 is organized by DXB Live, the experiential agency of Dubai World Trade Centre, with the objective of showcasing the most recent advancements in the field.

146. Which country's senate passed resolution recognising Arunachal Pradesh as integral part of India?



- [A] USA
- [B] Canada
- [C] Australia
- [D] UK

**Answer:** USA

A Congressional Senatorial Committee of the United States has passed a resolution recognising Arunachal Pradesh as an integral part of India. This was done in less than a month after the historic visit of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi to the U.S. The resolution pushes back against Chinese claims that large portions of Arunachal Pradesh are PRC territory.

147. Nomadic Elephant is a military exercise between India and which country?

- [A] Bangladesh
- [B] Mongolia
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] France

**Answer:** Mongolia

The "Nomadic Elephant " is a joint military exercise between India and Mongolia. The exercise for 2023 is scheduled to be conducted at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 17 to 31 July 2023. Indian Army is represented by a contingent consisting of 43 personnel. This exercise is alternatively conducted between Indian and Mongolia. The last edition was conducted in 2019 at Special Forces Training School, Bakloh.

148. Where was the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting held?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Maharashtra

**Answer:** Gujarat

The G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting was held on 17-18 July 2023 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The meeting was jointly chaired by Union Minister of Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, and Governor, Reserve Bank of India, Shri Shaktikanta Das. During the meeting, India and Indonesia have announced the initiation of the "India-Indonesia Economic and Financial Dialogue" (EFD Dialogue) which aims to enhance collaboration between the two countries and promote a shared understanding of global matters.

149. Where was the Regional Conference on 'Drugs Smuggling and National Security' held?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Vishakhapatnam
- [C] Bangalore
- [D] New Delhi

**Answer:** New Delhi

The Regional Conference on 'Drugs Smuggling and National Security' was held recently at New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah. During the event, in the presence of the Home Minister, over 1,44,000 kilogram drugs worth Rs.2,416 crore was destroyed in various parts of the country by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

150. Which company has launched ChatGPT rival Bard in European Union, Brazil and other nations?

- [A] Google
- [B] Microsoft
- [C] Apple
- [D] Nokia



**Answer:** Google

Tech Major Google has recently launched ChatGPT rival Bard in European Union, Brazil and several more nations. In March 2023, Bard was launched in the US and the UK. Google has also now added new features to Bard, which apply worldwide. These include the ability for the chatbot to speak its answers back to you and for it to respond to prompts that also include images.

151. Which state/UT implements 'Mukhyamantri Sabha Gruha Scheme'?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Telangana

**Answer:** Odisha

Odisha announced that it will build 2,000 meeting halls as part of the Mukhyamantri Sabha Gruha Scheme in western Odisha. The state is preparing to face both Assembly and general elections in a year. Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik also inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for several projects ₹33.58 crore.

152. India is set to co-develop combat aircraft engine and engine for the Indian multi-role helicopter (IMRH) with which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] France
- [C] USA
- [D] Israel

**Answer:** France

India and France will extend their defence cooperation in advanced aeronautical technologies by supporting the joint development of a combat aircraft engine and an engine for the Indian Multi Role Helicopter (IMRH). The helicopter is being designed and developed by the state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

153. From where was 'Chandrayaan-3' lunar mission launched?

- [A] SDSC - Sriharikota
- [B] VSSC - Thiruvananthapuram
- [C] Dr.Abdul Kalam Island - Odisha
- [D] LPSC - Tirunelveli

**Answer:** SDSC - Sriharikota

The Chandrayaan-3, India's third lunar mission and second endeavor to achieve a soft landing on the Moon, lifted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The SDSC serves as India's sole spaceport for launching spacecraft and satellites. The Chandrayaan 3 consists of a lander named Vikram and a rover named Pragyan similar to Chandrayaan-2, but does not have an orbiter.

154. Which country has launched an initiative to reduce Clothing Waste by reimbursing cloth repairs?

- [A] USA
- [B] France
- [C] Norway
- [D] Finland

**Answer:** France

In an inventive initiative, France is addressing clothing waste by promoting a novel program that encourages repairing rather than disposing of clothes that are close to being unusable. As part of the program, individuals who opt to repair their clothing will receive reimbursements ranging from €6 to €25



(equivalent to Rs 553 and Rs 2,306) to cover the costs of mending.

155. Which state has planned to establish 'Sadak Surakhya Force'?

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Gujarat

**Answer:** Punjab

The Punjab government plans to establish a specialized force called the Sadak Surakhya Force, which aims to prevent road accidents and improve traffic flow. This force will consist of approximately 1,300 personnel who will be stationed at national and state highways. Equipped with body cameras, breathalysers, and interceptors to monitor vehicle speeds, they will work towards ensuring road safety.

156. How many people living with HIV globally were unable to obtain HIV treatment?

- [A] 2.2 million
- [B] 4.2 million
- [C] 7.2 million
- [D] 9.2 million

**Answer:** 9.2 million

In 2022, approximately 9.2 million individuals who are living with HIV globally were unable to obtain HIV treatment, as stated in the report titled 'The Path That Ends AIDS'. Furthermore, the report highlighted that even among the 2.1 million people who received treatment, a significant number were not able to achieve viral suppression.

157. As per a recent study, tropical waters turn green in which ocean?

- [A] Atlantic Ocean
- [B] Indian Ocean
- [C] Arctic Ocean
- [D] Pacific Ocean

**Answer:** Indian Ocean

According to a study published in Nature, the tropical waters, specifically the southern Indian Ocean, have experienced a notable shift in color, turning green. This green hue is attributed to the presence of life, particularly phytoplankton, which are microscopic organisms resembling plants.

