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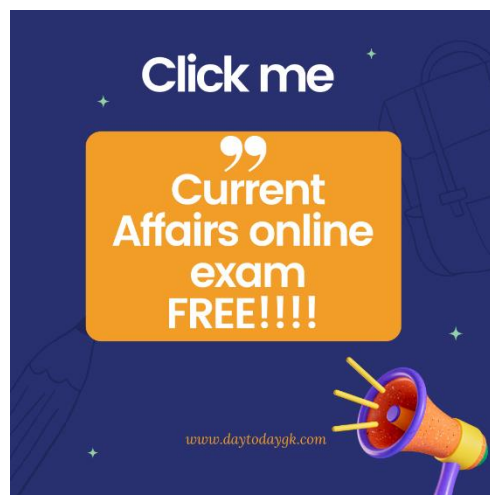
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1. Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi took charge as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of _____ Naval Command.

- a) Eastern
- b) Western
- c) Southern
- d) South Eastern

Answer b) Western.

Previously, he served as the Signal Communications Officer and Electronics Warfare Officer and undertook several missions.

2. Who has been Appointed as Army's New Vice Chief?

- a) Sambath Rathan
- b) Rathin Rathi
- c) MV Suchindra Kumar
- d) Kohimana Nakul

Answer c) MV Suchindra Kumar

Lieutenant General MV Suchindra Kumar is announced as the new Vice Chief of Army staff. He takes over as Jaipur-based Sapta Shakti Command, as stated by the Defence Ministry.

3. World Civil Defence Day is observed on_____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 02
- c) March 03
- d) March 04

Answer a) March 01.

The theme for this year is “Uniting the world’s leading specialists for the safety and security of future generations”.

4. World Seagrass Day 2023 is observed on_____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 02
- c) March 03
- d) March 04

Answer a) March 01.

World Seagrass Day is celebrated annually on 1st March to raise awareness about seagrass and its important functions in the marine ecosystem. The seagrasses are grass-like plants that live close to the sea.

5. Zero Discrimination Day 2023 is observed on_____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 02
- c) March 03
- d) March 04

Answer a) March 01.

On Zero Discrimination Day, 1 March, we celebrate the right of everyone to live a full and productive life and live it with dignity.

6. Which airlines has received 25.1% stake in Air India group after investing \$267 mn?

- a) Malaysian Airlines
- b) Doha Airlines

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- c) Lufthansa Airlines
- d) Singapore Airlines

Answer d) Singapore Airlines.

Singapore Airlines will give Air India an additional SGD 360 million (USD 267 million). With its acquisition by Tata and merger with Vistara Airlines, it will give SIA a 25.1% interest in the firm.

7. Which bank has announced the acquisition of business undertakings of Citibank India?

- a) HDFC
- b) Axis Bank
- c) IDFC
- d) City Union Bank

Answer b) Axis Bank.

The deal of Axis Bank taking over the Retail Business concluded after finalising an amount of Rs 11,603 crores on March 01, 2023 (Wednesday). However, the sale excludes Citibank's institutional client businesses in India.

8. According to report, which Indian telecom has become second-strongest telecom brand in world?

- a) BSNL
- b) VI
- c) Airtel
- d) Jio

Answer d) Jio.

Reliance Jio has climbed up to number two rank — up from fifth place last year — in a list of the top 10 strongest telecom brands in the world. In this post we will explore the Top 150 most valuable and strongest telecoms operator brands according to Brand Finance 2023 rankings.

9. India approved purchase of 70 HTT-40 basic trainer aircraft, from which company?

- a) Bharat Electronics
- b) National Aerospace Laboratories
- c) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Answer d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

The approval was given to the Indian Air Force (IAF). The procurement would cost around Rs 6,828 crore. The aircraft will be supplied over a period of six years. The aircraft is expected to meet the shortage of basic trainer aircraft of the IAF required for training newly inducted pilots.

10. With which bank, IRCTC has launched India's most rewarding co-branded travel credit card?

- a) HDFC
- b) Axis Bank
- c) SBI
- d) City Union Bank

Answer a) HDFC.

Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corp Ltd (IRCTC) and HDFC Bank, announced the

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launch of a co-branded travel credit card. Known as the IRCTC HDFC Bank Credit Card, the newly launched co-branded card is available exclusively on NPCI's Rupay network.

11. Bola Tinubu elected as the new President of _____.

- a) Somalia
- b) Nigeria
- c) Cameroon
- d) Niger

Answer b) Nigeria.

Nigerian electoral officials announced on 1 March 2023 that the ruling party's candidate in the presidential election, Bola Tinubu, has been elected as the country's new president.

12. Which nation won GSMA Government Leadership Award 2023?

- a) Iran
- b) Russia
- c) China
- d) India

Answer d) India.

Groupe Speciale Mobile Association (GSMA) has conferred Government Leadership Award 2023 to India for implementing best practices in telecom policy and regulation.

13. Who is the host country of multilateral air exercise - Desert Flag VIII?

- a) Kuwait
- b) Australia
- c) UK
- d) UAE

Answer d) UAE.

The India Air Force Contingent, which is taking part in this exercise, includes 110 Air Warriors along with 5 LCA Tejas and two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.

14. Civil Accounts Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 02
- c) March 03
- d) March 04

Answer a) March 01.

The Civil Accounts Day is celebrated to recognize the contributions of the ICAS towards maintaining the accounts of the Union Government effectively and efficiently.

15. Recently, which bank has announced completion of \$1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility?

- a) HDFC
- b) SBI
- c) Canara
- d) Indian Bank

Answer b) SBI.

The State Bank of India (SBI) announced the completion of a \$1 billion syndicated social loan facility. It is the largest Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) loan by a commercial bank in the Asia Pacific and the second-largest social loan globally, the bank said.

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16. World Wildlife Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 02
- c) March 03
- d) March 04

Answer c) March 03.

the theme of World Wildlife Day 2023 – Partnerships for wildlife conservation

17. Vo Van Thuong is recently elected as the President of _____.

- a) Thailand
- b) Nepal
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Vietnam

Answer d) Vietnam.

He has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Philosophy. Being the youngest Vietnamese politician, he is also a member of the party's Politburo, the country's top decision-making body.

18. Sashidhar Jagdishan is 'BS Banker of the Year 2022', belongs to which bank?

- a) HDFC
- b) SBI
- c) Canara
- d) Indian Bank'

Answer a) HDFC.

Sashidhar Jagdishan, managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of HDFC Bank, has been chosen as the Business Standard Banker of the Year 2022.

19. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the statutory body, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)?

- a) Abhay Krishna
- b) Abhimanyu Dev
- c) Jishnu Barua
- d) Rethana Dill

Answer c) Jishnu Barua.

IAS Jishnu Barua has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the statutory body, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).

20. Craig Fulton Declared as Chief Coach of India Men's Hockey Team, belongs to which nation?

- a) Australia
- b) New Zealand
- c) UAE
- d) South Africa

Answer d) South Africa.

South Africa's Craig Fulton now becomes the new Chief Coach of India's Men National Field Hockey Team. He replaces Graham Reid, an Australian hockey player who left his post after India's defeat in the World Cup.

21. World Hearing Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 01

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- b) March 02
- c) March 03
- d) March 04

Answer c) March 03.

The World Health Organization chose the theme “Ear and hearing care for all” for World Hearing Day 2023.

22. Which insurance company has launched ABSLI Nishchit Aayush Plan?

- a) HDFC Life Insurance
- b) SBI Life Insurance
- c) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance
- d) Sriram Insurance

Answer c) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance.

Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI), the life insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) launched a new-age savings solution ABSLI Nishchit Aayush Plan

23. Foxconn to invest nearly 1 billion USD in which Indian city?

- a) Chennai
- b) Lucknow
- c) Pune
- d) Bengaluru

Answer d) Bengaluru.

A 300-acre plot adjacent to Bengaluru’s international airport has been agreed upon by Foxconn, a Taiwanese company that assembles iPhones, as the location for its largest technology manufacturing campus in India.

24. World Obesity Day is observed on_____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 02
- c) March 03
- d) March 04

Answer d) March 04.

World Obesity Day returns on 4 March 2023 with the theme: ‘Changing Perspectives: Let’s Talk About Obesity’

25. National Security Day is observed on_____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 02
- c) March 03
- d) March 04

Answer d) March 04.

The theme for 2023 National Safety Day is ‘Our Aim – Zero Harm’.

26. What is the theme for National Safety Day 2023?

- a) Our Aim – Zero Harm
- b) Nurture young minds – Develop safety culture
- c) Safety to all
- d) a) Our Aim – Zero Incident

Answer a) Our Aim – Zero Harm.

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India celebrates National Security Day on March 4 every year. Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas is another name for it, and it is a holiday honouring the Indian Security Forces.

27. Mumbai ranked _____ Place Globally in Price Growth in Luxury Housing, according to ‘The Wealth Report 2023’.

- a) 19th
- b) 23rd
- c) 37th
- d) 41st

Answer c) 37th.

Knight Frank Report states that the value of the Prime International Residential Index (PIRI 100) which tracks the movement in luxury house prices across the world increased by 5.2 percent YoY (year-on-year) in 2022.

28. Porter Prize 2023 has given to _____.

- a) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- b) Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- c) Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- d) Union Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer a) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Porter Prize 2023 was announced at “The India Dialog”, which was jointly organized by the Institute for Competitiveness (IFC) and US Asia Technology Management Center (USATMC) at Stanford University from February 23 to 24.

29. Who won 76th edition of the National Football Championship?

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Assam
- c) Karnataka
- d) Odisha

Answer c) Karnataka.

The Football competition was held at the King Fahd International Stadium on March 04, 2023 (Saturday).

30. INS Trikand Ship Arrived in which nation for Participation in US-led International Maritime Exercise.

- a) Kuwait
- b) Qatar
- c) Nepal
- d) Bahrain

Answer d) Bahrain.

The Indian Frigate Ship called INS Trikand set foot in Bahrain for the first-ever participation in the International Maritime Exercise/Cutlass Express 2023.

31. India ranked _____ in Electoral Democracy Index 2023.

- a) 108th
- b) 96th
- c) 34th
- d) 63rd

Answer a) 108th.

India has now been ranked at the 108th spot globally for electoral democracy, far behind

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nations like Tanzania, Bolivia, Mexico, Singapore, and even Nigeria, which comes in at a modest 91st spot by V-Dem Institute in its Electoral Democracy Report for 2023

32. Who won season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix 2023?

- a) Max Verstappen
- b) Lewis Hamilton
- c) Sergio Perez
- d) Charles Leclerc

Answer a) Max Verstappen

Max Verstappen won the season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix from pole position, leading almost the entire race as he opened the defense of his back-to-back Formula One titles.

33. Recently, with which country India has signed as MOU on research, technology and innovation collaborations?

- a) Italy
- b) Mexico
- c) Qatar
- d) Peru

Answer b) Mexico

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Research, Technology, and Innovation Collaborations between India and Mexico has been inked.

34. 'World's first' bamboo crash barrier installed on which state highway?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer c) Maharashtra

The world's first 200-metre-long bamboo crash barrier has been installed on a highway connecting Chandrapur and Yavatmal districts in Maharashtra.

35. Sasthipada Chattopadhyay is passed away at 82, who is associated with _____.

- a) novelist
- b) story writer
- c) litterateur
- d) All the above

Answer d) All the above

Sasthipada Chattopadhyay on March 9, 1941, at Khurut in Howrah district, Chattopadhyay published his first literary work 'Kamakhya Bhraman' (visit to Kamakhya) in 'Dainik Basumati' in 1961

36. Who won 2023 PEN/Nabokov Lifetime Achievement Award?

- a) Vivek Kumar
- b) Vinod Kumar Shukla
- c) Vaishnav Vijayan
- d) Radha Ravi M

Answer b) Vinod Kumar Shukla

Vinod Kumar Shukla has won the PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International

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Literature for lifetime achievement in literature, one of the most coveted literary prizes worldwide, after decades of composing acclaimed novels like Naukar Ki Kameez (1979).

37. International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness is observed on _____.

- a) March 02
- b) March 03
- c) March 04
- d) March 05

Answer d) March 05

38. Who has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer?

- a) Manoj kumar Sinha
- b) Mansukh Mandaviya
- c) Pankaj Gupta
- d) None of these

Answer c) Pankaj Gupta

The appointment has been approved by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and the Board of Pramerica Life Insurance. Pankaj Gupta succeeds Kalpana Sampat, who was the previous MD & CEO.

39. Which firm has conferred recently for the ‘Outstanding Contribution in Power Generation’?

- a) NTPC
- b) ONGC
- c) NHPC
- d) Coal India

Answer a) NTPC.

40. Which firm has conferred recently for the ‘Best Contribution in Solar Energy’?

- a) GAIL
- b) Bharat Petroleum
- c) Indian Oil Corporation
- d) BHEL

Answer d) BHEL

41. Who has become 13th Chief Minister of Meghalaya?

- a) P. A. Sangma
- b) Conrad Sangma
- c) Agatha Neil
- d) Neiphiu Rio

Answer b) Conrad Sangma.

On March 07, 2023 (Tuesday) the National People’s Party leader Conrad Sangma committed to the position of Chief Minister of Meghalaya.

42. Salhoutuonuo Kruse Becomes First Woman to Administer in which state's Cabinet?

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Assam
- c) Nagaland
- d) Tripura

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Answer c) Nagaland.

Salhoutuonuo Kruse becomes one of the first women to be elected to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly.

43. Which Indian firm has partnered Microsoft to bring quantum computing to clients?

- a) Infosys
- b) HCL
- c) Wipro
- d) TCS

Answer b) HCL.

The services will be provided through HCLtech's Q-Labs, which is already one of Microsoft's partners offering Azure Quantum Credit.

44. FRINJEX-23 Indo-France Joint Military Exercise to commence at _____.

- a) Thiruvananthapuram
- b) Vishakapatnam
- c) Lucknow
- d) Pune

Answer a) Thiruvananthapuram.

On March 7 and 8, 2023, the Indian Army and the French Army will hold their first joint military exercise, FRINJEX-23, at Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

45. Who has been appointed as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA)?

- a) Abi Mehta
- b) S.S. Dubey
- c) Salhoutuonuo Kruse
- d) Shyam Sundar

Answer b) S.S. Dubey.

Prior to that, Dubey has served as Chief Controller of Accounts in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion etc.

46. Who won BBC Indian Sportswoman of The Year for 2022?

- a) Dutee Chand
- b) Sania Mirza
- c) Mirabai Chanu
- d) None of these

Answer c) Mirabai Chanu.

The 28-year-old weightlifter from Manipur became the first athlete to win the award twice in a row after bagging it in 2021 as well.

47. Which Indian airport among cleanest in Asia-Pacific, says ACI?

- a) Mumbai Airport
- b) Delhi airport
- c) Chennai airport
- d) Hyderabad airport

Answer b) Delhi Airport.

Delhi airport has been ranked among the cleanest airports in Asia-Pacific as a part of the Airport Council International (ACI)'s annual service quality award.

