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## NATIONAL NEWS

### 1. Nitin Gadkari Inaugurated 7 National Highway Projects in MP.

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 7 National Highway projects worth Rs 2,444 crore, totaling 204 km in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari informed that with the construction of the Churhat tunnel and bypass, the length between Rewa to Sidhi has decreased by 7 km.
- The Minister informed that the movement of vehicles in the Rewa-Sidhi section will be facilitated by the construction of the tunnel, white tigers, and other wild animals, and the entire forest ecosystem will be protected.
- With the construction of the Devtalab-Naigarhi road, the connectivity of Rewa district with Prayagraj and Varanasi will be easy.
- Nitin Gadkari noted that with the construction of the Satna-Bela four-lane road, connectivity will become easier for the coal, cement, and diamond industries in the region.
- He informed me that with the construction of this route, the journey from Satna to Rewa can be completed in 40 minutes. Access to famous tourist places like Jhansi, Orchha, Khajuraho, Panna, and Satna will be easy.

### 2. Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela Organized by IARI in New Delhi

- IARI Director Dr. A.K. Singh informed that the main attractions of the fair for this year will be Technical Sessions on important and contemporary issues in Agriculture, and the development of the Shree Anna-based value chain under the International Year of Millets.
- Thematic exhibitions of key technologies will also be organized, while stalls of research institutes, startups, and entrepreneurs will be set up.
- Shree Anna-based stall will educate about different types of Shree Anna, their cultivation practices, value addition, and nutritional value.
- Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad as well as VPKAS Almora, CAZRI Jodhpur, and S.K.N. Agricultural University, Jobner, which are involved in research on Shree Anna, will also participate in the fair. Agri-startups, especially Shree Anna-based startups will set up their stalls.

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- Live demonstrations of important varieties of wheat, **mustard, gram, vegetables, flowers, and fruits will be held at the fair.**

### **3. International Yoga Festival 2023 Held on Banks of Ganges in Rishikesh.**

- The International Yoga Festival 2023 addressed guests from worldwide with a six-day session.
- The visitors can participate in International Yoga Festival sessions led by Yogacharyas from revered yoga schools, such as the Isha Foundation, Kaivalyadhama, Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram, and Art of Living, among others.
- The International Yoga Festival seeks to promote Uttarakhand's rich legacy of yoga and the importance of leading a holistic and spiritual way of life. Apart from these sessions, there are free medical sessions, expert-led consultation sessions, and pulse tests by Ayurvedacharyas.
- The Uttarakhand Tourism department also gained many visitors at Bharat Parv, attended by thousands of people, with their unique culinary offerings and cultural performances.

### **4. Swachhotsav: A 3-week Women Led Swachhata Campaign launched by MoHUA.**

- The 'Swachhata Yatra' will kick-off on March 10 and will conclude on March 30, which has been declared as International Day of Zero Waste by the United Nations General Assembly. Representatives of 34 states and Union Territories will be travelling to 24 states and UTs as part of the yatra.
- The campaign aims to recognise and celebrate the transition from women in sanitation to women-led sanitation.
- A series of events and activities will be organised across cities to celebrate women from all walks of life, who will provide leadership in making the mission of garbage free cities (GFC) a success.

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## 5. Catch the Rain 2023' campaign to be launched by President Murmu

- The 'Catch the Rain 2023' campaign was introduced by President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi. The campaign's central idea is the sustainability of drinking water sources.
- President Droupadi Murmu claimed that due to uncontrolled urbanisation, traditional methods of water conservation have been abandoned in the nation.
- The President emphasised that these issues—water scarcity and global warming—are consequences of it.
- She continued by saying that despite using new technologies, it was vital to maintain and restore old water conservation techniques.
- The President awarded the "Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023" under several categories of the Swachh Bharat Mission, including Grameen, Jal Jeevan Mission, and National Water Mission, in recognition of the responsibilities played by women in water conservation and sanitation.

## 6. PM Modi inaugurates world's longest railway platform in Hubballi, Karnataka.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated World's longest railway platform of 1.5 kilometres at Sri Siddhaarooda railway station in Hubballi in the state of Karnataka. The inauguration of the platform was done during the PM's Karnataka visit in the presence of Union Minister Pralhad Joshi.
- The world's longest railway platform will cater to the transportation needs of the Hubballi-Dharwad region and will help in enhancing the operational capacity of the yard. Furthermore, it will enable the operations of trains in both directions.

## 7. Nitin Gadkari unveiled first methanol run buses in Bengaluru.

- The first methanol-powered buses in Bengaluru will be unveiled by Union Minister for Road and Transport, Nitin Gadkari.
- The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), NITI Aayog, Indian Oil Company (IOC), and Ashok Leyland are working together to carry out the initiative, which aims to lower the level of pollutants.



- Methanol can be produced through the reaction of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and hydrogen, which are also known as syngas. The syngas can be produced from various sources such as natural gas, coal, or biomass.
- Methanol can be blended with gasoline or used as a standalone fuel in vehicles with modified engines. It has a high octane rating, which means it can improve engine performance and reduce harmful emissions.

## 8. India's bullet train to run by August 2026

- According to railways and telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the first bullet train in India will begin service in August 2026. The project will stimulate the economy because several of the suppliers to the project have begun receiving export orders. The government intends to start operating the first bullet train in August 2026.
- The Indian railways is building the country's first bullet train from Ahmedabad, Gujarat to Mumbai, Maharashtra over 508-kilometer route. The high-speed train will run at top speed of 350 kms per hour, covering the distance in three hours.

## 9. AAHAR 2023: Asia's biggest International Food and Hospitality Fair begins in Delhi

- The greatest four-day culinary event in India is called Aahar 2023, where wholesalers, caterers, hoteliers, and restaurant owners gather to source the best food, hospitality, and equipment as well as to assess industry trends.
- At the fair's major event Aahar 2023, Culinary Art India, WACS-certified jury members from India and overseas will also assess the skill of more than 500 cooks.
- In Aahar 2023 event, The other chefs will have the chance to showcase their skills and abilities while famous chefs cook up some of their best dishes.

## 10. Indian Railways to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030.

- Indian Railways has set a target of becoming a 'net-zero carbon emitter' by 2030

- The Railways plans to achieve this ambitious target in two steps: A complete transition to electric trains by December 2023 and powering the trains and stations primarily through non-renewable sources by 2030
- For this, the Railways will need to create a renewable energy installed capacity of 30,000 MW as solar and wind energy is not available round the clock and the generation varies region to region.

## **11. Seven PM MITRA (Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Park sites announced**

- Seven sites were chosen out of 18 proposals for PM MITRA parks which were received from 13 States.
- The Parks will come up in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- It will offer the opportunity to create an Integrated Textiles Value Chain right from spinning, weaving, processing/dyeing and printing to garment manufacturing etc. at one location and will reduce the logistics cost of the Industry.
- A Special Purpose Vehicle owned by the Centre and State Government will be set up for each park which will oversee the implementation of the project.

## **12. India aims at becoming 'Global Hub for Green Ship' building by 2030**

- India is aiming to become a leader in the global shipbuilding industry by launching the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP) and setting a goal of becoming a 'Global Hub for Green Ship' building by 2030.
- The GTTP will start with the production of Green Hybrid Tugs, which will run on Green Hybrid Propulsion systems, and eventually switch to alternative fuel sources like Methanol, Ammonia, and Hydrogen. Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) and Ayush.
- India's first National Centre of Excellence in Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS) is the outcome of a partnership between the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India, and the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).

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### 14. Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurates 'Sagar Manthan', the Real-time Performance Monitoring Dashboard of MoPSW

- The Real-time Performance Monitoring Dashboard of MoPSW called 'Sagar Manthan' was virtually launched by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways .
- The digital platform is designed to have all integrated data related to the ministry and other subsidiaries. The inauguration ceremony was attended by MoS, MoPSW Shri Shripad Y. Naik, MoS, MoPSW Shri Shantanu Thakur and other officials from the ministry.
- The platform, which was developed in-house under the guidance of Sudhanshu Pant, the Secretary of MoPSW, was completed efficiently in less than 1.5 months.

### 15. PM Modi launched 'Call Before u Dig' app

- Prime Minister Modi has recently launched an app called "Call Before You Dig" to prevent uncoordinated digging that can cause damage to underground utility assets, such as optical fibre cables.

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- The app has been developed jointly by the Department of Telecommunications and the Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics, which operates under the Gujarat government. Its primary aim is to protect the country's underground public infrastructure.

## **16. Swachhotsav 2023- 1000 Cities are targeted to become 3-Star Garbage Free by October 2024**

- During the International Zero Waste Day 2023 in New Delhi, Sh. Hardeep S. Puri, The Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, announced that 1000 cities are targeted to achieve a 3-Star Garbage Free rating by October 2024.
- Swachhotsav is a government initiative to promote cleanliness and hygiene in India.
- Launched in 2019, it aims to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness, encourage citizen participation, and recognize those who contribute to the cleanliness drive.
- The initiative involves school children, youth, and technology to make the cleanliness drive more efficient.
- Its goal is to make 1000 cities 3-Star Garbage Free by October 2024 and create a cleaner and healthier India.
- Swachhotsav events are held at national, state, and city levels and include campaigns, drives, competitions, workshops, and seminars to engage citizens and create a sense of responsibility.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### 1. The Windsor framework: The deal between UK and EU

- After months of intensive talks, the United Kingdom and European Union have unveiled an agreement on the Northern Ireland Protocol, called the Windsor Framework. This is not a new protocol or a fundamental rewrite of the current treaty.
- But the package announced this week is an improved deal that could substantively ease how the protocol will operate for businesses as well as individuals. It is a negotiating achievement that marks a turning point in the long road since Brexit for Northern Ireland.
- The Windsor Framework Deal proposes two crucial aspects. The first aspect is the introduction of a green lane and red lane system for goods.

### 2. Vietnam parliament elects Vo Van Thuong as new president...

- The country is changing its top leadership as it continues its anti-corruption campaign. The National Assembly(NA) of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam elected Vo Van Thuong(Võ Văn Thưởng) (52 years old), a member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Vietnam, as the new President of Vietnam for a term running until 2026. Mr. Vo Van Thuong took oath as the new president of Vietnam during the National Assembly's extraordinary meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam.

### 3. Ales Bialiatski, Nobel laureate sentenced prison for 10 years in Belarus.

- Ales Bialiatski and three other key members of the Viasna human rights organisation he created were found guilty of funding rallies against the government. After widespread protests over a 2020 election that delivered
- Autocratic President Aleksandr Lukashenko a second term in office, they were detained and imprisoned.

#### 4. UN inks first 'High Seas Treaty' in a bid to protect ocean bodies of the world.

- The United Nations (UN) inked the first 'High Seas Treaty' in a bid to protect the ocean bodies of the world that lie outside the national boundaries and form almost two-thirds of the world's oceans.
- The treaty will create a new body to manage the conservation of marine life and establish marine protected areas in the high seas. Also referred to as the 'Paris Agreement for the Ocean', the treaty to deal with Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)
- The UN High Seas Treaty now brings 30 percent of the world's oceans into the protected domain, puts more money into marine conservation and sets new rules for mining at sea.

