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WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS 1ST – 10TH FEB 2023

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- 1. Indian Army's Exercise Topchi 2023 held in Devlali, Maharashtra; Made-in-India Weapons showcased :** Indian Army's 'Exercise Topchi 2023', the annual firepower demonstration and training exercise, was conducted by the School of Artillery at the Devlali field firing ranges, in Devlali, Nashik, Maharashtra. The highlight of the exercise was the display and firing of indigenously manufactured (Made in India) Artillery equipment. The event was conducted under the stewardship of Lt Gen S Harimohan Iyer, AVSM, Commandant School of Artillery and Col Commandant Regiment of Artillery.
- 2. First G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group Meeting Held in Chandigarh :** On January 30 - 31, 2023, the first "G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group Meeting" under the G20 (Group of Twenty) Indian Presidency was held in the Union Territory of Chandigarh. India assumed the G20 Presidency for a year, from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023. The "International Financial Architecture Working Group" is focused on addressing ways to strengthen the international financial architecture, improve finance for development, and address vulnerabilities in the global financial system.
- 3. CMIE: Unemployment Rate Falls to 4-Month Low of 7.14% in January :** According to the data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's unemployment rate declined by 7.14% in January 2023, the lowest in 4 months, from 8.30% in December 2022. The unemployment rate was 8.03% in November 2022, 7.92% in October 2022 and 6.43% in September 2022. Rural unemployment was 6.48% in January 2023, and Urban unemployment was 8.55%. Jammu and Kashmir had the highest unemployment rate among the states with 21.8%, followed by Haryana (21.7%), and Rajasthan (21.1 %). Chhattisgarh is the lowest unemployment rate among the states with 0.5%, followed by Odisha (1.5%), Tamil Nadu (1.8%), and Madhya Pradesh (1.9%).
- 4. India's 1st Hydrogen Train Will Come by Dec 2023 On Heritage Routes :** Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that India's first hydrogen train will be designed and manufactured in India by December 2023, as the Union Budget 2023–24 focuses on green growth. Once operational, the hydrogen train will operate on heritage circuits such as Kalka-Shimla before being expanded to other places. The Union Budget 2023-24 has an allocation of Rs. 2.41 lakh crore for Railways. The "Amrit Bharat Station" scheme will redevelop 1275 stations while also revamping the production of Vande Bharat trains.
- 5. Coal India Arm MCL Introduces Drone Technology in Coal Mines :** Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL), a premier Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Coal, has introduced drone technology in coal mines by launching "VIHANGAM," a web-based portal that includes a drone and ground control system. MCL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL). CIL accounts for more than 80% of domestic coal output. The "VIHANGAM" portal enables authorised users to access

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real-time drone video from the mine via a dedicated 40 Mbps internet lease line located near the mines.

