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NATIONAL NEWS

- 1. First Vande Bharat Express in Assam: PM Modi flags off Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri train
- Northeast's first Vande Bharat Express will connect Guwahati to New Jalpaiguri.
- It is the third Vande Bharat train of West Bengal.
- It will reduce the travel time to 5 hours and 30 minutes.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi also inaugurated Diesel Electric Multiple Unit and Mainline Electric MultipleUnit shed at Lumding in Assam.
- He also dedicated 182 Route kilometers of newly electrified sections.
- It will open the door to running electric trains.
- Around 425 kilometers of railway tracks in Assam and Meghalaya have been electrified.

2. Government to waive of ISTS charges on off-shore wind project

- The Government has decided to waive off Inter-State Transmission Charges (ISTS) for Off-Shore Wind Projects.
- The government has extended the waiver to Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia.
- This decision has been taken to promote the expansion of Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia Projects and to encourage the production of renewable energy from Energy Storage System Projects.
- Projects commissioned till December 31, 2032, will become eligible for a complete waiver of ISTS charges for 25 years from the date of commissioning.
- Graded ISTS charges will become applicable to the off-shore projects commissioned from 1st January 2033.
- The Government was earlier providing waivers to wind energy projects till 30th June 2025.
- Full ISTS charges will apply to Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia plants commissioned after 2036.



3. Atal Bhujal Yojana water scheme extended by two years

- The National Level Steering Committee (NLSC) has decided to extend Atal Bhujal Yojana to additional two years. Its original end year was 2025.
- The main aim of extending this scheme is to make up the implementation delays due to covid-19 and to further promote community behaviour change initiatives.
- The NLSC reviewed the progress of the project and urged state officials to accelerate all related activities.
- This scheme has been lauded by World Bank for its significant role in promoting water use efficiency.

4. India's urban unemployment rate falls to 6.8% in Q4

- India's urban unemployment rate has fallen to 6.8% in Q4 of FY23.
- This is the lowest level in more than four years.
- It stagnated at 7.2% in the previous October-December quarter.
- The decline in the rate reflects improvement in the labour market, according to the Periodic Labour Force

5. Survey (PLFS) released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

- The unemployment rate in urban areas for male of age 15 years and above for January – March 2023 was 6%.
- In the previous (October December 2022) quarter, it was 6.5%.
- In the April-June quarter of 2020-21, it was estimated at 12.2%.
- The unemployment rate in urban areas for female of age 15 years and above for January March 2023 was 9.2%.
- In the previous (October December 2022) quarter, it was 9.6%.
- In April-June quarter of 2020-21, it was estimated at 14.3%.

6. Araku Coffee and Black Pepper are now Organic Certified

- Araku Coffee and Blac k Pepper received organic certification from APEDA.
- Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Developm ent Authority (APEDA) has granted organic certification to Girijan Co-operative Corporation (GCC), Visakhapatnam for Araku coffee and black pepper crops.



- This certification will have a positive impact on the market value of these products.
- The certification covers an extensive cultivation area of 21,104 acres. 1,300 farmers in the Gondipakalu, Lammasingi, Kappalu, GK Veedhi, Pedavalasa, and Erracheruvulu clusters grow coffee and pepper.
- Araku Coffee is cultivated in the Araku Valley of Andhra Pradesh.
- Arabica Coffee is grown around Vishakapatnam district in Andhra Pradesh and Koraput district in Orissa.

7. DGCA simplifies process for grant of Heliport License

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has simplified the process for granting Heliport License.
- Earlier, an applicant had to obtain NOC from the Ministry of Home, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Airport Authority of India and Local Administration before applying for the license.
- Now, the applications for NOC/Clearance from five external organizations can be routed through a single tab on the relevant portal.
- DGCA grants heliport licenses to the heliports at the surface level as well as at elevated or rooftops of the buildings.
- A person who wants to obtain license or authorization should has to submit an online application through the eGCA portal.

8. Foucault's Pendulum installed in new Parliament building

- A Foucault pendulum that rotates on its axis is suspended from the ceiling of the entrance hall of the Constitution Hall of India's new Parliament building, signifying the integration of the idea of India with the idea of the cosmos.
- Created by the National Council of Science Museum (NCSM, Kolkata), the pendulum is being dubbed as the largest such piece (22 m in height, and 36 kg in weight) in India.
- The original Foucault's pendulum, named after 19th century French physicist Leon Foucault, is a simple



9. Nagpur AIIMS becomes the country's first hospital to get NABH accreditation

- All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Nagpur has become the first of all AIIMS to receive National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH) accreditation.
- The NABH accreditation is a globally recognized standard for healthcare quality.
- It assesses the performance of hospitals in various areas including patient care, safety, and organizational efficiency.
- IIMS Nagpur achieved this accreditation by demonstrating its commitment to excellence in all areas.

10. India to train ASEAN women in United Nations Peacekeeping operations

- In order to strengthen defence cooperation between India and ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations), India would launch an initiative on "women in United Nations Peacekeeping (UNPK) operations."
- On the occasion of the 75th United Nations Peacekeepers Day, India, one of the top troop contributors to UNPK, currently has roughly 5,900 troops deployed in 12 U.N. Missions.
- On this day in 1948, the first United Nations peacekeeping miss ion, the "UN Truce Supervision Organisation" commenced operations in Palestine.
- One of the efforts under the 'India-ASEAN Initiative for Women in UNPK Operations is the conduct of tailormade training at the Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK) in India for women peacekeepers from ASEAN member states.
- In total, 20 peacekeepers would be trained, two from each country.
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13. Share of women working overtime in factories at 11-year high in 2019

- According to the latest annual data released by the labour bureau, the share of women workers in registered factories submitting annual returns working more than the statutorily-mandated maximum limit of 48 hours in a week increased to an 11-year high of 33.6 per cent in 2019,
- In comparison, only 27.9 per cent male workers worked more than the statutorily-mandated hours.
- Earlier in 2008, 39.2 per cent women workers had worked more than the prescribed work time.
- Though, fewer men worked less than 42 hours in a week (3.1 per cent) compared to 4.5 per cent women.



• Factories in Tamil Nadu employed most women in overtime work (3,177), followed by Andhra Pradesh (2,317) and Kerala (1021).

14. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flags off India's First International Cruise Vessel from Chennai to Sri Lanka

- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the maiden International Cruise Vessel - MV Empress, India's first international cruise vessel - from Chennai to Sri Lanka in Chennai.
- This marks the beginning of the international cruise tourism terminal at Chennai, built at a cost of ₹17.21 crores, heralding a new age of cruise tourism & maritime trade in the country. Coinciding on the occasion of Environment Day, the Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal along with the port officials also planted 2500 tree saplings at the port.

15. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launches 'SAGAR SAMRIDDHI' to bring transparency & efficiency

- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'SAGAR SAMRIDDHI' - the online dredging monitoring system - in order to accelerate 'Waste to Wealth' initiative of the Ministry.
- Secretary of MoPSW Sudhansh Pant along with other senior officials of the Ministry, Major Ports and Organisations also attended this programme.
- This system has been developed by National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) the technological arm of MoPSW.

16. India has emerged as the 2nd largest Producer of Crude Steel in the World

- Union Minister of Steel and Civil Aviation, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia held a press conference on the theme 9-years of Government's "Seva, Sushasan and Gareeb kalyan" focusing on the Steel sector, at Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi
- The Minister started his address by highlighting the importance of the Steel sector in ensuring the country's pragati (growth) and vikas (development)
- India currently ranks as the World's 2nd Largest Producer of Crude Steel, surpassing Japan in 2018", the minister said, while mentioning the remarkable



growth recorded by India's steel industry.





INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. Nepal approves 2nd Hydropower Project to be developed by India

- Nepal decided to allow India's Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Limited to develop a second hydropower project in the country.
- Presently, SJVN is developing a 900-MW Arun-III hydroelectric project.
- It is a run-of-river project located on the Arun River in Eastern Nepal.
- It is scheduled to be completed in 2024.
- Prime Minister (PM) Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda chaired a meeting of the Investment Board Nepal (IBN).
- It approved the draft project development agreement (PDA) to be signed with SJVN to develop the 669- megawatt (MW) Lower Arun Hydropower project in eastern Nepal.

2. India to host 22nd SCO Summit in virtual format on July 4, 2023

- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that India will host the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the virtual format on July 4, 2023.
- It will be held in the virtual format.
- All the SCO Member States, China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have been invited to attend the Summit.
- Iran, Belarus and Mongolia have been invited as Observer States.
- The theme of the Summit is 'Towards a SECURE SCO'.
- The SECURE acronym stands for Security, Economy and Trade, Connectivity, Unity, Respect for Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity and Environment.

3. UAE to Host World's Largest Conservation Conference in 2025

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has won the bid to host the 2025 World Conservation Congress (WCC) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- The WCC is the world's largest and most important gathering of conservationists, and it is expected to draw more than 10,000 delegates from over 160 countries.