158. What are the areas in Moon, formed by lava which cool to become basalt rock, commonly known as?

- [A] Man in the Moon
- [B] Great Dipper
- [C] Holy Angel
- [D] Centre of Dipole

**Answer:** Man in the Moon

The large areas in Moon, which are formed by lava that covered up old craters and then cooled, to become basalt rock is commonly called as "Man in the Moon". Based on a recent reassessment of impact craters on the moon's surface, scientists have suggested a revision of the lunar timeline. As per the revision features like the famous "Man in the Moon" formation could be approximately 200 million years older than the previous estimate.

159. Which country is hosting the Global Food Regulators Summit 2023?

- [A] India
- [B] Japan
- [C] USA
- [D] New Zealand





**Answer:** India

India is hosting the Global Food Regulators Summit 2023. This the first time, India is hosting this event. The summit, organized by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under the supervision of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The meeting is scheduled from July 20th and 21st, 2023, at Manekshaw Auditorium in New Delhi.

160. Which institution prepares the 'Export Preparedness Index'?

- [A] RBI
- [B] NITI Aayog
- [C] DGFT
- [D] EXIM Bank

**Answer:** NITI Aayog

The third edition of the 'Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2022' report for the States and Union Territories of India was published by NITI Aayog. The main objective of the EPI report is to provide State governments with specific and localized information that can aid in decision-making, identify areas of strength, address areas of improvement.

161. Safran Helicopter Engine, which was seen in the news, is an aerospace company of which country?

- [A] USA
- [B] Japan
- [C] France
- [D] Germany

**Answer:** France

India and France have decided to collaborate in development of combat aircraft engine and engines specifically for the Indian Multi Role Helicopter (IMRH) which is a project undertaken by the state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). In this regard, HAL and Safran Helicopter Engine have finalized a Shareholders' Agreement for the development of engines.

162. ISRO is jointly developing a nuclear-powered engine along with which institution?

- [A] BARC
- [B] DRDO
- [C] HAL
- [D] BHEL

**Answer:** BARC

India's space agency, Indian Space Research Organisation-ISRO, is jointly developing a nuclear-powered engine along with Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC). Both institutions collaborate to develop Radio Thermoelectric Generators (RTGs). US spacecrafts such as the Voyager, Cassini and Curiosity have been powered by RTGs.

163. Which country recently signed accession protocol for the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership?

- [A] USA
- [B] UK
- [C] UAE
- [D] Israel

**Answer:** UK

U.K. officially signed accession protocol for the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Entry into force of the agreement will take place once the UK and CPTPP Parties have finished their legislative processes.

164. Which Tennis player won the Wimbledon men's single title in 2023?



- [A] Novak Djokovic
- [B] Rafael Nadal
- [C] Carlos Alcaraz
- [D] Stephano Tsitsipas

**Answer:** Carlos Alcaraz

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz defeated seven-time champion Novak Djokovic to claim his first Wimbledon title. The Spaniard wins maiden Wimbledon title and second Grand Slam after US Open. He also ended Novak Djokovic's hopes of a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam titles.

165. Keerthana Pandian, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

- [A] Squash
- [B] Snooker
- [C] Badminton
- [D] Table Tennis

**Answer:** Snooker

Keerthana Pandian defeated fellow Indian Anupama Ramachandran in the final in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. She emerged as the IBSF World under-21 women's snooker champion. Bengaluru's Natasha Chethan clinched a bronze medal. Dhruv Patel was the best performer in the men's title, who went down in the quarter finals.

166. Oommen Chandy, who passed away, was the former Chief Minister of which state/UT?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Kerala
- [C] West Bengal
- [D] Odisha

**Answer:** Kerala

Former Kerala Chief Minister Oommen Chandy passes away at the age of 79. He served as the Chief Minister from 2004 to 2006 and 2011 to 2016. Chandy became active in politics through the Kerala Students Union (KSU) and the Youth Congress. At the age of 27, Oommen Chandy won the Kerala legislative assembly seat from his constituency, Puthupally. He has also served as Home Minister, Finance Minister and Labour Minister.

167. Which institution released the 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index'?

- [A] RBI
- [B] NSO
- [C] NITI Aayog
- [D] NABARD

**Answer:** NITI Aayog

The second edition of the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) was released recently by NITI Aayog. According to a report by Niti Aayog, a remarkable 13.5 crore individuals managed to escape multidimensional poverty, as measured by advancements in healthcare, education, and living standards, over a span of five years until March 2021. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Madhya Pradesh witnessed the most rapid reduction in poverty during this period.

168. Which state has announced to establish 'CM Rise' schools?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Assam

**Answer:** Madhya Pradesh

To ensure the availability of high-quality education, the Madhya Pradesh government has decided to



establish 9,000 'CM Rise' schools. During his visit to Shajapur district, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated a CM Rise School in Gulana village. He also announced that the school would be dedicated to the renowned jurist and social reformer, Babasaheb Ambedkar.

169. As per the 'Threat Intelligence Report 2023' which sector faces the highest number of cyber attacks?

- [A] Healthcare
- [B] Banking and Insurance
- [C] Education and Research
- [D] Defence

**Answer:** Healthcare

Check Point's 'Threat Intelligence Report 2023' reveals that, on average, a single organization in India experienced 2,146 cyber-attacks per week over the past six months. In comparison, global organizations faced an average of 1,239 attacks during the same period. Based on the report, the healthcare sector faced the highest number of attacks in India with 4,839 incidents, followed by education and research with 3,532 attacks. The government/military sector experienced 3,017 attacks, while the insurance/legal industry encountered 2,523 cyber-attacks.