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48. Which Indian airport named best in ‘over 40 mn passengers’ group in Asia-Pacific?

- a) Mumbai Airport
- b) Delhi airport
- c) Chennai airport
- d) Hyderabad airport

Answer a) Mumbai Airport

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai has won the 2022 Airport Service Quality Award for the ‘Best Airport over 40 million passengers’ category in Asia-Pacific.

49. Who has been appointed as Nepal President?

- a) Ram Chandra Poudel
- b) Prakash Man Singh
- c) Sher Bahadur Deuba
- d) Gagan Kumar Thapa

Answer a) Ram Chandra Poudel .

Nepalese Politician Ram Chandra Poudel wins the Presidential Elections of the country. It was the third election this time since Nepal became Republic in the year 2008.

50. NISAR Satellite is a part of the _____ collaboration.

- a) Indo - Russia
- b) Indo - USA
- c) Indo - Japan
- d) Indo - Chian

Answer b) Indo - USA.

The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar or NISAR is a part of the Indo-US collaboration. NISAR is a satellite that is mutually developed by NASA and ISRO.

51. FRINJEX-23, the first-ever joint military exercise between Indian Army and French Army is held at _____.

- a) Vishakapatnam
- b) Lucknow
- c) Pune
- d) Thiruvananthapuram

Answer d) Thiruvananthapuram. Both contingents consist of a Company Group. India was represented by Indian Army troops based in Thiruvananthapuram and France was represented by the French 6th Light Armoured Brigade.

52. Savlon India appointed _____ as world’s first ‘Hand Ambassador’.

- a) Hardik Pandya
- b) KL Rahul
- c) Sachin Tendulkar
- d) Virat Kohli

Answer c) Sachin Tendulkar. Savlon revealed the God of Cricket, Sachin Tendulkar as its world’s first ‘Hand Ambassador’ for its Swasth India Mission.

53. No Smoking Day 2023 is observed on _____.

- a) March 5
- b) March 6
- c) March 8

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d) March 10

Answer c) March 8.

This year's theme is: "Stopping smoking improves your brain health".

54. International Women's Day is observed on _____.

a) March 5

b) March 6

c) March 8

d) March 10

Answer c) March 8.

International Women's Day 2023: With the theme "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality," .

55 Who has been appointed as the 13th chief minister of Tripura?

a) Manik Saha

b) Biplap Kumar Deb

c) Manik Sarkar

d) Sudip Roy Kumar

Answer a) Manik Saha.

Manik Saha took oath as 13th chief minister for the second time as Tripura Chief Minister after the BJP clinched a victory in the February 16 Assembly polls. Eight other ministers were sworn.

56. 5th ASEAN-India Business Summit 2023 is held at _____.

a) Tokyo

b) Beijing

c) Malaysia

d) Kuala Lumpur

Answer d) Kuala Lumpur.

The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology addresses the 5th ASEAN-India Business summit.

57. Who has Selected as the 2023 Laureate of the Pritzker Architecture Prize?

a) Peter Einstein

b) Sir David Chipperfield

c) Evelyn Stern

d) EL Zurdo

Answer b) Sir David Chipperfield

58. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hindustan Unilever Limited?

a) Rohit Jawa

b) Raneesh Naien

c) Shikhandar Jain

d) None of these

Answer a) Rohit Jawa.

Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) designates Rohit Jawa as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the consumer goods department.

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59. CISF Raising Day is Observed on _____.

- a) March 10
- b) March 11
- c) March 12
- d) March 13

Answer a) March 10.

March 10 marks the 54th ceremony of CISF (Central Industrial Security Forces) Raising Day. It was formed in 1969 after the fire breakout in Ranchi (1964).

60. Reliance Life Sciences receives a gene therapy technology licence from which Indian Institution?

- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Guwahati
- c) IIT Bombay
- d) IIT Kanpur

Answer d) IIT Kanpur.

Reliance Life Sciences Pvt Ltd has received a licence from the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur for a gene therapy method that has the potential to treat a variety of genetic eye ailments.

61. TROPEX-23 - exercise was conducted by _____.

- a) Indian Army
- b) Indian Navy
- c) Indian Air Force
- d) BSIF

Answer b) Indian Navy.

TROPEX-23 witnessed the participation of approximately 70 Indian Navy ships, six submarines and over 75 aircraft.

62. World Kidney Day 2023 is observed on _____.

- a) March 09
- b) March 10
- c) March 11
- d) March 12

Answer a) March 09.

“Kidney Health for Everyone – Preparing for the Unexpected, Supporting the Vulnerable” is the theme for World Kidney Day in 2023.

63. Which is the new capital of Indonesia?

- a) Jakarta
- b) Bandung
- c) Borneo
- d) Medan

Answer c) Borneo.

Indonesia is all set to move its capital from Jakarta to Borneo over environmental issues such as being congested, sinking into seawater, and being prone to earthquakes.

64. International Day of Women Judges is observed on _____.

- a) March 09
- b) March 10

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- c) March 11
- d) March 12

Answer b) March 10.

This International Day of Women Judges is being observed with the campaign “Women in Justice, Women for Justice”.

65. Who has first woman officer in the Indian Air Force (IAF) to be appointed as the leader of a frontline combat unit in the Western sector?

- a) Sudha Mandana
- b) Shaliza Dhami
- c) Preetham Kaur
- d) Vaishanvi Nair

Answer b) Shaliza Dhami.

Group Captain Shaliza Dhami has made history as the first woman officer in the Indian Air Force (IAF) to be appointed as the leader of a frontline combat unit in the Western sector.

66. Who has been named as Axis Mutual Fund’s MD and CEO?

- a) B Gopkumar
- b) Yadav Singh
- c) Vijay Rajendran
- d) Ajay Kumar A

Answer a) B Gopkumar.

B Gopkumar, the managing director and CEO of Axis Securities, has been named the new CEO of renowned fund house Axis Mutual Fund by Axis Asset Management Company.

67. Which state government has recently introduced 4th women’s policy?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Odisha
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Telangana

Answer c) Maharashtra.

Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis informed the Maharashtra’s Legislative Council that the state will introduce the fourth women’s policy to give more opportunities to women by considering the issues of women from all groups.

68. Rudraprayag and Tehri are facing the highest risk of landslides, according to satellite data collected over the past two decades, belongs to which state?

- a) Bihar
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer b) Uttarakhand.

Rudraprayag and Tehri the two districts in Uttarakhand are facing the highest risk of landslides, according to satellite data collected over the past two decades.

69. Which bank has signed MoU With Central Warehousing Corporation To Facilitate Finance To Farmers?

- a) SBI
- b) Axis Bank
- c) Punjab National Bank

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d) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer c) Punjab National Bank.

Punjab National Bank, nation's public sector bank and Central Warehousing Corporation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate financing under e-NWR (Electronic Negotiable Warehousing Receipt).

70. According to report, India's digital payments market will more than triple to \$10 trillion by Which year?

a) 2024

b) 2030

c) 2028

d) 2026

Answer d) 2026.

In a country witnessing rapid growth, it comes as no surprise that India also has one of the fastest-growing fintech landscapes in the world, driven primarily by the advancement in the digital payments segment.

71. Yaoshang Festival belongs to which Indian state?

a) Nagaland

b) Sikkim

c) Manipur

d) Mizoram

Answer c) Manipur.

Celebrated over five days during the full moon day of the Lamda month (February-March), Yaosang is one of the key festivals in Manipur.

72. Recently, who has got 'Infrastructure Finance Company' status from RBI?

a) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency

b) Solar Energy Corporation Of India

c) Indian Railway Finance Corporation

d) Power Finance Corporation

Answer a) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted an 'Infrastructure Finance Company (IFC)' status to Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) today. It was earlier classified as 'Investment and Credit Company (ICC)'.