- The IUCN WCC in 2025 in Abu Dhabi, UAE is expected to bring an estimated 10,000-15,000 delegates from over 160 countries across the globe and will be an event which could galvanise conservation actions to protect our planet, amid local and global challenges.
- The 2025 WCC will be held in Abu Dhabi from October 10-21, 2025.
- The event will be an opportunity for conservationists from around the world to come together and discuss the most pressing environmental challenges facing our planet.

4. Montana becomes the first US state to ban TikTok

- Montana has become the first United States (US) state to ban the popular social media app TikTok.
- Montana Republican Governor Greg Gianforte signed the law expecting a legal fight.
- The law, scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 2024, also faces questions over whether it can be enforced.
- TikTok is facing growing calls from some U.S. lawmakers to ban the app nationwide over concerns about potential Chinese government influence over the platform.
- CEO of Tiktok: Shou Zi Chew

5. New nations were elected as Non - Permanent Members of UN Security Council

- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) elected 5 countries Algeria, Guyana, Sierra Leone, Slovenia and South Korea as non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for a 2-year term starting on January 1, 2024 & serving till December 31, 2025.
- These new members will replace Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at present when their two-year term ends on 31 December 2023.

6. UNDP launches 3rd cohort of 4 ocean innovators

• The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched its 3rd cohort of 4 ocean innovators to demonstrate the compelling roles of marine spatial



planning (MSP), marine protected areas (MPAs) and new environmentally and socially sustainable economic activities for a healthy and resilient ocean.

• UNDP's Ocean Innovation Challenge (OIC) will provide financial, mentoring and incubator support to these 4 ocean innovators, thereby contributing to Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG14 targets 14.2, 14.5 and 14.7).

7. Bangladesh: World Bank launches its first road safety project in South Asia

- The World Bank (WB) launched its first dedicated road safety project in South Asia with a USD 358 million financing agreement signed in Dhaka with the government of Bangladesh.
- The project seeks to improve road safety and reduce fatalities and injuries from road crashes in selected cities, high-risk highways, and district roads.
- 2 national highways of Bangladesh, Gazipur-Elenga (N4) and Natore-Nawabganj (N6), will be taken up for the implementation of this project.

8. G20 Supreme Audit Institutions - 20 (SAI) Summit begins in Goa

- The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India is the Chair of the Supreme Audit Institutions -20 (SAI20) Engagement Group under India's Group of 20 (G20) Presidency.
- The SAI20 Summit will take place in the state of Goa from 12th to 14th June 2023.
- CAG of India Shri Girish Chandra Murmu (14th CAG of India) is the chair of the SAI20 engagement group under India's G20 presidency.

9. United Nations adopt 1st ever treaty to protect marine life in high seas

- The United Nations (UN) has adopted the first-ever treaty to protect marine life in the high seas.
- The treaty will create a new body to manage the conservation of ocean life and establish marine protected areas on the high seas.

 Aim:
- To protect biodiversity in the high seas, which cover about half of the Earth's surface and lie beyond national boundaries.
- The new treaty is under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, which came into effect in 1994 before marine biodiversity was a well-established concept



ECONOMICS

- 1. Credit card platform Kiwi launches 'credit on UPI' service
- Kiwi, a ground-breaking credit card platform, has launched its all-inclusive "Credit on Unified Payment Interface (UPI)" customer solution.
- The solution has been certified by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), making Kiwi the first app in India to provide "Credit on UPI" by issuing Rupay Cards in collaboration with banks.
- The launch of this solution is a significant move by Kiwi towards creating one of the most comprehensive direct-to-consumer (D2C) models in the credit market.
- 2. Union Government's fiscal deficit declines to 6.4% of GDP in 2022 -23
- The fiscal deficit of the government decreased from 6.71% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to 6.4% of GDP in 2022–23.
- In the Union Budget, the government aims to further reduce the fiscal deficit to 5.9% of GDP during the current fiscal year 2023-24.
- Unveiling the government's revenue-expenditure figures for 2022-23, the CGA stated that the fiscal deficit in absolute terms stood at ₹17,33,131 crore (provisional), slightly less than the amount estimated in the Revised Estimates (RE) in the budget.
- 3. mooMark becomes 1st Indian Private Dairy to launch Heat Index Insurance Plan to Farmers
- Dairy technology provider Stellapps' fintech arm mooPay Private Limited, in partnership with IBISA Network, HDFC ERGO and Gramcover, has launched a unique heat Index -based insurance plan for farmers.
- The claim settlement process is simple and hassle-free.
- The insurer takes the data of temperature trends for the insured period from a preagreed public database and compensates the claimant as per the prescribed benefits slab.
- 4. Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance launches India's 1st term plan for Type 2 diabetics & pre-diabetics



- Bajaj Allianz Life, one of India's leading private life insurers, has launched an exclusive term insurance plan for Type 2 diabetic and pre-diabetic individuals called Bajaj Allianz Life Diabetic Term Plan Sub 8 HbA1c.
- This is the first of its kind protection plan in the Indian life insurance industry designed especially for Type 2 diabetic & pre-diabetic individuals.
- According to the insurer, India is referred to as 'diabetes capital of the world' with the diabetic population in the country expected to hit an alarming mark of 69.9 million by 2025 and 80 million by 2030.

5. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das launches Financial Inclusion Dashboard - ANTARDRIHSTI

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das, launched a Financial Inclusion Dashboard ANTARDRIHSTI
- To provide the required insight to assess and monitor the progress of financial inclusion by capturing relevant parameters.

6. SBI launches project Kuber in Bengaluru

- The State Bank of India (SBI), Bengaluru (Karnataka) Circle has launched Project Kuber, under which there are 4 Transaction Banking Hubs, and 1 Corporate Salary Package Hub, in the city to source, facilitate, and cater to the various banking needs of customers.
- These hubs will help in increasing the market share in liability products of SBI.
- The hubs were inaugurated by the Chief General Manager of State Bank of India Bengaluru Circle, Nand Kishore, and are located at the SBI Administrative Building, Mysore Bank Circle, KG Road, Bengaluru, and Sampige Road, Malleshwaram

7. Samco launches India's 1st actively managed momentum fund - SAMCO active momentum fund

- The SAMCO Asset Management Private Limited has launched India's first actively managed momentum fund – SAMCO Active Momentum Fund.
- The SAMCO Active Momentum Fund's new fund offer (NFO) runs from June 15-29, 2023.



- Investors seeking to employ a momentum investing strategy to achieve long-term capital appreciation can consider the SAMCO Active Momentum Fund.
- SAMCO Active Momentum Fund is an open-ended equity scheme following momentum theme with Benchmark Nifty 500 Index TRI

8. HSBC India launches campaign "My Account Starts Today" featuring cricketer Virat Kohli

- The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, India (HSBC India) or HSBC Bank India, unveiled its latest advertising campaign My Account Starts Today featuring their new brand influencer, ace cricketer Virat Kohli.
- The campaign highlights HSBC's purpose of "opening up a world of opportunity" as it works to support the goals of India going global.
- The campaign will run across print, television, outdoor, Over The Top (OTT)
 platforms and digital media to connect with the target audience

9. RBI Introduces '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign to settle unclaimed deposits

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign to trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district within 100 days.
- This measure will complement the ongoing efforts and initiatives by the central bank to reduce the quantum of unclaimed deposits in the banking system and return such deposits to their rightful owners/claimants.
- Unclaimed Deposit accounts are accounts which have not been operated for the last 10 years.

10. Punjab National Bank launched IVR Based UPI Solution - UPI 123PAY

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has become the first public sector bank to introduce an Interactive Voice Response (IVR)-based Unified Payment Interface (UPI) solution - UPI 123PAY, aligning with the Digital Payment Vision 2025 towards a cashless and cardless society.
 - What is UPI 123PAY?
- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a 24-hour payment channel enabling customers to perform fast, encrypted and real-time payments.



- So far, the solution was accessible only through smartphones or through Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) service and was dependent on good internet connectivity.
- Also, Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) First Bank, City Union Bank (CUB) & National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) Payments Bank have gone live on IVR payments.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Indian Scientists discovers Alien Planet 13 Times Bigger Than Jupiter

- An international team of scientists led by Professor Abhijit Chakraborty of the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat has discovered an alien planet, which is 13 times bigger in size than Jupiter.
- It has been identified as a planet and designated as TOI 4603b or HD 245134b.
- It is the third exoplanet identified by PRL scientists.
- The findings of the study were published in the journal Astronomy and Astrophysics Letters.
- Scientists from India, Germany, Switzerland, and the United States have used PRL Advanced Radial-velocity Abu-sky Search spectrograph (PARAS) at Mt Abu's Gurushikhar Observatory for determining the planet's mass.