170. Which company has won order of Rs 800 crore in the Defence Sector including Field Artillery Tractor (FAT 4×4)?

- [A] Tata
- [B] Ashok Leyland
- [C] HAL
- [D] BHEL

**Answer:** Ashok Leyland

Ashok Leyland, one of the largest suppliers of logistics vehicles to the Indian Army has won order for Rs 800 crore in the defence Sector. The contracts awarded include the procurement of the Field Artillery Tractor (FAT 4×4) and the Gun Towing Vehicle (GTV 6×6). The FAT 4×4 and GTV 6×6 are specialised vehicles employed by the Artillery for towing light and medium guns, respectively.

171. Which country has exited UN-brokered deal to export Ukrainian grain via Black Sea?

- [A] USA
- [B] Russia
- [C] UK
- [D] Germany

**Answer:** Russia

Russia backed out of a UN-brokered deal to export Ukrainian grain via Black Sea. The deal was brokered by the United Nations and Turkey last July and allowed the safe export of Ukrainian grain blocked by the conflict. The Black Sea Grain Initiative has allowed the export of around 36.2 million tons of food from Ukraine since August last year.

172. Which bloc's Expert Group suggested the establishment of a 'Global Challenges Funding' mechanism?

- [A] ASEAN
- [B] BIMSTEC
- [C] G-20
- [D] European Union

**Answer:** G-20

Recently, the G20 Independent Expert Group on Strengthening Multilateral Development Banks has proposed that multilateral development banks (MDBs) embrace a triple mandate focused on eradicating extreme poverty, promoting inclusive growth, and financing global public goods. Additionally, they have



suggested the establishment of a 'Global Challenges Funding' mechanism specifically dedicated to funding global public goods.

173. Which Indian city is set to host the 'Festival of Libraries 2023'?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Chennai
- [C] New Delhi
- [D] Mysuru

**Answer:** New Delhi

The Union Ministry of Culture will organize a two-day event, 'Festival of Libraries', at Pragati Maidan next month. Droupadi Murmu, the President of India, is set to officially open the 'Festival of Libraries 2023'. The festival will include exhibitions, book-author sessions, workshops for children, and panel discussions on the digitization of libraries. The aim is to celebrate knowledge, bridge the gap between history and the future, and foster a love for reading.

174. 'Tankai method', which was seen in the news, is associated with which process?

- [A] Afforestation
- [B] Ship building
- [C] Map making
- [D] Painting

**Answer:** Ship building

An agreement has been reached between the Ministry of Culture and the Indian Navy to restore the traditional "Tankai method" of shipbuilding. The complete project will be supervised and carried out by the Indian Navy. This initiative aims to revive and preserve the 2,000-year-old technique of shipbuilding known as the 'stitched shipbuilding method'.

175. Who has been designated as the 25th Director General of Indian Coast Guard?

- [A] Ranjan Gogoi
- [B] DG Rakesh Pal
- [C] Anil Chauhan
- [D] Manoj Pande

**Answer:** DG Rakesh Pal

DG Rakesh Pal, an alumnus of the Indian Naval Academy, has been designated as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). He joined the Indian Coast Guard in January 1989. Rakesh Pal holds the recognition of being the first gunner of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). He has also been conferred with the Tatrakshak Medal (TM) in the year 2013 and President Tatrakshak Medal (PTM) for his distinguished service in 2018.

176. Mastitis, which was seen in the news, is a disease caused by?

- [A] Virus
- [B] Bacteria
- [C] Algae
- [D] Fungi

**Answer:** Bacteria

Dairy farmers experience significant losses due to mastitis, a disease primarily caused by bacteria. Timely diagnosis and treatment of this condition are crucial. A new technology transfer arrangement was recently signed to introduce environment-friendly technologies to control Mastitis in dairy animals and enhance growth performance in broiler chicks.

177. A Functional factory to produce C295 military transport aircraft is to be set up in which state?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Karnataka



[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Tamil Nadu

**Answer:** Gujarat

By November 2024, a functional factory will be established in Vadodara, Gujarat, where the production of the first Indian-manufactured C295 military transport aircraft will commence from 2026 onwards. The facility will resemble the extensive Airbus factory located in Seville, Spain, which spans over 1.2 million square meters.

178. The Railway Board intends to introduce which type of trains to serve low-income groups?

[A] General category trains

[B] Antyodaya Trains

[C] Economy Trains

[D] Affordable Trains

**Answer:** General category trains

The Railway Board intends to introduce general category trains without air conditioning to serve low-income groups, including migrant workers and laborers across the country. This decision comes after a study identified states with a high number of economically disadvantaged passengers who experience long waitlisted ticket durations.

179. 'Promotion of R&D and Innovation in the pharma-med tech sector' is associated with which Union Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Home Affairs

[B] Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers

[C] Ministry of Science and Technology

[D] Ministry of MSME

**Answer:** Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers

The Department of Pharmaceuticals' Research & Development (R&D) scheme, titled "Promotion of Research and Development and Innovation in the pharma-medtech sector," will soon be sent for approval by the Union Cabinet. The proposal has been reviewed in the Empowered Technical Group (ETG) meeting and is currently awaiting approval from Minister of Chemical and Fertilizer.

180. When was the 'Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act' introduced in India?

[A] 1867

[B] 1882

[C] 1946

[D] 1972

**Answer:** 1867

The Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023 was cleared recently by the Union Cabinet. It aims to replace the long-standing 'Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act 1867. The Act has been in existence for 155 years. The new bill introduces simplified legislation that decriminalizes certain provisions and expands its scope to include digital media.