#### 5. 5th ASEAN-India Business Summit 2023

- The 5th Asean-India Business Summit took place on 6 March 2023 in Kuala Lumpur. The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology addresses the 5th ASEAN-India Business summit.
- It is being held as part of the ASEAN-India Year of Friendship to commemorate the more than three-decade-long engagement between India and the 10-member bloc in Kuala Lumpur.
- It is a group of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which was established in 1967 with the signing of the Bangkok declaration.
- Founding members: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
- Presently ASEAN comprises 10 member states namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam.

#### 6. Xi Jinping starts third term as China's president

- Xi Jinping began an unprecedented third term as China's president after he was endorsed by a unanimous vote from the 2,977-member National People's Congress (NPC). Xi will head a hand-picked party and government team tasked with steering the world's second-largest economy through challenges at home and abroad over the next five years.

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## 7. Nepal elects Ram Chandra Paudel as its next president

- Ram Chandra Paudel has been elected to serve as the new president of Nepal. According to the Nepalese Election Commission, he received 33,800 electoral votes, while his opponent, Subash Chandra Nembwang, received 15,500 votes.
- In addition, he held the positions of President of Nepal, Cabinet Minister, and Deputy Prime Minister.
- He held the positions of general secretary from 2005 to 2007, vice president from 2007 to 2015, and acting president from 1980 to 2005 of the Nepali Congress Tanhu District Committee

## 8. Indonesia's Mount Merapi volcano erupts, covering villages in ash

- Mount Merapi, one of the world's most active volcanoes, erupted, spewing out smoke and ash that covered villages near the crater. There were no immediate reports of casualties, the National Disaster Mitigation Agency.
- The volcano's last major eruption in 2010 killed more than 300 people and forced the evacuation of some 280,000 residents. It was Merapi's most powerful eruption since 1930, when about 1,300 people were killed.

## 9. Denmark, the first country to import CO2 and bury it undersea

- The CO2 graveyard, where the carbon is injected to prevent further warming of the atmosphere, is on the site of an old oil field. Led by British chemical giant Ineos and German oil company Wintershall Dea, the "Greensand" project is expected to store up to eight million tonnes of CO2 per year by 2030
- The North Sea is particularly suitable for this type of project as the region already has pipelines and potential storage sites after decades of oil and gas production.

## 10. ICC issues arrest warrant for Vladimir Putin over Ukraine war crimes

- 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.

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- The ICC issued the warrant for Putin's arrest on suspicion of unlawful deportation of children and unlawful transfer of people from the territory of Ukraine to the Russian Federation.
- This is the first time the ICC has issued warrants in relation to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, which began last February. It comes ahead of a visit to Russia by Chinese President Xi Jinping and will severely limit Putin's own potential range of diplomatic visits.

## **11. Former Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff named new President of BRICS New Development Bank**

- The New Development Bank (NDB), which is also known as the BRICS bank and is a multilateral financial institution created by Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, has announced that former Brazilian President Dilma Vana Rousseff has been elected as its new President.
- She replaces Marcus Troyjo in the position. Dilma Rousseff is an economist who served as the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil for two consecutive terms, from January 2011 to August 2016.

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## ECONOMICS

### 1. Services exports to cross USD 300 billion this fiscal

- According to the data of the commerce ministry, the estimated value of services export in April-December 2022 is USD 235.81 billion as compared to USD 184.65 billion in the year-ago period. In 2021-22, these exports touched an all-time high of USD 254 billion.
- IT and ITeS accounts for 40-45 per cent share in the exports. It is followed by travel and tourism, education, and financial services like banking, and accountancy.
- Developed countries are contributing maximum share in these exports, he said adding Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries holds huge potential to increase the exports
- Trade deficit during the nine-month period widened to USD 218.94 billion as against USD 136.45 billion in April-December 2021-22. In last fiscal year, the country's merchandise shipments touched an all-time high of USD 422 billion.
- India's exports contracted 12.2 per cent to USD 34.48 billion in December 2022, mainly due to global headwinds, and the trade deficit widened to USD 23.76 billion during the same period.
- The minister said individual months have seen some ups and downs, but overall the exports sector is doing well so far despite global economic uncertainties.

### 2. India's GDP growth slows to 4.4% in October-December quarter

- India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate fell for the second straight quarter in the October-December period, coming in at 4.4 percent.
- At 4.4 percent, the latest quarterly growth number is lower than the 6.3 percent growth that was recorded in the second quarter of 2022-23, which itself was less than half the 13.2 percent increase posted in April-June 2022 as the GDP growth rate benefitted from a low base in the early part of the year.

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### 3. Moody's expects India to report real GDP growth of 5.5 percent in 2023.

- Moody's has published its macro-outlook for G20 economies and has made upward revisions to its 2023 growth forecasts for the US, the euro area and China. Additionally, the credit rating agency has raised growth projections for India, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye.
- Moody's noted that economic momentum in several large emerging market countries, including India, Brazil, Mexico and Türkiye, had proved more resilient to last year's tightening in the global and domestic financial environment than it had anticipated.
- For G-20 economies, Moody's sees growth moderating to 2 percent this year from 2.7 percent in 2022, and then to improve to 2.4 percent in 2024. For the G-20 advanced economies, the 2022 growth estimate is now 2.3 percent against the earlier expectation of 2.1 percent.
- G-20 advanced economies are expected to report a growth of 0.8 percent this year, exceeding the previous estimate of 0.2 percent. The rating agency also sees real GDP growth to accelerate from 3.5 percent in 2022 to 3.9 percent in 2023, up 0.8 percentage point from its November forecasts.

### 4. India's manufacturing PMI slips to 4-month low of 55.3.

- India's purchasing managers' index (PMI) declined to a 4-month low at 55.3 in February owing to a rise in input costs, according to the S&P Global India Manufacturing PMI report. In January, the manufacturing PMI stood at 55.4. The headline figure, however, remained above its long-run average of 53.7.
- It is an index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the manufacturing and service sectors. It is an economic indicator, which is derived after monthly surveys of different companies.
- There are two types of PMI – Manufacturing PMI and Services PMI. A combined index is also made using both manufacturing PMI and services PMI.

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## 5. India's WPI inflation eases to 3.85 per cent in February.

- India's Wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation eased below the 4 per cent-mark in February and was recorded at 3.85 per cent, data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry showed. In January, the WPI inflation figure was 4.73 per cent.
- According to the data released, the decline in the rate of inflation in February is primarily due to the fall in prices of crude petroleum & natural gas, non-food articles, food products, minerals, computer, electronic & optical products, chemicals & chemical products, electrical equipment and motor vehicles, trailers & semi-trailers.
- The Food Index (wholesale price index) consisting of 'Food Articles' from Primary Articles group and 'Food Product' from Manufactured Products group have increased from 171.2 in January 2023 to 171.3 in February 2023.
- The rate of inflation based on WPI Food Index decreased from 2.95 per cent in January 2023 to 2.76 per cent in February 2023," the commerce ministry said. For the primary articles segment, the inflation rate eased to 3.28 per cent from 3.88 per cent in the previous month.

## 6. OECD raises FY24 India growth forecast to 5.9 per cent.

- The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has increased its growth projection for India by 20 basis points to 5.9% for the fiscal year 2024, according to its latest interim outlook report titled "Fragile Recovery".
- The report also predicts that India's GDP will grow by 6.9% in the fiscal year 2023, and around 7% in the following fiscal year, despite tighter financial conditions.

## 7. India's Unemployment rate rose to 7.45%

- Joblessness as measured by the CMIE All India unemployment rate remained elevated in February 2023 and rose to 7.45% from 7.14.
- The urban unemployment rate decreased for the second straight month and was at 7.93% in February as against 8.55% in January. It touched a record

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high of 10.09% in December 2022. But more worrying the rural unemployment rate spiked to 7.23% last month from 6.48% in January.

- India's GDP growth rate declined for the second consecutive quarter in October-December (Q3FY23), coming in at 4.4 per cent, according to the data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation.

## 8. BIS Launches 'Learning Science via Standards' Initiative to Benefit Students.

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has launched the "Learning Science via Standards" initiative to promote science learning among school students.
- This program aims to improve students' learning outcomes in science and promote an interest in science education by providing them with access to national and international standards related to science.

## 9. India's UPI likely to extend to UAE, Mauritius, Indonesia.

- India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is shortly to be connected to comparable networks in Indonesia, Mauritius, and the United Arab Emirates.
- To facilitate quicker remittances between the two nations, Singapore's PayNow network and India's UPI were connected.
- Because of this, individuals in both nations can transmit money instantly by scanning a QR code or by just inputting the mobile number connected to their bank accounts.

## 10. RBI's Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute to Come Up In 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, during a foundation stone laying ceremony.
- The new Data Centre and Training Institute, which will cover an area of 18.55 acres, will be able to address the emerging needs of the RBI and the financial sector.

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- The Governor also acknowledged the vital role played by technology in supporting the activities of the financial sector and the RBI in recent years, particularly in facilitating a robust recovery from the pandemic.

## 11. Finance Bill 2023 passed in Lok Sabha.

- The Lok Sabha passed the Finance Bill 2023, which implements tax proposals for the upcoming fiscal year, without any discussion.

### **Key Amendments in the Finance Bill 2023 are:**

- The Finance Bill 2023 includes several amendments, such as the taxation of mutual funds having less than 35% AUM in domestic equity as short-term capital gains and the provision of enhanced tax benefits to offshore banking units operating in GIFT City, which will receive a 100% deduction on income for 10 years.
- Additionally, the tax on royalty or technical fee earned by foreign companies has been increased from 10% to 20%.
- Other amendments include the formation of a committee to address the pension system's needs, and a proposal for marginal relief to limit the tax one pays to the income that exceeds Rs. 7 lakh.
- The Bill also proposes that all Liberalized Remittance Scheme (LRS) payments made through credit cards for foreign tours be considered under LRS and be subject to Tax Collection at Source (TCS).  
Furthermore, the Securities Transaction Tax on the sale of options has been raised from Rs. 1,700 to Rs. 2,100 on a turnover of Rs. 1 crore.

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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 1. SpaceX launches NASA Crew-6 mission.

- SpaceX launched NASA's Crew-6 mission to orbit en route to the International Space Station, with a Russian cosmonaut and United Arab Emirates astronaut joining two NASA crewmates for the flight.
- The SpaceX launch vehicle, consisting of a Falcon 9 rocket topped with an autonomously operated Crew Dragon capsule called Endeavour.
- The mission is launching 2 US astronauts, one Russian Cosmonaut, and a UAE astronaut. This is Crew Dragon's fourth flight.
- The landing site of the mission is the Atlantic Ocean. It is a part of the Commercial Crew Program of NASA. The program provides crew transportation services, that is, carrying cargo and astronauts from and to ISS.

### 2. US hands over NISAR satellite to ISRO.

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has received the NASA-ISRO SAR (NISAR) satellite from the U.S. space agency. A US Air Force C-17 aircraft carrying the NASA-ISRO synthetic aperture radar (NISAR) has landed in Bengaluru.
- NISAR was envisioned by NASA and ISRO eight years ago in 2014 as a powerful demonstration of the capability of radar as a science tool and help us study Earth's dynamic land and ice surfaces in greater detail than ever before.
- NISAR is a Low Earth Orbit observatory jointly developed by NASA and ISRO.
- NISAR carries L and S dual-band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), which operates with the Sweep SAR technique to achieve large swaths with high-resolution data. The SAR payloads mounted on Integrated Radar Instrument Structure (IRIS) and the spacecraft bus are together called an observatory.