2. SpaceX launched 52 starlink satellites to provide global broadband

- SpaceX (Space Exploration Technologies Corporation) has launched Falcon 9 rocket topped with the 52 Starlink spacecraft lifted off from California's Vandenberg Space Force Base, United States of America (USA).
- It was the 14th launch and landing for this particular booster.
- According to astrophysicist and satellite tracker Jonathan McDowell, SpaceX has now launched more than 4,500 Starlink satellites, more than 4,100 of which are currently active.

3. IIT Madras to set up its first overseas campus in Tanzania

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras will set up its first International campus in Zanzibar, Tanzania.
- The institute is planning to start classes by October 2023 with a batch of 50 undergraduate and 20 postgraduate students.
- The establishment of IIT in Zanzibar is a significant step towards strengthening the ties between India and Africa.
- The IIT campus in Tanzania will promote research and innovation in the African continent.



4. Iran unveils its 1st hypersonic missile - Fattah

- The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) of Iran has unveiled its first-ever Indigenously made hypersonic ballistic missile, called Fattah, or "Conqueror" (in Farsi language).
- The missile can move at a speed of up to Mach 15 (5,145 metres or 16,880 feet per second), has a range of 1,400 kms (870 miles) and features a moveable secondary nozzle and employs solid propellants that allow for high manoeuvrability.
- A hypersonic missile is a weapon system which flies at least at the speed of Mach 5 i.e., five times the speed of sound and is manoeuvrable.

5. World's most powerful wind tunnel JF-22 opens in Beijing, China

- China has completed the construction of the most powerful largest & fastest wind tunnel in the world, called JF-22 located in the mountainous Huairou district of northern Beijing, China.
- The Institute of Mechanics, which owns the facility, stated that the JF-22 wind tunnel will play a crucial role in advancing China's hypersonic ambitions.
- The wind tunnel, has a diameter of 4 metres (13 feet) and can generate incredibly high airflow speeds of upto 10 kilometres (6.2 miles) per second.

6. Indian Startup Azista BST Aerospace launched its First Satellite AFR by SpaceX

- Gujarat-based aerospace firm Azista BST Aerospace (ABA) launched its maiden satellite Azista BST Aerospace First Runner (AFR), also called ABA First Runner.
- The satellite was launched as part of the SpaceX Transporter-8 mission, atop a
 Falcon 9 rocket, from SpaceLaunch Complex 4E, Vandenberg Space Force Base,
 California, the United States of America (USA).
- This was SpaceX's 40th mission of 2023, and the firm's 200th successful recovery to date.

7. India's metaverse platform Bharatmeta receives global recognition at VivaTech 2023 in Paris

• In a first of its kind, India-based Kiya.ai, which is into Artificial Intelligence and other emerging technology based solutions services, showcased its version of the



metaverse called Bharatmeta at the VivaTech 2023 event held in Paris expo Porte de Versailles, Paris, France.

- Bharatmeta aims to bridge the gap between physical and virtual realms.
- The Bharatmeta has been showcased at the India Pavilion.
- VivaTech 2023 is the 7th edition of Europe's biggest annual technology and startup event.

8. DCGI approved India's 1st mRNA based Omicron-specific booster vaccine

- India's first indigenous mRNA vaccine for the Omicron variant, GEMCOVAC-OM, developed by Pune-based Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd, was approved under emergency use guidelines by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI).
- The vaccine has been developed by Gennova Biopharmaceuticals in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the 'Mission COVID Suraksha'.
- In 2022, the company received approval for GEMCOVAC-19, the country's first m-RNA vaccine against COVID-19

9. IIT Kanpur success fully conducts test flight for cloud seeding

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur has successfully conducted a test flight for cloud seeding.
- The project was initiated at IIT Kanpur a few years ago and is headed by Prof. Manindra Agrawal from the Computer Science and Engineering Department.
- The experiment was conducted with due approval from the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation).
 - What is Cloud Seeding?
- Cloud seeding is a type of weather modification that aims to change the amount or type of precipitation that falls from clouds by dispersing substances into the air that serve as cloud condensation or ice nuclei, which alter the microphysical processes within the cloud.
- The most common chemicals used for cloud seeding include silver iodide, potassium iodide and dry ice (solid carbon dioxide), common salt, Liquid propane.



10. India launches its 1st ever 100% Dimethyl Ether-Fuelled Tractor for Sustainable On and Off-Road Usage

- In a significant advancement towards a sustainable and renewable fuel-based transport system, researchers at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur have successfully developed India's first 100% Dimethyl Ether (DME)-fuelled tractor/vehicle with a mechanical fuel injection system for both on- and off-road applications.
- The research is supported by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), an attached institution of the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
 What is Dimethyl Ether (DME)?
- Dimethyl ether, also known as methoxymethane, wood ether, dimethyl oxide or methyl ether, is the simplest ether.
- It is a colourless, slightly narcotic, non-toxic, highly flammable gas at ambient conditions, but can be handled as a liquid when lightly pressurized.
- Dimethyl ether was first synthesised by Jean-Baptiste Dumas and Eugene Péligot in 1835 by distillation of methanol and sulfuric acid.



DEFENCE CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. Indian Navy's MiG-29K makes 1st ever maiden night landing on INS Vikrant

- An Indian Navy MiG-29K fighter jet landed on the indigenous aircraft carrier Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant for the first time at night, an important step towards the warship becoming fully operational along with its air wing by the year-end.
- The aircraft carrier is currently sailing in the Arabian Sea.
- This achievement of the Navy is a big step towards the growing power of selfreliant India."

2. UK's Birmingham Gets First Indian-Origin Lord Mayor - Chaman Lal

- 1st India, France, UAE hold maiden maritime exercise held in Gulf of Oman
- Navies of India, France and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) held the maiden trilateral maritime partnership exercise held in the Gulf of Oman.
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tarkash and French Ship Surcouf both with integral helicopters, French Rafale aircraft and UAE Navy Maritime Patrol Aircraft are participating in the exercise.
- To enhance trilateral cooperation between the three navies and pave the way for adopting measures towards addressing traditional and non-traditional threats in the maritime environment.

3. Bangladesh-US joint naval exercise 'Tiger Shark 40' begins in Chattogram

- The Joint Bangladesh-United States (US) Naval drill Exercise 'Tiger Shark 40' started at BNS Nirvik in Chattogram.
- Special Forces of Bangladesh Army & Navy and US Special Forces participated in this training exercise held under the management of Commodore Swords Command.
- To increase strategic capabilities of both the countries and to acquire mutual technical and procedural knowledge.
- 4. Indian Navy's indigenous torpedo successfully engaged underwater target



- The Heavy-Weight anti-submarine Torpedo named 'Varunastra', developed by the Indian Navy and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), successfully engaged an underwater target.
- It showcases India's commitment to future proof combat readiness through aatmanirbharta.
- 5. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurates Integrated Simulator Complex 'Dhruv' in Kochi to enhance practical training of Indian Navy personnel
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Integrated Simulator Complex (ISC) 'Dhruv' at Southern Naval Command, Kochi
- The ISC 'Dhruv' hosts modern state-of-the-art indigenously-built simulators which will significantly enhance practical training in the Indian Navy.
- Amongst the many simulators envisaged in the complex, the Raksha Mantri visited Multi-Station Handling Simulator (MSSHS), Air Direction and Helicopter Control Simulator (ADHCS) and Astronavigation Dome.
- The Ship Handling Simulators produced by ARI Pvt Ltd, New Delhi have been exported to 18 countries.
- 6. Indian Navy Organises Special Event 'Ocean Ring Of Yoga' On International Yoga Day
- To commemorate International Day of Yoga (IDY) 23, the Ministry of AYUSH has planned an event 'Ocean Ring of Yoga' (symbolising unity and solidarity) in coordination with the Ministry of Defence and other ministries.
- In support of the IDY-23 initiative, Indian Navy ships deployed in the Indian Ocean Region are visiting various ports of friendly foreign countries and spreading the message of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which is also the theme for IDY 23.
- 7. Indian Navy launched the 4th ship of Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project Sanshodhak
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sanshodhak', the fourth of four ships of Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project, being built by Larsen and Toubro (L&T)/ Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) for the Indian Navy was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).



- The chief guest of the Launch Ceremony was Vice Admiral Adhir Arora, Chief Hydrographer to Government of India (GoI).
- The ship named 'Sanshodhak', meaning 'Researcher', signifies the primary role of the ship as a Survey Vessel.





AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 1. RINL presented with prestigious "Greentech Safety Award 2023
- RINL received the "GreenTech Safety Award 2023" under the safety Excellence Category.
- It has received the award for improving safety at the workplace in 2022-23.
- The award has been received by Shri A K Bagchi Director (Projects) and Additional Charge Director (Operations) on behalf of RINL.
- The award was presented at the 21st Annual Greentech Awards function in New Delhi.
- 2. Goan writer Damodar Maujo honored with Jnanpith Award
- Goa state governor P S Sreedharan Pillai honored Goan writer Damodar Maujo with the 57th Jnanpith Award, the country's highest literary honour.
- He also stated that Mauzo is the "epitome of the Konkani literary culture."
- 25 books of Maujo have been published in Konkani and one in Eng lish.
- 3. President Droupadi Murmu becomes Indian to be conferred with Suriname's highest civilian award
- Suriname conferred its highest civilian honour to President Droupadi Murmu-The Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star, the first Indian to receive this award.
- Murmu received the award from the President of the Republic of Suriname, Chandrikapersad Santokhi.
- Murmu after receiving the award, said that the honour holds tremendous significance not only for her but the people of India
- 4. NTPC Barauni secures First Rank at 4th National Water Awards, in Best Industry Category
- NTPC Barauni has achieved a significant milestone by securing the first rank in the Best Industry Category at the 4th National Water Awards.
- The recognition given by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India highlights NTPC's unwavering commitment and exceptional efforts in the conservation and management of water resources.



- 5. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar presents National Water Awards in New Delhi
- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar conferred the fourth National Water Awards in New Delhi.
- The awards focus on encouraging good work and efforts made by various individuals and organisations to conserve water.
- Madhya Pradesh was awarded the first prize in the best St ate category.
- In the best district category, the award was given to the Ganjam District of Odisha.
- 6. NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India sign the Government of India United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
- NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India signed the Government of India -United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027.
- The GoI-UNSDCF was signed by Mr. B V R Subrahmanyam, CEO, NITI Aayog, and Mr. Shombi Sharp, UN president Coordinator, India in the presence of the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Mr. Suman Bery, senior representatives from NITI Aayog, central ministries and heads of UN agencies in India.
- The GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027 is built on four strategic pillars derived from the 2030 Agenda – People, Prosperity, Planet and Participation.
- 7. Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 to be conferred on Gita Press, Gorakhpur
- The Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2021 is being conferred on Gita Press, Gorakhpur.
- Gandhi Peace Prize is an annual award instituted by the Government of India in 1995, on the occasion of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi as a tribute to the ideals espoused by Mahatma Gandhi.
- The award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or gender.
- The past awardees include organizations such as ISRO, Ramakrishna Mission, Grameen Bank of Bangladesh, Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, Akshaya Patra, Bengaluru, Ekal Abhiyan Trust, India and Sulabh International, New Delhi.
- 8. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports invites nominations for Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award-TANNA 2022



- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has invited nominations for the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award-TANNA 2022.
- These National Adventure Awards are conferred by the Ministry to youth in order to recognise the achievements of persons associated with the field of adventure.
- The aim of giving this award is also to encourage young people to develop the spirit of endurance, risktaking, cooperative teamwork and quick, ready and effective reflexes in challenging situations.
- The Awards are presented to the winners along with Arjuna Awards by the Government of India.
- 9. PM Narendra Modi conferred Egypt's highest civilian honour 'Order of The Nile'
- Prime Minister (PM) Shri Narendra Modi was conferred with the 'Order of the Nile', Egypt's highest honour, by President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi at the Presidential palace in Cairo.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is the first Indian to receive the award.
- Over the last 9 years, PM Modi has received many international awards and this is the 13th highest state honour conferred upon PM Modi.



SPORTS NEWS

1. HS Prannoy clinches his first BWF World Tour title

- HS Prannoy won the men's singles at the \$420,000 Malaysia Masters his first individual title in six years made him the 10th different champion in as many BWF World Tour tournaments this year.
- He defeated China's Weng Hong Yang.
- The win helped him to claim his maiden BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour title and also the first singles crown of the year for India.

2. Verstappen wins Monaco GP in mixed conditions

- Max Verstappen won the Monaco GP, acing the challenging conditions as a rain shower hit the track in the closing stages.
- With his title rival and teammate Sergio Perez only managing to finish 16th, Verstappen has further extended his lead at the top of the standings.
- Fernando Alonso held on to second place for Aston Martin

3. Flanders Cup 2023 Athletics: Top Indian sprinter Amlan Borgohain bags two gold medals

- Top Indian sprinter Amlan Borgohain bagged two gold medals, one each in the men's 100 and 200-meter races at the Flanders Cup 2023 athletics meet, known as the International Antwerp Athletics Gala, in Merksem, Belgium.
- Borgohain clocked 10.70 seconds to emerge as the fastest man of the meet.
- He holds the 100-meter national record of 10.25 seconds.

4. ISSF Junior World Cup: Indian shooters Abhinav Shaw, Gautami Bhanot win Gold medal in Mixed Team

- Indian shooters Abhinav Shaw and Gautami Bhanot have given India their second gold at the ISSF World Cup Junior after winning the final of 10 meter Air Rifle Mixed Team event in Suhl, Germany.
- Indian team of Shaw and Bhanot registered a 17-7 win over the French pairing of Oceanne Mueller and Romain Aufrere in the gold medal match yesterday.



- The Indian pair had qualified second to the French pair but turned the tables on them in the final.
- 5. India wins three medals in Asian U-20 Athletics Championship 2023
- India started their 2023 Asian Under 20 Athletics Championships campaign by winning three medals, including two gold, on the opening day in Yecheon, South Korea.
- Rezoana Mallick Heena and Bharatpreet Singh kicked off their campaigns by clinching gold medals in women's 400-meter race and men's discus throw respectively.
- The sprinting sensation Henna clocked 53.31 seconds to take the top position on the podium in women's 400 meter.
- Having won the U18 Asian Athletics Championships title earlier this year, Rezoana is now the 400m reigning Asian champion in both the U18 as well as U20 categories.



CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ'S

- 1. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Cheetah Project Steering Committee set up by NTCA?
- a) Rajesh Bansal
- b) Jitendra Singh
- c) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- d) Gagandeep Singh Bedi
- 2. 'Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)' was founded in which year?
- a) 1988
- b) 1998
- c) 2008
- d) 2018
- 3. Which company is set to build Israel's most powerful AI supercomputer- Israel1?
- a) Samsung
- b) NVIDIA
- c) IMD
- d) Qualcomm
- 4. Which country has granted approval to include TOEFL test as a valid option for Student Direct Stream program?
- a) China
- b) Canada
- c) Australia
- d) Japan
- 5. PRL Advanced Radial-velocity Abu-sky Search spectrograph (PARAS) Telescope is in which place?
- a) Nainital
- b) Guwahati
- c) Mount Abu
- d) Mahendragiri



- 6. 'Recep Tayyip Erdogan' has won the Presidential Election of which country?
- a) Myanmar
- b) Afghanistan
- c) Turkiye
- d) Greece
- 7. Which city hosted the 'India-EU Global Gateway Conference'?
- a) Guwahati
- b) Shillong
- c) Kolkata
- d) Itanagar
- 8. Which country recently approved RSV vaccine for older adults?
- a) India
- b) USA
- c) Russia
- d) China
- 9. Which Indian chess player defeated Magnus Carlsen in the Norway Chess blitz tournament?
- a) R Praggnananda
- b) D Gukesh
- c) Nihal Sarin
- d) Arjun Erigaisi
- 10. Jyothi Yarraji, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?
- a) Javelin Throw
- b) Hockey
- c) Shooting
- d) Hurdles
- 11. Which state road transport corporation has been conferred with which UITP Award?
- a) Tamil Nadu



- b) Karnataka
- c) Kerala
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- 12. ISRO along with which country hosted the International Conference on Spacecraft Mission Operations (SMOPS-2023)?
- a) USA
- b) Italy
- c) Israel
- d) France
- 13. As per the 'The Energy Progress Report 2023', achieving which SDG is challenging?
- a) SDG 1
- b) SDG 5
- c) SDG 7
- d) SDG 12
- 14. What is the outlay of 'Exploration of Coal and Lignite Scheme' from 2021 to 2025?
- a) Rs 298 crore
- b) Rs 798 crore
- c) Rs 2980 crore
- d) Rs 7980 crore
- 15. Which Indian-origin scientist received the Spinoza Prize also known as the Dutch Nobel Prize?
- a) Joyeeta Gupta
- b) Amit Kshatriya
- c) Kamlesh Lulla
- d) Sunita Williams
- 16. HUDA City Centre-Cyber City metro project is to be constructed in which city?
- a) New Delhi
- b) Gurugram
- c) Hyderabad



- d) Bengaluru
- 17. Which state/UT launched 'Integrated Water Resources Action Plan-2023-25'?
- a) Rajasthan
- b) Kerala
- c) Haryana
- d) Odisha
- 18. Which institution is set to introduce new college degree titles, including a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in arts, humanities, management, and commerce?
- a) AICTE
- b) UGC
- c) NASSCOM
- d) NITI Aayog
- 19. 'Atlantic Declaration' was recently adopted by which countries?
- a) USA and UK
- b) Australia and USA
- c) USA and Canada
- d) Japan and UK
- 20. Which country organised the 'Mission Mode Cataract Surgery' campaign?
- a) Israel
- b) India
- c) Indonesia
- d) Italy
- 21. Françoise Gilot, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession?
- a) Scientist
- b) Painter
- c) Writer
- d) Politician