181. Mediation Bill, 2021, which was approved recently is associated with which Union Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Home Affairs

[B] Ministry of Law and Justice

[C] Ministry of Finance

[D] Ministry of Corporate Affairs

**Answer:** Ministry of Law and Justice

Mediation Bill, 2021 was approved recently by the Union Cabinet. The Bill encompasses a structure for resolving civil or commercial conflicts through mediation prior to seeking legal intervention from a court or tribunal. It comes under Ministry of Law and Justice. This proposed law is expected to make



participation in pre-litigation mediation compulsory, aiming to establish an effective method for dispute resolution and reduce the burden of unnecessary litigation on the judiciary.

182. Which country has set up a committee to develop 'National Action Plan Anti-Microbial Resistance 2.0'?

- [A] India
- [B] Sri Lanka
- [C] Pakistan
- [D] Myanmar

**Answer:** India

India's Union health ministry has established a high-level committee tasked with developing the National Action Plan Anti-Microbial Resistance 2.0 (NAP AMR). AMR, or anti-microbial resistance, refers to the phenomenon wherein bacteria, viruses, and fungi gradually develop resistance to medications, posing challenges in effectively treating various illnesses. This resistance can occur in both humans and animals.

183. What is the expansion of DT vascular plants, which were recently identified in the Western Ghats?

- [A] Desiccation-tolerant (DT) vascular plants
- [B] Diffusion-tolerant (DT) vascular plants
- [C] Dilution-tolerant (DT) vascular plants
- [D] Dryness-tolerant (DT) vascular plants

**Answer:** Desiccation-tolerant (DT) vascular plants

A recent study conducted in the Western Ghats, a biodiversity-rich region, has identified 62 plant species that possess the ability to thrive in harsh environments. These plants, known as desiccation-tolerant (DT) vascular plants, could have valuable applications in agriculture, especially in regions facing water scarcity.

184. Which technology company has unveiled a generative artificial intelligence (AI) model called "CM3leon"?

- [A] Google
- [B] Samsung
- [C] Microsoft
- [D] Meta

**Answer:** Meta

Facebook parent company Meta has unveiled a generative artificial intelligence (AI) model called "CM3leon". It possesses the ability to generate both images from text and text from images. The AI model CM3Leon is also distinguished by being one of the first image generators capable of generating captions for images, laying the groundwork for more capable image-understanding models going forward.

185. Which country hosted the Asian Surfing Championship 2023?

- [A] India
- [B] Maldives
- [C] Mauritius
- [D] Bangladesh

**Answer:** Maldives

The India surf team, participating for the first time, in the Asian championship has bagged the bronze medal. Two Tamil Nadu youths also broke into the top 10 Asian rankings. As a team, India scored 2,708 points securing the third position, thereby winning the bronze medal. Japan won the gold with 4,450 points.



186. Which state issued a 'Vision Document to Achieve 2070 Net Zero Target'?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Jharkhand
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Goa

**Answer:** Jharkhand

The Jharkhand government has issued a vision document outlining eight thematic areas, such as coal transition, to work towards the country's net-zero target for 2070. The vision document laid out key areas of focus, encompassing livelihood and energy transitions, decarbonizing pathways, green hydrogen mission, coal transition, sustainable mobility transition, investment and finance, and institutional framework.

187. Which institution suggested the creation of 'Artificial Intelligence and Data Authority of India'?

- [A] DoT
- [B] NASSCOM
- [C] TRAI
- [D] NITI Aayog

**Answer:** TRAI

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) suggested the creation of an independent statutory body called the Artificial Intelligence and Data Authority of India (AIDAI), which would function as both a regulator and advisory body for all AI-related matters. It also recommended that the administrative responsibility for AI should be placed under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

188. 'STAR-C initiative' is associated with which bloc?

- [A] G-20
- [B] ISA
- [C] BIMSTEC
- [D] European Union

**Answer:** ISA

Solar Technology Application Resource Centre [STAR C] Initiative aims to cultivate the human capacity and skills among a Member Country's public to encourage the undertaking of energy transition activities, creating jobs and contributing to the country's economic growth. India is contemplating extending its solar STAR-C initiative, operated in collaboration with the International Solar Alliance, to several Pacific Island nations.

189. As per the recent discovery by the James Webb Orbital Observatory Project, which particles were identified in the early universe?

- [A] Silicon-rich dust grains
- [B] Carbon-rich dust grains
- [C] Lithium-rich dust grains
- [D] Potassium-rich dust grains

**Answer:** Carbon-rich dust grains

The James Webb Orbital Observatory Project identified carbon-rich dust particles, potentially composed of graphite or diamond-like materials, in the early universe. This discovery challenges current scientific models. This observation suggests the possibility of a unique type of carbon-based molecule, potentially comprising tiny particles resembling graphite or diamond, which could have originated from the earliest stars or supernovae.

190. Which state/UT launched the 'Early childhood care and education (ECCE) kit' or "Khel Pitara" kits?

- [A] New Delhi





- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Telangana

**Answer:** New Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister recently launched the early childhood care and education (ECCE) kit or "Khel Pitara" kits. It was developed by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) Delhi and anganwadi team. The kit comprises games, toys, puzzles, and books. They will be distributed across 11,000 Anganwadi centres in Delhi.

191. Which state/UT recently passed the 'Honour of Dead Body Bill, 2023'?

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Punjab
- [C] Odisha
- [D] West Bengal

**Answer:** Rajasthan

The Rajasthan Honour of Dead Body Bill, 2023 was passed recently by the state assembly. The bill aims to forbid protests by relatives of deceased individuals who sit with the bodies on roads or public spaces and demand compensation or jobs. The Bill states that such acts will become an offence, punishable with imprisonment of up to five years.

