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NATIONAL NEWS

- 1. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh approves capital acquisition proposals worth Rs 2.23 lakh crore to boost Indian Defence Industry**
 - Defence Acquisition Council headed by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh approved capital acquisition proposals worth 2 lakh 23 thousand crore rupees to enhance the operational capabilities of the Armed Forces
 - Defence Ministry, 98 per cent of the total amount will be sourced from domestic industries.
 - This will give a substantial boost to the Indian Defence Industry with the aim of achieving the goal of Aatmanirbharta.
 - The Council has approved the procurement of two types of Anti-tank Munitions namely, Area Denial Munition (ADM) Type-2 and Type-3, which are capable of neutralising Tanks and Armoured personnel carriers and enemy personnel.
- 2. World's first portable hospital 'Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube' unveiled in Gurugram**
 - The World's first portable hospital, 'Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube' was unveiled in Gurugram.
 - Designed indigenously under the Project 'BHISHM', the modular trauma management and aid system is made up of 72 detachable mini-cubes, each being a specialized station for emergency response and humanitarian efforts.
 - It can handle bullet injuries, burns, head, spinal and chest injuries, minor surgeries, fractures and major bleeding.
 - These cubes are light and portable, and can be rapidly deployed anywhere, from airdrops to ground transportation.
- 3. PM launches Green Credit Initiative at COP28 climate conference aimed at reshaping global environmental policies**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Green Credit Initiative,' a pathbreaking program aimed at reshaping global environmental policies.
 - He also launched the official portal of the Green credit initiative at COP28.

- The Prime Minister highlighted the limitations of the current carbon credit system, influenced by commercial interests and lacking a sense of social responsibility, paving the way for a new philosophy embodied in the 'Green Credit' concept.
 - Ulf Kristersson, Prime Minister of Sweden, praised the initiative, citing Sweden's success with the Climate Leap, reducing climate emissions by 3.3 million tonnes per year through collective action.
4. **Indian Railways allows MNCs to deploy indigenous Kavach anti train collision system on network**
- India's ability to deploy automatic train collision avoidance systems - Kavach - is expected to get a fillip with global companies getting approvals to install it on the national transporter
 - Germany's Siemens and Japan's Kyosan are the two new approved Kavach deployment companies.
 - Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Kavach deployment will increase to 5000 kilometers (kms) per annum in the financial year 2025-26, up from 1500 kms annually.
5. **Cabinet approves Terms of Reference for the Sixteenth Finance Commission.**
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Terms of Reference for the Sixteenth Finance Commission.
 - The Terms of Reference for the Sixteenth Finance Commission will be notified in due course of time
 - The 16th Finance Commission's recommendations, upon acceptance by the government, would cover the period of five (5) years commencing April 1, 2026.
 - Article 280(1) of the Constitution lays down that the modalities for setting up of a Finance Commission to make recommendation on the distribution of net proceeds of taxes between the Union and the States, allocation between the States of respective shares of such proceeds; grants- in-aid and the revenues of the States and measures needed to supplement the resources of the Panchayats during the award period.
 - The Fifteenth Finance Commission was constituted on November 27, 2017.

6. **Union Minister for Power RK Singh inaugurates National Conference on "Energy Transition in India in Gandhinagar"**
 - Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy Shri R.K. Singh inaugurated a two-day National Conference on "Energy Transition in India - Road Travelled and Opportunities Ahead" in Gandhinagar.
 - Shri Kanubhai Desai, Minister of Energy Petrochemicals and Finance, Government of Gujarat was also present along with other dignitaries on the occasion.
 - Organized as a part of the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024, the event is being attended by more than 250 Indian and foreign representatives of power and renewable energy sector.

7. **Unemployment rate dips to 6.6 pc in Sep quarter**
 - According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), the unemployment rate in urban areas has decreased from 7.2% in July-September, 2022 to 6.6% in July-September 2023.
 - The unemployment rate was 6.6% for persons under the age of 15 years
 - For persons aged 15 years and above, the worker-population ratio (WPR) in urban areas has increased from 44.5% in July-September, 2022 to 46% in July-September, 2023.
 - For the male category, it has increased from 68.6% to 69.4% while it has increased from 19.7% to 21.9% for women during this period.

8. **India re-elected to International Maritime Organisation with the highest vote tally.**
 - In elections held at its assembly for the 2024-25 biennium, India was re-elected to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council with the highest tally.
 - India's re-election falls under the Category of 10 states with "the largest interest in international seaborne trade", alongside Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
 - India has been elected in the category of ten countries with the largest interest in international seaborne trade.
 - The term of the Council will be for the biennium 2024-25.
 - India's re-election shows the government's commitment to enhance India's diverse.

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9. **India will be the largest cotton producer.**

- According to the Union Minister for Textiles Commerce and Industry, India will strive to become the largest cotton producer globally.
- He was inaugurating an annual global meeting - the 81st plenary session of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) - a UN recognised body of cotton producing and consuming nations.
- Cotton is one of the most important commercial crops cultivated in India and accounts for around 25% of the total global cotton production.
- India has the largest area under cotton cultivation and is the second largest producer (after China).

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. Nepal Achieves Milestone as the First South Asian Nation to Legally Recognize Same-Sex Marriage.

- Nepal has become the first South Asian country to officially register same-sex marriage.
- The marriage between 36-year-old Ram Bahadur (Maya) Gurun and Surendra Pandey has been registered in Nepal.
- The registration of same-sex marriage in Nepal is facilitated by an interim order from the Supreme Court, which supports the legal recognition of marriages between same-sex couples.

2. Pakistan Secures Vice Chair Post at UNESCO with a 10-Vote Lead Over India.

- Pakistan secured a significant victory over India in the UNESCO executive board election for the post of vice-chair.
- The Pakistani candidate received 38 votes, while the Indian candidate received only 18.
- Pakistan's victory of being elected as vice chair of the UNESCO Executive Board for 2023-2025 from the Asia Pacific Group, is being seen as a major setback for Indian diplomats in the UN.

3. India-Sweden Industry Transition Partnership, LeadIT 2.0 Launched at COP28 Dubai

- India and Sweden launched Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) 2.0 during the COP28 World Climate Action Summit, hosted in Dubai for the period 2024-26, at COP-28 in Dubai.
- LeadIT was initially co-launched by India and Sweden at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York in 2019.
- LeadIT has grown into a collaborative effort involving 18 countries and 20 industry-leading companies.
- The LeadIT initiative, initially centred around pivotal sectors such as iron, steel, cement, and aluminium, focused on industry transition and knowledge sharing.