### 3. GPT-4, a new generation of AI language model announced by OpenAI.

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

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According to San Francisco-based research company OpenAI, GPT-4 is more advanced than the previous version and has been trained on more data, costing more to operate.

- Generative Pre-trained Transformer (GPT) is a deep learning method that uses artificial neural networks to generate writing that resembles that of a person.
- The GPT-4 isn't a significant improvement over GPT-3.5 and refers to the new edition of its main large language model as being more iterative.
- The distinction between GPT-3.5 and GPT-4 can be difficult to make in informal speech.
- When the difficulty of the task reaches a certain level, GPT-4 distinguishes itself from GPT-3.5 by being more dependable, inventive, and capable of handling far more complex instructions.

#### 4. Svaya Robotics unveils India's first homegrown quadruped robot and exoskeleton.

- Svaya Robotics, a Hyderabad-based company, has partnered with two DRDO labs, the Research and Development Establishment in Pune (R&DE) and Defence Bio-engineering & Electro Medical Laboratory in Bengaluru (DEBEL), to create India's first quadruped robot and wearable exo-skeleton. The company has designed both robots to serve multiple purposes in industries and healthcare, and they are dual-use robots.

##### **Quadruped robots:**

- They are four-legged robots that can walk or run on uneven and rough terrains.
- The robots can carry 25 kg in payload and walk along with the soldier.
- It is made for navigating in unstructured terrains to provide remote reconnaissance and inspection, which otherwise are not safe for humans to operate in.

##### **Exoskeleton:**

- It is developed to suit Indian soldiers' anthropometry and augment soldier strength for walking long distances.

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- These active exoskeletons, when worn by soldiers, can carry heavy loads without expending much effort.

## 5. Microsoft introduces 'Bing Image Creator' powered by OpenAI's DALL-E.

- Microsoft has added a new functionality called 'Bing Image Creator', which enables users to generate an image based on their written description by utilizing an enhanced version of Open AI's DALL-E model.
- With Image Creator, users can generate images based on their descriptions, including additional context such as location or activity, and select an art style.
- It serves as a creative partner for users, enabling them to produce visuals for various purposes, such as a newsletter for friends or inspiration for home decor, by simply typing prompts like 'create an image' or 'draw an image' in chat.

## 6. ISRO launches LVM3-M3/OneWeb India-2 Mission in Sriharikota.

- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully launched its heaviest rocket, LVM3, for the sixth consecutive time from the Srihari Kota spaceport. The rocket successfully placed 36 satellites belonging to the UK-based OneWeb group company into their intended orbits.
- As per the contract signed between ISRO's commercial arm NSIL and OneWeb, a total of 72 satellites are set to be launched in two phases. The first phase, which included 36 satellites, was successfully launched on October 23, 2022, in the LVM3-M2/OneWeb India-1 mission.
- This marks the second OneWeb fleet that India is launching, paving the way for the country's foray into the commercial heavy lift-off space.

### **About OneWeb Constellation:**

- The OneWeb Constellation operates in a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Polar Orbit, where the satellites are arranged in 12 rings, also known as orbital planes.
- Each orbital plane consists of 49 satellites, and they are inclined to be near-polar at an inclination of 87.9 degrees.

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- The satellites are placed at an altitude of 1200 km above the Earth's surface, and each satellite completes a full trip around the Earth every 109 minutes.

## 7. NASA to send 4 humans to live on Mars from June 2023.

- Four people are being trained by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to live on Mars this summer. Four "Martians" will travel to Mars as part of NASA's human exploration mission, even though the US space agency has long sought to send humans to the neighbouring planet.
- Three such trips to Mars are being planned by NASA. Three of these specialised missions are being planned by the US space agency to learn more about the needs of Earthly habitats. the cosmic next-door neighbour. The first analogue mission will begin this year, followed by missions two and three in 2025 and 2026, respectively.
- During the simulation, crew members will carry out different types of mission activities, including simulated spacewalks, robotic operations, habitat maintenance, personal hygiene, exercise, and crop growth.

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## DEFENCE CURRENT AFFAIRS

### 1. IAF Participated in Exercise Shinyuu Maitri with Japan Air Self Defense Force.

- The Indian Air Force is participating in Exercise Shinyuu Maitri 23 with one C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.
- The Exercise has been conducted on the 1st and 2nd of March 2023. The first phase of the exercise consists of discussions on transport operations and tactical maneuvering, followed by the second phase of flying drills by IAF's C-17 and JASDF C-2 transport aircraft.
- The exercise provided an opportunity for the respective subject matter experts to interact and study each other's operational philosophies and best practices.

### 2. INS Trikand participated in International Maritime Exercise 2023

- The Indian warship INS Trikand has arrived in Bahrain for her first participation in the International Maritime Exercise organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces, a 34-nation naval group.
- MX/CE-23 is one of the world's largest multinational maritime exercises. While this is the Indian Navy's first IMX participation, it is also the second time an Indian Naval ship is participating in a CMF exercise.

### 3. FRINJEX-23 Indo-France Joint Military Exercise to commence at Thiruvananthapuram.

- The purpose of the FRINJEX-23 defence exercise is to improve tactical interoperability, coordination, and collaboration between the two forces.
- The exercise's objectives include setting up an internally displaced person (IDP) camp, moving disaster relief supplies, and operationalizing a joint command post to secure an area where joint humanitarian assistance and disaster relief will be provided.

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**4. In Ladakh, Colonel Geeta Rana is the first woman to command an army battalion**

- Colonel Geeta Rana of the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers has taken over command of an independent field workshop in the Eastern Ladakh region with China after the Indian Army recently approved women officers for command posts.
- She is the first woman officer to do so. The Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers' Colonel Geeta Rana is the first female officer to assume control of an Independent Field Workshop in a remote and forward area in Eastern Ladakh.

**5. Indian Navy gets first-ever privately made indigenized fuze of Anti-Submarine Warfare rocket.**

- This marks the first time that the Indian Navy has procured an underwater ammunition fuze from an Indian private manufacturer. It is a major boost for the self-reliance of the Indian defence sector. The use of simulated dynamic trial facilities during the development and manufacturing process is also a noteworthy achievement.
- Fuze is part of the weapon or ammunition that initiates its function. In torpedoes, the function is to explode. Fuze may have electronic or mechanical parts. There are different types of fuze namely artillery fuze, hand grenade fuze, aerial bomb fuze, landmine fuze, naval mine fuze, etc.

**6. Army installed J&K's steep Doda district's tallest iconic national flag**

- In the rugged Doda area of Jammu & Kashmir, the Army erected the tallest "Iconic National Banner". The highest tricolour in the Doda district, which has been erected on a 100-foot pole, was unfurled by Maj Gen Ajay Kumar.

**7. Joint India-Singapore exercise 'bold kurukshetra' concludes at Jodhpur**

- Operation Bold Kurukshetra, a bilateral armour training exercise, was held from March 6-13, 2023, in Jodhpur Military Station in India

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## 8. India's Defence Exports to Reach Rs 40,000 Crore by 2026

- India is set to become a major exporter of defense equipment and materials, with exports projected to be worth Rs 35,000 to Rs 40,000 crore by 2026.
- Since adopting the Indianization program, India's defense exports have increased from Rs 900 crore in 2014 to Rs 15,000 crore to Rs 16,000 crore today. Singh expressed his pride in the country's defense forces, which are now meeting 80% of their needs through indigenous procurement.

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## AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 1. Naatu Naatu' song from 'RRR' to be performed at the Oscars 2023 ceremony.**
  - SS Rajamouli's 'RRR' movie, the popular song 'Naatu Naatu' which is nominated in the 'Best Original Song' category will be performed at the 95th Academy Awards or Oscar awards by singers Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava in their Oscar debut. The song's music is composed by M.M. Keeravaani, while its lyrics are written by Chandrabose.
- 2. India Wins GSMA Government Leadership Award 2023.**
  - Groupe Speciale Mobile Association (GSMA) has conferred Government Leadership Award 2023 to India for implementing best practices in telecom policy and regulation. GSMA, which represents more than 750 mobile operators and 400 companies in the telecom ecosystem, recognizes one country every year. India was declared winner in the ceremony held at Mobile World Congress Barcelona.
- 3. Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry gets Porter Prize 2023 in managing COVID-19.**
  - Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry has received the Porter Prize 2023. It recognized the government's strategy in managing COVID-19, also the approach, and involvement of various stakeholders especially involvement of ASHA workers in the industry to create PPE Kits.
  - The theme of the two-day conference was The Indian Economy 2023: Innovation, Competitiveness and Social Progress
- 4. Writer Vinod Kumar Shukla wins 2023 PEN/Nabokov Lifetime Achievement Award.**
  - Vinod Kumar Shukla has won the PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International 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) and poetry collections like Sab Kuch

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Hona Bacha Rahega (1992). The award is conferred annually by PEN America.

**5. Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023 organized by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.**

- The “Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023”, organized by the Ministry of Jal Shakti to honour the women champions of rural water and sanitation sector, was graced by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu.
- The event also saw the launch of Jal Shakti Abhiyan - Catch the Rain 2023 and release of National Water Mission’s(NWM) SoPs on Source Sustainability by Minister of Jal Shakti Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. Union Minister also presented President with the first copy of the ‘Swachh Sujal Shakti Ki Abhivyakti’ - a compendium of case stories from SBM (G), JJM and NWM. The theme is ‘Source Sustainability for Drinking Water’

**6. Delhi International Airport among cleanest in Asia-Pacific.**

- 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. The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), operated by DIAL, has bagged the award for Airport Service Quality (ASQ) best airport for 2022 in the category of over 40 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA).

**7. Indian-American to receive National Humanities medal from Joe Biden.**

- The White House has announced that US President Joe Biden will bestow the 2021 National Humanities Medals upon several recipients, including Indian-American actress, comedian, and writer Mindy Kaling, also known as Vera Mindy Chokalingam.

**8. Bombay Jayashri chosen for Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2023 by Music Academy**

- The Music Academy has announced that the Sangita Kalanidhi award for 2023 will be presented to Bombay Jayashri, a Padma Shri awardee and renowned Carnatic vocalist.
- According to the Academy’s press release, Jayashri is considered as one of the leading Carnatic musicians of the present time. She received her initial training in Carnatic music from her parents and later studied under TR

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Balamani and Lalgudi G Jayaraman, a celebrated violin maestro. In addition to Carnatic music, Jayashri has also received training in Hindustani music, classical dance, and the veena.

**9. Luis Caffarelli won the 2023 Abel Prize.**

- Luis Caffarelli, 74, has won the 2023 Abel Prize “for his seminal contributions to regularity theory for nonlinear partial differential equations including free-boundary problems and the Monge-Ampère equation”.
- The prize includes a monetary award of 7.5 million kroner and a glass plaque designed by Norwegian artist Henrik Haugan. It is awarded by The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, on behalf of the Ministry of Education.

**10. Naveen Jindal honoured with ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ by University of Texas.**

- 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.
- This award is the highest recognition given to an alumnus by the University of Texas, Dallas and is presented to those whose contributions have positively impacted society. Aziz Sancar, a Nobel Laureate, was the first person to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Texas at Dallas.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATION

### 1. Rajesh Malhotra named principal director general of PIB

- Senior Indian Information Service (IIS) officer, Rajesh Malhotra has been appointed as the principal director general of the Press Information Bureau (PIB), according to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. He will be the principal spokesperson of the government of India. He will replace Satyendra Prakash, who took charge as principal DG of PIB in August 2022.