- 22. Which state government has been permitted to continue mining work in Gaula river?
- a) Assam
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Jharkhand
- d) West Bengal
- 23. Which state is the host of the 'National Conference on Recent Advances in School Education'?
- a) Telangana
- b) Punjab
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Maharashtra
- 24. India recently held a Maritime Partnership Exercise with which countries in the Gulf of Oman?
- a) France, UAE
- b) USA, Canada
- c) Australia, New Zealand
- d) Sri Lanka, Maldives
- 25. Which rocket is set to be used for the launch of 'Chandrayaan-3' mission?
- a) LVM-1
- b) LVM-3
- c) LVM-5
- d) LVM-9
- 26. Which country has announced for investing more than 100 million US Dollars in the Caribbean region?
- a) India
- b) Japan
- c) China
- d) USA



- 27. International Albinism Awareness Day 2023 observed on which date?
- a) 10 June
- b) 13 June
- c) 15 June
- d) 18 June
- 28. When is the Global Wind Day celebrated annually?
- a) June 10
- b) June 15
- c) June 18
- d) June 23
- 29. What is the retain inflation in India during May 2023?
- a) 6.25 %
- b) 5.25 %
- c) 4.25 %
- d) 3.25 %
- 30. Which institution has released the report named "Detox Development: Repurposing Environmentally Harmful Subsidies"?
- a) IMF
- b) World Bank
- c) NITI Aayog
- d) WEF
- 31. VLA1553, based on the La Reunion strain, is a vaccine against which disease?
- a) COVID-19
- b) Malaria
- c) Chikungunya
- d) Dengue
- 32. The government has decided to cease the sale of which products from central pool through Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) to states?
- a) Rice



- b) Wheat
- c) Rice and Wheat
- d) Sugar
- 33. What is the name of the 'Electronic signage systems' that have been installed in High Courts of India?
- a) NITI Clocks
- b) Justice Clocks
- c) Court Clocks
- d) Judge Clocks
- 34. As per a recent report, the Global Mean Temperature crosses which threshold for the first time during summer?
- a) 0.5 Degree Celsius
- b) 1.5 Degree Celsius
- c) 2.5 Degree Celsius
- d) 3.5 Degree Celsius
- 35. Ministry of Defence granted approval for the procurement of Predator (MQ-9 Reaper) drones from which country?
- a) Russia
- b) USA
- c) Israel
- d) France
- 36. Which month is recognized worldwide as the Pride Month?
- a) January
- b) March
- c) June
- d) December
- 37. Which country's Armed Forces is planning for 'cross-services postings' of senior officers?
- a) Sri Lanka



- b) Bangladesh
- c) India
- d) China
- 38. Which city hosted the 'National Conference on 'Foundational Literacy and Numeracy'?
- a) Chennai
- b) Pune
- c) Mysuru
- d) Varanasi
- 39. Which institution adopted the 'International Treaty to Protect the High Seas'?
- a) WEF
- b) UN
- c) NITI Aayog
- d) World Bank
- 40. Which famous personality has been conferred the prestigious German peace prize?
- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Salman Rushdie
- c) Kamala Harris
- d) Venus Williams
- 41. Which Indian institution nudged Google and Apple to secure mobile devices for financial transactions?
- a) Reserve Bank of India
- b) Securities Exchange Board of India
- c) NPCI
- d) NASSCOM
- 42. As per a recent report, 75% of snow in which region will vanish completely?
- a) Hindu Kush Himalaya
- b) Mir Samir
- c) Saraghrar



- d) Koyo Zom
- 43. Which country's football team clinched the Intercontinental Cup in 2023?
- a) India
- b) Malaysia
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Sri Lanka
- 44. 'Operation Kawach' has been launched to crack down the menace of drugs in which state/UT?
- a) Punjab
- b) Sikkim
- c) New Delhi
- d) Gujarat
- 45. Magdalena Abakanowicz, who was honoured with a Google Doodle, was associated with which profession?
- a) Sports person
- b) Politician
- c) Sculptor
- d) Writer
- 46. Which state/UT is set to introduce a Cloud Kitchen Policy?
- a) Goa
- b) Telangana
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Delhi
- 47. Which concept states that black holes are not completely black but emit a form of radiation over time?
- a) CV Raman radiation
- b) Hawking radiation
- c) Newton radiation
- d) Einstein radiation



- 48. Joha rice, which was seen in the news, is from which state/UT?
- a) West Bengal
- b) Assam
- c) Odisha
- d) Bihar
- 49. Giant African land snail' is an invasive nature that has been discovered in which country recently?
- a) USA
- b) Australia
- c) UK
- d) India
- 50. India signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for authorized economic operators (AEOs), with which country?
- a) UAE
- b) USA
- c) Italy
- d) France
- 51. India's higher-than-expected GDP growth in Q4 FY23, along with the upward revision of the FY23 growth forecast to 7.2 percent, highlights the resilience and promising trajectory of the Indian economy amidst global challenges. Which sectors contributed to the higher-than-expected GDP growth in Q4 FY23?
- a) Manufacturing and services
- b) Construction and agriculture
- c) Manufacturing and construction
- d) Services and agriculture
- 52. India's economy showcased remarkable resilience as it recorded a higher-thanexpected growth rate of 6.1 percent in the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY23, surpassing analysts' predictions. Which factor remained the weakest link in India's economic recovery?
- a) Private spending



- b) Government spending
- c) Gross fixed capital formation
- d) Services exports
- 53. According to J.P. Morgan, what is the revised forecast for India's annual growth rate for fiscal year 2024?
- a) 5%
- b) 5.5%
- c) 6%
- d) 6.5%
- 54. The Ministry of Finance announced that the GST revenue for May 2023 stood at Rs 1.57 lakh crore. What was the percentage increase in GST revenue collection for May 2023 compared to May 2022?
- a) 5%
- b) 8%
- c) 10%
- d) 12%
- 55. Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions in India soared to unprecedented levels in May 2023, with a total transaction value of Rs 14.3 trillion and a volume of 9.41 billion. This represents a 2% increase in value and a 6% increase in volume compared to the previous month of April. How did AePS transactions perform in May 2023 compared to April 2023?
- a) Volume and value increased
- b) Volume increased, value decreased
- c) Volume decreased, value increased
- d) Volume and value decreased
- 56. In which year did John Bannister Goodenough win the Nobel Prize in Chemistry?
- a) 2018
- b) 2019
- c) 2020
- d) 2021



- 57. For which novel did Priya A S receive the Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2023?
- a) Perumazhayathe Kunjithalukal (The Children Who Never Withered)
- b) The God of Small Things
- c) Sammanapothi
- d) Witness to Grace
- 58. What is the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in India?
- a) A law that regulates criminal offenses uniformly across the country.
- b) A law that codifies personal laws of citizens irrespective of gender, sexual orientation, or religion.
- c) A law that grants religious organizations autonomy in conducting their affairs.
- d) A law that aims to safeguard vulnerable communities.
- 59. Which committee was created in 1941 to codify Hindu law due to an increase in legislation addressing personal concerns at the end of British rule?
- a) The Hindu Law Committee
- b) The Rau Committee
- c) The Ambedkar Committee
- d) The Shah Bano Committee
- 60. The Indian Air Force recently concluded Exercise Ranvijay, a series of integrated wargames aimed at enhancing the skills of fighter pilots. Where did Exercise Ranvijay take place?
- a) Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Kolkata
- d) Prayagraj
- 61. What is the purpose of the Nandi portal launched by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying?
- a) To streamline the regulatory approval process for veterinary drugs and vaccines
- b) To promote digitalization in the livestock industry
- c) To facilitate online marketing of veterinary products



- d) To provide information about animal health and husbandry practices
- 62. Which sports event will Indonesia host as announced by FIFA?
- a) U-17 World Cup
- b) Asian Games
- c) Olympic Games
- d) World Cup
- 63. International MSME Day is observed every year on 27th June to highlight the significance of MSMEs and their role in the economy. What is the theme of MSME Day 2023 in India?
- a) MSMEs: Powering Economic Growth
- b) Building a Stronger Future Together
- c) Future-ready MSMEs for India@100
- d) Unlocking the Potential of Small Businesses
- 64. Who has been appointed as the managing director and head of institutional banking in India for DBS Bank?
- a) Rajat Verma
- b) Niraj Mittal
- c) Piyush Gupta
- d) OCBC Bank
- 65. Who has been sworn in as the prime minister of Greece for a second term?
- a) Kyriakos Mitsotakis
- b) Alexis Tsipras
- c) Panagiotis Pikrammenos
- d) Antonis Samaras
- 66. Which Muslim community is closely associated with the Al-Hakim Mosque?
- a) Sunni Muslims
- b) Sufi Muslims
- c) Dawoodi Bohra Muslims
- d) Ismaili Muslims