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4. **18 Countries Back New Global Guidelines, Crafted by the US and UK, to Enhance Cybersecurity in Artificial Intelligence (AI).**

- 18 countries endorsed new global guidelines, developed by the United States (US) and the United Kingdom (UK), to make artificial intelligence (AI) “secure by design” and “raise the AI cybersecurity bar.
- The Guidelines for Secure AI System Development deal with secure design, development, deployment and operation and maintenance of AI systems.
- The guidelines were formulated by the UK’s National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the US’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).
- They aim to “raise the cybersecurity levels of artificial intelligence and help ensure that it is designed, developed, and deployed securely.

5. **Pakistan Submits BRICS Membership Application in 2024.**

- Pakistan has filed an application to join the BRICS group of nations in 2024 and is counting on Russia’s assistance during the membership process.
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- Pakistan’s application came as the grouping of emerging economies was set for its biggest expansion with 6 new members under Russia’s rotating Presidency in 2024.
- New Members: Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as new members formally admitted to the BRICS summit-2023 held in South Africa.
- However, they will formally join during the 2024 summit in Kazan, Russia.

6. **The UAE announced a US\$30 billion commitment to the newly launched catalytic climate vehicle, ALTERRA.**

- With this US\$30 billion commitment, ALTERRA becomes the world’s largest private investment vehicle for climate change action and will aim to mobilize US\$250 billion globally by 2030.
- It aims to steer private markets towards climate investments and focus on transforming emerging markets and developing economies, where traditional investment has been lacking due to the higher perceived risks across those geographies.

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- ALTÉERRA has been established by Lunate, an independent global investment manager, and is domiciled in the Abu Dhabi Global Market.

7. India to Extend \$250 Million Line of Credit to Kenya for the Modernization of its Agricultural Sector

- India has committed a \$250 million Line of Credit to Kenya for the modernization of its agricultural sector.
- The announcement came following talks between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Kenyan President William Samoei Ruto.
- Modi and Ruto discussed and agreed to strengthen bilateral ties in various sectors, including defence, trade, energy, digital public infrastructure, and healthcare.

8. Italy withdraws from China's Belt and Road project

- Italy has officially pulled out of China's Belt and Road infrastructure initiative, making this move more than four years after initially joining as the sole G7 nation to do so.
- Italy had initially signed an agreement to join the BRI in 2019.
- However, after 4 years, the expected benefits did not materialize for Italy.
- The agreement with China was supposed to be automatically renewed after expiring in March 2024, unless Rome gave at least three months' written warning of pulling out.
- Chinese FDI in Italy dropped from \$650 million in 2019 to just \$33 million in 2021.

9. Argentina's Entry into BRICS Postponed; Not Joining Developing Economies Bloc Next Year as Planned.

- Argentina's entry into the BRICS bloc of developing economies, originally scheduled for January 1, 2024, has been postponed.
- The decision is seen as a precursor to a significant foreign policy shift in Argentina under the leadership of right-wing populist Mr. Milei, indicating potential changes in diplomatic priorities.
- Argentina was one of six countries invited in August to join BRICS, comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- The move aimed to expand the bloc to an 11-nation alliance.

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10. **Garba Dance from Gujarat Recognized as UNESCO's 'Intangible Cultural Heritage'**

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) approved the inclusion of garba, Gujarat's most popular folk dance form, in its Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity.
- A decision to "inscribe" the dance form as "intangible heritage" was taken at the 18th session of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage held in the Republic of Botswana.
- With this, 15 elements from various parts of India have been inscribed to UNESCO's representative list of ICH.

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ECONOMICS

1. India Records Near 5-Year High Banking Liquidity Deficit

- India's banking system liquidity deficit has widened to the highest in nearly 5 years on monthly goods and services tax payments.
- The liquidity deficit is the amount of funds banks need to borrow from the interbank market or from the central bank.
- Liquidity in the banking system refers to readily available cash that banks need to meet short-term business and financial needs.
- According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the liquidity deficit stood at Rs 1.74 lakh crore (\$20.90 billion). **HDFC Bank Introduces Three New Digital Payment Products on UPI.**
- HDFC Bank has introduced 3 new digital payment products on the Unified Payment Interface (UPI).
- These products are UPI 123Pay: Payment via IVR (Interactive Voice Response), UPI Plug-In Service for Merchant Transactions, AutoPay on QR codes.
- UPI 123Pay enables users to make payments using a phone call, without requiring internet connectivity or a smartphone.
- AutoPay on QR enables recurring payments through UPI QR and aims to transform various use cases, including Over-The-Top (OTT) platforms, audio subscriptions, newsletters, and other digital subscription services.

2. SEBI Grants Approval to Jana Small Finance Bank for IPO.

- Jana Small Finance Bank, backed by TPG Capital, has received approval from the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for its initial public offering (IPO).
- The IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 575 crore with a face value of Rs 10 each
- Additionally, there is an offer for sale of up to 4.05 million shares by existing shareholders and promoters.
- Jana Small Finance Bank, upon successful listing, will become the 7th small finance bank (SFB) to be listed on the stock exchange.

3. **Private general insurers expand market share to 53.58% in H1 FY24.**

- Private general insurers increased their combined market share to 53.58% in gross direct premium underwritten in the first half of the current financial year from 50.81% in the year-ago period.
- As many as 31 insurers from the non-life industry had underwritten gross direct premiums of Rs 1.43 lakh crore in the first half of the current financial year, according to data on segment-wise gross direct premiums up to September 2023 released by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- Private insurers registered an annual increase of 14.86% in gross direct premiums.
- The non-life industry recorded a gross direct premium (GDP) of Rs 1,25,194 crore in the April-September period of the previous financial year (2022-23).

4. **What is the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF)?.**

- CDMDF is an alternative investment fund designed to address the requirements of the corporate debt market in India.
- It will be launched as a close-ended scheme, indicating a fixed tenure for its operation.
- CDMDF serves as a backstop facility specifically for investment-grade corporate debt securities.
- Its primary function is to provide stability and boost investor confidence in the corporate debt market.
- CDMDF provides a backstop facility of Rs 33,000 crore has been established for Mutual Funds.

5. **Insurance Ombudsman Resolves 92% of Complaints in FY23.**

- The insurance ombudsman disposed of over 92% of the complaints it received from the insured during 2022-23.
- It received 55,946 complaints during the year across its offices in the country, of which 51,625 were disposed of.
- The Delhi centre disposed of all the 5,257 complaints it got during the year, according to a press statement issued by the Delhi office of the Insurance Ombudsman.

