

# TEACHERS' VISION

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## WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2023

### IMPORTANT DAYS

- 1. Global Family Day (1st January 2023)** - Global family day is celebrated on the 1st January, and it aims to spread peace and unity across the world. It idolizes the Earth to be one global family to become a better place to live in for one and all.
- 2. World Braille Day (4th January 2023)** - This day marks the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the inventor of Braille. Braille is an important writing system used by blind people to read. World Braille Day is one of the most important days in January celebrated on an international level.
- 3. World Day of War Orphans (6th January 2023)** - Every year, 6th January is observed to create awareness about the atrocities that war orphans face. This day was founded by the French organization SOS Enfants en Detresses. War Orphans- A child who has lost both parents or, less commonly, one parent through civilian deaths in the war. About the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); Executive Director- Catherine M. Russell Headquarters- New York, USA; Establishment- 1946

### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- 1. Artpark-IISc Join Hands with Google to Launch AI-Powered Project Vaani** : ARTPARK (Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Robotics Technology Park), a not-for-profit organisation backed by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore has collaborated with Google Inc. to launch 'Project Vaani', a pan-India inclusive language data initiative for open-sourcing datasets at 'Google for India 2022' event held in New Delhi. This will amplify Government of India (GoI)'s Digital India efforts by including more diverse regional and local languages. Project Vaani aims to compile comprehensive datasets of transcribed text and spoken language from each district in India and are open-sourced via Vaani's website.
- 2. MoRD launches Prajjwala Challenge inviting Ideas, Solutions & Actions to Transform Rural Economy** : The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)'s flagship poverty alleviation program Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) has launched the 'Prajjwala Challenge' – Unlock the Rural Economic Opportunity' with an aim to invite ideas, solutions, and actions that can Transform Rural Economy. Prajjwala Challenge: Prajjwala Challenge is a first-of-its-kind nationwide initiative to provide thoughtful minds with a platform to present new, innovative and scalable pathways for rural economic transformation in India.  
**DAY-NRLM:** DAY-NRLM is one of the flagships of poverty alleviation programs of the MoRD. It aims at creating efficient and effective institutional platforms for the rural poor, enabling them to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improve access to financial services.

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- 3. Gol Introduces National Geospatial Policy 2022:** Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T) notified the 'National Geospatial Policy, 2022' for implementation with immediate effect. The policy was notified following the liberalising of the usage of geospatial data under the draft Geospatial Data Policy in February 2021. The Government of India (Gol) has now defined a 13-year guideline for the growth of India's geospatial data industry, including the creation of a national framework for using geospatial data to improve citizen services and other initiatives. National Geospatial Policy 2022 i. The National Geospatial Policy, 2022 is a citizen-focused policy that aims to strengthen the geospatial sector to support national development, economic prosperity, and a growing information economy. ii. The Gol proposes to establish an "Integrated Data and Information Framework" (IDIF) under which a "Geospatial Knowledge Infrastructure" (GKI) will be developed by 2030.iii. The policy also calls for the establishment of a national apex body, the Geospatial Data Promotion and Development Committee (GDPDC).
- 4. KMRC: India's First Underwater Metro Services to be Operational by December 2023 :**The Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC) announced that the East-West Metro Corridor project, India's first underwater metro service, in Kolkata will be completed by December 2023. The 16.6 km corridor will run through the Hooghly river, connecting Howrah and Kolkata Sealdah railway stations including the north-south line of the Kolkata Metro at Esplanade.
- 5. Manipur: Zeliangrong Community Celebrates Gaan Ngai Festival on 4th January 2023 :** Zeliangrong or Kabui Community of Manipur celebrates the Gaan-Ngai festival to bring peace, prosperity and unity to the people of Manipur. The festival also marks the beginning of the new year and bids farewell to the old year.
- 6. PM Narendra Modi addresses 108th Indian Science Congress through Video Conferencing :** Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister(PM) of India, virtually inaugurated and addressed the 108th edition of the Indian Science Congress (ISC), also known as ISC 2023, organised at Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj (RTM) Nagpur University, Nagpur, Maharashtra. 108th ISC is a 5-day event, held from 3rd January 2023 to 7th January 2023. The focal theme of the ISC 2023 is "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment". PM Narendra Modi noted that India is being counted among the top countries of the world as India moved to 40th place in the Global Innovation Index in 2022 from 81st place in 2015.
- 7. World's First Palm-Leaf Manuscript Museum opens in Kerala :** Kerala Chief Minister(CM) Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Palm leaf Manuscript Museum with modern audio-visual technology at the renovated Central Archives, Fort area in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The Museum, promoted as "World's First Palm-Leaf Manuscript Museum" was set up by the Archives Department in association with the Kerala Museum of History and Heritage at a cost of Rs 3 crore.
- 8. Cabinet approves continuation of Schemes of MDoNER worth Rs 12882.2cr from 2022-23 to 2025-26 :** The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of the Schemes of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) for