- 6. India, France & UAE Announce Plans for Co-Operation Under Trilateral Framework :** In the midst of the geopolitical unrest brought on by the conflict in Ukraine, India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have announced an ambitious roadmap for cooperation in a wide range of fields, including defence, energy, and technology under a trilateral framework. Proposed Actions to Support the Framework: A number of trilateral events will be organized to assist the efforts during the G20 Presidency of India and the hosting of 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by the UAE in 2023, respectively. The three nations also decided to enhance their cooperation through projects like the Indo-Pacific Parks Partnership, headed by India & France, and the Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC), led by the UAE. In the context of the International Year of the Millet 2023, the three countries decided to focus on major concerns like single-use plastic pollution, desertification, and food security.
- 7. India's G20 Presidency 2023: G20 Meetings Held in February 2023 :** India is hosting the prestigious G20 (Group of Twenty) summit in 2023, as the country holds the G20 Presidency from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023. The theme for India's G20 Presidency is "**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,**" which refers to "One Earth, One Family, One Future. It is taken from the Maha Upanishad, an ancient Sanskrit text. i. The G20 is the leading forum for economic cooperation on a global scale. ii. G20 Members: It has 20 members, including 19 countries: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, United Kingdom (UK), United States (US), and the European Union (EU). iii. The first "G20 Energy Transition Working Group" (ETWG) Meeting under India's G20 Presidency was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka, from February 5-7, 2023. iv. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Meta, parent company of Facebook, have partnered for the "**G20 Stay Safe Online Campaign.**" v. Meta has also launched the #Digital Suraksha campaign to educate the youth against misinformation, with the objective of raising cyber safety awareness and protecting people from falling victim to prevailing online frauds.
- 8. Concurrent Events of India Energy Week 2023:** India hosted the AMER9, OPEC released 'World Oil Outlook 2045' : India hosted the 9th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER9) in association with the International Energy Forum (IEF) on 7 February 2023 at the India Energy Week 2023 which was held from February 6–8, 2023, in Bengaluru, Karnataka. As per report '**World Oil Outlook 2045**' released by Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) at the India Energy Week 2023, India and China alone will account for 37% of global GDP in 2045, whereas the OECD region will account for 34%.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- 1.** India invited as Theme country of Madrid International Book Fair in 2025 : On 1st February 2023, Jose Maria Ridaio, the Ambassador of Spain, announced that India will be invited as the focal country at the Madrid International Book Fair in 2025 in Madrid, Spain. The announcement was made during the event held at the Spain Pavilion at the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair (IKBF 2023) at Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal. Spain is the theme country of the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair which will be held from 31st January 2023 to 12th February 2023.
- 2. IEA Report: India's 'LiFE' Initiative Can Save USD 440 Billion Globally in 2030** : The International Energy Agency (IEA) claimed in its country report titled "LiFE lessons from India -The benefits of advancing the Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) initiative through the G20" that if adopted worldwide, the measures specified under the LiFE initiative could save consumers around USD 440 billion in 2030, corresponding to around 5% of total fuel spending across the global economy that year. It further said that implementing India's "LiFE" initiative may help decrease worldwide carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by more than 2 billion metric tonnes by 2030, or roughly one-fifth of the emission reduction required to reach global net-zero emissions.
- 3. India tops as most inclusive nation for religious minorities: Global Minority Report** : As per the Centre for Policy Analysis' (CPA) inaugural assessment on global minorities in its' Global Minority Report', India has topped one among 110 nations for its inclusivity measures towards religious minorities. India has the highest level of religious minorities' acceptance. India is followed by South Korea, Japan, Panama, and the United States (US) at the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th positions respectively.

BANKING

- 1. Infibeam Avenues Brand CCAvenue Becomes India's First Payment Gateway Player to Process Retail CBDC Transactions** : CCAvenue, the premier payments brand of Infibeam Avenues Limited (IAL), has emerged as India's first payment gateway player to process Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or Digital Rupee (e-rupee) transactions for online retail merchants. In an industry- first move, CCAvenue has processed CBDC transactions for IDFC First Bank, one of India's top private sector banks, enabling CBDC online transactions in an attempt to improve the country's digital payments ecosystem. On December 1, 2022, the RBI launched its pilot project to implement CBDC or Digital Rupee (e₹) in the Retail Segment (e₹-R) with four banks in four cities, including IDFC FIRST Bank, after testing the wholesale CBDC.
- 2. RBI Data: The Number of Micro ATMs Surged in 2022, But Cash Withdrawals Dropped** : According to data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), there was a sharp increase in the number of micro Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) installed all over India in 2022. However, no major increase in the value of money withdrawn through these devices has occurred since June 2022. As of December 2022, there were 14.19 lakh micro ATMs operating across India. Trend with Respect to

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Micro ATMs in India : According to the RBI data, there were around 3.56 lakh micro ATMs in India by the end of 2020, and 5.9 lakh in December 2021. The total number increased by more than double to a remarkable 14.19 lakh in December 2022. Meanwhile, in December 2020, cash withdrawals amounted to Rs. 19.67 lakh crore.