### 2. IPS officer Rashmi Shukla named Director-General of SSB.

- Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, Rashmi Shukla has been appointed as the Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). SSB is the border-guarding force deployed along Nepal and Bhutan border.
- She was heading the State Intelligence Department in Maharashtra Police when the phones of Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut and Nationalist Congress Party leader Eknath Khadse were allegedly tapped in 2019.

### 3. S.S. Dubey takes charge as new Controller General of Accounts.

- S.S. Dubey took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA). He is the 28th officer to hold the position of CGA. Prior to that, Dubey has served as Chief Controller of Accounts in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion etc. and as Controller/Deputy Controller of Accounts in Ministry of Environment & Forest, Ministry of External Affairs, Department of Revenue, Department of Supply etc. and was in-charge of budgeting, accounting, payment, internal audit etc. He also served as Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer in Bank Note Press, Dewas.
- Controller General of Accounts (CGA) is 'the Principal Advisor' on Accounting matters to the Union Government. CGA is responsible for establishing and managing a technically sound Management Accounting System and preparation & submission of the accounts of the Union government.

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4. **Arun Subramanian becomes 1st Indian American judge at New York Court.**

- Arun Subramanian, an attorney, has been appointed as the first Indian American judge of the Manhattan Federal District Court in New York. The nomination of Mr. Subramanian for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York was first made public by US President Joe Biden in September 2022.

5. **She Changes Climate campaign: Shreya Ghodawat named as Ambassador for India.**

- She Changes Climate campaign: Climate entrepreneur Shreya Ghodawat has been appointed as India's ambassador for She Changes Climate- a global campaign driving awareness of the crucial role of women in accelerating just climate action. On International Women's Day, the global non-profit organization "She Changes Climate" unveiled a new campaign called "Embrace Equity" with the goal of amplifying women's voices regarding the effects of climate change.

6. **Lalit Kumar Gupta named as CMD of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)**

- Lalit Kumar Gupta has been approved as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- CCI is a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Textile. An order from the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) has been issued, stating that Gupta will assume the role of CMD of CCI with immediate effect, for a period of five years or until his superannuation, or until further orders, whichever comes first.

7. **SpiceJet's Ajay Singh takes over as ASSOCHAM President.**

Ajay Singh, the chief of SpiceJet, has become the new President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM). He has replaced Sumant Sinha, who completed his tenure as Managing Director of Renew Power. Sanjay Nayar, the Founder and Chairman of Sorin Investment Fund, has been appointed as the new Senior Vice-President of ASSOCHAM.

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## 8. Deepak Mohanty appointed as PFRDA chairman, Mamta Shankar as Whole-Time Member

- The Indian government has appointed Deepak Mohanty as the new chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), replacing Supratim Bandyopadhyay whose term ended in January. Mohanty, a former executive director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), previously served as a member of PFRDA.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### 1. Asian Chess Federation confers D Gukesh with Player of the Year award.

- Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh has been honoured with Player-of-the-Year award by the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) for clinching the gold medal with a record-breaking score of 9/11 in the 44th Chess Olympiad at Mahabalipuram.
- Gukesh became only the sixth Indian to break the 2700 Elo-rating mark, and the youngest Grandmaster from the country to be rated above 2700.

### 2. Jeswin Aldrin Breaks National Record at AFI National Jumps Competition.

- Tamil Nadu's Jeswin Aldrin broke the national record in the men's long jump in the second AFI National Jumps Competition. Jeswin Aldrin, 21-year-old, leaped 8.42 meters to take over the previous mark of 8.36 meters set by India teammate M Sreeshankar at the Federation Cup in Kozhikode in April 2022.

### 3. Karnataka end 54-year wait, wins Santosh Trophy.

- Karnataka ended their 54-year wait to win the Santosh Trophy national football championship, beating Meghalaya 3-2 in a pulsating final at the King Fahd International Stadium in the Saudi Arabia capital.
- Services beat Punjab 2-0 in the playoff to finish third. PP Shafeel and Christopher Kamei scored in either half. Services, winners of five of the last 10 editions, took the lead in the seventh minute through a strike from distance by Shafeel before Kamei converted a left-footed attempt from outside the box.

### 4. Max Verstappen wins season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix 2023.

- 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.
- It was the first time he had won in Bahrain and also the first time he had triumphed in a Formula One opener. Red Bull also clinched a dominant 1-2 with Sergio Perez finishing second while 41-year-old Fernando Alonso took a

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brilliant third place and claimed a 99th career podium on a stunning race debut for Aston Martin.

**5. Women's World Boxing Championships 2023: MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar named brand ambassadors.**

- The Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi will host the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship 2023 from March 15-26. Mahindra has been named the title sponsor of this competition by the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), while MC Mary Kom and Bollywood actor Farhan Akhtar have been named as brand ambassadors.

**6. FIFA president Gianni Infantino re-elected for another term.**

- Gianni Infantino was re-elected as FIFA president until 2027 by acclamation, after highlighting his strong financial performance as a reason for keeping a CEO in their position for life. The decision was made by the congress of 211 member federations, who have seen their annual funding from FIFA increase from \$250,000 to \$2 million since Infantino's first win in 2016.

**7. Rohan Bopanna becomes oldest tennis player to win ATP Masters 1000 title.**

- Rohan Bopanna, a 43-year-old Indian tennis player, and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden have become the oldest duo to win an ATP Masters 1000 title.
- They won the men's doubles final at the Indian Wells Masters 2023 tournament in California by defeating the top-seeded team of Wesley Koolhof and Neil Skupski. Bopanna and Ebden won the first set 6-3 but lost the second set 2-6. However, they managed to win the match by clinching the deciding tie-breaker 10-8.

**8. Sergio Pérez wins Saudi Arabia Grand Prix 2023**

- At the Saudi Arabia Grand Prix of the 2023 Formula One season, Sergio Perez displayed a dominant performance and earned his first win. His teammate at Red Bull, Max Verstappen, secured the second position after starting from the 15th spot.

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ'S

1. Which city is the host of 'International Bio-resource Conclave & Ethno-pharmacology Congress 2023'?
  - a) Mumbai
  - b) Imphal
  - c) Kolkata
  - d) Bengaluru
2. Which city is the host of the W20 Inception Meeting under India's G-20 Presidency?
  - a) Chennai
  - b) Kochi
  - c) Aurangabad
  - d) Bhubaneswar
3. Which city has been renamed as 'Chatrapati Sambhajnagar'?
  - a) Pune
  - b) Aurangabad
  - c) Nashik
  - d) Ahmed Nagar
4. Which institution launched India's first municipal bond index?
  - a) RBI
  - b) SEBI
  - c) BSE
  - d) NSE
5. Which is the first platform to launch 'UPI LITE payments'?
  - a) Google Pay
  - b) Mi Pay
  - c) Paytm Payments Bank
  - d) Airtel Payments Bank

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6. Which state is the host of the 'Global Responsible Tourism Summit'?
  - a) Sikkim
  - b) Kerala
  - c) Goa
  - d) Himachal Pradesh
  
7. What is the rank of India in the International Intellectual Property Index 2023?
  - a) 26
  - b) 32
  - c) 42
  - d) 55
  
8. Which neighbouring country of India signed MoU with ISA to increase use of solar energy?
  - a) Sri Lanka
  - b) Nepal
  - c) Bangladesh
  - d) Myanmar
  
9. As per IMF, which country has the potential to contribute 15 per cent of the global growth in 2023?
  - a) China
  - b) India
  - c) Brazil
  - d) France
  
10. Dharoi wetland, where a bird survey was conducted recently, is located in which state?
  - a) Gujarat
  - b) Karnataka
  - c) Tamil Nadu
  - d) Kerala
  
11. Which Ministry implements the 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana'?

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- a) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers
  - b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
  - c) Ministry of Rural Development
  - d) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
12. Dibang Multipurpose Project, India's largest-ever hydropower project, is being set up in which state?
- a) West Bengal
  - b) Arunachal Pradesh
  - c) Sikkim
  - d) Uttarakhand
13. The 'Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD)' has found the presence of lithium reserves in which state?
- a) Karnataka
  - b) Madhya Pradesh
  - c) Assam
  - d) Gujarat
14. When is the 'National Science Day' celebrated every year?
- a) February 21
  - b) February 24
  - c) February 28
  - d) March 3
15. The United Kingdom signed 'Windsor Framework' with which institution?
- a) ISA
  - b) EU
  - c) G-20
  - d) G-7
16. As per the 'Indian States' Energy Transition' report, which states made the most progress in transition to clean electricity?
- a) Karnataka and Gujarat

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- b) Telangana and Tamil Nadu
  - c) Gujarat and Punjab
  - d) Haryana and Himachal Pradesh
17. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC)'?
- a) Ministry of Finance
  - b) Ministry of Electronics and IT
  - c) Ministry of Home Affairs
  - d) Ministry of Defence
18. Which bank has completed the acquisition of Citigroup's India consumer business?
- a) HDFC Bank
  - b) Axis Bank
  - c) ICICI Bank
  - d) Yes Bank
19. Which country announced the Indo-Pacific tech envoy?
- a) UK
  - b) USA
  - c) Australia
  - d) Germany
20. Which city is the host of the 'G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting (FMM)'?
- a) Mumbai
  - b) Chennai
  - c) New Delhi
  - d) Ahmedabad
21. What is the theme of National Safety Day 2023?
- a) Our Aim - Zero Harm
  - b) Our Aim- Zero Accident
  - c) Health and Safety
  - d) Elimination of Occupational Hazard

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22. 'SAMARTH scheme', which was seen in the news, is associated with which Ministry?
- Ministry of Textiles
  - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
  - Ministry of Home Affairs
  - Ministry of Defence
23. Which institution released the 'Mind the Gender Gap' Report?
- SEBI
  - CFA Institute
  - Oxfam International
  - Amnesty International
24. Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) award was conferred on which institution?
- REC
  - NTPC
  - ONGC
  - GAIL
25. Which institutions released the report titled 'More than a billion reasons: The urgent need to build universal social protection'?
- World Bank- ILO
  - UNICEF- ILO
  - UNESCO- ILO
  - World Bank - UNICEF
26. HUID Number, which was seen in the news, is associated with which element/product?
- Rice
  - Cotton
  - Gold
  - Lithium

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27. Which institution has designed the 'Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS)'?
- a) HAL
  - b) DRDO
  - c) BEL
  - d) ISRO
28. As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) report for 2021-22, what is the employment fraction in the farm sector?
- a) 26.5 %
  - b) 32.5 %
  - c) 45.5 %
  - d) 55.5 %
29. Which organisation released the 'Women, Business and the Law Index'?
- a) World Bank
  - b) World Economic Forum
  - c) International Monetary Fund
  - d) Asian Development Bank
30. Which country has claimed to have discovered around 8.5 million metric tons of lithium ore?
- a) Australia
  - b) Iran
  - c) Israel
  - d) UAE
31. 'Bahu Balli', the world's first 200-meter-long Bamboo Crash Barrier has been installed in which state?
- a) West Bengal
  - b) Maharashtra
  - c) Assam
  - d) Odisha

32. BrahMos Missile has been developed by a partnership between Russia's NPO Mashinostroyeniya and which organisation of India?
- a) ISRO
  - b) DRDO
  - c) HAL
  - d) BHEL
33. Which country has proposed to create 'International Big Cat Alliance'?
- a) USA
  - b) India
  - c) Indonesia
  - d) Japan
34. The Draft Central Electricity Authority Regulations was issued recently to protect which species?
- a) One-horned Rhinos
  - b) Great Indian Bustard
  - c) Asian Elephant
  - d) Asiatic Lion
35. 'Digital India Bill' is associated with which Union Ministry?
- a) Ministry of Home Affairs
  - b) Ministry of External Affairs
  - c) Ministry of Electronics and IT
  - d) Ministry of Science and Technology
36. Manik Saha was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of which Indian state in 2023?
- a) Tripura
  - b) Meghalaya
  - c) Mizoram
  - d) Assam
37. Which city was the host of the second Meeting of Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion?