192. Which Union Ministry launched the 'YES-TECH Manual and WINDS portal'?

- [A] Ministry of Defence
- [B] Ministry of MSME
- [C] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare
- [D] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Answer:** Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare

In New Delhi, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare unveiled various initiatives under PMFBY and RWBCIS, including the YES-Tech Manual, WINDS portal, and the door-to-door enrollment app AIDE/Sahayak. The YES-TECH Manual represents a thorough and all-encompassing handbook that has been meticulously crafted through extensive trials and piloting across 100 districts in India.

193. Which Indian state is set to inaugurate the largest office space in a single project globally?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Telangana
- [D] Tamil Nadu

**Answer:** Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Surat Diamond Bourse, which is acclaimed as the largest office space in a single project globally. The Surat Diamond Bourse (SDB) has been strategically designed to relocate and expand the diamond trading industry from Mumbai to Surat, the central hub for diamond cutting and polishing, with the intention of further growth and development.

194. Gyanvapi mosque, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Maharashtra

**Answer:** Uttar Pradesh

The Gyanvapi Mosque, in Varanasi, was built by Aurangzeb in 1669. Recently, a Varanasi court issued instructions for a "scientific investigation/survey/excavation" of the Gyanvapi mosque grounds to be conducted by the Archaeological Survey of India. The court tasked them with determining whether the



current structure was built on top of a pre-existing Hindu temple.

195. Which is the first state to pass 'Platform Based GIG Workers (registration and welfare) Bill'?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Kerala

**Answer:** Rajasthan

Recently, the Rajasthan government presented the Rajasthan Platform Based GIG Workers (registration and welfare) Bill, 2023, marking the country's first legislation of its kind. This bill aims to ensure social security for gig workers and includes provisions for imposing monetary fines on aggregators who do not adhere to the Act.

196. Which Union Ministry issued the 'IRC codes and guidelines'?

- [A] Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- [B] Ministry of MSME
- [C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [D] Ministry of Defence

**Answer:** Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

The IRC (Indian Road Congress) codes and guidelines were issued recently by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. These guidelines, approved by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, aim to improve road safety by incorporating best practices and global standards, providing better visibility and intuitive guidance to drivers.

197. Mt Brammah is a mountain massif located in which Indian state/UT?

- [A] Jammu and Kashmir
- [B] Uttarakhand
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Sikkim

**Answer:** Jammu and Kashmir

Brammah is a mountain massif located in the Kishtwar Himalayas of Jammu and Kashmir, India, situated east of Kishtwar town and in close proximity to the Himachal Pradesh border. An Indian team has made history by successfully reaching the summit of Mt Brammah 1, which is standing at a height of 6,416 metres.

198. Which state sanctioned Rs 5700 crore for 'Interest Subsidy-Subvention' scheme to provide interest-free crop loans up to Rs. 1 lakh to farmers?

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Telangana

**Answer:** Odisha

Recently, the Odisha Cabinet sanctioned Rs. 5700 crore for the implementation of a State sector scheme called 'Interest Subsidy-Subvention.' This scheme aims to provide interest-free crop loans up to Rs. 1 lakh to farmers. For crop loans ranging from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 3 lakh, the Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik decided to charge a retrospective interest rate of 2% starting from April 1, 2022.

199. 'Price Stabilisation Fund' is associated with which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- [B] Ministry of Finance
- [C] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment



[D] Ministry of MSME

**Answer:** Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

To address the current surge in tomato prices and ensure affordability for consumers, the government has initiated the procurement of tomatoes through the Price Stabilisation Fund. These tomatoes are being provided to consumers at significantly subsidized rates. The Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) was set up in 2014-15 under the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare. It was then transferred to Department of Consumer Affairs from 2016.

200. Which organisation introduced six new mutual fund strategies under ESG theme?

[A] RBI

[B] SEBI

[C] PFRDA

[D] IRDAI

**Answer:** SEBI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has broadened the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) thematic category's scope, enabling asset management companies to introduce funds under six new strategies. Previously, mutual funds were restricted to launching only one scheme with ESG investing within the thematic category for equity schemes.

201. Magellanic penguins prevalently breed in which country?

[A] India

[B] Argentina

[C] South Africa

[D] Australia

**Answer:** Argentina

Around 2,000 penguins Magellanic penguins died on the coast of eastern Uruguay in the last 10 days due to avian influenza. Magellanic penguins breed in the southern regions of Argentina. During the southern hemisphere winter, they undertake a northward migration in pursuit of food and warmer waters, and their journey may lead them as far as the coast of the Brazilian state of Espirito Santo.

202. When was the 'European Peace Facility' established?

[A] 1991

[B] 2001

[C] 2011

[D] 2021

**Answer:** 2021

Established in 2021, the European Peace Facility (EPF) is designed to provide funding for endeavors aimed at preventing conflicts, promoting peace, and bolstering international security. The facility is utilized to partially reimburse EU countries for the expenses incurred in supplying weapons, ammunition, and other military assistance to countries beyond the bloc.

203. Which Indian becomes fifth highest run-scorer in international cricket, after surpassing South Africa's Jacques Kallis?

[A] Ravindra Jadeja

[B] Rohit Sharma

[C] Virat Kohli

[D] Shubman Gill

**Answer:** Virat Kohli

Indian cricketer Virat Kohli surpassed South Africa's Jacques Kallis to become the fifth-highest run-scorer in international cricket history. Kohli achieved this feat in the batting charts during India's second Test against West Indies at Port of Spain.



204. Indian Navy decommissioned INS Kirpan and handed over the corvette to which country?

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] Myanmar
- [C] Vietnam
- [D] Bangladesh

**Answer:** Vietnam

Indian Navy decommissioned INS Kirpan and handed over the indigenously built missile corvette to Vietnam People's Navy (VPN). INS Kirpan served for 32 years in the Indian Navy. Navy Chief R. Hari Kumar announced that this is the first-ever occasion that India is offering a fully-operational corvette to any friendly foreign country.