- 67. Where was the 1,000-year-old 'dwarapala' sculpture discovered?
- a) Hyderabad, Telangana
- b) Warangal, Telangana
- c) Siddipet, Telangana
- d) Ghanpur, Telangana
- 68. What is the purpose of the USD 255.5 million loan granted by the World Bank to India?
- a) Enhancing healthcare infrastructure
- b) Improving technical education
- c) Promoting renewable energy projects
- d) Supporting agricultural development
- 69. According to the Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2023, which city holds the top position in the global startup ecosystem rankings?
- a) Bengaluru
- b) New York City
- c) Silicon Valley
- d) London
- 70. Which city secured the 20th position in the Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2023 (GSER 2023)?
- a) Mumbai
- b) Pune
- c) Delhi
- d) Bengaluru
- 71. Which sector showed the highest growth in merchandise exports in May 2023 compared to May 2022?
 - a) Electronic Goods
 - b) Spices
 - c) Oil Meals
 - d) Iron Ore



- 72. What is Fitch's revised GDP forecast for India for the financial year 2023-24?
- a) 6.0%
- b) 6.1%
- c) 6.2%
- d) 6.3%
- 73. What is the main objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between GE Aerospace and HAL?
- a) To produce fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force (IAF)
- b) To develop advanced technology for commercial aircraft
- c) To establish a joint venture between GE Aerospace and HAL
- d) To improve bilateral trade between India and the United States
- 74. What milestone did the UK's public sector net debt reach in May 2023?
- a) 90% of GDP
- b) 100% of GDP
- c) 110% of GDP
- d) 120% of GDP
- 75. How might the high debt and inflation impact government spending?
- a) Decreased debt interest payments.
- b) Decreased spending on benefits and tax credits.
- c) Increased debt interest payments.
- d) Reduced pressure on the government
- 76. What is India's rank in the Global Gender Gap Index for 2023?
- a) 142
- b) 116
- c) 115
- d) 127
- 77. In which dimension does India lag behind in the Global Gender Gap Index?
- a) Economic Participation and Opportunity
- b) Educational Attainment



- c) Health and Survival
- d) Political Empowerment
- 78. Which country holds the top position for gender equality in the world?
- a) India
- b) Pakistan
- c) Nepal
- d) Iceland
- 79. Which of the following is the primary goal of the Artemis Accords?
- a) Establishing a permanent human settlement on the Moon
- b) Expanding space exploration to Mars and beyond
- c) Preventing harmful interference in space activities
- d) Promoting international cooperation in lunar missions
- 80. In addition to signing the Artemis Accords, what other collaboration has been agreed upon between NASA and ISRO?
- a) Joint mission to Mars in 2024
- b) Construction of a lunar base on the Moon
- c) Establishment of a semiconductor manufacturing facility in India
- d) Joint mission to the International Space Station in 2024
- 81. How does India's projected GDP growth rate for FY24 compare to the previous fiscal year (FY23)?
- a) Higher
- b) Lower
- c) Same
- d) Cannot be determined
- 82. Lloyds Banking Group is setting up a technology centre in which city?
- a) London
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Edinburgh
- d) Manchester



- 83. Which US chipmaker has received approval from the Indian cabinet to set up a semiconductor testing and packaging unit in Gujarat?
- a) Intel Corporation
- b) Qualcomm Incorporated
- c) Micron Technology
- d) NVIDIA Corporation
- 84. Who has been appointed as the president of BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry Women's Vertical (BRICS CCI WE)?
- a) Ruby Sinha
- b) Shabana Nasim
- c) Komal Verma
- d) Neha Gupta
- 85. International Widows Day is observed on June 23 each year. What is the theme for International Widows Day 2023?
- a) Empowering Widows for a Better Future
- b) Breaking the Cycle of Discrimination
- c) Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality
- d) Widows' Rights: Ensuring Justice and Equality
- 86. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to the United States from June 21 to June 24 is one of the most important diplomatic visits of 2023, highlighting the significance of India's geopolitical role. During his visit, PM Modi will address a joint session of the US Congress for the ____ time.
- a) First
- b) Second
- c) Third
- d) Fourth
- 87. What was the estimated value of India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in May 2023?
- a) USD 64.13 billion
- b) USD 60.29 billion



- c) USD 69.72 billion
- d) USD 51.14 billion
- 88. Which agricultural product showed the highest growth in exports during April-May 2023 compared to April-May 2022?
- a) Rice
- b) Fruits & Vegetables
- c) Spices
- d) Coffee
- 89. What was the overall trade deficit in April-May 2023?
- a) \$10.35 billion
- b) \$12.20 billion
- c) \$13.28 billion
- d) \$20.56 billion
- 90. Which two organizations have joined hands to accelerate sustainable development in India?
- a) World Bank and NITI Aayog
- b) United Nations and NITI Aayog
- c) World Health Organization and NITI Aayog
- d) United Nations and Indian Government
- 91. What was the dividend amount presented by State Bank of India (SBI) to the Finance Minister for the financial year 2022-23?
- a) Rs 5,740 crore
- b) Rs 11,300 crore
- c) Rs 31,675 crore
- d) Rs 50,232 crore
- 92. What is the name of the scheme introduced by Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) that allows customers to choose any name as their savings account number?
- a) My Name, My Account
- b) Account Number Personalization



- c) Customized Banking
- d) My Account My Name
- 93. What was SBI's net profit for the full financial year 2022-23?
- a) Rs 5,232.45 crore
- b) Rs 31,675.98 crore
- c) Rs 50,232.45 crore
- d) Rs 740 crore
- 94. Which city is Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) headquartered in?
- a) Mumbai
- b) New Delhi
- c) Chennai
- d) Kolkata
- 95. Who introduced the "Y-Break Yoga at Office Chair" protocol?
- a) Ministry of Health
- b) Ministry of Finance
- c) Ministry of AYUSH
- d) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- 96. Which institute collaborated with the Ministry of AYUSH to develop the "Y-Break Yoga at Office Chair" protocol?
- a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- b) National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)
- c) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga
- d) Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN)
- 97. When is Father's Day celebrated in many countries, including the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom?
- a) First Sunday of June
- b) Second Sunday of June
- c) Third Sunday of June
- d) Fourth Sunday of June



- 98. Who flagged off the 5000 km Motorcycle Expedition as part of the "Julley Ladakh" outreach program?
- a) Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh
- b) General Manoj Pande
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari
- 99. The World Day to Combat Desetification and Drought is an annual observance held on June 17th. What is the theme of the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought for this year?
- a) Sustainable Land Management for a Resilient Future
- b) Desertification and Drought: A Global Challenge
- c) Her land. Her rights.
- d) Combating Climate Change through Land Restoration
- 100. According to the RBI Remittance Survey, the country with the highest share in inward remittances to India in 2020-21 was _____.
- a) United States
- b) United Arab Emirates
- c) United Kingdom
- d) Singapore



ANSWER KEY

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

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TRANSLATIONS: HINDI

- 1. इस्लामी कानून मुस्लिम दर्शन की एक शाखा है जो परिभाषित करती है कि एक मुसलमान को अपने धर्म के अनुसार ईश्वर और अन्य मनुष्यों दोनों के प्रित कैसे कार्य करना चाहिए। पर्सनल लॉ नागरिक कानून का एक हिस्सा है जो एक विशिष्ट धार्मिक समूह के व्यक्तियों पर लागू होता है। विवाह, तलाक, संरक्षकता, विरासत और उन मामलों से संबंधित अन्य मामले जो आम तौर पर केवल किसी व्यक्ति के व्यक्तित्व को प्रभावित करते हैं, व्यक्तिगत मामले माने जाते हैं। मुसलमान इस्लामी कानून के अधीन हैं। "इस्लामिक सिविल लॉ का वह घटक जो मुसलमानों पर व्यक्तिगत कानून के रूप में लागू होता है" को भारत में मुस्लिम कानून के रूप में परिभाषित किया गया है।
- 2. शरीयत का विकास एक क्रमिक लेकिन निरंतर प्रक्रिया थी। क़ुरान पैगंबर मोहम्मद के सामने उनके भविष्यवक्ता और उनके निधन की अविध के दौरान प्रकट हुआ था। शरीयत के पहले दो मौलिक स्रोत, अर्थात् कुरान और सुन्नत, कुरान की आयतों की व्याख्या के साथ-साथ उनकी बातें, कर्म और मौन पुष्टियाँ थे। बाद में इस्लामी न्यायविदों ने शरिया ढांचे का निर्माण किया, जो आज भी कायम है। इसलिए शरीयत सत्तावादी है।
- 3. जो इस्लाम का पालन करता है उसे मुसलमान कहा जाता है। इस्लाम में आस्था रखने वाले व्यक्ति को "मुसलमान" कहा जाता है। अदालतों के अनुसार, कोई व्यक्ति जन्म से या धर्मांतरण से मुस्लिम बन सकता है। जहां तक इस्लामी कानून के कार्यान्वयन का सवाल है, जन्म से मुसलमान और धर्मांतरण से मुसलमान के बीच कोई अंतर नहीं है।
- 4. मिलक ने किताब-अल-मुवत्ता नामक एक विस्तृत पुस्तक लिखी है जो मिलकी सिद्धांतों पर एक प्रमाण है। उनकी परंपराओं का संकलन 'मुवत्ता' आज भी उपलब्ध है। खलील-इब्न-इशाक का 'अल-मुख्तासर' मिलकी सिद्धांतों से युक्त एक और महत्वपूर्ण कार्य है। इस स्कूल के सिद्धांत मध्य और पश्चिम अफ्रीका, स्पेन, कुवैत और बहरीन तक फैले हुए थे। भारत में कोई मिलकी नहीं हैं.
- 5. कानूनी संहिता कानूनों का एक लिखित कोड है जिसे लागू किया जाता है। यह पुलिस, अदालतों या सज़ा जैसी चीज़ों से निपट सकता है। एक वकील, न्यायिवद् या अटॉर्नी एक पेशेवर है जो कानून के नियमों का अध्ययन और बहस करता है। संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका में, दो प्रकार के वकील होते हैं "लेनदेन संबंधी" वकील जो अनुबंध लिखते हैं और "मुकदमेबाज" जो अदालत जाते हैं। यूनाइटेड किंगडम में, इन पेशेवरों को क्रमशः सॉलिसिटर और बैरिस्टर कहा जाता है।