- 3. Kotak Mahindra Bank Implements RBI's First Phase of Digital Rupee :** Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) has announced the implementation of the first phase of the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), referred to as the **"Digital Rupee"** (₹). The **"Digital Rupee"** (₹) is a legal tender equivalent to bank notes and coins but issued in a digital form by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The RBI has shortlisted KMBL as one of eight banks to implement a pilot project for the issuance of e-currencies. Reliance Retail has become the first organized retail chain in India to accept the RBI-created and blockchain-based CBDC (₹) payments at its gourmet food store, Freshpik.
- 4. SEBI Notifies Stronger Framework for Green Bonds; Introduces Concept of Blue, Yellow Bonds :** The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), India's capital market regulator, has strengthened the green bond framework by introducing **"Blue"** and **"Yellow"** bonds as new modes of sustainable finance. These bonds are subcategories of Green Debt Securities (GDS), with 'Blue Bonds' pertaining to water management and the marine sector and 'Yellow Bonds' pertaining to solar energy. Green Debt Securities (GDS) According to the regulatory framework, GDS are debt securities that are issued to raise funds for projects or assets that belong into specific categories. Sustainable Finance Sustainable finance is the process of taking environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into account when making financial investment decisions, resulting in increasing long-term investments in sustainable economic activities and projects.
- 5. Phonepe Becomes India's First Fintech Platform to Support Cross-Border UPI Payments :** PhonePe has launched support for **"UPI international"** payments, making it India's first fintech platform to enable cross-border Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments. Indian users of PhonePe can utilize this feature to instantly pay foreign merchants using UPI when they are travelling abroad. UPI international UPI International is intended to make transactions safe and simple for millions of Indians travelling abroad. It supports all international merchant outlets with a local QR (quick response) code in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Singapore, Mauritius, Nepal, and Bhutan. Highlights of 1st Bi-monthly Monetary Policy of FY23; Repo Rate raised to 6.50% : The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) met on February 6-8, 2022 , and released the Monetary Policy Statement, 2022-23 Resolution of the MPC which projected India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth to 6.4% for FY24 (lower than 7% in FY23) with FY24's Q1 at 7.8%, Q2 at 6.2%, Q3 at 6%, and Q4 at 5.8%. Policy Repo Rate 6.50%, Reverse Repo Rate 3.35%, Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) 6.25% , Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate 6.75%, Bank Rate 6.75%, Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) 4.50%, Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) 18%.

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ECONOMY

- 1. IMF projects India's growth to fall 6.1% in 2023 :** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its World Economic Outlook- January 2023 update has projected India's growth to decline from 6.8% in 2022 to 6.1% in 2023 before picking up to 6.8% in 2024. About International Monetary Fund (IMF): Managing Director- Kristalina Georgieva
Headquarters- Washington, DC, United States (US)
- 2. Samsung Semiconductor India Research & IISc partners for R&D in electrostatic discharge protection :** Samsung Semiconductor India Research (SSIR), a subsidiary of Samsung Electronics, announced a new partnership with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, Karnataka, to promote research and development(R&D) in the field of on-chip Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) protection. This partnership strengthens IISc's commitment to enhance industry-academia engagements that can make a significant impact in the future.
Note: IISc is one of the world's leading institutes for ESD device research. About the Samsung Semiconductor India Research: CVP & MD- Balajee Sowrirajan Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka Establishment- 1996
About the Indian Institute of Science (IISc): Director - Govindan Rangarajan Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka Establishment- 1909

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- 1. Grammy 2023: Bengaluru-based Ricky Kej wins 3rd Grammy at 65th Annual Grammy Awards :** Ricky Kej, an Indian music composer and environmentalist based in Bengaluru, Karnataka, has his 3rd Grammy at the 65th annual Grammy Awards(Grammy 2023) under the Best Immersive Audio Album category for the album Divine Tides. He shared the award with rock legend Stewart Copeland, the drummer of the iconic British rock band The Police. Grammy 2023: The 65th annual Grammy Awards(Grammy 2023) was held at the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles, California, the United States of America(USA). Grammy 2023 recognises the recordings released between 1st September 2021 and 30th September 2022.
- 2. Hurun India Award: VP Nandakumar receives The Hurun Industry Achievement Award 2022 :**VP Nandakumar, Managing Director and Chief executive officer (CEO) of Manappuram Finance Limited, received The Hurun Industry Achievement Award 2022 for his remarkable achievements in the world of business. He received the award from Rupert Hoogewerf, Founder & Chairman of Hurun Global, at Hurun India's award ceremony held in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The award recognises the contributions of Manappuram Finance in the non-banking finance space.
- 3. Indian Achievers Award 2022: RV Prasad received The Most Distinguished Scientist Of The Year 2022 Award:** R Vishnu Prasad, Founder and Chief Scientist at Vishnu Prasad Research Centre was awarded "The Most Distinguished Scientist of the Year 2022" at the Indian Achievers Award 2022