- a) Chennai
  - b) Mumbai
  - c) Hyderabad
  - d) Bengaluru
38. Salhoutuonuo Kruse made history by becoming the first woman Cabinet minister of which state?
- a) Sikkim
  - b) Nagaland
  - c) Jharkhand
  - d) Bihar
39. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Swachhotsav' women-led cleanliness campaign?
- a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
  - b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
  - c) Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
  - d) Ministry of Home Affairs
40. Which institution introduced the 'Global Greenhouse Gas Monitoring Infrastructure'?
- a) World Bank
  - b) WEF
  - c) IMF
  - d) WMO
41. 'TROPEX 2023' is a major Operational level exercise conducted by which country?
- a) India
  - b) Australia
  - c) UK
  - d) USA
42. Centre has recently directed NAFED, NCCF for immediate intervention in market for purchase of which product?

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- a) Potato
  - b) Red onion
  - c) Cotton
  - d) Jute
43. Which country has opened military service to women for the first time in 25 years?
- a) Sri Lanka
  - b) Colombia
  - c) UK
  - d) Japan
44. Which country introduced the 'Illegal Migration Bill'?
- a) USA
  - b) UK
  - c) China
  - d) Greece
45. *Mimeusemia ceylonica*, rare moth species, has been spotted for the first time in India, in which state?
- a) Kerala
  - b) Tamil Nadu
  - c) Karnataka
  - d) Odisha
46. Which state's Governor returned the Prohibition of Online Gambling Bill passed by the state cabinet?
- a) Kerala
  - b) Tamil Nadu
  - c) West Bengal
  - d) Punjab
47. Which country hosted the third session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR)?
- a) Sri Lanka

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- b) Nepal
  - c) India
  - d) USA
48. The Prevention of Money Laundering Act was recently expanded to include which products?
- a) Virtual digital assets
  - b) Real Estate
  - c) Jewellery
  - d) Electronics
49. Which Union Ministry implements the 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 programme'?
- a) Ministry of Culture
  - b) Ministry of Railways
  - c) Ministry of Tourism
  - d) Ministry of Home Affairs
50. NASA's Curiosity Rover recently captured the crepuscular rays on which planet?
- a) Earth
  - b) Mars
  - c) Jupiter
  - d) Venus
51. What is the name of the world's first-ever radio platform powered by artificial intelligence?
- a) AIRadio
  - b) Go Radio
  - c) RadioGPT
  - d) Radio Bing
52. Torino Scale, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?
- a) Poverty
  - b) Space Science
  - c) Earth quake

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- d) Cryptocurrency
53. Which country holds the Presidency of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2023?
- a) USA
  - b) Israel
  - c) India
  - d) Germany
54. 'Safe Harbour Principle' which was seen in the news, is associated with which act?
- a) The Major Port Authorities Act, 2021
  - b) Information Technology Act, 2000
  - c) Merchant Shipping Act 1958
  - d) Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974
55. Which state/UT released the 'Master Plan for 2041' to guide the development of city in various areas?
- a) Karnataka
  - b) New Delhi
  - c) Odisha
  - d) West Bengal
56. Madhav National Park, which was seen in the news, is in which state/UT?
- a) Tamil Nadu
  - b) Madhya Pradesh
  - c) Gujarat
  - d) Kerala
57. Which Union Ministry is set to host the 'World Food India-2023' event?
- a) Ministry of Agriculture
  - b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
  - c) Ministry of Rural Development
  - d) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

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58. Which Union Ministry launched the 'LEAN Scheme'?
- a) Ministry of Civil Aviation
  - b) Ministry of MSME
  - c) Ministry of Defence
  - d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
59. Which institution released the 'Landslide Atlas of India'?
- a) DRDO
  - b) NABARD
  - c) ISRO
  - d) NITI Aayog
60. The Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) is an alpha-numeric number with how many digits?
- a) 10
  - b) 12
  - c) 14
  - d) 18
61. Which state approved the 10% horizontal reservation to statehood activists in state government job?
- a) Jharkhand
  - b) Uttarakhand
  - c) Punjab
  - d) Rajasthan
62. Which state/UT is the host of the 'First international conference on Shared Buddhist Heritage'?
- a) New Delhi
  - b) Assam
  - c) Kerala
  - d) Bihar

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63. As per the recent MoSPI data, what is India's retail inflation recorded in February 2023?
- a) 7.44 %
  - b) 6.44 %
  - c) 5.44 %
  - d) 4.44 %
64. Which film won seven awards during the Oscars 2023 event?
- a) Everything Everywhere All at Once
  - b) Elvis
  - c) Tar
  - d) Top Gun: Maverick
65. What is the name of the cyclone that has caused winds and torrential rain in Malawi and Mozambique?
- a) Feddy
  - b) Freddy
  - c) Mousie
  - d) Rhino
66. Exercise 'Al-Mohed-Al Hindi-23' is held between India and which country?
- a) UAE
  - b) Saudi Arabia
  - c) Israel
  - d) Oman
67. Which country is the host of the 'United Nations 2023 Water Conference'?
- a) USA
  - b) UK
  - c) India
  - d) Bangladesh
68. Which country brokered the 'Saudi-Iran Détente' peace deal?
- a) USA

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

69. Barda Wildlife Sanctuary, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- a) Gujarat
- b) West Bengal
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Karnataka

70. Which state/UT hosted the 'Kodava Hockey Festival'?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Odisha
- c) Karnataka
- d) West Bengal

71. Which city is the host of 'Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference'?

- a) Mumbai
- b) New Delhi
- c) Varanasi
- d) Ahmedabad

72. Which Union Ministry implements the 'PM MITRA' scheme?

- a) Ministry of Education
- b) Ministry of Textiles
- c) Ministry of Steel
- d) Ministry of External Affairs

73. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Women and Men in India 2022 Report'?

- a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- b) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- d) Ministry of MSME

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74. 'Geoffrey Bawa: It is Essential To be There' Exhibition was inaugurated to mark 75 years of bilateral relations between India and?
- Bangladesh
  - Sri Lanka
  - France
  - Singapore
75. Raccoon Dog, which was seen in the news, is endemic to which region?
- America
  - Africa
  - Asia
  - Europe
76. Which state is the key state partner of the International SME Convention 2023 (ISC)?
- Uttar Pradesh
  - Madhya Pradesh
  - Assam
  - Odisha
77. What is the name of the form of artificial intelligence that can take actions using past data?
- Generative AI
  - Reformative AI
  - Memory AI
  - Storage AI
78. International Criminal Court has issued an arrest warrant against the President of which country?
- UK
  - Russia
  - North Korea
  - Sri Lanka
79. Which year has been proposed to be marked as the year of tourism?

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- a) 2023
- b) 2024
- c) 2025
- d) 2027

80. Which state has tabled the Advocates Protection Bill, 2023?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Karnataka

81. Sajibu Nongma Panba is a lunar new year celebrated in which state?

- a) Assam
- b) Manipur
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Odisha

82. What is the name of the second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), which was launched recently?

- a) Andrea
- b) Androth
- c) Arnab
- d) Arnala

83. What is the theme of the 'International Day of Forests 2023'?

- a) Forests and health
- b) Forests and Climate Change
- c) Forests and Global Warming
- d) Forests are Friends

84. IMF Executive Board has approved a USD 3 billion bail-out programme for which country?

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Afghanistan

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- c) China
- d) Pakistan

85. 'Accelerating the change to solve the water and sanitation crisis' is the theme of which day?

- a) World Forest Day
- b) World Water Day
- c) World Earth Day
- d) World Sanitation Day

86. Which state launched the 'Mukhyamantri Vriksh Sampada Yojana'?

- a) Odisha
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) West Bengal
- d) Gujarat

87. Which country launched the '2022 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices'?

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

88. Siniyah Island, which was seen in the news, is situated in which country?

- a) Russia
- b) China
- c) UAE
- d) Israel

89. Which city is the host of 'G20 Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) Conference'?

- a) Bhubaneswar
- b) Kolkata
- c) Dibrugarh
- d) Pune

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90. Abel Prize is conferred to recognise outstanding contributors of which field?
- Architecture
  - Mathematics
  - Journalism
  - Sports
91. Which Article of the Indian constitution deals with the disqualification of MPs from Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha?
- Article 10
  - Article 20
  - Article 32
  - Article 102
92. Which country launched the 'Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM4C)' along with the US?
- India
  - UAE
  - Israel
  - Sri Lanka
93. 'Sahakar Samridhi Soudha' is to be constructed in which state/UT?
- Tamil Nadu
  - Karnataka
  - Odisha
  - West Bengal
94. Defence Ministry recently signed a contract with which organisation under Project Himshakti?
- ISRO
  - DRDO
  - BEL
  - HAL
95. Which paramilitary force is responsible for guarding the Indo-Myanmar border?

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- a) ITBP
  - b) Assam Rifles
  - c) CISF
  - d) BSF
96. As per the QS World University Rankings 2023, which is the most represented country in Asia?
- a) India
  - b) China
  - c) Singapore
  - d) Malaysia
97. Which city is the host of the 'First G20 Trade and Investment Working Group (TIWG) Meeting'?
- a) New Delhi
  - b) Mumbai
  - c) Gandhi Nagar
  - d) Mysore
98. 'SWAMIH Fund' is sponsored by which Union Ministry?
- a) Ministry of Finance
  - b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
  - c) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
  - d) Ministry of Rural Development
99. Anji Khad Bridge, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?
- a) Jammu and Kashmir
  - b) Sikkim
  - c) Uttarakhand
  - d) Arunachal Pradesh
100. What is the name of 'India's First Cloned Desi Gir Female Calf'?
- a) Narendra
  - b) Ganga

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- c) Virat
- d) Veera

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## ANSWER KEY

Q.	Ans.	Q.	Ans.	Q.	Ans.	Q.	Ans.
1.	B	26.	C	51.	C	76.	B
2.	C	27.	B	52.	B	77.	A
3.	B	28.	C	53.	C	78.	B
4.	D	29.	A	54.	B	79.	A
5.	C	30.	B	55.	B	80.	C
6.	B	31.	B	56.	B	81.	B
7.	C	32.	B	57.	B	82.	B
8.	C	33.	B	58.	B	83.	A
9.	B	34.	B	59.	C	84.	A
10.	A	35.	C	60.	C	85.	B
11.	A	36.	A	61.	B	86.	B
12.	B	37.	C	62.	A	87.	B
13.	B	38.	B	63.	B	88.	C
14.	C	39.	B	64.	A	89.	C
15.	B	40.	D	65.	B	90.	B
16.	A	41.	A	66.	B	91.	D
17.	B	42.	B	67.	A	92.	B
18.	B	43.	B	68.	B	93.	B
19.	A	44.	B	69.	A	94.	C
20.	C	45.	B	70.	C	95.	B
21.	A	46.	B	71.	B	96.	B
22.	A	47.	C	72.	B	97.	B
23.	B	48.	A	73.	B	98.	A
24.	B	49.	C	74.	B	99.	A
25.	B	50.	B	75.	C	100.	B