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the balance period of the 15th Finance Commission i.e. from 2022-23 to 2025-26. About Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER): Union Minister- Gangapuram Kishan Reddy

**9. India's Biggest Hockey Stadium was inaugurated in Odisha :** Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister(CM) of Odisha, inaugurated the Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium, India's largest hockey stadium, in terms of seated (chair) capacity of 20,000, in Rourkela, Odisha. The Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium, named after freedom fighter Birsa Munda, is built over 15 acres of land at the campus of the Biju Patnaik University of Technology (BPUT) in Rourkela.

**10. Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity": India's First Festival of Inclusion held in Goa :** 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity' (Purple Fest 2023), India's 1st of its kind inclusive festival commenced at the Entertainment Society of Goa in Panaji, Goa. Purple Fest aims to showcase how to come together to create a welcoming and inclusive world for everyone.

**11. Y20 Summit India Curtain Raiser Event: Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur launches the Themes of the Y20 Summit :** Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, launched the themes of Youth 20 (Y20) Summit, logo, and website in the Curtain raiser event of Y20 Summit India at Akashwani Rang Bhawan New Delhi, Delhi. The Youth20 Group's inception meeting will take place in Guwahati, Assam, from 6th to 8th February 2023. India is hosting the Y20 Summit for the 1st time. The Y20 is the official youth engagement group for the G20 (Group of 20), the forum for the world's largest and most advanced economies. The 5 themes of Y20:  
Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century skills. Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a way of life. Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: Ushering in an era of No War. Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance. Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**1. ILO Report: Half of The World's Workforce Works Too Much or Too Little :** According to the International Labour Organization (ILO) report "Working Time and Work-Life Balance Around the World", more than half of the world's workforce doesn't typically work a nine-to-five schedule. About the International Labour Organization (ILO): ILO is the only tripartite United Nations (UN) agency that brings together governments, employers, and workers from 187 member countries. India is a founder member of the ILO. Director-General – Gilbert Fossoun Hougbo Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland Establishment – 1919

**2. New members join United Nations Security Council :** On 3rd January 2023, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) officially welcomed Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, and Switzerland, who now hold the two-year seats that they won without opposition in June, in charge of preserving international peace and security. Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland are the 5 countries replacing India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico and Norway, whose terms ended on 31st December

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2022. China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US) are permanent UN members.