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by Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of Information and Broadcasting at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi. Indian Achievers Award: i. The Indian Achievers Award is India's most prestigious award and a prestigious recognition that is given to individuals for outstanding contributions in various fields including culture, science, sports and innovation.

- 4. India UK Achievers Honours 2023: Former PM Manmohan Singh honoured with Lifetime Achievement Honour :** Dr Manmohan Singh, former Prime Minister (PM) of India and Member of Parliament (MP) Rajya Sabha (constituency- Rajasthan), was honoured at the 2023 edition of the prestigious India-United Kingdom (UK) Achievers Honours, a first-of-its-kind celebration of the UK's Indian alumni, held on 25th January 2023 in London, UK, for his contribution to economic and political life.

APPOINTMENTS

- 1. Manuela Roka Botey appointed as the 1st Female Prime Minister of Equatorial Guinea :** Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, appointed Manuela Roka Botey, deputy minister of education, as the Prime Minister (PM) of Equatorial Guinea. She becomes the first woman to hold the post of PM in Equatorial Guinea. She succeeds Francisco Pascual Obama Asue who served as the PM of Equatorial Guinea, since 2016 for 3rd consecutive term.
- 2. K Satyanarayana Raju appointed as New MD & CEO of Canara Bank :** On 7th February 2023, the Government of India(GoI) appointed K Satyanarayana Raju as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the state-owned Canara Bank, with immediate effect. K Satyanarayana Raju succeeds L V Prabhakar who resigned from office on 31st December 2022. About Canara Bank: Canara Bank was established as Canara Hindu Permanent Fund Ltd. in 1906 and was renamed as Canara Bank Limited in 1910. The Canara bank was nationalised in 1969. Non-Executive Chairman- Vijay Srirangan MD & CEO- K. Satyanarayana Raju Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka Tagline- Together we can

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- 1. Drone Start-up Eminent Air showcased India's 1st one of its kind Drone with Parachute Integrated System :** Eminent Air Private Limited, a New Delhi(Delhi) based drone start-up, showcased India's 1st one-of-its-kind drone with a Parachute Integrated system as part of an event to mark its inaugural flight. The inaugural flight was a part of a live demonstration to highlight the drone's capabilities and features. **Note:** Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are anticipated to significantly change the logistics industry in India by providing a fast and effective way of package delivery. Drone with Parachute Integrated system: i. The custom-designed UAVs have a maximum takeoff weight of 35 kg and can travel more than 60 kilometres in 60 minutes during a single mission, depending on the load.