TRANSLATIONS: ENGLISH

- 1. Islamic law is a branch of Muslim philosophy that defines how a Muslim should act in accordance with his religion, both toward God and other men. A personal law is a part of civil law that is applicable to individuals of a specific religious group. Marriages, divorces, guardianships, inheritances, and other matters related to those affairs that ordinarily only influence an individual's personality are considered personal matters. Muslims are subject to Islamic law. "That component of Islamic Civil Law which is applied to Muslims as a personal Law" is defined as Muslim law in India.
- 2. The development of shariah was a gradual but constant process. The Quran was revealed to Prophet Mohammad during the period of his prophethood and his passing. The first two fundamental sources of the Shariah, namely the Quran and the Sunnah, were the explanations of Quranic verses as well as his sayings, deeds, and silent confirmations. Later Islamic jurists constructed the Shariah framework, which is still in place today. The Shariah is therefore authoritarian.
- 3. One who practises Islam is referred to as a Muslim. A person who takes the faith in Islam is referred to as a "Muslim". A person can become Muslim either by birth or by conversion, according to the courts. There is no distinction between a Muslim by birth and a Muslim by conversion as far as the implementation of Islamic law is concerned.
- 4. Malik has written an exhaustive book namely, Kitab-al-Muwatta which is an authority on the Maliki doctrines. His compilation of the traditions, 'Muwatta' is available even to-day. Khalil-ibn-Ishaq's 'al-Mukhtasar' is another important work containing Maliki principles. The principles of this school spread over to the Central and West Africa, Spain, Kuwait and Bahrain. There are no Malikis in India.
- 5. A legal code is a written code of laws that are enforced. This may deal with things like police, courts, or punishments. A lawyer, jurist or attorney is a professional who studies and argues the rules of law. In the United States, there are two kinds of attorneys "transactional" attorneys who write contracts and "litigators" who go to court. In the United Kingdom, these professionals are called solicitors and barristers respectively.



LIST OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Organization	Headquarters	Established
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	New York City, USA	1965
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Nairobi, Kenya	1972
United Nations Population Fund (UNPF)	New York City, USA	1969
United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat)	Nairobi, Kenya	1978
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	New York City, USA	1946
World Food Programme (WFP)	Rome, Italy	1961
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Rome, Italy	1945
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)	Montreal, Canada	1947
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Rome, Italy	1977
International Labour Organization (ILO)	Geneva, Switzerland	1919
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Washington, DC, USA	1944
International Maritime Organization (IMO)	London, United Kingdom	1948
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	Geneva, Switzerland	1865
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	Paris, France	1945
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	Vienna, Austria	1966



Organization	Headquarters	Established
World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)	Madrid, Spain	1974
Universal Postal Union (UPU)	Bern, Switzerland	1874
World Health Organization (WHO)	Geneva, Switzerland	1948
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	Geneva, Switzerland	1967
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Geneva, Switzerland	1950
World Bank	Washington, DC, USA	1944
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)	Geneva, Switzerland	1994
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Geneva, Switzerland	1950
United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)	Geneva, Switzerland	1980
United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)	Geneva, Switzerland	1963
United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)	Copenhagen, Denmark	1973
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA)	Amman, Jordan	1949
United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)	Turin, Italy	2002
United Nations University (UNU)	Tokyo, Japan	1973
UN Women	New York City, USA	2010
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	Vienna, Austria	1957



Organization	Headquarters	Established
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Geneva, Switzerland	1951
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)	The Hague, Netherlands	1997
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	Bonn, Germany	1994(Signed in 1993)
World Trade Organization (WTO)	Geneva, Switzerland	1995
International Trade Centre (ITC)	Geneva, Switzerland	1964
African Development Bank Group	Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire	1964
African Union (AU)	Addis Abab, Ethiopia	2002
Amnesty International (AI)	London, United Kingdom	1961
Andean Community	Lima, Peru	1969
Arctic Council	Tromso, Norway	1996
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)	Queenstown, Singapore	1989
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Mandaluyong, Philippines	1966
Association of Caribbean States (ACS)	Port of Spain, Trinidad, Tobago	1994
Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	Jakarta, Indonesia	1967
Bank for International Settlements (BIS)	Basel, Switzerland	1930
Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)	Istanbul, Turkey	1992
Caribbean Community (CARICOM)	Georgetown, Guyana	1973
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	1960
Common Market for Eastern and	Lusaka, Zambia	1994



Organization	Headquarters	Established
Southern Africa (COMESA)		
Commonwealth Secretariat	London, United Kingdom	1965
Council of Europe	Strasbourg, France	1949
Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)	Geneva, Switzerland	1951
Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)	Stockholm, Switzerland	1992
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria	1975
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	London, United Kingdom	1991
European Central Bank (ECB)	Frankfurt, Germany	1998
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)	Geneva, Switzerland	1960
Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa (AWEPA)	Amsterdam, Netherlands	1984
European Space Agency (ESA)	Paris, France	1975
European Union (EU)	Brussels, Belgium	1993
Group of Eight (G8)	New York, USA	1975
G-15 Summit	Geneva, Switzerland	1990
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Washington, DC, USA	1959
Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)	Djibouti, Djibouti	1986
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	Vienna, Austria	1957
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)	Montreal, Canada	1947



Organization	Headquarters	Established
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	Paris, France	1919
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Geneva, Switzerland	1863
International Court of Justice (ICJ)	The Hague, Netherlands	1945
International Development Association (IDA)	Washington, DC, USA	1960
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	Geneva, Switzerland	1919
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	Washington, DC, USA	1956
International Labour Organization (ILO)	Geneva, Switzerland	1919
International Olympic Committee (IOC)	Lausanne, Switzerland	1894
International Organization for Standardization (ISO)	Geneva, Switzerland	1947
International Peace Bureau (IPB)	Geneva, Switzerland	1891
International Seabed Authority (ISA)	Kingston, Jamaica	1994
International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)	Geneva, Switzerland	1984
Inter-Parliamentary Union	Geneva, Switzerland	1889
League of Arab States	Cairo, Egypt	1945
Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)	Washington, DC, USA	1988
The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)	Central Jakarta, Indonesia	1961
Nordic Council of Ministers	Copenhagen, Denmark	1971
North Atlantic Treaty Organization	Washington, DC, USA	1949



Organization	Headquarters	Established
(NATO)		
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	Paris, France	1961
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)	Vienna, Austria	1975
Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC)	Kuwait, Middle East	1968
Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	1969
Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)	Vienna, Austria	1960
Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)	Noumea, New Caledonia	1947
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)	Kathmandu, Nepal	1985
Unión Latina	Paris, France	1954
United Cities & Local Governments (UCLG)	Barcelona, Spain	2004
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	Bangkok, Thailand	1947
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)	Beirut, Lebanon	1973
United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP)	Nairobi, Kenya	1972
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Rome, Italy	1945



Organization	Headquarters	Established
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR)	Geneva, Switzerland and New York City, USA	1993
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	Vienna, Austria	1997
United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	1975
United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	Geneva, Switzerland and New York City, USA	1991
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)	Amman, Jordan	1949
Western European Union (WEU)	Paris, France	1954
World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)	Geneva, Switzerland and New York City, USA	1946
World Organization Against Torture (OMCT)	Geneva, Switzerland	1985
World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)	Gland, Switzerland	1961