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## TRANSLATION : HINDI

1. राज्यों संघ राज्यों में गृह विभाग एवं पुलिस महानिदेशक यह भी सुनिश्चित करेंगे कि विशेष किशोर पुलिस इकाई विशेष किशोर पुलिस इकाई समस्त पुलिस अधिकारी के रूप में पदाभिहित के साथ अधिनियम की धारा 63 की उपधारा (3) में यथा-उपबन्धित प्रत्येक जिले या नगर में किशोर और बालकों के साथ पुलिस व्यवहार को समन्वित करने के उत्कृष्ट करने के लिए सृजित किए जा सकेंगे ।
2. उच्च न्यायालय की खण्डपीठ ने आक्षिप्त आदेश में यह दृष्टिकोण लिया कि चूंकि कार्यपालन यंत्री माध्यस्थम कार्यवाहियाँ देख रहा था, वह अकेला था, जो भारत के संघ की ओर से पंचाट पर आपत्तियां दाखिल कर सकता था एवं इस प्रकार कार्यपालन यंत्री को पंचाट के दाखिल करने का सूचना पत्र आज्ञापक था एवं पंचाट को अपास्त करने के लिए और आवेदन पत्र को दाखिल करने के लिए परिसीमा का प्रारम्भिक बिन्दु कार्यपालन यंत्री को सूचना यंत्र की तामीली का दिनांक होगा तथा परिसीमा अधिनियम, 1963 की अनुसूची के अनुच्छेद 199 (ख) में उपबन्धित किया गया । उच्च न्यायालय इस निष्कर्ष पर आने में सही नहीं था कि चूंकि कार्यपालन यंत्री को पंचाट दिनांक 21-5- 1997 दाखिल करने का ज्ञान था एवं चूंकि आपत्तियां दिनांक 21-5-1997 से गिनी 30 दिनों की अवधि से परे दाखिल की गई थी। पंचाट को आपत्तियां समय अपवर्जित थीं ।
3. उनकी दोषसिद्धि एवं दण्डादेश से व्यथित होकर अपीलार्थीगण ने म.प्र. उच्च न्यायालय, जबलपुर को अपील की, जो असफल हुई एवं इस अपील में आक्षिप्त आदेश द्वारा खारिज की गई । अपीलार्थीगण ने विशेष अनुमति द्वारा वर्तमान अपील में खारिजीकरण के उक्त आदेश पर आपत्ति की है ।
4. जोगिन्दरसिंह और अन्य बनाम पंजाब राज्य एवं अन्य (1979) 1 एस.सी.सी. 345 में इस न्यायालय ने कहा कि संहिता की धारा 319 के तहत प्रदत्त शक्ति समस्त न्यायालयों स्पेशल न्यायालय सहित को लागू होती है एवं न्यायालय को किसी व्यक्ति को इसके समक्ष अभियुक्त नहीं होते हुए, को जोड़ने की, जिसके विरुद्ध परीक्षण के दौरान पर्याप्त साक्ष्य अपराध में अभियुक्त के रूप में उसकी अन्तर्ग्रस्तता उपदर्शित करते हुए प्रतीत होता है एवं उसको अन्य अभियुक्त के साथ परीक्षित कराने हेतु निदेश देने की शक्ति होती है
5. आन्ध्रप्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय ने इसके निर्णय और आदेश दिनांक 2 नवम्बर, 2009 द्वारा अभियुक्त क्रमांक 5, 6 और 9 के संबंध में दाण्डिक परिवाद से उत्पन्न कार्यवाहियों को अभिखण्डित किया, परन्तु परिवाद में अभियुक्त क्रमांक 8 के पक्ष में हस्तक्षेप करने से इनकार कर दिया । ये तीन विशेष

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अनुमति याचिकाएं एक ही निर्णय से उत्पन्न ही होती है। एस.एल.पी. (वा.) क्र. 2450/2010 और 3856/2010 परिवादी द्वारा दाखिल की गई है, जो आदेश से व्यथित है। जहाँ तक यह अभियुक्त क्रमांक 5, 6 और 9 के विरुद्ध कार्यवाहियों में अभिखण्डित किया गया एवं एस.एल.पी. (वा.) क्र. (नं.) 648/2010 अभियुक्त क्र. 8 द्वारा दाखिल की गई है, जिसके अभिखण्डन हेतु याचिका उच्च न्यायालय द्वारा खारिज की गई थी।

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## TRANSLATION: ENGLISH

1. The Home Departments and the director Generals of police of the States/Union Territories will also ensure that special Juvenile Police Unit comprising of all police officers designated as Juvenile or Child Welfare officer be created in every district and city to coordinate and to upgrade the police treatment to juveniles and the children as provided in sub-section (3) of section 63 of the Act.
2. The Division Bench of High Court has taken a view in the impugned order that as the Executive Engineer was looking after the arbitration proceedings, he was the one who could have filed the objections to the award on behalf of the Union of India and thus notice of the filing of the award on the Executive Engineer as provided in article 199 (b) of the schedule to the Limitation Act, 1963. The High Court therefore was not right in coming to the conclusion that as the Executive Engineer had knowledge of the filing of the award on 21-05- 1997 and as the objection were filed beyond the period of 30 days counted from 21-05-1997, the objection to the award were based by time.
3. Aggrieved by their conviction and sentence the appellants appealed to the High Court of M.P. At Jabalpur which failed and has been dismissed by the order impugned in this appeal. The appellants have in the present appeal by special leave assaulted the said order of dismissal.
4. In Joginder Singh and another vs. State of Punjab and another, (1979) 1 SCC 345, this court stated that the power conferred under section 319 (1) of the code is applicable to all courts including a sessions court and the court has power to add any person not being the accused before it, against whom there appears during trial sufficient evidence indicating his involvement in the offence as an accused and directed him to be tried along with the other accused.
5. The Andhra Pradesh High Court by its judgment and order dated Nov. 2, 2009 quashed the proceeding arising from a criminal complaint in respect of accused nos. 5, 6 and 9 but declined to interfere in favor of accused No. 8 in the complaint. These

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three special leave petitions arise from the same judgment. SLP (Cri.) Nos. 2450/2010 and 3856/ 2010 are filed by the complainant who is aggrieved by the order insofar as it quashed the proceedings against accused Nos. 5, 6, and 9 and SLP (Cri.) No. 648 of 2010 is filed by accused no. 9 whose petition for quashing was dismissed by the High Court.

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## MODEL CRIMINAL JUDGEMENT WRITING

**Question.** Frame charge on the basis of facts mentioned hereunder and write a well reasoned judgment on the basis of facts, evidence and arguments mentioned hereunder:

Complainant 'K' resides in his residential house in Kurud town. In the evening of 24-1-2000 he reached to his house after finishing his agricultural work and kept his Hero Honda Motor Cycle in the verandah of his house. In the night he locked the door of verandah and went to sleep in his bed-room. In the early morning on 25-1-2000 he woke-up and came to verandah where he saw his motor cycle missing and the door of verandah was open. Somebody had in the night stolen his Motor Cycle CG-120. Complainant 'K' immediately narrated the incident to his neighbour 'R' and lodged F.I.R. in the Police Station. Sub-Inspector 'Kh' registered an offence and started Investigation. During investigation Sub-Inspector 'Kh' saw the accused 'Gh' with Motor cycle in the weekly bazar and on suspicion interrogated the accused about the motor cycle. Accused failed to disclose any substantial fact about purchase of that motor cycle. On suspicion Sub-Inspector 'Kh' seized that motor cycle from the possession of accused 'Gh' in the presence of witnesses E and F and prepared a seizure memo.

Sub-Inspector 'Kh' enquired about that motor cycle, perused the documents of the motor cycle and came to conclusion that the number of seized vehicle was the same which complainant 'K' had disclosed in his F.I.R. Later on complainant 'K' saw his motor cycle in the Police Station.

After completion of investigation the prosecution has charge-sheeted accused 'Gh' before the court.

### **Defence:**

Accused has taken the defence that Sub-Inspector 'Kh' has falsely implicated him in this case.

### **Evidence for Prosecution:**

Witness 'K', who is the complainant in this case has deposed that he resides in Kurud

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town, he kept his motor cycle in the verandah of his house on 24-1-2000 and slept in night in his room. Complainant 'K' has also deposed that he has closed the door of verandah and had locked the door. He said that he woke-up in the morning of 25-1-2000 and went to the verandah where he saw that the motor cycle was missing and door of verandah was open. As per statement of witness he firstly narrated the incident to his neighbour 'R' and then went to Police Station, where he lodged F.I.R. Ex. P1. Police registered the offence and seized the cash memo receipt of the purchase of motor cycle from him. Seizure memo Ex. P.2 was prepared in the presence of two witnesses 'T' and 'Th'. Complainant 'K' deposed that after some days he saw his motor cycle in the police Station. Cross-examination - Nil.

Prosecution witness 'R' has deposed that in the morning, after the incident complainant 'K' had told him about theft of his motor cycle. Cross-examination - Nil

Witness E (PW 3) and F (PW 4) deposed in their statements that they were in the weekly bazar where Sub-inspector 'Kh' enquired with the accused 'Gh' about the motor cycle and then seized the motor cycle from him vide seizure memo Ex. P1. In the cross-examination both witnesses have said that they are not giving false statement on the instigation of police.

Witness 'Kh' Sub-Inspector (PW 5) deposed that complainant 'K' had lodged F.I.R. (Exp 1) on 25-1-2000 on the basis of which he registered the offence and seized the case memo (Exp 4) of purchase of the motor cycle from complainant. Witness has said that he seized cash memo Exp4 vide seizure memo Exp2. Sub-Inspector also deposed that on suspicion, in the weekly market he enquired from the accused about the motor cycle in the presence of witnesses, who failed to explain satisfactorily, then he seized the motor cycle from the possession of the accused and prepared seizure memo Exp3. On enquiry and after perusal of documents he found the motor cycle belonging to the complainant. In this cross-examination the witness has denied that he has falsely implicated the accused.

Defence evidence of behalf of accused-Nil

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## Arguments:

### Prosecution:

The prosecution argued that the evidence against accused is sufficient to prove the guilt.

### Defence:

On behalf of accused it has been argued that the accused belongs to village vicinity therefore if found guilty, he be sympathetically considered in awarding sentence.

### Reference:

Indian Penal Code

Criminal Procedure Code

Indian Evidence Act

### Charge with more than one head

I \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial Magistrate First Class, Raipur charge you \_\_\_\_\_ son of \_\_\_\_\_ as under:

**Firstly:** That you on the night of 24-1-2000 at place Kurud town committed criminal house breaking by night by breaking open the lock and door of the residential house of the complainant. A with the intention of committing theft and thereby committed offence punishable under Section 457 of the Indian Penal Code and within the cognizance of this court.

**Secondly:** That you on the night of 24-1-2000 at place Kurud town committed theft of a Hero Honda motor cycle no. CG 120 belonging to complainant A from inside his residential house by taking away it without his permission and dishonesty and thereby committed offence punishable under section 380 of the Indian Penal Code and within the cognizance of this court.

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And I hereby direct that you be tried of the said charges by this court.