### **BANKING & FINANCE**

- 1. SBI, HDFC & ICICI Banks in the RBIs 2022 list of D-SIBs :** On January 2, 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the 2022 list of Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) based on the data from March 31, 2022. In this, State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank kept the status as D-SIBs, under the same bucketing structure as in the 2021 list of D-SIBs. D-SIBs are interconnected entities, whose failure can impact the whole of the financial system and create instability. They are also known as 'too-big-to fail' banks. SBI will be in the 3rd bucket with an Additional Common Equity Tier (CET)-1 requirement as a percentage of Risk Weighted Assets (RWAs) of 0.60%. ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank will be in the 1st bucket with an Additional CET-1 requirement as a percentage of RWAs of 0.20%. Table showing list of D-SIBs with Additional CET1 capital requirement. **Key Points:** i. The additional CET-1 requirement for D-SIBs was launched on April 1, 2016, and became effective from April 1, 2019. ii. The additional CET1 requirement will be in addition to the capital conservation buffer. iii. SBI and ICICI Bank were designated as D-SIBs in 2015 and 2016 respectively while HDFC Bank became D-SIB in 2017.
- 2. ADB, India sign \$220 million loan pact to Strengthen Power Sector in Tripura :** On January 3, 2023, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India (GoI) signed a \$220 million loan pact for Tripura Power Distribution Strengthening and Generation Efficiency Improvement Project. The loan amount will be utilized towards improving energy security, quality of supply, efficiency, and resilience of power sector in Tripura.
- 3. ICICI Bank Introduces First-of-its-Kind Digital Solutions for Exporters :** In a first-of-its-kind industry initiative, ICICI Bank Limited, a leading private sector bank in India, has launched Digital Solutions For Exporters, a comprehensive set of banking and value-added services on a single platform. The initiative intends to improve operational efficiency of exporters by decongesting the current time-consuming manual procedures. Exporters with an ICICI Bank relationship will benefit from the ease of instant and digital Export Packing Credit (EPC). This service is available for export-import transactions through 'Trade Online', the flagship digital platform of ICICI Bank.
- 4. RBI Launches Medium-Term Strategy Framework "Utkarsh 2.0" For 2023-2025 :** The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Shaktikanta Das, has launched the "Utkarsh 2.0" Medium-Term Strategy Framework for the period 2023-2025. Utkarsh 2.0 would enable the RBI to respond to socioeconomic challenges in both a proactive and reactive manner. Utkarsh 2.0 relies on the strengths of Utkarsh 2022 by retaining the six vision statements, as well as the core purpose, values, and mission statement. The first strategy framework, "Utkarsh 2022", covering the period 2019-2022, was launched in July 2019.

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- 5. Axis Bank & OPEN Collaborate to Launch a Fully Digital Current Account :** Axis Bank Limited (Axis Bank), India's third-largest private sector bank, has partnered with Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd (OPEN), a digital banking firm, to give its customers a fully native digital current account journey. This is Axis Bank's first collaboration with a fintech company to develop a fully digital current account. Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), freelancers, homepreneurs (home-based entrepreneurs), influencers, and other clients would benefit from the Fully Digital Current Account. The digital current account authentication process will be entirely online, using the PAN (permanent account number) and Aadhaar, followed by a video KYC (know your customer) process. Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd (OPEN) i. OPEN, a neo-banking platform headquartered in Bangalore, Karnataka, was founded in 2017. A "neo-bank" is a kind of digital bank that does not have any physical locations. They use artificial intelligence (AI) and technology to give clients personalized services while reducing operating costs. ii. OPEN operates the SME neo-banking platform 'Open Money', the embedded finance platform 'Zwitch', and 'BankingStack', the enterprise digital banking platform for banks. iii. Open, India's 100th Unicorn, is backed by top global investors such as IIFL Finance, Temasek, Google, Visa, and Tiger Global, among others.
- 6. RBI to Issue Its Maiden Green Bonds for Rs. 16,000 Crore in Two Tranches of Rs. 8,000 Crore Each :** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that the maiden Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) for an aggregate sum of Rs. 16,000 crore will be issued in two tranches of Rs. 8,000 crore each in January and February 2023, with the intention of mobilizing resources for green infrastructure. The proceeds would be used to fund public-sector projects that will help India reduce its carbon emissions.

## ECONOMY & BUSINESS

- 1. ISRO, Microsoft join hands to Empower Space-Tech Startups in India :** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Microsoft India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to support and promote the growth of space technology startups in India. The MoU aims to empower Indian space tech startups with technology tools and platforms, go-to-market support, and mentoring to help them scale and become enterprise ready. The government has opened up the space sector for private players. More than 100 active startups are based in India and work in the space-tech sector.
- 2. First Advance Estimates of National Income, 2022-23: India's GDP Likely to Grow at 7% in FY23 :** The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI), has released its First Advance Estimates (FAE) of National Income for the financial year 2022–2023 (FY23) at both constant (2011–12) and current prices. According to the NSO's first FAE, the Indian economy will grow at a rate of 7% in FY23, up from 8.7% in FY22. Real GDP, or GDP at constant (2011-12) prices, is estimated to be Rs 157.60 lakh crore in FY23, compared to a Provisional Estimate of GDP of Rs 147.36 lakh crore in FY22, announced on May 31, 2022. Nominal GDP, or GDP at current prices, is

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estimated to be Rs. 273.08 lakh crore in FY23, compared to a Provisional Estimate of GDP of Rs. 236.65 lakh crore in FY22, announced on May 31, 2022.