205. Which Indian company has received claims worth INR 240 billion rupees (USD 2.9 billion) from creditors?

- [A] Yes Bank
- [B] Go Airlines
- [C] IDBI Bank
- [D] LIC

**Answer:** Go Airlines

Go Airlines (India) Ltd has received claims worth INR 240 billion rupees (USD 2.9 billion) from creditors. The process is in line with procedural requirements under Indian law which allow every creditor a right to payment and remedy by submitting claims if a company is under bankruptcy. Go Airlines, which operated the Go First carrier, filed for bankruptcy protection in May.

206. Where is the International Seabed Authority (ISA) headquartered?

- [A] Egypt
- [B] Jamaica
- [C] India
- [D] Japan

**Answer:** Jamaica

Jamaica-based International Seabed Authority's member nations agreed on a two-year roadmap for the adoption of deep sea mining regulations. The ISA, an intergovernmental body tasked with protecting the seabed, and its member states have spent the last decade trying to hash out a mining code for the possible exploitation of nickel, cobalt and copper in deep seabed areas that fall outside of national jurisdictions.

207. Which Sea runs between mainland China and the Korean Peninsula?

- [A] Yellow Sea
- [B] Philippine Sea
- [C] Red Sea
- [D] Black Sea

**Answer:** Yellow Sea

The Yellow Sea is a marginal sea of the Western Pacific Ocean located between mainland China and the Korean Peninsula. North Korea fired 'several cruise missiles' into the Yellow Sea between China and the Korean peninsula, the South Korean military reported.

208. Esther Vergeer and Rick Draney, who were seen in the news, are associated with which sports?

- [A] Cricket
- [B] Tennis
- [C] Badminton
- [D] Chess

**Answer:** Tennis



Esther Vergeer and Rick Draney are to be inducted into Tennis Hall of Fame. 21-time Grand Slam singles champion and seven-time Paralympic gold medallist, Esther Vergeer began her career in an era when wheelchair tennis was not included in the top events. Rick Draney, who won 12 singles titles and six in doubles before the Grand Slam era of wheelchair tennis. Draney has been credited with bringing quad tennis – a classification that accounts for impairment in the arms as well – to the Paralympics and other top tournaments.

209. Which Indian badminton duo won the Korea Open 2023 title?

- [A] Dhruv Kapila and MR Arjun
- [B] Satwiksairaj and Ashwini Ponnappa
- [C] Satwiksairaj and Chirag
- [D] Saina Nehwal and P V Sindhu

**Answer:** Satwiksairaj and Chirag

Asian Champions Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated world no. 1 Indonesian duo Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto in a 3-game men's doubles final to clinch the Korea Open 2023 title in Yeosu, Korea. The duo entered the summit clash after a win over the world number two Chinese pair of Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang. Satwik and Chirag have won the Indonesia Super 1000 and Swiss Open Super 500 titles this year.

210. Which state hosted the fifth Helicopter and Small Aircraft Summit?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Goa

**Answer:** Madhya Pradesh

The 5th Helicopter and Small Aircraft Summit, themed 'Reaching the Last Mile: Regional Connectivity through Helicopters and Small Aircraft' took place in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh. The event will be jointly organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Pawan Hans Ltd., and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

211. Hindon River is a tributary of which river?

- [A] Ganges
- [B] Yamuna
- [C] Narmada
- [D] Tapi

**Answer:** Yamuna

In Uttar Pradesh, water entered houses as the Hindon River swelled up and overflowed its banks. The Hindon River flows into the Yamuna River as one of its tributaries. Heavy rain in the Yamuna river's upper catchment areas, including Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Haryana, led to the Yamuna's water swelling to record levels.

212. Which Union Ministry is set to launch the 'JJM Digital Academy'?

- [A] Ministry of Jal Shakti
- [B] Ministry of MSME
- [C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technology

**Answer:** Ministry of Jal Shakti

During the two-day national conference held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Echo India entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish JJM Digital Academy. The Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, inaugurated the online portal of JJM Digital Academy on this occasion.



213. 'Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme' is associated with which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of MSME
- [B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Women and Child Development

**Answer:** Ministry of Commerce and Industry

The Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme has been updated to allow startups and new exporters to receive airfare reimbursement for participating in international events, and existing exporters will now receive a 20% higher ceiling for this incentive. Despite these measures, India's goods exports experienced a significant 22% year-on-year contraction in June, reaching \$32.97 billion, marking the steepest decline in three years. The MAI Scheme aims to provide financial support for export promotion activities.

214. Which country hosted the 'Talisman Sabre exercises'?

- [A] USA
- [B] Australia
- [C] France
- [D] Russia

**Answer:** Australia

Recently, live-fire drills featuring the American-made HIMARS missile system were conducted at the Shoalwater Bay military complex in Queensland, Australia, showcasing its recent acquisition by the Australian Defence Force. The drills are part of the biennial Talisman Sabre exercises, involving over 30,000 troops from various countries, including Japan, France, Germany, and South Korea.

215. What is the name of the weather event which involves rise in the sea surface temperature?

- [A] Marine heat waves
- [B] Oceanic heat waves
- [C] Pacific heat waves
- [D] Surface heat waves

**Answer:** Marine heat waves

In April, ocean temperatures soared to 21.1 degrees Celsius, breaking the previous record set in 2016. Since then, these record-high ocean temperatures have led to marine heat waves in various regions, including the north-east Pacific, the southern Indian Ocean, the Pacific etc. A marine heat wave is an extreme weather event characterized by the sea surface temperature rising 3 to 4 degrees Celsius above the average temperature for at least five days and can last for weeks.