73. Who has been appointed as interim chairman of LIC?

a) Sudeep Krishnan

b) Manoj Obli

c) Mukesh Vanti

d) Siddhartha Mohanty

Answer d) Siddhartha Mohanty.

Mohanty currently serves as the CEO and MD of LIC Housing Finance. Beginning on February 1st, 2021, he will serve as the MD of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).

74. Gyan Chaturvedi, has been chosen for the 32nd Vyas Samman award, is associated with _____.

a) Writer

b) Author

c) Musician

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d) Lyricist

Answer b) Author.

Dr. Chaturvedi's Pagalkhana (mental hospital) was chosen for the prestigious Vyas Samman by a selection committee led by distinguished author Prof. Ramji Tiwari.

75. Which firm has named former Infosys President Mohit Joshi as MD and CEO?

a) HCL

b) TCS

c) Wipro

d) Tech mahindra

Answer d) Tech Mahindra.

Gurnani, who was one of the longest-serving CEOs in the Indian IT industry, will be succeeded by Mohit Joshi.

76. Which vehicle manufacturer has launched an "All Women Production Line" with 100 per cent female employees at its Hosur plant in Tamil Nadu?

a) Ashok Leyland

b) Bharat Benz

c) Force Motors

d) Mahindra & Mahindra

Answer a) Ashok Leyland .

Ashok Leyland Ltd. manufactures commercial vehicles and spare parts in India and Internationally. It was founded by Raghunandan Saran on September 7, 1948 and is headquartered in Chennai, India.

77. With which country India has conducted Maritime partnership Exercise - MPX?

a) Italy

b) USA

c) France

d) Japan

Answer c)France.

Indian Navy's indigenously built guided missile frigate, INS Sahyadri participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Navy (FN) ships FS Dixmude, a Mistral Class Amphibious Assault Ship and FS La Fayette, a La Fayette Class Frigate, in the Arabian Sea. The partnership exercise was conducted on March 10-11.

78. PM Modi inaugurates world's longest railway platform in which state?

a) Kerala

b) Tamil Nadu

c) Karnataka

d) Telangana

Answer c) Karnataka.

Gorakhpur platform in Uttar Pradesh is the second longest at 1,366.33 meters, and Kollam Junction in Kerala has the third longest platform at 1,180.5 meters.

79. Movie "RRR" won oscar 2023 for which category?

a) Best Movie

b) Best Original Song

c) Best Dance

d) Best Cinematography

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Answer b) Best Original Song.

Oscars awards 2023: The 95th Academy Awards (Oscars 2023) have announced that RRR's "Naatu Naatu" won Best Original Song.

80. The Elephant Whisperers, won award at oscar 2023 in which category?

- a) Best Documentary Short
- b) Best Feature Film
- c) Best Movie
- d) None of these

Answer a) Best Documentary Short.

The 41-minute short documentary, which was produced by Achin Jain and Guneet Monga and was directed by Kartiki Gonsalves, centres on a Tamil Nadu family who adopts two orphaned baby elephants from the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve.

81. India's First-ever Methanol Fueled Buses launched by Transport Minister in which city?

- a) Chennai
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Bangalore
- d) Pune

Answer c) Bangalore.

On March 12, 2023 (Sunday), Nitin Gadkari showcased 100% methanol-powered buses that will be run by Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTTC). The buses will be operated with methanol blended fuel as part of Mission Clean Energy.

82. A new initiative called 'beggar-free city' started in which state?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Manipur
- c) Assam
- d) Maharashtra

Answer d) Maharashtra.

In Nagpur, Maharashtra, a new project known as "beggar-free city" has been launched. Amitesh Kumar, the Nagpur City commissioner of police, announced that notification 144 CrPC has been issued in this regard.

83. Who have been named as brand ambassadors for Women's World Boxing Championships 2023?

- a) Mary Kom and Farhan Akhtar
- b) Geeta Bhogat and Mary Kom
- c) Nikhat Zareen and Farhan Akhtar
- d) Ranveer Singh and Mary Kom

Answer a) Mary Kom and Farhan Akhtar

The Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi will host the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship 2023 from March 15–26.

84. International Day of Action of Rivers 2023 is observed on_____.

- a) March 11
- b) March 12
- c) March 13
- d) March 14

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Answer d) March 14.

The theme of the 2023 International Day of Action for Rivers is “Rights of Rivers,” which calls for the designation of rivers as a national treasure.

85. Recently, Pfizer is spending about \$43 billion to acquire _____.

- a) Sanofi
- b) Seagen
- c) Genmab
- d) Gilead Sciences

Answer b) Seagen.

Pfizer is spending about \$43 billion to acquire Seagen to reach deeper into new cancer treatments that target tumor cells while sparing surrounding healthy tissue.

86. Which edition of Exercise La Perouse- 2023 begins on March 13 and 14, 2023?

- a) 1st edition
- b) 2nd edition
- c) 3rd edition
- d) 4th edition

Answer c) 3rd edition.

This version of the drill will feature participation from the fleet tanker INS Jyoti and guided missile frigate INS Sahyadri, both of which were built domestically.

87. Which American bank has become the largest bank to fail since the 2008 financial crisis?

- a) Silicon Valley Bank
- b) American Express
- c) Brex
- d) Capital One

Answer a) Silicon Valley Bank.

Startup-focused lender Silicon Valley Bank Financial Group became the largest bank to fail since the 2008 financial crisis, in a sudden collapse that roiled global markets, left billions of dollars belonging to companies and investors stranded.

88. G20 flower festival begins in _____.

- a) Chennai
- b) New Delhi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Hyderabad

Answer b) New Delhi.

Connaught Plaza in Delhi will host a Flower Festival beginning from, March 11. It aims to emphasise the diversity of G20 participants and invited nations.

89. According to World Air Quality Report 2022, India ranked _____ in terms of the world’s most polluted country in the world.

- a) 1st
- b) 4th
- c) 6th
- d) 8th

Answer d) 8th.

IQAir, a Switzerland-based air quality technology company has recently published the World

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Air Quality Report for the year 2022. The index that came out on March 15, 2023 (Tuesday) hints that India is at the eighth rank in terms of the world's most polluted country in the world.

90. According to World Air Quality Report 2022, Which country has secured 1st rank in terms of the world's worst polluted country in the world?

- a) Finland
- b) Guam
- c) Hawaii
- d) Saipan

Answer b) Guam.

The US Pacific territory Guam is reported to have cleaner air than any other country around the world, with a PM2.5 concentration of 1.3 whereas Canberra had the cleanest air for a capital city with 2.8.

91. 13th Exercise Bold Kurukshetra - a bilateral armour exercise between India and _____.

- a) Singapore
- b) Malaysia
- c) Thailand
- d) Sri Lanka

Answer a) Singapore.

Soldiers from the 42nd Battalion, Singapore Armoured Regiment, and an Armoured Brigade of the Indian Army took part in the exercise.

92. 13th Exercise Bold Kurukshetra held in which place?

- a) Lucknow
- b) Pune
- c) Jodhpur
- d) Jaisalmer

Answer c) Jodhpur .

The 13th edition of Exercise Bold Kurukshetra, a bilateral armour exercise between the armies of India and Singapore, was conducted from March 6 to 13, 2023, at Jodhpur Military Station, India.

93. World Consumer Rights Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 11
- b) March 13
- c) March 15
- d) March 17

Answer c) March 15.

World Consumer Rights Day 2023 was celebrated on March 15 with the theme “Empowering consumers through clean energy transitions.”