### **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

- 1. BCCI Releases Names of India's Best Players of 2022 in all 3 Formats :** On 31st December 2022, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) released the names of the players who were the best performers of Team India across all 3 formats - One Day Internationals (ODIs), T20 and Test in 2022. 2022 Performances: Test Format: i. In 7 Test Matches, Rishabh Pant scored 680 runs at an average of 61.81 runs per game. His highest total was 146 runs. ii. In 5 Test Matches, Jasprit Bumrah (Fast Bowler) grabbed 22 wickets despite having ongoing injuries. ODI format: i. In 17 ODIs, Shreyas Iyer scored 724 runs, with 113 as his top score. ii. In 15 ODIs, Mohammed Siraj took 24 wickets in the 50-over format. T20I format: i. In 31 T20Is, Suryakumar scored 1164 runs with the highest score of 117. ii. In 32 T20Is, Bhuvneshwar claimed 37 wickets.
- 2. Capt Shiva Chouhan Becomes 1st Woman Officer to be Deployed at Siachen, World's Highest Battlefield :** Captain Shiva Chouhan, hailing from Rajasthan, has become the first woman officer of the Indian Army to get operationally deployed at Siachen Glacier, Karakoram range in the Himalayas in Ladakh, the world's highest battlefield after training at Siachen Battle School. She is posted at the "Kumar Post" at an altitude of 15,632 feet where night temperatures are close to -25 degree Celsius.
- 3. President Droupadi Murmu Presents Digital India Awards – 2022 (7th edition) :** The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, presented the Digital India Awards 2022, the 7th edition of the Digital India Awards (DIA), in New Delhi, Delhi, on January 7, 2023. The DIA awards are administered by the National Portal of India, which provides a single-window access to information and services offered by government institutions at all levels (centre, state, and local bodies). The Digital India Awards 2022 (DIA 2022) were given to the winners in seven various categories, such as: Digital Initiatives at Grassroots Level; Digital Empowerment of Citizens; Digital Initiatives for Ease of Doing Business; Public Digital Platforms - Central Ministries, Departments and States; Data Sharing and Use for Socio Economic Development; Digital Initiatives in Collaboration with Startups; Best Web & Mobile Initiatives Complying with GIGW & Accessibility Guidelines.

### **APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

- 1. Indian Army Appoints Lt Gen Arvind Walia as its New Engineer-in-Chief :** Lieutenant (Lt) General (Gen) Arvind Walia, a 1986 batch officer and an alumnus of the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun has been appointed as the next Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army. He succeeds Lt Gen Harpal Singh who is superannuating on 31st December 2022.
- 2. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva sworn in as 39th President of Brazil :** On 1st January 2023, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the veteran left-wing politician, known widely as Lula, was sworn in for the 3rd term as

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the President of the Republic of Brazil during the inauguration ceremony held at the National Congress, in Brasilia, Brazil. He was sworn in as the 39th president of Brazil by winning the 2022 Brazilian general election against far-right leader Jair Bolsonaro (incumbent President of Brazil (from 2019 to 2022)).