216. 'Batagaika crater', the largest permafrost crater in the world, is located in which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] Ukraine
- [C] Philippines
- [D] Japan

**Answer:** Russia

Scientists have sounded an alarm as the Batagaika crater, the largest permafrost crater in the world located in Russia's Far East, is experiencing thawing. The concerning "mega slump" poses a threat to cities and towns in northern and northeastern Russia.

217. Mount Kun, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- [A] Ladakh
- [B] Jammu and Kashmir
- [C] Sikkim
- [D] Assam



**Answer:** Ladakh

Mount Kun is situated in Ladakh in the western Himalayan Range. It is the second highest summit of the massif with elevation of 23,219 feet. To commemorate Kargil Vijay Diwas, a group of mountaineers from the Indian Army's Dagger Division achieved an extraordinary accomplishment by successfully climbing Mount Kun, reaching its 7,077-meter summit in record time, and performing Yoga to pay tribute.

218. 'Bali Paragraphs' which was seen in the news, is associated with which bloc?

- [A] European Union
- [B] G-20
- [C] G-7
- [D] ASEAN

**Answer:** G-20

Amid preparations for the G-20 Summit in New Delhi, a dispute over the "Bali Paragraphs" has arisen, as Russia and China oppose language related to the war in Ukraine contained in the statements. India has been forced to issue a series of "Chairman's Summary and Outcomes Documents" instead of a Joint Communiqué due to the disagreement, raising concerns about the future of the G-20's consensus-based approach.

219. The redeveloped India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) complex was inaugurated in which state/UT?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] West Bengal

**Answer:** New Delhi

Prime Minister has recently inaugurated the redeveloped India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) complex at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. Called 'Bharat Mandapam', the complex is the venue for the G-20 leaders' meeting in September.

220. Which institution released the Draft Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund?

- [A] NASSCOM
- [B] NITI Aayog
- [C] TRAI
- [D] Prasar Bharti

**Answer:** TRAI

Recently, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) unveiled the draft Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund (Sixth Amendment) Regulation, 2023, seeking input from stakeholders. It seeks to make changes in the Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund Regulations, 2007.

221. According to a study, climate change could potentially turn which Indian state to a Water deficit desert?

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Punjab
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

**Answer:** Punjab

According to a new research by the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), climate change could potentially turn Punjab, India, into a water-deficient desert in the future. The reasons are absence of required rain, lack of crop diversification and indiscriminate pumping of groundwater. The state is





currently known for its bumper agricultural output.

222. Which bill has been recently withdrawn by the Union Government from the Lok Sabha

- [A] Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill
- [B] DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill
- [C] Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill
- [D] Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill

**Answer:** DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill

Recently, the government withdrew the DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2019 from Lok Sabha. It aimed to build a new regulatory framework for the use of DNA fingerprinting technology in the criminal justice system. The Bill, introduced in Parliament multiple times, faced opposition on grounds of the accuracy of DNA technology, potential threats to individual privacy, and the possibility of abuse.

223. The National Dental Commission Bill, 2023, seeks to propose to set up which entity?

- [A] National Dental Commission
- [B] Union Dental Authority
- [C] Dental Colleges Regulatory Authority
- [D] Dentists Regulatory Authority

**Answer:** National Dental Commission

The National Dental Commission Bill, 2023 has been passed by the Lok Sabha to ensure the availability of affordable, high-quality dental education and accessible oral healthcare services. The National Dental Commission Bill seeks to repeal the Dentists Act, 1948 and proposes to set up 'National Dental Commission' modelled after the NMC.

224. 'National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill' is associated with which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technology

**Answer:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

The Lok Sabha has passed the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023. The bill aims to establish regulations and uphold education and service standards for nursing and midwifery professionals. It comes under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023 aims at setting up National Nursing and Midwifery Commission (NNMC) and to repeal the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947.

225. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was passed to include two synonyms for a community in which state?

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Sikkim
- [C] Chhattisgarh
- [D] West Bengal

**Answer:** Chhattisgarh

In the Lok Sabha, the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was introduced to make changes to the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950. The purpose of this amendment is to include two synonyms for the Mahar community in the State of Chhattisgarh in its Scheduled Castes list.

226. Te'omim Cave, which was seen in the news, is located in which city?

- [A] Jerusalem
- [B] Paris
- [C] Rome



[D] Cairo

**Answer:** Jerusalem

The Te'omim Cave in Jerusalem was found to host more than 100 ceramic lamps squeezed into the cave's crevices. In a new study, researchers propose that these objects were probably employed for summoning deceased spirits and uncovering their hidden knowledge, a ritual referred to as necromancy.

227. Which country approved a comprehensive judicial reform bill called 'Reasonableness Bill'?

[A] USA

[B] China

[C] Israel

[D] Australia

**Answer:** Israel

Recently, the Israel's parliament, the Knesset, approved a crucial provision of a comprehensive judicial reform bill aimed at limiting the authority of the Supreme Court. The bill, known as the "reasonableness bill," intends to remove the Supreme Court's ability to declare government decisions as unreasonable.

228. Which country is experiencing a phenomenon known as "full-time children"?

[A] China

[B] Japan

[C] Australia

[D] USA

**Answer:** China

The surge in youth unemployment in China is leading to a phenomenon known as "full-time children". In this context, "full-time children" refers to grown-up individuals who receive a salary from their parents to fulfill the role of being their children. They spend time with their parents, accompany them for shopping, assist with household tasks, and so on.