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- 2. 8th meeting of US-India Civil Space Joint Working Group: officials discussed on Space Collaboration :** On 30 and 31 January 2023, delegates from India and the United States of America(USA) gathered at the United States (US) Department of State for the 8th meeting of the US-India Civil Space Joint Working Group (CSJWG) and discussed on collaboration in Earth and space science as well as human space exploration. Delegates: i. The U.S. delegation included officials from the Department of State, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Aviation Administration, the United States Geological Survey and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Department of Commerce. ii. The Indian delegation included representatives from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, the Ministry of Earth Sciences and the Ministry of External Affairs. India-US Bilateral Cooperation in Space: The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) mission, scheduled to launch in 2024, is a part of the India-US bilateral cooperation in Space. .
- NISAR Mission: i. NISAR is a joint Earth-observing mission between NASA and ISRO to systematically map Earth, using two different radar frequencies to monitor resources such as water, forests and agriculture. ii. NISAR will be the 1st satellite mission to measure changes in Earth's surface less than a centimetre in size using two separate radar frequencies (L-band and S-band). **Note:** On 30th September 2014, NASA and ISRO signed a partnership to collaborate on and launch NISAR.
- 3. NISAR": NASA-ISRO Joint Satellite to Launch in 2024 :**According to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the 'NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR)' will be launched from Indian soil in the first quarter of 2024, and science operations will commence 90 days after it reaches the intended orbit. NISAR is a Low-Earth orbit (LEO) observatory being developed jointly by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), United States (US) and ISRO, India. Launch Phase The NISAR Observatory will be launched on the expendable Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) contributed by ISRO from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR (SDSC SHAR), Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh), India's Spaceport on the southeast coast of the Indian peninsula. The anticipated launch readiness date is January 2024. NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR)
- i. NISAR, the joint NASA-ISRO Earth-observation mission, will map the entire globe in 12 days and provide reliable spatial and temporal data for analyzing changes in Earth's ecosystems.
- 4. Skye Air launches "Skye UTM", India's First Traffic Management System for Drones :**Skye Air Mobility Private Limited(Skye Air), a Gurugram (Haryana)-based drone solutions provider, launched India's first traffic management system for drones, named "Skye UTM". Skye UTM, was launched in the presence of Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways. The system, Skye UTM, will allow drone operators to plan routes, make flight plans and assess risks before running drone-based operations in India.

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SPORTS

- 1. India won 1st Women's U-19 T20 World Cup 2023 by defeating England :** i. India won the 1st ICC (International Cricket Council) Under-19 Women's T20 (Twenty 20) World Cup 2023 by defeating England with 7 wickets. ii. It was the first edition of the ICC Women's Under-19 Cricket World Cup and it was hosted by South Africa (SA) from January 14 - 29, 2023.iii.This is India's first World Cup win in the women's section. iv.The Player of the final match title was awarded to 18-year-old Indian pacer Titas Sadhu. v. The Player of the Tournament or Most Valuable Player (MVP) title was grabbed by England captain and stellar all-rounder Grace Scrimshaw.
About South Africa (SA): Capitals- Pretoria (Executive), Cape Town (Legislative), and Bloemfontein (Judicial) Currency- South African Rand.
- 2. Khelo India Winter Games-2023: Union Minister Anurag Thakur & Lt. Governor of J&K jointly launched Mascot, Theme Song & Jersey:** On 4th February 2023, the Mascot, Theme Song, and Jersey for the 3rd edition of the Khelo India Winter Games were launched by Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, with Manoj Sinha, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), at Raj Bhawan, Jammu, J&K. The 3rd edition of the Khelo India Winter Games, a 5-day event, is scheduled to be held from 10-14 February 2023 in Gulmarg, Jammu, and Kashmir. Mascot: The Snow Leopard depicts the vibrant heritage of the Himalayas.
Khelo India Winter Games 2023: i. The J&K Sports Council and the Winter Games Association of J&K are in charge of organising the Khelo India Winter Games, which is funded by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
ii. The games, which will feature 9 sports events, will feature about 1500 competitors from across India.
iii. The first edition of Khelo India Winter Games was held in 2020, the Jammu & Kashmir, the host of the first and second editions had won the top spot in both editions.

OBITUARY

- 1. Padma Shri & Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee K Vishwanath, a renowned director, Passed Away :**On 2nd February 2023, Padma Shri and Dadasaheb Phalke awardee, Kasinadhuni Vishwanath (K Viswanath), a renowned Telugu filmmaker and actor, passed away in Hyderabad, Telangana at the age of 92. K Vishwanath was born on 19 February 1930 in Repalle, Madras Presidency, British India (now in Andhra Pradesh, India).
He was popularly known as 'Kalatapasvi'.
- 2. Veteran Singer & Padma Bhushan Recipient Vani Jairam Passes Away:** Vani Jairam, the famed and veteran singer who was recently honoured with India's third-highest civilian award, the "Padma Bhushan" (2023 in the field of Art), passed away in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, at the age of 78. She was born in the Vellore district of Tamil Nadu and her parents originally named her Kalaivani.