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- The offices of the Insurance Ombudsman are under the administrative control of the Council for Insurance Ombudsman (CIO).
- 6. BharatPe Achieves Ebitda Positivity for the First Time in October, Achieves Annual Recurring Revenue (ARR) of Rs 1,500 Crore.**
- Fintech major BharatPe turned Ebitda-positive in October and clocked an annualised revenue of Rs 1,500 crore, up 31% from the year-ago period, on the back of a significant growth in lending and payments business
 - The company also reduced its cash burn, which was averaging Rs 60 crore a month in FY23, to attain a positive Ebitda.
 - EBITDA, or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, is an alternative measure of a company's overall financial performance.
- 7. RBI Monetary Policy : Repo rate kept unchanged at 6.5%, FY24 GDP estimate hiked to 7%**
- The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the repo rate unchanged for the fifth time in a row at 6.5%.
 - The real GDP growth projection for the fiscal year 2023-24 has been revised upward to 7% from the previous estimate of 6.5%.
 - The inflation forecast for the fiscal year 2023-24 remains unchanged at 5.4%.
 - The policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) has been kept steady at 6.50%.
 - The standing deposit facility (SDF) rate is maintained at 6.25%, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate, along with the Bank Rate, remains at 6.75%.
- 8. RBI to Develop Regulatory Framework for Oversight of Loan Aggregators**
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that it will soon release a regulatory framework aimed at overseeing web-based loan comparison platforms known as web-aggregators of loan products (WALP).
 - WALP offers the service of aggregating loan offers from multiple lenders on an electronic platform which allows borrowers to easily compare different offers and choose the most suitable loan option available from the participating lenders.

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- Objective of the Framework : The RBI aims to create a structured system for loan aggregation services provided by lending service providers (LSPs).
- The framework aims to enhance transparency in the operations of WALPs or digital lending.
- It focuses on increasing customer centricity and enabling borrowers to make informed choices.

9. UPI Transaction Value Hits Record ₹17.4 Lakh Crore in November 2023

- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transaction value reached a new high level at ₹17.4 lakh crore in November 2023.
- UPI transaction volume declined slightly to 1,124 crore from 1,141 crore in October.
- UPI transaction value was ₹17.16 lakh crore in October.
- UPI transactions fell slightly by 1.5% to 1,124 crore from 1,141 crore in October.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. China approves the world's first passenger-carrying flying taxi Ehang's EH216-S.

- Ehang, a Chinese drone manufacturer, has received regulatory approval from the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) for its autonomous air taxi, the EH216-S AAV.
- This marks the first instance of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) being certified to carry passengers in China.
- Ehang claims to be the first company globally to have achieved regulatory approval for an autonomous passenger-carrying UAV, indicating its pioneering role in the field.

2. NASA Launches Sounding Rocket for INFUSE Mission.

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched a sounding rocket as part of its Integral Field Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Experiment (INFUSE) mission.
- The INFUSE was launched from the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.
- It was launched to study the Cygnus Loop, a supernova remnant.
- The INFUSE mission is expected to collect information about the Cygnus Loop for a few minutes.
- The observations are made from a height of 150 miles (240 km) above Earth's surface.

3. ECI Develops 'ENCORE' In-House Software for Comprehensive Candidate and Election Management.

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has developed an in-house software known as ENCORE, which stands for "Enabling Communications On Real-Time Environment."
- This software is designed to facilitate complete candidate and election management.
- ENCORE provides a seamless facility for Returning Officers to manage candidate nominations, affidavits, voter turnout, counting, results, and data management in a real-time environment.

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4. **Pakistan successfully conducts training launch of Ghauri Weapon System.**

- Pakistan successfully conducted a training launch of the Ghauri Weapon System.
- This test comes shortly after another significant missile test, demonstrating the country's commitment to enhancing its missile capabilities.
- Prior to the Ghauri Weapon System test, Pakistan conducted a flight test of the Ababeel Weapon System.
- The primary objective of this test was to strengthen Pakistan's deterrence capabilities.
- In 2021, Pakistan successfully conducted a test flight of the locally developed Fatah-1 Guided Multi-Launch Rocket System.
- This rocket system has a range of 140 kilometers, contributing to Pakistan's overall missile capabilities.

5. **NASA Plans 2027 Launch of Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope for Milky Way Observation.**

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is in the process of preparing for the launch of the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, set to take place by the year 2027 to observe the Milky Way galaxy.
- The Roman Space Telescope is a NASA observatory with the primary goal of addressing fundamental questions in the fields of dark energy, exoplanets, and infrared astrophysics.
- The Roman Space Telescope is designed as a long-term monitoring system, representing "timedomain astronomy."
- This field focuses on the study of how the universe changes over time, capturing dynamic celestial events

6. **Google to assemble Pixel phones in India from 2024.**

- Google, Inc. set a 2024 target to assemble its Pixel line of smartphones in India.
- The flagship device will feature the latest iteration of the Tensor chip, which was designed in India for global use.
- The Tensor chips were first introduced in 2021, coinciding with the launch of the Google Pixel 6.

- While these 'system-on-chip' processors were conceptualised by the company in 2016, they took five years to develop for use.
- The latest is the 3rd generation of the Tensor chip.

7. **Russia Successfully Tests Bulava Ballistic Missile Designed for Nuclear Warheads.**

- Russia conducted a successful test launch of the Bulava ballistic missile, which is designed to carry nuclear warheads.
- The Bulava ballistic missile is a newly developed Russian submarine-launched Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)
- Development of the Bulava missile began in 1998.
- The first powered flight test of the Bulava missile occurred in September 2005, followed by its first submerged test launch in December.
- The Bulava missile was designed to be deployed on Russia's Borey-class ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs).
- It was designed to be the backbone of Moscow's nuclear triad and has a range of over 8,000 kilometres (close to 5,000 miles).
- It is 12-13.5 m in length and has a diameter of approximately 2.0 m.
- Launch Weight: 36,800 kg It is a three-stage solid-fuel missile.

8. **Government Launches 'Krishi 24/7,' India's First AI-Powered Agricultural News Monitoring and Analysis Solution.**

- The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) collaborated with the Wadhvani Institute for Artificial Intelligence (Wadhvani AI) to develop Krishi 24/7.
- Krishi 24/7 is India's first AI-powered solution designed for automated agricultural news monitoring and analysis.
- The development of Krishi 24/7 received support from Google.org, which helped facilitate the project.