- 3. BharatPe CEO Suhail Sameer Steps Down & CFO Nalin Negi appointed interim CEO :** Suhail Sameer, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BharatPe, a Fintech startup, has announced his resignation from the CEO position and will transition into strategic adviser with effect from 7th January 2023. Nalin Negi, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of BharatPe, is set to take over as the interim CEO of BharatPe.
- 4. BSE appoints Sundararaman Ramamurthy as MD and CEO :** industry expert Sundararaman Ramamurthy has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BSE Limited (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange) with effect from 4th January 2023, for a period of 5 years.
- 5. India Takes Over Leadership Of Asian Pacific Postal Union; Vinaya Prakash Singh Elected As Secretary General :** Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh, former Member (Personnel), Postal Services Board, will take over as Secretary General of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) for a 4-year term, following the successful elections held during the 13th APPU Congress in Bangkok (Thailand) in August–September 2022. With this, India will take over the leadership of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) in January 2023. Note: India has been a member of APPU since 1973. Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) i. The Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) is an intergovernmental organisation with 32 member countries in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region. The APPU was established in Manila (Philippines) in 1962 and has been headquartered in Bangkok since 2002. ii. The APPU is the APAC region's only restricted union of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), a specialized institution of the United Nations (UN). It seeks to extend, facilitate, and improve postal relations between member nations and to foster collaboration in the postal services sector.
- 6. RBI approves Appointment of Surinder Chawla as New CEO of Paytm Payments Bank :** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Surinder Chawla as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL). The appointment has been approved by the RBI for a period of 3 years. Surinder Chawla is currently serving as Head of Branch Banking at RBL Bank (formerly known as Ratnakar Bank).

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- 1. CJI DY Chandrachud launches E-SCR Project for Digital Version of Judgments Reported in SC :** The Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Yashwant (DY) Chandrachud launched the Electronic Supreme Court Reports (E-SCR) project to provide free access to about 34,000 judgements of SC to lawyers, law students and the common public. This project is an initiative to provide the digital version

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of the SC's judgments in the manner as they are reported in the official law report i.e. SCRs. The project has been launched as a tribute to the nation in the New Year.

- 2. Gaganyaan: India's 1st Atmanirbhar human space flight to be launched by 2024:** On 1st January 2023, Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister for Science and Technology, announced that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is ready to launch India's 1st Atmanirbhar human flight "Gaganyaan" by the year 2024.

## SPORTS

- 1. Pranesh from TN Becomes India's 79th Chess Grandmaster; Wins Rilton Cup 2022/2023 : M**  
Pranesh (16-year-old) from Tamil Nadu (TN) became India's 79th Grandmaster (GM) after crossing the 2500 ELO rating and winning the Rilton Cup 2022/2023 held in Stockholm, Sweden. He crossed the 2500-rating threshold and became a GM, having completed his three norms before the Rilton Cup. He won his first norm at the 18th Delhi GM Open in January 2020 and claimed his second norm at the Sunway Sitges International Chess Festival in Spain in December 2021. He won his third norm at the Asian Continental Chess Championship 2022. About GrandMaster (GM): i. Grandmaster (GM) is the highest title a chess player attain and it is awarded by the world chess organisation FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs - International Chess Federation). To become a GM, a player has to secure three GM norms and cross the live rating of 2,500 Elo points. ii. The other titles by FIDE include International Master (IM), FIDE Master (FM) and Candidate Master (CD), which are open to all chess players regardless of gender.
- 2. 2023 Hyderabad E-Prix: Hyderabad to host India's 1st ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Race :** Hyderabad, Telangana is set to host the 2023 Hyderabad E-Prix, India's 1st ever ABB FIA (Federation Internationale de l'Automobile) Formula E World Championship race, all-electric motorsports, on 11th February 2023. The 2023 Hyderabad E-Prix is round 4 of the 17 races for the 9th Season of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship. The 2022–23 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship marks the 9th Season Championship which will be organised between January and July 2023. The race will be held at the new Hyderabad Street Circuit alongside Hussain Sagar Lake, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- 3. FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championships 2022:** Koneru Humpy wins India's first Silver Medal at World Blitz Championships : Indian Grandmaster (GM) Koneru Humpy, a former world rapid champion, has won a Silver medal in the Women's World Blitz Championship at the FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs) World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2022 held in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 25th to 30th December 2022. Koneru Humpy has won India's 1st ever Silver medal in the World Blitz Chess Championships defeating Zhongyi Tan of China. She finished with an outstanding 12.5 points, just 0.5 points behind Bibisara Assaubayeva of Kazakhstan, who won the gold medal. Koneru Humpy is the 2nd Indian to win a medal at World Blitz, after Viswanathan Anand.