94. Dick Fosbury is passes Away at the Age of 76, who is belongs to _____.

- a) Cinema
- b) Medicine
- c) Research
- d) Sports

Answer d) Sports.

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Dick Fosbury, the legendary American high jumper, who changed the game of high jump forever with his unconventional technique, passed away at the age of 76.

95. IDFC Mutual Fund (MF) has rebranded itself as _____.

- a) Canara Mutual Fund
- b) Bandhan Mutual Fund
- c) Axis Mutual Fund
- d) Motilal Mutual Fund

Answer b) Bandhan Mutual Fund.

IDFC Mutual Fund has rebranded itself as Bandhan Mutual Fund. The change in name will be effective from March 13. All the schemes of the fund house will be renamed to replace the word 'IDFC' with the word 'Bandhan'.

96. International Day of Mathematics or Pi Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 14
- b) March 15
- c) March 16
- d) March 17

Answer a) March 14.

According to the celebration's official website, the theme for Pi Day 2023 is "Mathematics for Everyone," which was suggested by Marco Zarco Rotairo of Trece Martires City National High School in the Philippines.

97. Which state has become India's first state to start insurance scheme for sericulturists?

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Assam
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer a) Uttarakhand.

Ganesh Joshi, the state's agriculture minister, said that Uttarakhand launched the country's first "Resham Keet Bima" programme to safeguard its sericulturists.

98. Which country has become first country to import CO2 and bury it undersea?

- a) Scotland
- b) Poland
- c) Denmark
- d) Sweden

Answer c) Denmark.

Denmark inaugurates a project to store carbon dioxide 1,800 metres beneath the North Sea, the first country in the world to bury CO2 imported from abroad.

99. International Day to Combat Islamophobia is observed on _____.

- a) March 14
- b) March 15
- c) March 16
- d) March 17

Answer b) March 15.

March 15 was selected as the date because it marks the anniversary of the Christchurch mosque massacres, which left 51 people dead

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100. Who has launched a new initiative called “Learning Science via Standards”?

- a) Union Public Service Commission
- b) International Organization for Standardization
- c) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- d) Bureau of Indian Standards

Answer d) Bureau of Indian Standards

The “Learning Science via Standards” initiative is expected to contribute towards the capacity building of students to engage successfully in a variety of economic sectors in the country.

101. Kenzaburō Ōe is passed away at 88, is associated with _____.

- a) Lyricist
- b) Writer
- c) Actoe
- d) Author

Answer d) author.

Kenzaburō Ōe, the Nobel Prize-winning Japanese author, passed away on March 10, 2023, at the age of 88. His death marks the end of an era in Japanese literature, as Ōe was widely regarded as one of the most important and influential writers of the post-World War II era.

102. Sea Dragon 23 exercise is a biennial coordinated multilateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise is hosted by which nation?

- a) USA
- b) France
- c) India
- d) Russia

Answer a) USA.

The Sea Dragon 23 exercise is a biennial coordinated multilateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise for long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft.

103. Recently, India & World Bank signed loan agreement for construction of Green National Highway Corridors Project in how many states?

- a) 2 States
- b) 3 States
- c) 4 States
- d) 5 States

Answer c) 4 States.

The project aims to build the Green National Highway Corridors Project in 4 Indian states. The loan assistance of 500 million dollars will be used for the construction of the highways.

104. Which railway zone sets up First Trans Tea Stall?

- a) Southern Zone
- b) Northern Zone
- c) North Western Zone
- d) Northeast Zone

Answer d) Northeast Zone.

The Northeast Frontier Railways (NEFR) combined with the All Assam Transgender Association recently opened a tea shop led by transgender people located at Guwahati station.

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105. Eric Garcetti designated as, Which country Ambassador to India?

- a) Japan
- b) China
- c) USA
- d) France

Answer c) USA.

The former leader Eric Garcetti has been made the US Envoy to India, two years after US President Joe Biden elected him.

106. Which IPL team has partnered with Equitas Small Finance Bank as banking partner for IPL 2023?

- a) Chennai Super Kings
- b) Royal Challengers Bangalore
- c) Kolkata Knight Riders
- d) Mumbai Indians

Answer b) Royal Challengers Bangalore.

This partnership means that Equitas Small Finance Bank will provide a range of banking services to RCB, including salary accounts, forex, and other related financial services.

107. What does the term GPT stand for?

- a) Generative Pre-trained Transformer
- b) General Pre-robot Transformer
- c) Generative Pre-trained Trainer
- d) General Pre-trained Transformer

Answer a) Generative Pre-trained Transformer.

GPT4, the most recent release of OpenAI's large language model, which powers popular apps like ChatGPT and the new Bing, has been announced.

108. According to SIPRI report 2023, which country is the world's largest importer of military equipment?

- a) USA
- b) Japan
- c) India
- d) Russia

Answer c) India.

According to data published by the think tank that tracks weapons imports over a five-year period, India had the biggest percentage of the world's arms imports in the past five years at 11%, followed by Saudi Arabia (9.6%), Qatar (6.4%), Australia (4.7%), and China (4.7%).

109. According to SIPRI report 2023, which country is the world's largest exporter of military equipment?

- a) USA
- b) Japan
- c) India
- d) Russia

Answer a) USA.

In the past five years, the US exported 40% of all military goods worldwide, followed by Russia (16%), France (11%), China (5.2%), and Germany (4.2%), according to new Sipri data.

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110. Sameer Khakhar is passes away at 71, who is associated with_____.

- a) Actor
- b) Writer
- b) Singer
- d) All the above

Answer a) Actor.

Sameer Khakhar, an experienced actor who had worked in theater, television, and movies, has passed away. He is most remembered for his portrayal of the character “Khopdi” in the popular TV series “Nukkad.”

111. National Vaccination Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 14
- b) March 15
- c) March 16
- d) March 17

Answer c) March 16

The day holds significant importance in India’s public health calendar, as it promotes vaccination campaigns and raises awareness about the importance of vaccines in preventing infectious diseases.

112. Who has conferred ‘Governor of the Year Award 2023’?

- a) Shaktikanta Das
- b) Raghuram Rajan
- c) Buavana Maran
- d) Srilekha Nair

Answer a) Shaktikanta Das.

In the Central Banking Awards that were held recently, Shaktikanta Das has been honoured with the “Governor of the Year” 2023 Award. He is currently serving in the Reserve Bank of India as the 25th-term governor at present.

113. Which airport has named as ‘World’s Best Airport 2023’ by Skytrax consultancy?

- a) Zurich Airport
- b) Singapore Changi Airport
- c) Seoul Incheon International Airport
- d) Istanbul Airport

Answer b) Singapore Changi Airport .

One of the busiest passenger hubs for South East Asia, Singapore Changi Airport has topped the list of the World’s Best Airports for 2023. This beauty has maintained its rank for eight consecutive years.

114. Which Indian airport has named as best airport in South Asia by Skytrax consultancy?

- a) Hyderabad airport
- b) Mumbai airport
- c) Chennai airport
- d) Delhi Airport

Answer d) Delhi Airport.

The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi has been named the best airport in South Asia by the UK-based consultancy, Skytrax.

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115. Who has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TCS?

- a) Rajesh Gopinathan
- b) K. Krithivasan
- c) Kureshi Rahman
- d) Praveen Kumar

Answer b) K. Krithivasan.

The Indian Multinational IT Company, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced the shift in CEO position as the longest-serving head Rajesh Gopinathan decided to resign.

116. World Sleep Day 2023 is observed on _____.

- a) March 14
- b) March 15
- c) March 16
- d) March 17

Answer d) March 17

The World Sleep Society has announced the theme for this year's Sleep Day as 'Sleep is Essential for Health'.

117. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Viacom18?

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Ranveer Singh
- c) MS Dhoni
- d) Ram Charan

Answer c) MS Dhoni.

Viacom18 has appointed MS Dhoni as its brand ambassador to promote digital sports viewing. Dhoni will collaborate with Viacom18 to encourage fans to watch their favorite sports on digital platforms.

118. Which bank has partnered with Mumbai Indians as official Bank Partner?

- a) HDFC
- b) Axis
- c) IDFC
- d) IDBI

Answer c) IDFC.

IDFC FIRST Bank, a private sector bank in India, has become the official banking partner of the Mumbai Indians, a franchise cricket team that competes in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

119. Narender Singh Tomar inaugurated "AgriUnifest" in _____.

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Pune
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Lucknow

Answer c) Bengaluru.

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar on 15 March 2023, inaugurated "AgriUnifest" in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

120. Ram Sahaya Prasad Yadav elected as which country's Vice-President?

- a) Bhutan
- b) Pakistan

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- c) Nepal
- d) Bangladesh

Answer c) Nepal.

In today's voting, Ram Sahaya Prasad Yadav of the Janata Samajbadi Party defeated Astalaxmi Shakya of CPN (UML) and Mamata Jha of the Janamat Party.

121. Which place has topped in the list of TIME Magazine's list of World's Greatest Places of 2023?

- a) Tampa, Florida
- b) Willamette Valley, Oregon
- c) Rio Grande, P. R.
- d) Vancouver, Canada

Answer a) Tampa, Florida

As TIME Magazine revealed its list of the "World's Best Places of 2023," the Mayurbhanj region of Odisha and the Union Territory of Ladakh both made the cut.

122. INS Dronacharya Received Prestigious President Droupadi Murmu's Colour Award, is situated at _____.

- a) New Delhi
- b) Kochi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Vishakapatnam

Answer b) Kochi.

INS Dronacharya, situated in Kochi, is responsible for providing comprehensive training on gunnery and missile warfare to officers and sailors from the Navy, Coast Guard, and friendly foreign maritime forces.

123. According to the data shared by the Ministry of Education, which state has the lowest literacy state?

- a) Haryana
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Bihar

Answer d) Bihar.

Bihar (61.8 %) has the lowest literacy, followed by Arunachal Pradesh (65.3 %) and Rajasthan (66.1 %).

124. 4. According to the data shared by the Ministry of Education, which state has the highest literacy state?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Karnataka
- c) Telanagana
- d) Kerala

Answer d) Kerala.

The literacy rate in rural India is 67.77 per cent as compared to 84.11 per cent in urban India.

125. Global Recycling Day 2023 is observed on _____.

- a) March 13
- b) March 15
- c) March 13

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d) March 18

Answer d) March 18.

The theme of Global Recycling Day 2023 is “Creative Innovation”.

126. India’s Ordnance Factories Day is observed on _____.

a) March 13

b) March 15

c) March 13

d) March 18

Answer d) March 18.

Ordnance Factory Day 2023: In India, Ordnance Factory Day is celebrated annually on March 18th, marking the establishment of the first Ordnance factory by the British in Cossipore, Kolkata, in 1801 during colonial rule.

127. Recently, ICC issued arrest warrant for _____ over Ukraine war crimes.

a) Vladimir Putin

b) Joe Biden

c) Volody Zelens

d) Donald Trump

Answer a) Vladimir Putin.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin over the forced transfer of children to Russia after the Kremlin’s invasion of Ukraine.

128. Which country has topped in World’s Happiest Countries according to the report?

a) Denmark

b) Sweden

c) Finland

d) Scotand

Answer c) Finland

Finland is the happiest country in the world for the sixth year in a row. Let us have a look at the list of 10 happiest countries in the world for 2023.

129. Who has been appointed as Bharat Petroleum Corporation’s chairman?

a) G Krishnakumar

b) Balakrishnan

c) Ramamoorthy R

d) Ajay Kumar Singh

Answer a) G Krishnakumar

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), a ‘Maharatna’ and a Fortune Global 500 Company, announced that G. Krishnakumar has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director of the company.

130. Who has named as CMD of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)?

a) Sri Venkateshwaren

b) Rahul Verma

c) Lalit Kumar Gupta

d) Vishnu Vardhan M

Answer c) Lalit Kumar Gupta

Lalit Kumar Gupta has been approved as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)

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of the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

131. Which country has topped in Global Terrorism Index?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Uzbekistan
- c) Syria
- d) Afghanistan

Answer d) Afghanistan

Afghanistan remains the country most impacted by terrorism for the fourth consecutive year, despite attacks and deaths falling by 75 per cent and 58 per cent, respectively, the tenth Global Terrorism Index (GTI) report showed.

132. What is the rank for India in Global Terrorism Index?

- a) 3rd
- b) 5th
- c) 9th
- d) 13th

Answer d) 13th

India ranked 13th on the index, marking only a marginal decrease from the previous year. In spite of being among the 25 worst-hit nations on the index, Indian respondents desisted from selecting war and terrorism as the biggest threat to their daily safety.

133. Which cricketer has signed as Luxor brand Ambassador?

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) Virat Kohli
- c) Rohit Sharma
- d) KL Rahul

Answer b) Virat Kohli

Luxor Writing Instruments Pvt Ltd, a stationery manufacturer, has appointed renowned cricketer Virat Kohli as its latest brand ambassador. Kohli is widely regarded as one of the best cricketers of all time, having set numerous records throughout his career.

134. International Day of Happiness 2023 is observed on_____.

- a) March 20
- b) March 21
- c) March 22
- d) March 23

Answer a) March 20

The theme of International Day of Happiness for this year has been kept as “Be Mindful, Be Grateful, Be Kind.”

135. World Oral Health Day 2023 is observed on_____.

- a) March 20
- b) March 21
- c) March 22
- d) March 23

Answer a) March 20

The World Dental Federation (FDI) launches a campaign for World Oral Health Day every year with a specific theme. The theme for 2023 is ‘Be Proud of Your Mouth,’.

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136. World Sparrow Day 2023 is observed on _____.

- a) March 20
- b) March 21
- c) March 22
- d) March 23

Answer a) March 20

The goal of the day is to educate people about the value of sparrows in the ecosystem, their role in pollination, and their importance in pest control.

137. What is the theme for World Sparrow Day 2023?

- a) Value the Sparrows
- b) Raise awareness about sparrow conservation
- c) I Love Sparrows
- d) None of these

Answer c) I Love Sparrows

138. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed on _____.

- a) March 20
- b) March 21
- c) March 22
- d) March 23

Answer b) March 21.

March 21 is marked as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This day holds great significance as it marks the tragedy that took place in Sharpeville, South Africa, on March 21, 1960.

139. Who has received Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2023?

- a) Shreya Goshal
- b) Roshini
- c) Magathi
- d) Bombay Jayashri

Answer c) Bombay Jayashri .

The eminent personality of the Music Industry, Bombay Jayashri secures her position for the Sangita Kalanidhi Award for 2023. She has been chosen by the Madras Music Academy.

140. Padma Lakshmi becomes the first ever Transgender in _____ who has obtained the position of lawyer.

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Karnataka
- c) Kerala
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer c) kerala.

The Law Minister of Kerala, P. Rajeev posted on social media and congratulated her to be designated as a lawyer and encouraged more transgender people to acquire the role.

141. World Down Syndrome Day is observed on March 21, what is the theme?

- a) With Us, Not For Us
- b) Should be treated equally
- c) Access to the same opportunities as others

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d) Support for individuals, living with this genetic condition

Answer a) With Us, Not For Us

March 21 is observed as World Down Syndrome Day worldwide, aiming to increase public awareness and show support for individuals living with this genetic condition.