9. **National Medical Commission to Introduce 'One Nation, One Registration Platform' for Doctors.**

- The National Medical Commission (NMC), the regulatory body for medical education and medical professionals, has introduced the "One Nation, One Registration Platform.
- To eliminate duplication and provide the public with access to information about any physician practicing in India.
- Over the next six months, the NMC is set to launch the National Medical Register (NMR) on a trial basis.
- This register will be a key component of the 'One Nation, One Registration' initiative.
- The government has issued the "Registration of Medical Practitioners and Licence to Practice Medicine Regulations, 2023" through a gazette notification.

10. Euclid Mission: A Crucial Endeavor in ESA's Cosmic Vision Programme Exploring the Universe's Origin and Laws.

- Euclid is a crucial component of the European Space Agency's (ESA) Cosmic Vision programme, designed to explore the universe's origin, components, and fundamental laws.
- The primary objective of the Euclid mission is to delve into the "dark side" of the universe, with a specific emphasis on investigating dark matter and dark energy.

DEFENCE CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. Indian Army and Indian Air Force Contingent Departs for India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2023.

- The Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent, comprising 120 personnel, departed to take part in the Joint Military 'Exercise KAZIND-2023' which will be conducted at Otar, Kazakhstan, from October 30th to November 11th, 2023.
- It is the 7th edition of the Kazind exercise.
- Indian Army contingent comprises 90 personnel led by a Battalion from the DOGRA Regiment.
- The Kazakhstan contingent is mainly represented by personnel from Regional Command South of Kazakh Ground Forces.
- 30 personnel of the Air Force from both sides will also participate in the current edition of the Exercise alongside the Army contingents.

2. IAF fighter squadron converts from MiG-21 to SU-30 MKI.

- The Number 4 Squadron (Oorials) of the Indian Air Force, based at Air Force Station Uttarlai (Barmer), has undergone a significant transition from the MiG-21 to the Su-30 MKI.
- This transition marks a watershed moment in the history of the squadron, as they had been operating the MiG-21 since 1966.
- The MiG-21 was the first supersonic fighter in service of the IAF, inducted in 1963, and played a significant role in various conflicts.
- The conversion of the squadron reflects the Indian Air Force's commitment to modernize its fleet while ensuring the protection of the nation's airspace.

3. Indian Navy Unveils 25T Bollard Pull Tug 'MAHABALI' in Gujarat.

- Commodore Sunil Kaushik, launched the 25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug named 'Mahabali,' at M/s Shoft Shipyard Private Limited in Bharuch, Gujarat.
- 'Mahabali' is a proud flag bearer of the "Make in India" initiative of the Ministry of Defence.
- 'Mahabali' is a 25-ton Bollard Pull (BP) Tug.

- This vessel, a creation of Shoft Shipyard located in Bharuch, Gujarat, is one of three such tugs commissioned as part of a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Defence and the Shipyard.
- The tug has been constructed in accordance with the classification rules set forth by the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).

4. Sweden's Saab secures India's first 100% FDI in defence project.

- Swedish defence company Saab's has reportedly become the first foreign company that has bagged 100% FDI in India's defence projects.
- Sweden's Saab will set up a new facility in the country that will manufacture shoulder-fired rockets.
- The FDI proposal, valued under Rs 500 crore, was cleared in October, 2023.
- Currently, India allows only 74% FDI in the defence sector under the automatic route.
- Beyond that, clearance can be obtained on a case-by-case basis.

5. Indian Navy Retires IL-38 SD Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

- The Indian Navy bid farewell to its Ilyushin-38 Sea Dragon long-range maritime patrol aircraft after 46 years of distinguished service.
- The decommissioning ceremony for the IL-38 SD aircraft took place at INS Hansa, Dabolim in Goa.
- INAS 315 was commissioned on October 1, 1977.
- The induction of IL-38 aircraft marked a significant milestone, ushering in a modern era of airborne long-range maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare capabilities in the Indian Navy.

6. Visakhapatnam Hosts the 4th Edition of BONGOSAGAR-23 and 5th Edition of CORPAT Between Indian and Bangladesh Navies.

- The 4th edition of Bilateral Exercise between Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy, BONGOSAGAR23, and the 5th edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) by the two navies was conducted in the Northern Bay of Bengal.

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- Ships and aircraft from both navies undertook joint patrolling along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL), and subsequently conducted maritime exercises to enhance interoperability.
- Indian Navy Ships Kuthar, Kiltan and Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) Dornier took part in the exercise.
- Bangladesh Navy Ships Abu Bakr, Abu Ubaidah and MPA also took part in the exercise.
- CORPAT-23 also included the maiden Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) drills carried out between the two navies.

7. Indian Air Force to organize air show on Nov 23-24 at Air Force Station in Ambala Cantonment.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will attend the 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM plus) in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 16th of November to 17th of November, the Ministry of Defence.
- On the sidelines of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' meet, Singh will also have bilateral meetings with the Defence Ministers of participating countries.
- Since 2017, the ADMM-Plus Ministers have been meeting annually to bolster cooperation between ASEAN and the Plus countries.
- Indonesia is hosting the meeting as it is the chair of ADMM-Plus.

8. Highly Awaited Joint Exercise 'Trishakti Prahar' Commences Near Western Border in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer.

- The much-anticipated joint military exercise 'Trishakti Prahar' has commenced near the western border of Rajasthan in Jaisalmer.
- It is a joint military exercise involving the Indian Army, the Indian Navy, and the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- It aims to enhance mutual coordination and operational efficiency.
- It seeks to create new strategies and assess operational capabilities in the context of modern warfare.

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SPORTS NEWS

1. **Priyanka Goswami of Uttar Pradesh set a new record in the Women's 20 km Race Walk at the National Games in Goa.**

- Priyanka Goswami of Uttar Pradesh has also set a new National Games record in the women's 20km Race Walk with an impressive time of 1 hour 36 minutes 35 seconds.
- Tejas Ashok Shirse of Maharashtra achieved an incredible feat, setting a new National Games record in Men's 110M hurdles by finishing it in 13.80 seconds.
- Sportsmanship and camaraderie are on full display at the 37th National Games in Goa.
- Maharashtra is leading the medal table in the National Games 2023 with 114 medals including 47 gold.
- Haryana was in second spot with 50 medals, while defending champion Services Sports Control Board is placed in third place with 33 medals.