229. 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign aims to create a garden in which city?

[A] New Delhi

[B] Mumbai

[C] Gandhi Nagar

[D] Ladakh

**Answer:** New Delhi

As part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration, the Union government has initiated the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign, aimed at creating a garden along the Kartavya Path in Delhi. Soil collected from various regions of India in August will be used for this purpose. The campaign includes events at different levels, starting with panchayat-level programs scheduled between August 9 and 15, followed by village, block, urban local body, state, and national-level programs.

230. Which city hosted the meeting of 'High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)'?

[A] Rome

[B] Washington

[C] Paris

[D] New York

**Answer:** New York

World leaders assembled at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and urged for a renewed dedication to eliminate poverty, which is a crucial challenge outlined in the United Nations-mandated Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The HLPF serves as the primary global platform for monitoring and assessing progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs. The event took place in New York under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.



231. Phangnon Konyak, who was seen in the news, is a Member of Parliament from which state/UT?

- [A] Nagaland
- [B] Manipur
- [C] Arunachal Pradesh
- [D] Sikkim

**Answer:** Nagaland

Phangnon Konyak recently created history as the first female representative from Nagaland to assume the position of Rajya Sabha Chairperson. House Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar had nominated her and three other women members to the panel of vice-chairpersons, for the first time. In 2022, Ms Konyak became the first woman to be elected to the Rajya Sabha from Nagaland and the second woman from the state to be elected to the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha or the state Assembly.

232. Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state/UT?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Goa
- [C] West Bengal
- [D] Manipur

**Answer:** Goa

The Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary is a designated protected region located in the state of Goa, India. It is situated in the Western Ghats of South India. Recently, the Goa bench of the Bombay High Court instructed the Goa government to declare the Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary and other regions mentioned in the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) communications and plans prepared by the Goa forest department as a tiger reserve under the Wildlife Protection Act within a period of three months.

233. 'Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports' Scheme is being implemented from which year?

- [A] 2006
- [B] 2016
- [C] 2018
- [D] 2020

**Answer:** 2016

'Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports' Scheme is a central sector scheme implemented since 2016. The 'Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games' sub-component of this scheme, assistance is provided to Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Silambam, and Yogasan in various aspects. These include infrastructure development, equipment support, coach appointments, coach training, and athlete scholarships.

234. 'Worldcoin project', which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- [A] Sports
- [B] Cryptocurrency
- [C] Defence
- [D] Gender Equality

**Answer:** Cryptocurrency

The 'Worldcoin project,' led by OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, has gained worldwide recognition as individuals across the globe participate in eye scans in return for a digital identification and the opportunity to receive free cryptocurrency. It is causing privacy concerns. Using a device called "Orb," Worldcoin volunteers known as 'Orb operators' scan a person's iris pattern to collect their biometric data and help them get a World ID through the World app.

235. Seine River, which was seen in the news, flows across which city?

- [A] Paris



- [B] Cairo
  - [C] New York
  - [D] Beijing
- Answer:** Paris

River Seine in Paris will soon welcome swimmers and divers back for the first time in nearly a century, as it enters the last phase of an unprecedented cleanup effort. Having been prohibited for almost a century due to pollution, the government is investing approximately USD 1.6 billion in the Seine regeneration project, which is being praised universally as a triumph.

236. As per a recent research, which mass extinction is expected to be more severe than previously anticipated?
- [A] Second
  - [B] Third
  - [C] Fifth
  - [D] Sixth
- Answer:** Sixth

A research titled "More losers than winners: Investigating Anthropocene Defaunation through the Diversity of population trends" was recently published in Biological Reviews of the Cambridge Philosophical Society. The planet's sixth mass extinction, fuelled by human activities, may trigger a rapid biodiversity imbalance. After studying over 71,000 animal species across five strata, which include mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and insects, the mass extinction is expected to be more severe than previously anticipated.

237. Which country hosted the 'International AIDS Society (IAS) Conference on HIV Science'?
- [A] USA
  - [B] Australia
  - [C] Israel
  - [D] Indonesia
- Answer:** Australia

The World Health Organization (WHO) presented updated scientific and normative advice concerning human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) during the 12th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science, held in Australia. The UN health agency additionally urged nations to incorporate mpox detection, prevention, and care into current and novel HIV and sexually transmitted infection prevention and control initiatives.

238. Entoloma hochstetteri, which was seen in the news, is indigenous to which country?
- [A] USA
  - [B] New Zealand
  - [C] India
  - [D] Japan
- Answer:** New Zealand

A distinctive blue mushroom species (Entoloma hochstetteri) was recently discovered in the forests of Kaghaznagar division. It is a rare mushroom and it is indigenous to New Zealand. The appearance of blue mushrooms was observed for the first time in India, specifically in Odisha, in 1989.

239. 'Badgirs' are chimney-like structures, which are ingeniously designed in which country?
- [A] Iran
  - [B] Israel
  - [C] UAE
  - [D] Japan
- Answer:** Iran



In the desert city of Yazd, Iran, residents have ingeniously designed tall, chimney-like structures called wind catchers or badgirs, which draw in cooling breezes to provide relief from the extreme heat that often exceeds 40 degrees Celsius during the summer. These architectural marvels are a sustainable and eco-friendly alternative to energy-consuming air-conditioners, making them both cost-effective and carbon-free.

240. Which country holds the Presidency of COP28 conference?

- [A] India
- [B] UAE
- [C] China
- [D] Singapore

**Answer:** UAE

In preparation for COP28, the UAE Presidency and the International Energy Agency (IEA) held the initial high-level dialogues focused on creating an energy transition aligned with the 1.5°C target. The effort is a joint undertaking with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and will receive support from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

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