142. International Nowruz Day 2023 is observed on march 21, what is the meaning for nowruz?

- a) new day
- b) new life
- c) new year
- d) new month

Answer a) new day

Nowruz is celebrated in Iran, Afghanistan, the Kurdish areas of Iraq, Turkey, Syria, India, and Central Asia as a whole, though mostly. The Nowruz Day celebration attempts to bring people together by fostering principles of peace, friendship, and harmony.

143. International Day of Forests is observed on_____.

- a) March 19
- b) March 20
- c) March 21
- d) March 22

Answer c) March 21.

March 21st is observed as International Day of Forests or World Forestry Day worldwide to increase awareness about the importance of forests, woodlands, and trees in our lives.

144. What is the theme for International Day of Forests 2023?

- a) Life cycle on earth
- b) Give importance of all types of forests
- c) Increase awareness about the importance of forests
- d) Forests and health

Answer d) Forests and health

145. World Poetry Day is observed on_____.

- a) March 19
- b) March 20
- c) March 21
- d) March 22

Answer c) March 21.

The theme of World Poetry Day 2023 is “Always be a poet, even in prose.”

146. Who has been named an Honorary Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO) for his outstanding contributions to the Australia-India bilateral relationship?

- a) Gautam Adani
- b) Siv Nadar
- c) Mukesh Ambani
- d) Ratan Tata

Answer d) Ratan Tata

Ratan Tata, who is the Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons and a former Chairman of the Tata

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Group, is recognized as one of the wealthiest entrepreneurs worldwide, with a net worth exceeding \$1 billion as of 2022.

147. World Water Day 2023 is observed on _____.

- a) March 20
- b) March 21
- c) March 22
- d) March 23

Answer c) March 22.

The current year's theme for World Water Day is "accelerating the change to solve the water and sanitation crisis".

148. What is the name of google's AI chatbot called?

- a) Bid
- b) Bard
- c) Gigil
- d) Chow

Answer b) Bard.

On March 21, 2023 (Tuesday) Google provides access to its new AI chatbot called 'Bard'. Bard has been designed as a rival of ChatGPT. It was the first time announced by the multinational company Google in February last month.

149. Africa-India field training exercise AFINDEX-23 to be held in _____.

- a) Pune
- b) Lucknow
- c) Vishakapatnam
- d) Ghana

Answer a) Pune

The Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX-2023) has begun with the participation of 100 participants from 23 African countries, including Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Zambia, among others.

150. Who has named India's most valuable celebrity of 2022?

- a) Ranbir Kapoor
- b) Amir Khan
- c) Allu Arjun
- d) Ranveer Singh

Answer d) Ranveer Singh

Virat Kohli, who previously held the top spot, has fallen to the second position with a brand value of \$176.9 million, according to the Kroll report.

151. Which state government has announced the notification of Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, making it the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the state?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) karnataka
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer a) Tamil Nadu.

Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is situated at close proximity with the Malai

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Mahadeshwara wildlife sanctuary, BRT Wildlife Sanctuary, Cauvery wildlife sanctuary in Karnataka.

152. Merlin Group has partnered with the World Trade Centers Association to develop a World Trade Center in _____.

- a) Jaipur
- b) Chennai
- c) Kolkata
- d) Mumbai

Answer c) Kolkata.

The oldest World Trade Center in India is located in Mumbai, and there are additional Centers in Bangalore, Chennai, New Delhi, Noida, Pune, and other cities.

153. World Meteorological Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 21
- b) March 22
- c) March 23
- d) March 24

Answer d) March 24

The theme for World Meteorological Day 2023 is “The future of weather, climate, and water across generations.”

154. UN 2023 Water Conference is held at _____.

- a) New York
- b) India
- c) Japan
- d) Brazil

Answer a) New York

The UN 2023 Water Conference is being held from March 22 to 24 in New York, marking the first summit on water in 50 years.

155. Which country has topped in Human Development Index?

- a) Sweden
- b) Norway
- c) Poland
- d) Scotland

Answer b) Norway

Norway consistently ranks among the highest countries on the HDI. With a score of 0.957 in 2020, Norway has a high life expectancy, high levels of education, and a high standard of living.

156. Which country has least in Human Development Index?

- a) Kuwait
- b) Qatar
- c) Yemen
- d) Syria

Answer c) Yemen.

Yemen ranks among the lowest countries on the HDI, with a score of 0.470 in 2020. The country has low levels of education, high infant mortality rates, and a low standard of living.

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157. Which Indian institution has been ranked among the top 50 engineering institutions in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023?

- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Pune
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) IIT Bombay

Answer c) IIT Delhi

The Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi has been ranked among the top 50 engineering institutions in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023.

158. Which Indian state has become first Indian State to pass RTH Bill, Intends to Provide Free Emergency Treatment?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Rajasthan

Answer d) Rajasthan

According to the release of the RTH Bill (Right to Health), costless medical services are to be given to city dwellers.

159. Who has become the only Indian Billionaire to appear in Hurun Global Rich List 2023?

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

Answer a) Mukesh Ambani

Mukesh Ambani, India's leading business leader who chairs Reliance Industries, is the only Indian to emerge as the richest man among the M3M Hurun Global Rich List 2023. India has a total of 187 billionaires and 16 new additions are there to the list.

160. Who won Saudi Arabia Grand Prix 2023?

- a) Sergio Perez
- b) Max Verstappen
- c) John Hamilton
- d) None of these

Answer a) Sergio Perez

161. RBI's Data Centre And Cybersecurity Training Institute To Come Up In _____.

- a) Lucknow
- b) Bhubaneswar
- c) Pune
- d) Mysuru

Answer b) Bhubaneswar.

The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Shaktikanta Das, initiated the establishment of a "Greenfield Data Centre" and an "Enterprise Computing & Cybersecurity Training Institute" in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

162. Konkan 2023 - a Bilateral Maritime Exercise between India and _____.

- a) USA

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- b) Japan
- c) UK
- d) China

Answer c) UK.

The annual bilateral maritime exercise called Konkan 2023 was conducted between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy from 20th to 22nd March 2023 off the Konkan coast in the Arabian Sea. The Royal Navy is the United Kingdom's naval warfare force.

163. International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed on_____.

- a) March 21
- b) March 22
- c) March 23
- d) March 24

Answer d) March 24

On the 24th of March every year, the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is commemorated in honor of Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was assassinated on this day in 1980.

164. World Tuberculosis Day is observed on_____.

- a) March 21
- b) March 22
- c) March 23
- d) March 24

Answer d) March 24

The theme for this year's World Tuberculosis Day is "Yes! We can end TB!"

165. Which country has recently joined BRICS bank as new member?

- a) Syria
- b) Egypt
- c) Iran
- d) Japan

Answer b) Egypt

It is a multilateral development bank jointly founded by the BRICS countries(Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) at the 6th BRICS Summit in Fortaleza, Brazil in 2014.

166. Which bank has announced that it sold its stake in Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL), a joint venture with State Bank of India (SBI)?

- a) Canara Bank
- b) HDFC bank
- c) Citi Bank
- d) City Union Bank

Answer a) Canara Bank

Canara Bank has announced that it sold its stake in Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL), a joint venture with State Bank of India (SBI), to SBI for approximately ₹121.29 crore. CIBL, which was established in 2003, operates in Russia and is owned 60% by SBI and 40% by Canara Bank.

167. Indian Defence Ministry has recently signed two contracts with _____ worth more than Rs 3,700 crore.

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- a) Engineers India
 - b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
 - c) Bharat Electronics Limited
 - d) Nuclear power corporation of India
- Answer c) Bharat Electronics Limited

The Indian Defence Ministry has recently signed two contracts with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) worth more than Rs 3,700 crore, with the aim to enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Air Force.