2. **Sunil Joliya Jinabhai of Gujarat sets new record in 3000 metre steeplechase at National Games in Goa.**

- Gujarat's Sunil Joliya Jinabhai made a new national games record in the steeplechase 3000m with an impressive time of 8 minutes and 37.15 seconds. Sanjana Sood from Haryana won the Gold Medal in Shotgun Skeet (Female).
- Exhilarating performances from sportspersons across the country were witnessed at The 37th National Games in Goa.
- Games like hockey, cycling, and lawn tennis are ongoing.
- In addition to these games the traditional games of India Kabaddi and Kho-Kho began in the National Games.

3. **Zahid Hussain, hailing from South Kashmir, has won a silver medal at the Asian Shooting Championship.**

- Zahid Hussain, hailing from Kashmir, achieved a remarkable feat by securing the silver medal at the prestigious Asian Shooting Championship held in South Korea.
- His outstanding performance not only brought joy to his hometown but also marked a significant step towards representing his nation at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

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- Zahid Hussain secured the runner-up position in the men's 50M rifle prone event with a total score of 624.5 points.
- He finished just 1.1 points behind the gold medalist, Kazakhstan's Malinovskiy Konstantin, who scored 625.6 points.
- China's Du Linshu claimed the third spot with a total of 624.3 points.

4. Jyothi Yarraji has clinched the gold medal in the 100m hurdles event.

- Jyothi Yarraji, the Hangzhou Asian Games silver medalist, and Tejas Shirse showed their amazing athletic skills at the 37th National Games, breaking the National Games records in the 100m and 110m hurdles events.
- Jyothi Yarraji, an incredible athlete, managed to break her own record by finishing the 100m hurdles in just 13.22 seconds.
- Her amazing speed and technique were on full display, leaving the competition far behind.
- Abha Khatua from Maharashtra demonstrated her strength and precision by winning the gold medal in women's shot put with an outstanding throw of 17.09m.

5. Lionel Messi wins eighth Ballon d'Or 2023.

- In 2023, Lionel Messi and Aitana Bonmati were awarded the Ballon d'Or.
- Messi received his eighth Ballon d'Or, which is a new record, due to his crucial role in leading Argentina to their first World Cup victory since 1986.
- This achievement puts Messi three Ballons d'Or ahead of his rival Cristiano Ronaldo, who last won the award in 2017.

6. National Games in Goa: Ancy Sojan of Kerala clinches gold in Women's Long jump event.

- In the Women's Long jump, Asian Games silver medallist Ancy Sojan of Kerala bagged the Gold medal in 37th National Games in Goa.
- The thrill of Lawn Tennis, Hockey, Sepak Takraw, Football, Athletics, and Taekwondo can be seen in these games.
- Besides these, the Wrestling and Lawn Bowls events began yesterday, while the game of Beach Football concluded with the victory of Kerala over hosts in the final match.

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7. ICC Board suspends Sri Lanka Cricket's membership of ICC with immediate effect.

- Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has been suspended by the ICC with immediate effect because of extensive government interference in the board's administration.
- Though the ICC has termed the sanction a "suspension", in reality, it is a warning as the ICC seeks to prevent further government interference in the running of SLC.
- Sri Lanka's sports minister Roshan Ranasinghe had sacked the SLC board and installed an interim committee headed by Arjuna Ranatunga, but Sri Lanka's courts essentially reinstated the board a day later by issuing a 14-day stay order on the gazette that dissolved the board.
- When the ICC suspension came, it was the elected SLC board headed by Silva that was running cricket in the country.
- SLC is the second Full Member to be suspended by ICC in the last four years after Zimbabwe Cricket was suspended in 2019 for similar reasons.

8. Australia captain Meg Lanning quits international women's cricket after winning 7 World Cup titles.

- Australia captain Meg Lanning has announced her retirement from international cricket.
- Lanning declared it is "the right time" to end her 13-year-long stint as an Aussie cricketer.
- Lanning has represented Australia in 241 matches - six Tests, 103 ODIs and 132 T20Is.
- She walks away from the international stage with 8,352 runs in total which includes 17 international hundreds. She is Australia's most prolific runscore in all formats.
- The 31-year-old is a seven-time World Cup winner, five of which she has won as captain.

9. ICC Hall of Fame welcomes De Silva, Edulji and Sehwag as Class of 2023 inductees.

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced new names to be included in its Cricket Hall of Fame.

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- The new names announced by the ICC are India's legendary opener Virender Sehwag, former Indian Women Test skipper Diana Edulji and Sri Lanka's iconic star Aravinda de Silva.
- With these 3 more additions, there will now be 112 cricketers to be on the ICC Hall of Fame list.
- Currently eight Indian cricketers hold the prestigious honour for their stellar achievements.
- They include Sunil Gavaskar, Bishan Singh Bedi, Kapil Dev, Anil Kumble, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Vinoo Mankad, Diana Edulji, Virendra Sehwag.

10. **Australia lifts ICC Men's Cricket world cup beating India in Ahmedabad; Virat Kohli awarded "Player of the tournament" title.**

- Australia lifted the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup defeating India by six wickets in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.
- Chasing a modest target of 241 runs, Australia completed the task in 43 overs for the loss of four wickets with a gritty century knock of Travis Head, after some initial setbacks.
- He made 137 and was declared Player of the Match.
- Earlier, India managed to post 240 runs in the stipulated 50 overs.
- Virat Kohli was awarded with the "player of the tournament" title for his exemplary performance.

11. **Pankaj Advani Clinches 26th World Title at IBSF Billiards Championship 2023 in Doha.**

- India's Pankaj Advani has lifted his 26th world title as he won the World IBSF Billiards Championship 2023 in Doha, Qatar.
- Pankaj defeated opponent Sourav Kothari with a 1000-416 margin in the final.
- Advani stormed into the final with a convincing victory over fellow Indian Rupesh Shah.
- He defeated the Gujarat cueist 900-273.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Vegan Day: 1st November
2. World Tsunami Awareness Day: 5th November
3. International Day for Preventing Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed
4. Infant Protection Day: 7th November
5. National Legal Services Day: 9th November
6. National Education Day: 11th November
7. World Pneumonia Day 2023: 12th November
8. National Epilepsy Day: 17th November
9. International Men's Day 2023: 19th November
10. Constitution Day: 26th November

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APPOINTMENTS

1. Rohit Rishi Takes Office as Executive Director of the Bank of Maharashtra.
2. Swarup Mohanty Becomes the First Non-Korean Vice Chairman of Mirae Asset Financial Group.
3. Lay's ropes in MS Dhoni as its brand ambassador.
4. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) Names Koppu Sadashiv Murthy as Chairman and Managing Director.
5. State Bank of India (SBI) Appoints Cricket Icon MS Dhoni as Brand Ambassador
6. Bangladesh PM's Daughter Saima Wazed Appointed as Head of WHO's South-East Asia Region.
7. RBI appoints Manoranjan Mishra as new Executive Director.
8. Deepesh Nanda appointed as President-Renewables and CEO & MD of Tata Power renewable energy.
9. Henry Harvin Education appoints Chetan Bhagat as its Brand Ambassador.
10. Information Commissioner Heeralal Samariya sworn in as Chief Information Commissioner.