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE MCQ'S

- 1. 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
- 2. The Reserve Bank of India follows the principle of reciprocity and single mode of presence with respect to the __:
- a) Private Banks
- b) Foreign Banks
- c) Regional Rural Banks
- d) Urban Cooperative Banks
- 3. Which of the following organizations in India manages the Micro Finance Development Equity Fund?
- a) RBI
- b) NABARD
- c) SIDBI
- d) SFAC
- 4. Who among the following was placed on the throne of Nawab of Bengal after the Battle of Buxar?
- a) Shiraj-ud-daula
- b) Mir Kasim
- c) Mir Jafar
- d) Najimuddin Ali Khan
- 5. At which of the following places, Green Pamphlet was issued by Mahatma Gandhi?
- a) Calcutta
- b) Surat



- c) Rajkot
- d) Sabarmati
- 6. Which among the following events took place immediately before the massacre at Jallianwalla Bagh?
- a) Partition of Bengal
- b) llbert Bill
- c) Passage of the Rowlatt Act
- d) Minto-Morley Reforms
- 7. The Bijauliya Movement is related to the agrarian struggle in the current state of __?
- a) Kerala
- b) Assam
- c) Odisha
- d) Rajasthan
- 8. Which among the following regions was most affected by the Revolution of 1857?
- a) Punjab
- b) Maharastra
- c) Awadh
- d) Madras
- 9. Who among the following is known as Father of Muslim Renaissance in Bengal?
- a) Syed Ahmad Khan
- b) Ameer Ali
- c) Nawab Abdul Latif Khan
- d) Nawab Samiullah Khan
- 10. Consider the following:
- 1. Public Service Commission (Charles Aitchison)
- 2. Royal Commission on Public Service (Lord Isling)
- 3. Royal Commission on Superior Civil Services (Lord Viscount Lee)

The correct order of their establishment is given in which among the following options?

a) 1, 2, 3



- b) 2, 1, 3
- c) 3, 2, 1
- d) 1, 3, 2
- 11. Which among the following is called Magnacarta of English education?
- a) Wood's Despatch
- b) Hartog Committee Report
- c) Minute on Indian Education by Lord Macauley
- d) None of above
- 12. In which country Indian Independence Committee was formed during British Era?
- a) France
- b) UK
- c) Germany
- d) USA
- 13. Who was the founder of the Servants of India Society (1905) at Pune?
- a) G.K.Devadhar
- b) Veresalingam Pantulu
- c) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- d) Behramji M. Malabari
- 14. Australia has recently designated which species as 'Endangered'?
- a) Panda
- b) Koala
- c) Kangaroo
- d) Sloth
- 15. MUSE and HelioSwarm, which were seen in the news recently, are associated with which space agency?
- a) ISRO
- b) JAXA
- c) NASA
- d) ESA



- 16. Which institution launched the Community Innovator Fellowship (CIF)?
- a) NITI Aayog
- b) ISRO
- c) DRDO
- d) National Innovation Foundation
- 17. Frank-Walter Steinmeier has been re-elected as the President of which country?
- a) France
- b) Germany
- c) Italy
- d) Austria
- 18. 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
- 19. 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
- 20. Which country holds the Presidency of G 20 in 2022?
- a) India
- b) Indonesia
- c) China
- d) Japan
- 21. Which is the headquarters of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC)?
- a) UAE



b)	Saudi Arabia
c)	Oman
d)	Qatar
22.	Which among the following is measured using a Vernier Caliper?
a)	Dimensions
b)	Time
c)	Sound
d)	Temperature
23.	Ohm is a unit of measuring?
a)	Resistance
b)	Voltage
c)	Current
d)	None of the above
24.	Opium is obtained from the dry latex from which part of the Papaver somniferum
	Plant?
a)	Stem
b)	Leaves
c)	Рорру
d)	Stem joints
25.	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
26.	How many vertebrae does a human being have ?
a)	33
b)	36



- c) 29
- d) 19
- 27. 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
- 28. Ibn Batuta was a traveler from which among the following current nations?
- a) Algeria
- b) Morocco
- c) Tunisia
- d) Libya
- 29. 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
- 30. 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?
- a) Alauddin Khilji
- b) Balban
- c) Iltutmish
- d) Sher Shah Suri
- 31. Which among the following Mughal emperor had prohibited smoking and use of tobacco in 1617 AD?
- a) Akbar



- b) Jahanagir
- c) Shahjahan
- d) Aurangzeb
- 32. Which among the following amendments of Constitution of India had accorded precedence to Directive Principles over Fundamental Rights?
- a) 25th
- b) 42nd
- c) 59th
- d) 44th
- 33. With which of the following countries National People's Congress is related to?
- a) USA
- b) UK
- c) China
- d) Germany
- 34. 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
- 35. 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
- 36. 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



- 37. Who wrote the book Wealth of Nations?
- a) Raghuram Rajan
- b) John Maynard Keynes
- c) Adam Smith
- d) None of the above
- 38. Pandit Bhimsen Joshi is related to which form of art?
- a) Hindustani vocalist
- b) Flute player
- c) Sitar Maestro
- d) Odissi dancers
- 39. The a-particles are-
- a) high energy electrons
- b) positively charged hydrogen ions
- c) high energy X-ray radiations
- d) double positively charged helium nuclei
- 40. A radioactive substance emits
- a) alpha particle
- b) beta particle
- c) gamma particle
- d) all the three
- 41. Heavy water is used as a coolant in nuclear reactors. Heavy water is
- a) Water rich in minerals
- b) Ozonised water
- c) Water containing minerals of heavy metal.
- d) Water containing heavy isotope of hydrogen.
- 42. A particle which is similar to electron is-
- a) positron
- b) B-particle
- c) photon



- d) meson
- 43. Gamma rays are-
- a) high energy electrons
- b) low energy electrons
- c) high energy electromagnetic
- d) high energy positrons wave
- 44. The most abundant metal in earth crust is-
- a) Iron
- b) Magnesium
- c) Calcium
- d) Aluminium
- 45. Which one of the following is not an element?
- a) Diamond
- b) ozone
- c) graphite
- d) silica
- 46. An alloy is
- a) a compound
- b) an allotropic form
- c) an isomer
- d) a mixture
- 47. Name the scientist who stated that matter can be converted into energy-
- a) Boyle
- b) Lavoisier
- c) Avogadro
- d) Einstein
- 48. Sodium carbonate crystals lose water molecules. This property is called-
- a) hygroscopy



- b) efflorescence
- c) deliquescence
- d) None
- 49. The law of constant proportions was enunciated by-
- a) Dalton
- b) Berthelot
- c) Avogadro
- d) Proust
- 50. One Carbon Credit is equivalent to
- a) 10 kg of CO
- b) 1000 kg of CO,
- c) 100 kg of CO,
- d) 10000 kg of CO,



ANSWER KEY

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



CASE STUDY

The Indian Oil Corporation & Ors. v Ajit Kumar Singh & Anr 2023 (SC) 478

Facts:

On 30.06.2001, the Indian Oil Corporation ("Appellant") issued a tender for repair job of drain and tank inside their Barauni Refinery. The Technical Bids were opened on 24.08.2001. However, the price bids remained closed and were kept in a locked drawer. The keys were in custody of two employees of Appellant, i.e., K.C. Patel and Ajit Kumar Singh (Respondent No. 1).

While being locked inside drawer, the Price bids were tampered with by changing the bid amount of one of the bidders. The tampered bid document contained the signature of Respondent No. 1. The inquiry report submitted by the Central Forensic Institute proved that the tampering was done. Accordingly, a chargesheet was issued to Respondent No. 1, to explain as to why departmental inquiry should not be initiated against him.

Issues:

1. Can Judicial Review be Exercised To Re-appreciate Evidence In Departmental Enquiry Proceedings?

Held:

"The constitutional court while exercising its jurisdiction of judicial review under Article 226 or Article 136 of the Constitution would not interfere with the findings of fact arrived at in the departmental enquiry proceedings except in a case of mala fides or perversity i.e. where there is no evidence to support a finding or where a finding is such that no man acting reasonably and with objectivity could have arrived at those findings and so long as there is some evidence to support the conclusion arrived at by the departmental authority, the same has to be sustained."



Ghanshyam v. Yogendra Rathi, 2023 (SC) 479

Facts:

Mr. Ghanshyam ("Appellant") was the owner of a property situated in Delhi ("Suit Property"). He entered into an Agreement to Sell dated 10.04.2002 with Mr. Yogendra Rathi ("Respondent") for sale of Suit Property and received the entire sale consideration from the Respondent. On the same day, the Appellant executed a will bequeathing the Suit Property to the Respondent. The Appellant further executed a General Power of Attorney in favour of the Respondent. The possession of the Suit Property was handed over to the Respondent, however, no sale deed was executed.

Issue:

Whether any title can be conferred through Will?

Held:

In connection with the general power of attorney and the will so executed, the practice, if any, prevalent in any State or the High Court recognizing these documents to be documents of title or documents conferring right in any immovable property is in violation of the statutory law. Any such practice or tradition prevalent would not override the specific provisions of law which require execution of a document of title or transfer and its registration so as to confer right and title in an immovable property of over Rs.100/- in value", the Bench ruled.







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