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### OBITUARY

- 1. Former Tata Sons Director Padma Shri Awardee R.K. Krishna Kumar Passed Away :** On 1st January 2023, Tata group veteran and Former Director of Tata Sons, Padma Shri Awardee Rayaroth Kuttambally Krishna Kumar passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra at the age of 84. In 2009, R.K. Krishnakumar received the Padma Shri award, India's 4th highest civilian honour, for his contributions to Indian Trade and Industry.

### BOOKS & AUTHORS

- 1. Former IAS Kaki Madhava Rao Authored a New Book "Breaking Barriers" :** Former IAS officer Kaki Madhava Rao has authored a new book titled "Breaking Barriers: the Story of a Dalit Chief Secretary" which addresses the details about the dynamics of civil services at the ground level and also fills the gap in the knowledge about micro policies and governance.
- 2. Shashi Tharoor's Latest Book "Ambedkar: A Life" Launched :** Renowned Author Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament (MP - the Lok Sabha - Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala), has launched his latest book "Ambedkar: A Life", a biography of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar at the Kitaab Kolkata Event, which was organised by the Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF) at the ITC Sonar presented by Shree Cement.
- 3. Ex-CJI Ranjan Gogoi Releases Assam CM's Book "Mukhyamantrir Diary 1" :** Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament (MP) and former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi launched the book "Mukhyamantrir Diary 1" authored by Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister (CM) of Assam. The book chronicles the daily activities of the Himanta Biswa Sarma, during the 1st year of his tenure as CM.

### STATE NEWS

- 1. Chhattisgarh CM Celebrates Traditional 'Cherchera' Festival in Raipur :** On 6th January 2023, Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister (CM) of Chhattisgarh, celebrated the traditional Cherchera festival, an important harvest festival of Chhattisgarh which is popularly known as the "Rice bowl of India", at Dudhadhari Math in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The festival is celebrated on the full moon night of 'Paush' Hindu calendar month in the happiness of taking the crops to their homes after cultivation. The festival usually falls in the month of January
- 2. HP CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu Launched Rs 101 crore CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh for the Needy :** On 1st January 2023, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Chief Minister (CM) of Himachal Pradesh (HP), launched CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh with an outlay of Rs 101 crore for higher education for needy children especially orphans, destitute women and senior citizens with immediate effect. All 40 Congress Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) have agreed to deposit their first month's salary into the fund.

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- 3. Defence Minister Inaugurates 2 Infrastructures in J&K and Ladakh to Improve Road Connectivity :** Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated 2 infrastructure projects - Maitra Bridge in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) and the double-lane Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri road connecting the Ladakh region with J&K. The 2 projects are aimed to improve road connectivity in J&K and Ladakh
- 4. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Inaugurates Siyom Bridge in Arunachal Pradesh; Dedicates 28 BRO Infrastructure Projects Worth Rs. 724 Crore :** Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defense (MoD), dedicated to the nation 28 infrastructure projects of the Border Roads Organization (BRO) worth Rs. 724 crores in seven bordering States/Union Territories (UTs), during an event held at the Siyom Bridge along the Along-Yinkiong Road in Arunachal Pradesh. The Siyom Bridge, which is crucial from a strategic perspective, was physically inaugurated during the event, while the other projects were virtually dedicated to the nation.