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DEATHS

1. Climate change expert Prof. Saleemul Huq passed away
2. Renowned Sri Lankan Cricket Team Supporter 'Uncle' Percy Abeysekera Passed away
3. RSS senior pracharak and ideologue Ranga Hari passed away
4. Former Chinese Premier Li Keqiang Passed away
5. Noted musician and researcher Dr Leela Omchery passed away
6. Former RBI Governor S Venkitaramanan passed away
7. Sahara Group Founder, Subrata Roy, Passed Away
8. Veteran Bollywood filmmaker Rajkumar Kohli, father of actor Armaan Kohli, passed away
9. India's Pioneer Female Supreme Court Justice, Justice Fathima Beevi, Passed Away
10. Former Mr India Nongthombam Maipak passed away

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BIHAR JUDICIARY SELECTIONS, 2022



Manish Kumar



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Kumar



Ruby Singh



Aishwarya
Deep



Shalabh
Sharma



Richa
Bhardwaj



Atul Ratna



Kusum
Sharma



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Fasiha Naaz
Fatma



Ambuj Kumar
Dubey



Neha Nayak



Ananya Sinha



Piyush Chawl



Divyanshu
Gupta



Priya Kumari



Rhaghav



Navneet Kuma



Hari Priya



Mrinal Aryan



Aanchal
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TRANSLATION- ENGLISH

1. In the case of concord of India Insurance Co. Ltd. Vs. Nirmala Devi [(1979)118 ITR 507 (SC)] Justice Krishna Iyer, Speaking for a branch of this court, observed that the determination of compensation must be Liberal, not regardly since the law values life and limb in a free country in generous scales.
2. In united India Insurance Co. Ltd. Vs. Bindu & Ors. [(2009) 3 SCC 705], this court again reiterated that the choice of the multiplier was to be determined by the age of the deceased (or that of the claimants whichever is higher) and by the calculation of a capital sum which, it invested at a rate of interest appropriate to a stable economy, would yield by way of annual interest.
3. In Bhagwant Singh Vs. Commissioner of police and Anr. AIR 1985 SC 1285 this court dealt with an issue elaborately entertaining the writ petition and accepting the submission in regard to acceptance of the final report to the extent that if no case was made out by the magistrate, it would be violative of principles of natural justice of the complainant and therefore before the magistrate drops the proceedings the informant is required to be given hearing as the informant is required to be given hearing as the informant must know what is the result of the investigation initiated on the basis of first FIR. He is the person interested in the result of the investigation. Thus in case the magistrate takes a view that there and drops the proceedings, the informant would certainly be prejudiced and therefore, he has a right to be heard.
4. Thus it is evident that the law does not prohibit filing or entertaining of the second complaint even on the same facts provided the earlier complaint has been decided on the basis of insufficient material or

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the order has been passed without understanding the nature of the complaint or the complete facts could not be placed before the court or where the complainant come to know certain facts after disposal of the first complaint which could have tilted the balance in his favour. However second complaint would not be maintainable where in the earlier complaint has been disposed of on full consideration of the case of the complainant on merit.

5. Four months after the demand draft was sent the respondent filed an application before the Trial court Praying for a decree under section 12(1)(m) of the act stating that the deposit of Rs. 10,000/- directed by the High Court had not been made by the appellant. The error in the making of the deposit thus came to the knowledge of the appellant only when he received a copy of the application moved by the respondent.

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TRANSLATION - HINDI

1. कोनकार् ऑफ इण्डिया इंश्योरेंस कं. लिमिटेड. बनाम लिमिटेड देवी (1979) 118 आई.टी.आर. 507 (एस.सी.) के निर्णयों में न्यायाधीश कृष्ण अय्यर ने इस न्यायालय की खण्डपीठ हेतु बने हुए सम्प्रेषित लक्या लक प्रलतकर का लवलनक्षय उदार होना चालहए, लितव्ययी रूप से नहीं क्तक लवलि उदार िापकमें स्वतन्त्र दे श में जीवन एवं अंग को िल्लांककत करती है ।
2. यूनाइटेड इण्डिया इंश्योरेंस कं. लिमिटेड. बनाम लब्दू और अन्य, (2009) 3 एस.सी.सी. 705 में इस न्यायालय ने पुन दोहराया लक गुणक की पसन्द ितक की आयु द्वारा लवलनक्षत होनी चालहए (या दावेदारगण की, जो उच्चतर हो और िरालश की गणना द्वारा, जो यलद लवलनयोलजत की जाती, ब्याज की दर ण्डिर अर्व्यवा हेतु सिलुवत वालिक ब्याज के रूप में प्राप्त होगी ।
3. भगवंतलसंह बनाम पुलिस आयुक्त एवं अन्य, ए.आई.आर. 1985 एस.सी. 1285 में इस न्यायालय ने ररटयालकका व्यवहत करते हुए लवसतृत रूप से एक प्रश्न व्यवहृत लकया एवं इस सीमा तक अण्डिररपोटकी स्वीकायता के संबं में तनवेदन स्वीकार करते हुए लक यलद कोई प्रकरण िलजस्टेट द्वारा नहीं बनाया गया र्, यह पररवादी के नैसलगत न्याय के लसद्धाओं का अलतधिंघन होगा एवं इसललिए िलजस्टेट केकायवालहयों को छोड़ने के पूव, सूचना पत्र को सुनने का अवसर लदया जाना चालहए, क्तक सूचनाकताजानना चालहए लक प्रर् एफ.आई.आर. के आार पर प्रारम्भ अन्वेण का पररणा क्ता होता है । इस प्रकार प्रकरण में िलजस्टेट यह अलभित िेता है लक आगे कायवाही करने हेतु कोई पयाप्त आार नहीं है एवं कायवालहयां छोड़ता है, सूचनाकता लनलक्षत रूप से प्रभालवत होगा एवं इसललिए उसे सुने जाने का अलिकार है ।
4. इस प्रकार यह स्पष्ट होता है लक लवलि लद्वतीय पररवाद के दण्डक करने या व्यवहत करने को लनिलित नहीं करती, यहां तक लक पूव पररवाद में उपबलित सान तथों पर भी, अपयाप्त सािगी के आार पर लवलनक्षत लकया गया है या आदेश लबना पररवाद की प्रकृ लत सिझे पाररत लकया गया सम्पूर्ण तथ न्यायालय के सिख नहीं रखे गये या जहां पररवादी को कलतपय तथ् प्रर् पररवाद के लनपटान केश्रत् पता चिे, जो उसके पक्ष में संतुनि बना