Signature (Name)

(Round seal of Court)

Judicial Magistrate First Class, Raipur

The charge was read over and explained to the accused in Hindi. He replied as follows:  
I have not committed any offence. I am innocent. I have been implicated on false accusations.

Signature (Name)

Judicial Magistrate First Class, Raipur

Signature of accused

**Judgment of offence under Section 457 and 380 IPC**

**IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS RAIPUR**

**(PRESIDED BY \_\_)**

Criminal Case No. 1 of 2000

State of Chhattisgarh through Station House Officer, Police Station .... Prosecution

Versus

G son of \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_,

R/o village

Police Station \_\_\_\_\_

.....Accused

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For prosecution: Shri \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Public prosecutor

For accused: Shri \_\_\_\_\_ Advocate

## JUDGMENT

(Delivered on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_)

1. The accused stands charged for committing offence of criminal house breaking by night in the residential house of the complainant 'A' and theft of a Hero Honda motor cycle belonging to him from his veranda, punishable under Section 457 and 380 of the Indian Penal Code.
2. There are no undisputed facts in this case.
3. The case of the prosecution in brief is that on the night of 24-1-2000 the complainant 'A' came back from his field after doing agricultural work and kept his hero Honda motor cycle bearing No. C.G. 120 in the veranda of his house locked the door of veranda and went to sleep in his room. On the morning of 25-1-2000 he noticed that the motor cycle was missing and the door of veranda was open. Thus he came to know that some unknown person has committed theft of the motor cycle. He informed of this incident to his neighbour 'R', went to the police station and lodged the first information report. During investigation of the offence the Sub-Inspector of police 'B' saw the accused with the Hero Honda motor cycle. He interrogated the accused 'G' about the motor cycle. The accused was unable to tell any substantial facts about the purchase of the motor cycle hence the Sub-Inspector seized the motor cycle in presence of witnesses 'E' and 'F' by preparing seizure memo. The Sub-Inspector perused the documents of the motor cycle, and came to conclusion that the number of the seized motor cycle was the same which the complainant had disclosed in the first information report. Later on the complainant saw his motor cycle in the police station. After completing the investigation the police filed charge sheet in the court.
4. Accused denied committing the offence on explaining the charges. He has not adduced any defence evidence. In his examination under Section 313 of the Cr.P.C. his defence is that he has been falsely implicated.
5. The points for determination in this case are as follows:

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- 1) Whether on the night of 24-1-2000 the accused committed the offence of criminal house breaking by night by breaking open the lock and door of veranda of the complainant 'A' with intent to commit theft?
- 2) Whether on the night of 24 - 1 - 2000 the accused committed theft of Hero Honda motor cycle no. C.G. 120 of the complainant 'A', from his veranda?
6. The burden of proving both the charges against the accused is on the prosecution. Prosecution has examined complainant 'A' (P.W.1), neighbour 'R' (P.W.2), E (P.W.3), 'F' (P.W.4) and 'B' (P.W.5) Investigation Officer (Sub-Inspector). Both the points for determination are connected with each other and the evidence is common.
7. It is very well clear from the statement of complainant (P.W.1) that on the night of 24-1-2000 the complainant 'A' kept his Hero Honda motor cycle bearing No. C.G120 in the veranda of his house, locked the door of veranda and went to sleep in his room. On the morning of 25-1-2000 he noticed that the motor cycle was missing and the door of veranda was open. He informed of this incident to his neighbour 'R'. The entire statement of the complainant is corroborated from the statement of neighbour 'R' (P.W.2). The accused did not ask any question with these two witnesses in cross-examination. The evidence remained unrebutted. It is proved from the above evidence that during night hours somebody broke open the lock and door of the complainant 'A's house and committed theft of his Hero Honda motor cycle kept in the veranda.
8. The statement of the complainant 'A(P.W.1) and witness 'R' (P.W.2) are corroborated from the F.I.R. (ExP.1). This report was written and crime was registered by Sub-Inspector 'B' (P.W.5).
9. It is proved from the testimony of the Sub-Inspector 'B' (P.W.5) that he saw the accused 'G' in the weekly market with a Hero Honda Motor cycle and on suspicion interrogated him. The accused was unable to tell any substantial facts regarding purchase of the aforesaid motor cycle hence he seized the motor cycle in presence of witnesses 'E' and 'F' by preparing seizure memo Ex.P.3. Prosecution witnesses 'E' (P.W.3) and 'F' (P.W.4) have corroborated the statement of Sub-Inspector 'B' (P.W.5). They have stated in cross-examination that they have not given false statement on the dictates of the Sub-Inspector 'B'. In cross-examination the Sub-Inspector 'B' has denied that he made a false case against the accused.
10. The seizure of motor cycle from the possession of the accused on suspicion by the Sub-Inspector was done under the powers invested by Section 102 of the Cr.P.C. To prove that this is the stolen motor cycle of the complainant the prosecution has produced the

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cash memo (Ex.P.4) of the purchase of motor cycle by the complainant. This cash memo was seized by the Sub-Inspector 'B' by preparing seizure memo (Ex.P.2). From the comparative study of the cash memo, F.I.R. (Ex.P.1) and the seizure memo of motor cycle it is proved that the motor cycle seized from the possession of the accused is the same motor cycle of complainant 'A' which was stolen away from his (complainant's) house.

11. The stolen motor cycle of the complainant was seized from the possession of the accused soon after the incident of house breaking by night in the house of complainant 'A' and its theft from his veranda. The accused was unable to explain how this motor cycle came in his possession? On this basis a presumption can be raised under Section 114 illustration (a) of the Indian Evidence Act that it is the accused who committed criminal house breaking by night by entering into the house of the complainant after breaking the lock and opening the door of the veranda and thereby committed theft of this motor cycle from the veranda.
12. I therefore, come to the conclusion that the prosecution has successfully proved the charges of offence under section 457 and 380 of the IPC beyond all reasonable doubts. The accused is held guilty of these offences.

(Judgment temporarily suspended u/s 248(2) of Q.P.C. for hearing the accused on the sentence)

Signature  
Judicial Magistrate first Class, Raipur

13. Accused heard on the point of sentence. His argument is that he is the head of the family and is first offender. Hence he requested for lenient punishment. His prayer is not allowable since the offence is of grave nature.
14. In the result, the accused 'G' son of \_\_\_\_\_ r/o village \_\_\_\_\_ P.S. \_\_\_\_\_ is sentenced to undergo R.I for one year each and fine of Rs. 2000/- each (total two years and fine Rs. Four thousand) under Section 457 and 380 IPC. Both the jail sentences shall run concurrently. In default of payment of fine additional imprisonment for four months each shall be undergone by the accused. This sentence shall be undergone after undergoing the substantive jail sentence. The personal bond and surety bond executed for appearance of the accused in the court are cancelled.

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15. The seized motor cycle be returned to the complainant 'A' after the period of appeal.  
In case of appeal its disposal be done in accordance with the direction given in the judgment in appeal.

(Signature with date)

(Name)

Judicial Magistrate First Class, Raipur

Judgment pronounced in open court.

Judicial Magistrate First Class, Raipur

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## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE MCQ'S

1. Reserve bank of India is "Lender of Last Resort (LOLR) " In India. Which among the following statement gives the most correct definition of "Lender of Last Resort"?
  - a) If a person or firm which is eligible to get a loan, does not get it from any commercial bank, may approach to Reserve Bank of India for loan.
  - b) If the state governments are in crisis and need money for short term , they can approach RBI for this purpose
  - c) If a commercial bank is in crisis, it may place its reasonable demand for accommodation to Reserve Bank of India
  - d) A scheduled commercial bank meets all of its demands in all weathers from Reserve bank of India
2. Which among the following groups of Banks in India was previously referred as 'Other Scheduled Commercial Banks'?
  - a) National Banks
  - b) Foreign Banks
  - c) Scheduled Cooperative Banks
  - d) Private Banks
3. Who among the following in India can borrow using the facility of "cash management bills"?
  - a) Government
  - b) RBI
  - c) Commercial banks
  - d) Corporate
4. The mosquito fern or Azolla is one of the most important bio fertilizers. In association with which among the following Azolla acts as a biofertilizer?
  - a) Bacteria
  - b) Blue-green algae
  - c) Fungus
  - d) Green algae

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5. The Reserve Bank of India follows the principle of reciprocity and single mode of presence with respect to the \_\_\_:
- Private Banks
  - Foreign Banks
  - Regional Rural Banks
  - Urban Cooperative Banks
6. Which of the following organizations in India manages the Micro Finance Development Equity Fund?
- RBI
  - NABARD
  - SIDBI
  - SFAC
7. Who among the following was placed on the throne of Nawab of Bengal after the Battle of Buxar?
- Shiraj-ud-daula
  - Mir Kasim
  - Mir Jafar
  - Najimuddin Ali Khan
8. At which of the following places, Green Pamphlet was issued by Mahatma Gandhi?
- Calcutta
  - Surat
  - Rajkot
  - Sabarmati
9. Which among the following events took place immediately before the massacre at Jallianwalla Bagh?
- Partition of Bengal
  - Ilbert Bill
  - Passage of the Rowlatt Act
  - Minto-Morley Reforms

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10. The Bijauliya Movement is related to the agrarian struggle in the current state of \_\_?
- Kerala
  - Assam
  - Odisha
  - Rajasthan
11. Which among the following regions was most affected by the Revolution of 1857?
- Punjab
  - Maharashtra
  - Awadh
  - Madras
12. Who among the following is known as Father of Muslim Renaissance in Bengal?
- Syed Ahmad Khan
  - Ameer Ali
  - Nawab Abdul Latif Khan
  - Nawab Samiullah Khan
13. Consider the following:
- Public Service Commission (Charles Aitchison)
  - Royal Commission on Public Service (Lord Isling)
  - Royal Commission on Superior Civil Services (Lord Viscount Lee)
- The correct order of their establishment is given in which among the following options?
- 1, 2, 3
  - 2, 1, 3
  - 3, 2, 1
  - 1, 3, 2
14. Which among the following is called Magnacarta of English education?
- Wood's Despatch
  - Hartog Committee Report
  - Minute on Indian Education by Lord Macauley
  - None of above

15. In which country Indian Independence Committee was formed during British Era?
- France
  - UK
  - Germany
  - USA
16. Who was the founder of the Servants of India Society (1905) at Pune?
- G.K.Devadhar
  - Veresalingam Pantulu
  - Gopal Krishna Gokhale
  - Behramji M. Malabari
17. Australia has recently designated which species as 'Endangered'?
- Panda
  - Koala
  - Kangaroo
  - Sloth
18. MUSE and HelioSwarm, which were seen in the news recently, are associated with which space agency?
- ISRO
  - JAXA
  - NASA
  - ESA
19. Which institution launched the Community Innovator Fellowship (CIF)?
- NITI Aayog
  - ISRO
  - DRDO
  - National Innovation Foundation
20. Frank-Walter Steinmeier has been re-elected as the President of which country?
- France
  - Germany

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- c) Italy
- d) Austria

21. Which country is the co-host of the UN pledging summit to address the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan?