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- 3. Former Pakistan President, General Pervez Musharraf (Retd) Passed Away:** On 5th February 2023, Pervez Musharraf, Former President of Pakistan (2001-2008) and retired General, passed away at the age of 79 in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Pervez Musharraf was born on 11th August 1943 in Delhi, British India (now New Delhi, Delhi, India). Pervez Musharraf was known as the architect of the 1999 conflict in Kargil.

STATE NEWS

- 1. India Health Link signs MoU with UP Govt to set up Health ATMs:** India Health Link (IHL) Private Limited, a digital health and medical device start-up, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP) under UP's InvestUP Programme to set up "hPod", a Health ATMs providing screening of various health parameters at more than 4,600 community and primary health care centres in UP. "hPod" will provide a non-invasive digitally-integrated ecosystem that enables Primary, Preventive, and Predictive Healthcare. What is Health ATM? Health ATM is a touch-screen kiosk hardware, designed for managing health-related information which allows individuals to access their personal health information through any Internet-connected web browser
- 2. Gandhisagar Floating Festival 2023, Asia's 1st floating festival, started in MP:** On 1st February 2023, Usha Thakur, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Religious Trust and Endowments, Government of Madhya Pradesh(MP), inaugurated the Gandhisagar Floating Festival 2023, Asia's first floating festival, in Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh(MP). The unique and first-of-its-kind floating festival will have land, air and water-based adventure activities.
- 3. MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched Ladli Bahna Scheme to Provide Rs 1,000 Per Month to Poor Women:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister (CM) of Madhya Pradesh(MP), launched a new scheme 'Ladli Bahna' to provide Rs 1,000 per month to women from financially poor backgrounds in Madhya Pradesh. CM noted that a sum of Rs 60,000 crore will be spent on this scheme over a period of 5 years. The announcement was made during a programme on the banks of the Narmada River in Narmadapuram, MP.
- 4. AP CM Jagan Mohan Reddy declares Visakhapatnam as the New Capital of Andhra Pradesh:** Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, stated that Visakhapatnam will be declared as the new capital of Andhra Pradesh during the International Diplomatic Alliance Meet, a curtain-raiser event for the Global Investors Summit, held in New Delhi, Delhi. He also announced that the government of AP will be organising the Global investor Summit in Visakhapatnam on 3rd-4th March 2023. In 2019, after YS Jagan Mohan Reddy took charge as the CM, the government decided to develop 3 capitals - Visakhapatnam as the executive capital, Amaravati as the legislative capital and Kurnool as the judicial capital. In March 2022, the AP High Court ruled against 3 capitals and directed the government to develop Amaravati as AP's capital. The state government has filed a petition in the Supreme court challenging the High court order. The case against the HC ruling is still pending in the supreme court.

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- Who among the following has become the 1st-ever Indian cricketer to have won the ICC Men's T20 Cricketer of the Year award?
A. Virat Kohli B. Hardik Pandya C. Surya Kumar Yadav D. KL Rahul E. Rishabh Pant
- Which song from India nominated for this year's Oscar?
A. Doobey B. Kesariya C. Apna Bana Le D. Naatu Naatu E. Kahani
- Which of the following companies said it is investing USD 10 billion in OpenAI, whose artificial intelligence tool ChatGPT?
A. Apple B. Microsoft C. Saudi Aramco D. Amazon E. Tesla
- The Indian Railways has introduced 'Ideal Train Profile' to maximise the capacity utilisation & revenue generation in reserved mail express trains. How many railway zones are there in India?
A. 15 B. 19 C. 20 D. 25 E. 10
- Which among the following is not in the top 3 nations in expanding organic farming in the year 2020-
A. India B. Argentina C. Uruguay D. Brazil E. None of the above
- Which railway station has been awarded the 'Green Railway Station Certification with the highest rating of Platinum'?
A. Dehradun Railway Station B. Visakhapatnam Railway Station
C. Indore Junction Railway Station D. Varanasi Cantt E. New Delhi Railway Station
- World Leprosy Day (WLD) is celebrated on the last Sunday of January. In 2023, World Leprosy Day is observed on ____
A. 27 January B. 28 January C. 29 January D. 30 January E. 31 January
- The ____ programme aims to raise awareness among citizens to stay safe in an online world.
A. Cyber Saathi B. Gol Cyber Saathi C. Cyber Sangini
D. CyberSecurity E. Cyber Security by Gol
- What is the theme of International Day of Education 2023?
A. Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation
B. Changing Course, Transforming Education
C. To invest in people, prioritize education
D. Learning for people, planet, prosperity and peace
E. celebration of the role of education for peace and development
- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has announced how many names for Padma Vibhushan on 25 January 2023?
A. 5 B. 91 C. 6 D. 9 E. 11
- UT's Administrator, Banwari Lal Purohit inaugurates North India's largest floating Solar project in ____
A. Delhi B. Chandigarh C. Jammu and Kashmir
D. Ladakh E. Andaman and Nicobar
- The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed ____ as International Day of Education.