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Current Affairs

1. Operation Sesha', which was launched recently, aims to curb the illegal trade of_:
 - a) Tortoises
 - b) Timber
 - c) Exotic Birds
 - d) Tusk
2. 'Mahabali', which was launched under the "Make in India" initiative of Ministry of Defence, is a_:
 - a) Submarine
 - b) Anti-ship Missile
 - c) Bollard Pull (BP) Tug
 - d) Patrol Vessel
3. Which countries are the hosts of AI Safety Summit in 2024?
 - a) South Korea and France
 - b) Japan and South Korea
 - c) India and Sri Lanka
 - d) France and Germany
4. Which footballer player has won the Ballon d'Or prize for the best player?
 - a) Lionel Messi
 - b) Erling Haaland
 - c) Kylian Mbappé
 - d) Cristiano Ronaldo
5. Which state/UT has established fact-checking unit (FCU), after Kerala and Karnataka?
 - a) Tamil Nadu
 - b) Odisha
 - c) Punjab
 - d) New Delhi

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6. 'State of Climate Services' is an annual report released by which institution?
- FAO
 - WMO
 - UNEP
 - IEA
7. 'National Efficient Cooking Programme' is associated with which institution?
- EESL
 - NABARD
 - NITI Aayog
 - REC
8. 'COSTA SERENA', which was flagged off in India, is the International Cruise Liner from which country?
- France
 - USA
 - Italy
 - Spain
9. Which institutions released 'Hunger Hotspots Outlook Report'?
- FAO -WFP
 - UNEP-FAO
 - FAO-NABARD
 - World Bank-NABARD
10. Which Indian state bagged the Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023?
- Assam
 - Kerala
 - Goa
 - Uttarakhand
11. Which is the first life insurance company to receive a GIFT City IFSC registration?
- IndiaFirst Life
 - Star Life

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- c) LIC
d) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
12. Which company collaborated with eight Indian companies for their laptop manufacturing projects in India?
a) Intel
b) Dell
c) Samsung
d) Google
13. Which institution released the '2024 Asia-Pacific Human Development Report'?
a) ADB
b) AIIB
c) UNDP
d) WEF
14. Which country hosted the two-day summit of European space ministers, dubbed as 'Space Summit'?
a) France
b) Italy
c) Spain
d) Denmark
15. 'Mahadev Book', which was recently blocked, is associated with_?
a) Bitcoin
b) Betting
c) Real Estate
d) Gold
16. Which cricketer equalled record of Sachin Tendulkar at 49 ODI centuries?
a) Rohit Sharma
b) Virat Kohli
c) Ravindra Jadeja
d) KL Rahul

17. What is the name of the first-ever AI-powered solution for automated agricultural news analysis, developed in India?
- a) Krishi 24/7
 - b) Kisan 24/7
 - c) Krishak AI 24/7
 - d) Fasal AI 24/7
18. Which chess player won the FIDE Grand Swiss Open title?
- a) R Praggnanandhaa
 - b) Vidit Gujrathi
 - c) D Gukesh
 - d) Koneru Humpy
19. Astronomers successfully identified distinct indications of atomic oxygen in which celestial body?
- a) Moon
 - b) Venus
 - c) Mars
 - d) Mercury
20. Which country proposed a plan to add India to the extended list of 'safe states'?
- a) Russia
 - b) North Korea
 - c) UK
 - d) Australia
21. U.S. Development Finance Corporation (DFC) pledged USD 553 million funding for which Indian project?
- a) Narmada Valley Development Project
 - b) Colombo West International Terminal Project
 - c) Inland Development Waterways Project
 - d) Mumbai Trans Harbour Link

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22. As per WHO-ILO report, nearly 1 in 3 deaths from non-melanoma skin cancer is caused by which factor?
- a) Using mobile phones
 - b) Working Under Sun
 - c) Smoking
 - d) Consuming Alcohol
23. "Panda diplomacy" is a phrase commonly used to describe the strategy of which country?
- a) Australia
 - b) China
 - c) USA
 - d) South Korea
24. Coronation Food Project, which was seen in the news, is associated with which country?
- a) USA
 - b) UK
 - c) The Netherlands
 - d) Australia
25. Which institution released the report on 'Report on Management of Foreign Exchange Reserves'?
- a) RBI
 - b) SEBI
 - c) NHB
 - d) NPCI
26. Ben Gurion Canal Project is a proposed canal project through which country?
- a) Israel
 - b) USA
 - c) Russia
 - d) Japan

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27. Which country has pledged to invest (\$1.07 billion) on Polar Research?
- USA
 - UK
 - France
 - Australia
28. 'St Petersburg Declaration' is associated with which species?
- Great Indian Bustard
 - Tiger
 - Lion
 - Honey Bee
29. SHAKTI Policy, which was seen in the news, is associated with which Union Ministry?
- Ministry of Coal
 - Ministry of MSME
 - Ministry of Science and Technology
 - Ministry of Power
30. Which institution releases the index number of wholesale price in India on monthly basis in India?
- RBI
 - NSO
 - DPIIT
 - Ministry of Finance
31. Toxoplasma gondii is an infection which transmits through which species?
- Mosquito
 - Cat
 - Rat
 - Bat
32. What is the target for direct tax collection for 2023-24, as mentioned in the Budget 2023-24?