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- 1. In December 2022, Benjamin Netanyahu was sworn in as Prime Minister (PM) of for \_\_\_\_\_ the 6th Time.**  
A. Kenya      B. Jordan      C. Uganda      D. Iraq      E. Israel
- 2. Which state government has recently (in Dec '22) approved Rs 367.19 crore for Empowerment of Women in Agriculture for five years (2022-23 to 2026-27)?**  
A. Maharashtra      B. Madhya Pradesh      C. Odisha      D. Uttar Pradesh      E. Gujarat
- 3. In which state, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, Nitin Gadkari, inaugurated the New Zuari Bridge across Zuari River?**  
A. Goa      B. Uttarakhand      C. Gujarat      D. Madhya Pradesh      E. Maharashtra
- 4. Which Indian Institute is set to be the secretariat of the Science 20 (S20), the science working group of the Group of Twenty (G20)?**  
A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras      B. Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru  
C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati      D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi  
E. University of Delhi
- 5. In December 2022, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \_\_\_\_\_ loan agreement with the Gol to improve urban services in three cities: Coimbatore, Madurai, and Thoothukudi of Tamil Nadu.**  
A. USD 150 million      B. USD 138 million      C. USD 140 million  
D. USD 125 million      E. USD 100 million
- 6. In December 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ became India's 1st Complete Library Constituency.**  
A. Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh      B. Chennai, Tamil Nadu      C. Kolkata, West Bengal  
D. Dharmadam, Kerala      E. Baroda, Gujarat
- 7. Name the ministry that has recently (in Dec '22) launched 'City Finance Rankings 2022' & 'City Beauty Competition' in New Delhi, Delhi.**

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A. Ministry of Home Affairs      B. Ministry of Finance      C. Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
D. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs      E. Ministry of Tourism

**8.** Which state government has recently (in Dec '22) implemented 'India's 1st Nilgiri Tahr Project' with an outlay of Rs 25.14 crore for a period of 5 years (2022 to 2027)?

A. Karnataka      B. Tamil Nadu      C. Kerala      D. Andhra Pradesh      E. Telangana

**9.** What is the name of the cryogenic rocket engine, which the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has operated recently (in Dec '22) for 650 seconds?

A. YF-73      B. CE-20      C. CE-7.5      D. RL-10      E. RD-0120

**10.** In December 2022, SEBI expanded its High-Powered Steering Committee on Cyber Security (HPSC-CS) to \_\_\_\_\_ from 6 members and expanded its panel on Information Systems Security Committee (ISSC) to 7 members.

A. 7 members      B. 9 members      C. 10 members      D. 8 members      E. 11 members

**11.** Which company has recently (in Dec '22) been certified as a 'Great Place to Work' by the Great Place to Work Institute for 2023?

A. Cisco Systems India Private Limited      B. NVIDIA Graphics Private Limited  
C. Tata Steel India Limited      D. Accenture Solutions Private Limited  
E. Ford Motor Pvt. Limited

**12.** Indian Institute of Technology, \_\_\_\_\_ collaborated with All India Institute of Medical Sciences, AIIMS New Delhi to develop a SwasthGarbh app.

A. IIT Kanpur      B. IIT Roorkee      C. IIT Bombay      D. IIT Madras      E. IIT Delhi

**13.** Brazilian football legend Edson Arantes do Nascimento, famously called \_\_\_\_\_, has passed away aged 82.

A. Andres Balanta      B. Ronaldinho      C. Ronaldo      D. Pelé      E. Diego Maradona

**14.** Who has launched the 'Stay Safe Online' campaign and the Digital Innovation Alliance (DIA) programme recently?

A. Anurag Thakur      B. Piyush Goyal      C. Sarbananda Sonowal  
D. Dharmendra Pradhan      E. Ashwini Vaishnaw

**15.** Which of the following was the nodal ministry for regulating esports (video games not involving money) as part of multiple sports events?

A. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports      B. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting  
C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology      D. Ministry of Science and Technology  
E. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

**16.** Which of the following has released its web publication entitled 'Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India: 2021-22' covering the activities of the Indian banking sector?