168. Recently, NGT slaps ₹10 crore penalty on _____ government for failure to protect Ramsar sites.

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer b) Kerala.

The Kerala government has been fined Rs 10 crore by the Principal Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for their inability to prevent the uncontrolled pollution of the designated Ramsar sites.

169. Which bank made a declaration that this US giant has obtained all the deposits and loans of Silicon Valley Bank (SVC)?

- a) US Federal Bank
- b) First Citizens Bank
- c) BHIM Bank
- d) None of these

Answer b) First Citizens Bank.

First Citizens Bank, a subordinate of First Citizen BancShares, Inc. collaborated with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in order to buy all loans, assets, customer deposits and various liabilities of Silicon Valley Bridge Bank, National Association.

170. Who has awarded Kerala’s highest civilian honour “Kerala Jyothi,”?

- a) M T Vasudevan Nair
- b) Innocent raj
- c) T Madhava Menon
- d) None of these

Answer a) M T Vasudevan Nair

The highest civilian honor in Kerala, the “Kerala Jyothi,” was awarded to the writer M T Vasudevan Nair. The second-highest award, “Kerala Prabha,” was shared by actor Mammooty, former civil service officer T Madhava Menon, and writer Omchery NN Pillai.

171. Purple Day of Epilepsy 2023 is observed on _____.

- a) March 22
- b) March 23
- c) March 25
- d) March 26

Answer d) March 26

Purple Day of Epilepsy is an international day of awareness dedicated to raising understanding and reducing the social stigma associated with epilepsy, a neurological condition.

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172. World Theatre Day 2023 is celebrated on _____.

- a) March 22
- b) March 24
- c) March 25
- d) March 27

Answer d) March 27

The theme of World Theatre Day is “Theatre and a Culture of Peace” set by the International Theatre Institute.

173. Which team won Women’s Premier League (WPL) 2023?

- a) Delhi Capitals
- b) Royal Challengers
- c) Mumbai Indians
- d) None of these

Answer c) Mumbai Indians.

In the Women’s Premier League (WPL) 2023 final, held at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai, the Mumbai Indians won against the Delhi Capitals by seven wickets.

174. Amit Shah unveiled the statues of Lord Basaveshwara and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in which city?

- a) PUNE
- b) Lucknow
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Chennai

Answer c) Bengaluru

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah unveiled the statues of Lord Basaveshwara ji and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda ji at the State Assembly premises in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

175. Archana Suseendran clinched double gold in AFI Indian Grand Prix 2, belongs to which city?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer c) Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu’s Archana Suseendran beat Hima Das in the 100m final and made the most of the Assam sprinter’s disqualification in the 200m to claim a double and steal the thunder in the women’s events in the AFI Indian Grand Prix 2 at the Lakshmi Bai National Institute of Physical Education.

176. Innocent Vareed Thekkethala is passed away at 75, is associated with _____.

- a) Actor
- b) Lyricist
- c) Sprinter
- d) Both a and c

Answer a) Actor.

A Malayalam comedy superstar Innocent Vareed Thekkethala, who acted in more than 750 films and served as an independent MP for the Chalakkudy constituency in the 16th Lok Sabha elections, has passed away at the age of 75.

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177. The former president of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) Ajay Singh now assumed the position of Vice President of the International Boxing Association (IBA). Where is the headquarters of IBA situated at?

- a) Poland
- b) Canada
- c) Switzerland
- d) Australia

Answer c) Switzerland.

The IBA was recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the international governing body for the sport of boxing until 2019, when the IOC suspended its recognition of the federation

178. Ashwini Vaishnav introduced India's first-ever Quantum Tele Communication Network Link, it is now functional in _____.

- a) Mumbai
- b) Delhi
- c) Chennai
- d) Bengaluru

Answer b) Delhi.

The Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishnav announced India's first quantum-secured telecom network. This communication link is now functional in the national capital of India i.e. Delhi.

179. Who has been appointed as Ambassador of Star Sports channel which is owned by Walt Disney Company, India?

- a) Amir Khan
- b) Shah Rukh Khan
- c) Deepika Padukone
- d) Ranveer Singh

Answer d) Ranveer Singh

Famous Bollywood Actor Ranveer Singh has been made Ambassador of Star Sports channel which is owned by Walt Disney Company, India.

180. Who is the official partner for the upcoming Tata Indian Premier League (IPL) for the present season 2023?

- a) Jio
- b) Herbalife
- c) Amway
- d) Patanjali

Answer b) Herbalife

The Board of Control for Cricket in India makes Herbalife its official partner for the upcoming Tata Indian Premier League (IPL) for the present season 2023.

181. Which country has become Shanghai Cooperation Organization dialogue partner?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Kuwait
- c) UAE
- d) Oman

Answer a) Saudi Arabia

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The Saudi Arabian government has taken a significant step towards joining the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), a regional alliance dominated by China and Russia.

182. Aliya Mir honoured with Wildlife Conservation Award 2023, is belongs to _____.

- a) Jammu & Kashmir
- b) Goa
- c) Chandigarh
- d) Puducherry

Answer a) Jammu & Kashmir

The Union Territory has awarded wildlife conservationist Aliya Mir for her exceptional efforts in conservation. Aliya is the first woman from Jammu and Kashmir to work for Wildlife SOS and is the first woman in the region to receive this honour.

183. According to Global Passport Index 2023, India ranked _____ in the list.

- a) 86
- b) 92
- c) 13
- d) 144

Answer d) 144

the Passport Index published Passport Power Ranks for 2023. It shows the mobility scores of various countries across the world. While India witnessed a major drop in its ranking as it decreased from a past score of 71 to the current 70.

183. Shakib Al Hasan surpasses Southee to become the top T20I wicket-taker, who is belongs to _____.

- a) Pakistan
- b) Bangladesh
- c) New Zealand
- d) Sri Lanka

Answer b) Bangladesh

Shakib Al Hasan has surpassed Tim Southee to become the leading wicket-taker in T20I cricket during the second T20I match against Ireland in Chattogram. With 136 wickets in T20I at an average of 20.67

184. Recently, which Indian institution researchers developed pocket-friendly device to detect adulteration in milk?

- a) IIT Bombay
- b) IIT Delhi
- c) IIT Madras
- d) IIT Guwahati

Answer c) IIT Madras.

The device is capable of identifying various commonly used adulterating agents, including but not limited to detergents, soap, hydrogen peroxide, urea, starch, salt, and sodium-hydrogen-carbonate.

185. World Bank Grants \$363m Loan to which state for Clean Drinking Water Supply?

- a) Kerala
- b) Madhya pradesh
- c) Karnataka

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d) Tamil Nadu

Answer c) Karnataka.

The World Bank has granted a loan of USD 363 million to the state of Karnataka in India, which will help to provide clean drinking water to two million rural households.

186. International Day of Zero Waste 2023 observed on_____.

a) March 28

b) March 29

c) March 30

d) March 31

Answer c) March 30.

The International Day of Zero Waste, observed annually on March 30, is significant because it highlights the importance of reducing waste and promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns.

187. Who has been awarded a lifetime achievement award by the University of Texas at Dallas?

a) Naveen Jindal

b) Sathyadev M

c) Aravindh Manimaran

d) None of these

Answer a) Naveen Jindal

Naveen Jindal has been awarded a lifetime achievement award by the University of Texas at Dallas for his accomplishments in industry, politics, and education. Jindal, who graduated from the University in 1992, received the award in a ceremony.