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A. 21 January B. 22 January C. 23 January D. 24 January E. 25 January

13. Election Commission of India is celebrating _____ National Voters' Day on 25th January 2023.

A. 11th B. 12th C. 13th D. 14th E. 15th

14. The Himachal Pradesh government intends to make the state as the first Green Energy State by the end of _____

A. 2021 B. 2022 C. 2023 D. 2024 E. 2025

15. What is the theme of World Leprosy Day 2023?

A. Beat Leprosy, End Stigma and Advocate for Mental Well-Being B. United for Dignity
C. Act Now. End Leprosy. D. Ending discrimination, stigma, and prejudice
E. To live is to help to live!

16. Who won the women's singles final in the India Open Badminton Championship?

A. An Seyoung B. Akane Yamaguchi C. Chen Qingchen D. Jia Yifan E. He Bingjiao

17. When is the Statehood Day of Himachal Pradesh Celebrated?

A. 26th January B. 15th March C. 25th March D. 25th January E. 26th March

18. On _____ the nation celebrates National Girl Child Day. This day was established in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

A. 21 January B. 22 January C. 23 January D. 24 January E. 25 January

19. On January 30, 2023, India observed Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas to pay tribute to all the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country. The day is also marked as the death anniversary of the _____

A. Indira Gandhi B. Jawahar Lal Nehru C. Mahatma Gandhi
D. Rajeev Gandhi E. Bhim Rao Ambedkar

20. Which former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh received Padma Vibhushan recently?

A. Mulayam Singh Yadav B. Mayawati C. Akhilesh Yadav
D. Rajnath Singh E. Kalyan Singh

21. What is the theme of National Voters Day 2023?

A. Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed
B. Making Elections Inclusive Accessible and Participative
C. Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy
D. Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure
E. No voter to be left behind

22. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti or Netaji Jayanti is a national event celebrated in India as Parakram Diwas on _____

A. January 21 B. January 22 C. January 23 D. January 24 E. January 25

23. _____ has launched a massive outreach programme in all districts through revamped 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' programme for expanding its presence across the country.