A. Finance Ministry      B. RBI      C. SEBI      D. NITI Aayog      E. SIDBI

**17.** Power ministry, \_\_\_\_\_ ink pact to install early warning systems for power stations.

A. DRDO      B. ISRO      C. BHEL      D. ITBP      E. BSF

**18.** Which of the following will soon introduce "Bima Vahaks" in each gram panchayat?

A. ICICI Bank      B. NITI Aayog      C. SEBI      D. IRDAI      E. SBI

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- 19.** Who among the following has been awarded Atal Samman Award?  
A. Jayanti Prasad                      B. Rajiv Kumar                      C. Prabhu Chandra Mishra  
D. Rajarshi Gupta                      E. Seif Ahmed
- 20.** On the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_, which was marked as 'Good Governance Day' across the country, the Aurangabad unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) named a star.  
A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee                      B. Inder Kumar Gujral                      C. H. D. Deve Gowda  
D. P. V. Narasimha Rao                      E. Chandra Shekhar
- 21.** Name the author of the book titled "Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond".  
A. D. Subbarao                      B. Y. Venugopal Reddy                      C. C Rangarajan  
D. Raghuram Rajan                      E. Urjit Patel
- 22.** The UK-based economics consultancy firm Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) has predicted that India will become the third-largest economy by which year?  
A. 2030                      B. 2035                      C. 2037                      D. 2040                      E. 2045
- 23.** Which of the following companies signed an MoU with Tecnimont Private Limited to jointly evaluate and explore the possibility to develop commercial scale Green Methanol Production facility?  
A. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation                      B. NHPC                      C. Coal India  
D. NTPC                      E. Indian Oil Corporation
- 24.** Who has been named Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?  
A. Sandeep Kuamr                      B. Aman Maheshwari                      C. Girish Sharma  
D. Ganji Kamala V Rao                      E. Rakesh Singh
- 25.** Which of the following state will install a huge statue of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee?  
A. Gujarat                      B. Madhya Pradesh                      C. Uttarakhand                      D. Uttar Pradesh                      E. Bihar
- 26.** The famous Losar festival, is celebrated in which state/UT of India?  
A. Himachal Pradesh                      B. Ladakh                      C. Assam                      D. Arunachal Pradesh                      E. Punjab
- 27.** Who has been honoured with the prestigious 30th Ekalabya Puraskar for the year 2022?  
A. Sakshi Sharma                      B. Swasti Singh                      C. Sonia Tiwari  
D. Mansi Singh                      E. Pratibha Kumari
- 28.** International Day of Epidemic Preparedness 2022 is observed every year on which day?  
A. December 24                      B. December 25                      C. December 26                      D. December 27                      E. December 28
- 29.** Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Railway Board?  
A. Shikhar Singh                      B. Sanjeev Kumar                      C. Anil Kumar Lahoti  
D. Vipin Sharma                      E. Ayush Kumar
- 30.** Who is the only player in the top 25 in Forbes' annual list of the highest-paid female athletes in the world?  
A. Hima Das                      B. PV Sindhu                      C. Saina Nehwal                      D. Mary Kom                      E. Sania Mirza

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- 31.** Which of the following country topped in the FIFA world rankings 2022?  
A. England      B. Belgium      C. France      D. Argentina      E. Brazil
- 32.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to observe Veer Bal Diwas 2022 on the occasion of the Prakash Purab of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Guru Har Krishan      B. Guru Tegh Bahadur      C. Guru Gobind Singh  
D. Guru Har Rai      E. Guru Nanak Dev
- 33.** The Good Governance Day is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. October 10      B. November 15      C. November 26      D. December 25      E. December 27
- 34.** Who has launched, a host of new initiatives including the Right to Repair portal in New Delhi recently?  
A. Anurag Thakur      B. Piyush Goyal      C. Jitendra Singh      D. Nitin Gadkari      E. Amit Shah
- 35.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has mandated banks in the country to renew their locker agreements with existing locker customers by which date?  
A. 1 January 2023      B. 1 February 2023      C. 1 March 2023      D. 1 April 2023      E. 1 May 2023
- 36.** What is the ranking of India in the FIFA world rankings 2022?  
A. 97      B. 101      C. 103      D. 106      E. 104

## ANSWERS

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|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1) E | 7) D  | 13) D | 19) C | 25) B | 31) E |
| 2) C | 8) B  | 14) E | 20) A | 26) B | 32) C |
| 3) A | 9) B  | 15) A | 21) C | 27) B | 33) D |
| 4) B | 10) D | 16) B | 22) C | 28) D | 34) B |
| 5) D | 11) C | 17) A | 23) D | 29) C | 35) A |
| 6) D | 12) B | 18) D | 24) D | 30) B | 36) D |

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