- a) India
- b) UK
- c) Germany
- d) Franc

22. What is the name of the Earth companion following the same path around the Sun as Earth does?

- a) Exo-planet
- b) Earth Trojan
- c) Earth Pointer
- d) Earth Ally

23. Which country holds the Presidency of G 20 in 2022?

- a) India
- b) Indonesia
- c) China
- d) JapaN

24. Which is the headquarters of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC)?

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

25. Which among the following is measured using a Vernier Caliper?

- a) Dimensions
- b) Time
- c) Sound
- d) Temperature

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26. Ohm is a unit of measuring \_\_\_\_\_?
- a) Resistance
  - b) Voltage
  - c) Current
  - d) None of the above
27. Opium is obtained from the dry latex from which part of the Papaver somniferum Plant?
- a) Stem
  - b) Leaves
  - c) Poppy
  - d) Stem joints
28. Gout which is usually followed / accompanied by arthritis are characterized by high levels of uric acid in the blood and uric acid crystals become lodged in the joints. It is a \_\_\_\_\_?
- a) Viral Infection
  - b) Metabolic Disorder
  - c) Muscle Disorder
  - d) Bacterial infection
29. The cork cells are impervious to water. Which among the following is responsible to give this quality to Cork?
- a) Cellulose
  - b) Cutin
  - c) Suberin
  - d) Glucose
30. A genetic code specifies how many kinds of amino acids?
- a) 12
  - b) 15
  - c) 20
  - d) 25

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31. How many vertebrae does a human being have ?
- a) 33
  - b) 36
  - c) 29
  - d) 19
32. The Chlorophyll cells within the plant leaves are perfectly optimized to absorb which of the following waves of the Sun Light?
- a) Green
  - b) Red & Blue
  - c) Red & Yellow
  - d) Yellow and Blue
33. Ibn Batuta was a traveler from which among the following current nations?
- a) Algeria
  - b) Morocco
  - c) Tunisia
  - d) Libya
34. Chachnama is the oldest chronicle of which of the following regions?
- a) Kashmir
  - b) Gandhar
  - c) Sindh
  - d) Punjab
35. Areas of which of the following current states did not come under control of Vijayanagar emperor Krishnadeva Raya?
- a) Kerala
  - b) Tamil Nadu
  - c) Odisha
  - d) Maharashtra

36. Akbar had adopted the 'Ray' System of revenue assessment which he had abolished later on as part of his land revenue reforms. Who among the following had introduced the ray system ?
- Alauddin Khilji
  - Balban
  - Iltutmish
  - Sher Shah Suri
37. Which among the following Mughal emperor had prohibited smoking and use of tobacco in 1617 AD?
- Akbar
  - Jahanagir
  - Shahjahan
  - Aurangzeb
38. Which among the following amendments of Constitution of India had accorded precedence to Directive Principles over Fundamental Rights?
- 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 42<sup>nd</sup>
  - 59<sup>th</sup>
  - 44<sup>th</sup>
39. With which of the following countries National People's Congress is related to ?
- USA
  - UK
  - China
  - Germany
40. Which among the following acts provided for a High Commissioner who resided in London, representing India in Great Britain?
- Government of India Act 1858
  - Government of India Act 1909
  - Government of India Act 1919
  - Government of India Act 1935

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41. How long did the constituent assembly take to frame the constitution?
- a) Approximately 1 year
  - b) Approximately 2 years
  - c) Approximately 3 years
  - d) 6 months
42. Who wrote the book New Dimensions of India's Foreign Policy?
- a) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
  - b) Abdul Kalam Azad
  - c) Amit Chaudhuri
  - d) Raghuram Rajan
43. Which of the following books have been written by Abul Fazal?
- a) Ain-i-Akbari
  - b) Akbar-Nama
  - c) Both of them
  - d) None of them
44. Who wrote the book Wealth of Nations?
- a) Raghuram Rajan
  - b) John Maynard Keynes
  - c) Adam Smith
  - d) None of the above
45. Pandit Bhimsen Joshi is related to which form of art?
- a) Hindustani vocalist
  - b) Flute player
  - c) Sitar Maestro
  - d) Odissi dancers
46. Where is the headquarters of National Film Archives of India (NFAI) located?
- a) Pune
  - b) Chennai

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- c) Mumbai
- d) Bangalore

47. In which of the following states is Ugadi festival considered important?

- a) Nagaland
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

48. Which nation has recently banned the 'reef toxic' sunscreen?

- a) Australia
- b) New Zealand
- c) Palau
- d) Nauru

49. Gharials, that were recently released in the Ghaghara river in Uttar Pradesh, belong to which species family?

- a) Crocodile
- b) Fish
- c) Turtle
- d) Dolphin

50. India's first moss garden has been developed in which state/UT?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Sikkim
- d) West Bengal

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## ANSWER KEY

Q.	Ans.	Q.	Ans.
1.	C	26.	A
2.	D	27.	C
3.	A	28.	B
4.	B	29.	C
5.	B	30.	C
6.	B	31.	A
7.	C	32.	B
8.	C	33.	B
9.	C	34.	C
10.	D	35.	D
11.	C	36.	A
12.	C	37.	B
13.	A	38.	B
14.	A	39.	C
15.	C	40.	C
16.	C	41.	C
17.	B	42.	A
18.	C	43.	C
19.	A	44.	C
20.	B	45.	A
21.	B	46.	A
22.	B	47.	C
23.	B	48.	C
24.	B	49.	A
25.	A	50.	B

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## CASE STUDY

### 1. Pawan Kumar Chourasia v. State of Bihar

**Facts:** The allegation against the appellant was that he had murdered two boys, who were reported to be missing, in association with others. The appellant was charged for offences under Section 302 read with Section 34 of IPC and was sentenced to undergo life imprisonment. The High Court confirmed the conviction of the appellant, whereas the remaining four accused were acquitted. The conviction of the appellant was based on the extra-judicial confession.

**Held:** At the outset, the Court noted that the extra-judicial confession, though a weak piece of evidence, can be sustained provided its voluntary. The evidentiary value of an extra-judicial confession also depends on the person to whom it is made, it added.

“Generally, it is a weak piece of evidence. However, a conviction can be sustained on the basis of extra-judicial confession provided that the confession is proved to be voluntary and truthful. It should be free of any inducement. The evidentiary value of such confession also depends on the person to whom it is made. Going by the natural course of human conduct, normally, a person would confide about a crime committed by him only with such a person in whom he has implicit faith.

### 2. M/S Next Education India Pvt. Ltd. v. M/S K12 Techno Services Pvt. Ltd.

**Facts:** M/S Next Education India Pvt. Ltd. (“Appellant/Operational Creditor”) had provided Digital Classroom Solution Services to M/S K12 Techno Services Pvt. Ltd. (“Respondent/Corporate Debtor”) between 12.03.2011 and 30.06.2017. In view of the services rendered, the Operational Creditor had raised 187 different invoices which were not fully paid by the Corporate Debtor.

Therefore, the Operational Creditor filed a petition under Section 9 of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (“IBC”) before the National Company Law Tribunal



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("NCLT"), seeking to initiate Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process ("CIRP") against Corporate Debtor.

The NCLT dismissed the petition for being barred by limitation while considering 12.03.2011 as the starting point of limitation. When the matter went in appeal before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal ("NCLAT"), the appeal was dismissed on similar grounds vide an order dated 17.03.2021.

The Operational Creditor filed an appeal before the Supreme Court challenging the NCLAT order of dismissal. The Corporate Debtor argued that it is a commercially viable going concern and has already paid Rs. 4.5 Crores to the Operational Creditor. Thus, there is no occasion to declare the Corporate Debtor as insolvent.

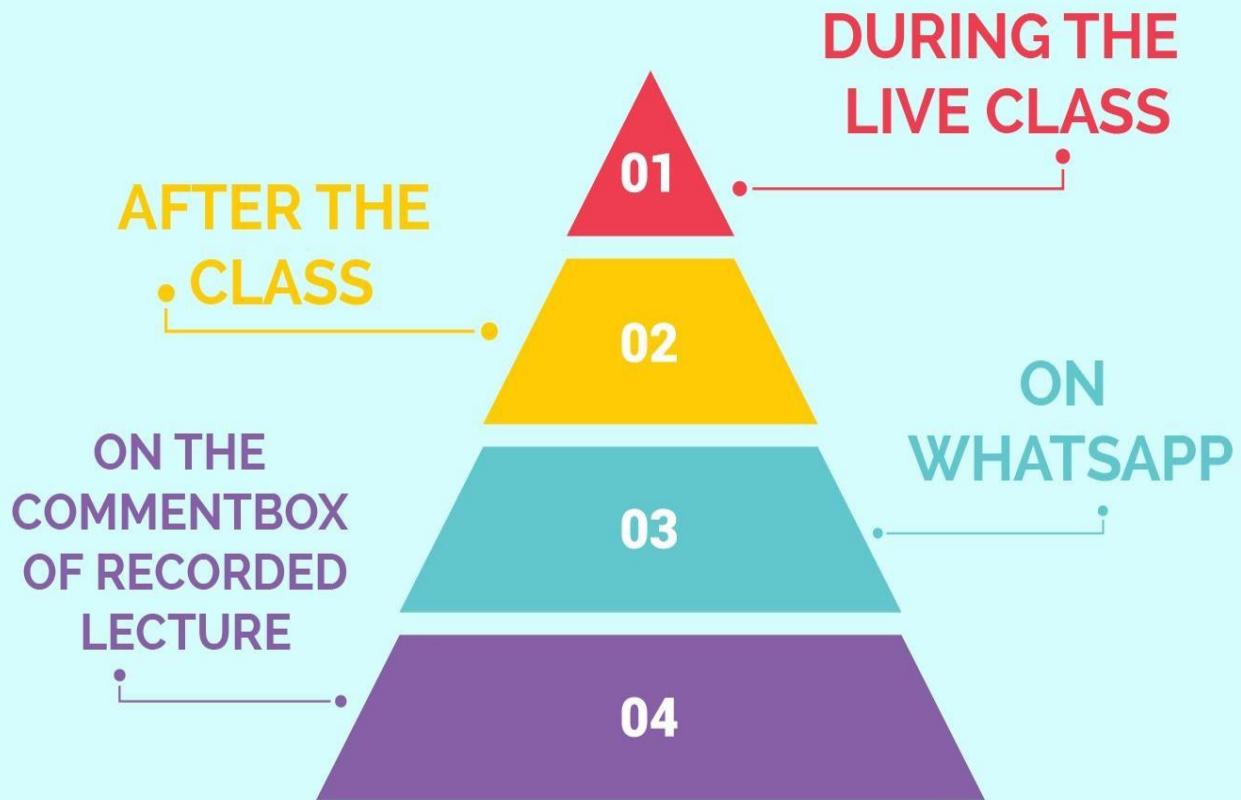
**Provisions applied: Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 - Section 9** - when a petition under Section 9 of IBC is filed based on several invoices and some of the invoices are time barred, then NCLT must consider the remaining invoices which are within limitation and whether they cross the minimum threshold of Rs. 1 Crore. The Section 9 petition cannot be dismissed on the sole ground that some of the invoices are time barred.

**Held:** The Supreme Court Bench comprising of Justice M.R. Shah and Justice C.T. Ravikumar while adjudicating an appeal filed in *M/S Next Education India Pvt. Ltd. v M/S K12 Techno Services Pvt. Ltd.*, has held that when a petition under Section 9 of IBC is filed based on several invoices and some of the invoices are time barred, then NCLT must consider the remaining invoices which are within limitation and whether they cross the minimum threshold of Rs. 1 Crore. The Section 9 petition cannot be dismissed on the sole ground that some of the invoices are time barred.

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