A. EPFO B. RBI C. IRDAI D. SEBI E. SBI

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- 24.** Which of the following organizations/companies have recently (in Jan '23) signed a tripartite agreement with NITI Aayog- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to bring a change in the education sector?
- A. Central Board of Secondary Education B. Intel India C. Wipro Limited
D. Both 1 & 2 E. Both 1 & 3
- 25.** In January 2023, _____ became the 41st Prime Minister (PM) of New Zealand, after the resignation of Jacinda Ardern.
- A. Jenny Shipley B. Bill English C. Chris Hipkins D. John Key E. Helen Clark
- 26.** Name the Indian city that will host the Space 20 programme of G20 (Group of 20) in April 2023.
- A. Guwahati, Assam. B. Shillong, Meghalaya C. Imphal, Manipur
D. New Delhi, Delhi E. Aizawl, Mizoram
- 27.** When was the 17th edition of Data Protection Day observed across the globe?
- A. 29th January 2023 B. 27th January 2023 C. 25th January 2023
D. 28th January 2023 E. 26th January 2023
- 28.** When was the National Tourism Day 2023 observed across India?
- A. 23rd January 2023 B. 25th January 2023 C. 22nd January 2023
D. 26th January 2023 E. 24th January 2023
- 29.** Which country will host the 15th BRICS summit in August 2023?
- A. Brazil B. South Africa C. India D. China E. Russia
- 30.** Name the country that has recently (in Jan '23) defeated Belgium to win the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 and claimed their 3rd hockey world cup title.
- A. Netherlands B. Germany C. Australia D. Spain E. New Zealand
- 31.** Which of the following points is/are 'correct' with respect to the 2023 Padma Award?
- A) The Ministry of Home Affairs has announced the 106 Padma Awards in 2023 which includes 19 awards to women and 2 to Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI.
B) Mulayam Singh Yadav, served as Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh 3 times, was named for Padma Vibhushan (posthumously) in the field of Public Affairs.
C) Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi (BV Doshi) is the only Indian to have received the Pritzker Architecture Prize, was named for Padma Vibhushan (posthumously) in the field of Others.
- A. Only C B. Only A & B C. Only A & C D. Only B & C E. All A, B & C
- 32.** According to the Futures Industry Association (FIA), which stock exchange body has emerged as the world's largest derivatives exchange in terms of the number of contracts traded in 2022 for the 4th consecutive year?
- A. Shanghai Stock Exchange B. Bombay Stock Exchange of India
C. New York Stock Exchange D. National Stock Exchange of India
E. London Stock Exchange
- 33.** Which country has recently (in Jan '23) conducted the 1st edition of the bilateral Air Exercise 'Veer Guardian 2023' along with India?
- A. Singapore B. Sri Lanka C. Indonesia D. Japan E. Bangladesh

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- 34.** Which state/UT has recently (in Jan '23) launched the "100 Days to Beat Plastic" campaign?
A. Jammu and Kashmir B. Ladakh C. Gujarat D. Delhi E. Maharashtra
- 35.** Who authored the book, "The Poverty of Political Economy: How Economics Abandoned the Poor" ?
A. Sheila Dow B. Meghnad Desai C. Philip Arestis D. Malcolm Sawyer E. John Grahl
- 36.** In January 2023, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced a plan to launch the _____ (mission), 1st Indian space mission to observe the Sun by June or July 2023.
A. Gaganyaan 1 B. Shukrayaan-1 C. Aditya-L1 D. Pragyan-L1 E. Parker Solar Probe-1
- 37.** Name the company that has recently (in Jan '23) launched 'Vikram' RuPay credit card dedicated to the Indian defence, paramilitary, and police personnel.
A. Muthoot Finance Ltd B. LIC Housing Finance Ltd C. BOB Financial Solutions Ltd
D. Bajaj Finance Ltd E. Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd
- 38.** In January 2023, Petr Pavel, former chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) military committee, was elected as the 4th President of _____ (country) with effect from March 2023.
A. Romania B. Czech Republic C. Republic of Croatia D. Hungary E. Bulgaria
- 39.** Election Commission of India is celebrating _____ National Voters' Day on 25th January 2023.
A. 11th B. 12th C. 13th D. 14th E. 15th
- 40.** _____ Provides Tap Water to 11 Crore Rural Households
A. Mission Amrit Sarovar B. Jal Jeevan Mission C. AMRUT 2.0 Scheme
D. PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojna E. "Sahi Fasal" Campaign

ANSWERS

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| 1) C | 6) B | 11) B | 16) A | 21) D | 26) B | 31) E | 36) C |
| 2) D | 7) C | 12) D | 17) D | 22) C | 27) D | 32) D | 37) C |
| 3) B | 8) C | 13) C | 18) D | 23) A | 28) B | 33) D | 38) B |
| 4) B | 9) C | 14) E | 19) C | 24) D | 29) B | 34) D | 39) C |
| 5) D | 10) C | 15) C | 20) A | 25) C | 30) B | 35) B | 40) B |

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