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- a) Rs 8.23 trillion
 - b) Rs 16.23 trillion
 - c) Rs 10.23 trillion
 - d) Rs 18.23 trillion
33. *Cyrtodactylus vairengtensis* is a newly discovered species of Gecko endemic to which Indian state?
- a) Kerala
 - b) Maharashtra
 - c) Mizoram
 - d) Jharkhand
34. When is the 'World Diabetes Day' observed?
- a) September 14
 - b) October 14
 - c) November 14
 - d) December 14
35. Who is the only wicket keeper to score more than 500 runs and effect 20 dismissals in a single edition of a men's World Cup?
- a) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
 - b) K L Rahul
 - c) Quinton de Kock
 - d) Josh Inglis
36. Who was appointed as the Director of the Special Protection Group (SPG)?
- a) Alok Sharma
 - b) Pankaj Singh
 - c) R Hari Kumar
 - d) Manoj Pande
37. What is a special feature of 'Attenborough's long-beaked echidna' species?
- a) Egg laying Mammal
 - b) Bird without feathers

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- c) Mimicking Human Speech
- d) Sleeping with eyes open

38. Which country is the host of 'Ukrainian Defense Industrial Base Conference'?

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

39. Which state released an exclusive book on its snakes?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Kerala

40. China recently signed a 'Bilateral Currency Swap Agreement' with which country?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) UAE
- c) Israel
- d) Russia

41. 'Vajra Prahar 2023' is a joint exercise between which countries?

- a) India and Sri Lanka
- b) India and the United States
- c) India and UK
- d) India and France

42. Which waterway is declared as 'National Waterway 1'?

- a) Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River
- b) Brahmaputra River (Dhubri - Sadiya)
- c) Krishna River (Vijayawada - Muktyala)
- d) Mandovi River

43. Megalencephaly condition involves the unusual size of which part of the bodt?

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- a) Heart
- b) Brain
- c) Liver
- d) Lungs

44. Which state has inaugurated the Vidhya Samiksha Kendra (VSK)?

- a) Goa
- b) Odisha
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Karnataka

45. Which institution released the 'Renewable Energy Tracker 2023 (RET 2023)' report?

- a) CAN International
- b) Amnesty International
- c) UNFCCC
- d) UNEP

46. Which state is associated with 'Ungalai Thedi, Ungal Ooril' scheme?

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

47. 'Lokhimon faith' is associated with which Indian state/UT?

- a) Assam
- b) Odisha
- c) Goa
- d) Kerala

48. Which Asian country announced compulsory blending of compressed biogas in natural gas?

- a) China
- b) India
- c) Bangladesh

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d) Sri Lanka

49. As per SEBI Mandate, how many basis points of assets of AMCs should be spent on investor awareness activities?

- a) 1 basis point
- b) 2 basis points
- c) 5 basis points
- d) 10 basis points

50. Which State Cabinet passed a resolution seeking the grant of special category status (SCS) in 2023?

- a) Bihar
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Gujarat
- d) Goa

51. 'TOT' Model, which is seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- a) Finance
- b) Infrastructure
- c) Electronics
- d) Economics

52. Japanese Scientists have succeeded in cultivating embryos of which species aboard the International Space Station (ISS)?

- a) Lizard
- b) Mouse
- c) Rabbit
- d) Snake

53. Project Kusha, India's long-range air defense system project, is under the purview of which institution?

- a) HAL
- b) DRDO
- c) L&T

- d) BHEL
54. 'Meendum Manjappai' is a scheme launched by which Indian state, to curb plastic usage?
- a) Kerala
 - b) Tamil Nadu
 - c) Andhra Pradesh
 - d) Odisha
55. India procured 'S-400 air defence missile squadrons' from which country?
- a) USA
 - b) Israel
 - c) Russia
 - d) France
56. Which institution regulates the Co-operative banks in India?
- a) RBI
 - b) NABARD
 - c) Ministry of Cooperation
 - d) NITI Aayog
57. Which organisation released the 'Impact of Disaster on Agriculture and Food Security'?
- a) NABARD
 - b) NITI Aayog
 - c) FAO
 - d) UNEP
58. Morocco is a country located in which region?
- a) Northern Africa
 - b) Southern Africa
 - c) Europe
 - d) South America

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59. India resumed negotiations for Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ECTA), with which country after five years?
- a) Sri Lanka
 - b) Indonesia
 - c) Singapore
 - d) Malaysia
60. PM GatiShakti reduces the preparation time of detailed project report (DPR) from six months to_?:
- a) 4 months
 - b) 3 months
 - c) 30 days
 - d) 15 days
61. Which company collaborated with eight Indian companies for their laptop manufacturing projects in India?
- a) Intel
 - b) Dell
 - c) Samsung
 - d) Google
62. Who has been sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner of India?
- a) Praveen Kumar Srivastava
 - b) Heeralal Samariya
 - c) Nitin Agarwal
 - d) R Hari Kumar
63. Which entertainment channel collaborated with the Ministry of Women and Child Development to support the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao initiative?
- a) Sony
 - b) Star
 - c) COLORS
 - d) Zee

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64. As per the International Labour Organisation (ILO) data, what is the rank of India in terms of average number of hours per week for each employed person?
- a) Second
 - b) Sixth
 - c) Tenth
 - d) Fifteenth
65. What is the name of the first-ever AI-powered solution for automated agricultural news analysis, developed in India?
- a) Krishi 24/7
 - b) Kisan 24/7
 - c) Krishak AI 24/7
 - d) Fasal AI 24/7
66. Which organisation manufactures the Light Combat Aircraft-Tejas?
- a) DRDO
 - b) HAL
 - c) ISRO
 - d) BEL
67. As per recent reports, which tech company is associated with the large language model (LLM) known as "Olympus"?
- a) Amazon
 - b) Google
 - c) Apple
 - d) Meta
68. Arignar Anna Zoological Park (AAZP), which was seen in the news, is in which state?
- a) Tamil Nadu
 - b) Karnataka
 - c) Andhra Pradesh
 - d) Odisha

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69. 'Pump Storage Project' is associated with which Union Ministry?
- a) Ministry of Coal
 - b) Ministry of Steel
 - c) Ministry of Power
 - d) Ministry of MSME
70. Which country is associated with 'B-21 Raider bomber'?
- a) Israel
 - b) USA
 - c) Russia
 - d) Iran
71. Quota of special drawing rights (SDR)', which is seen in the news, is associated with which institution?
- a) International Monetary Fund
 - b) Reserve Bank of India
 - c) US Federal Reserve
 - d) Bureau of International Settlements
72. World Local Production Forum (WLPF) is an initiative of which institution?
- a) WEF
 - b) UNDP
 - c) World Bank
 - d) WHO
73. 'APAAR', which was seen in the news, is a registry associated with which field?
- a) Business
 - b) Academics
 - c) Sports
 - d) Finance

74. DAY-NRLM signed a MoU with which organisation to enhance the capacity of women entrepreneurs?
- a) RBI
 - b) NABARD
 - c) SIDBI
 - d) NHB
75. Which institution released the report on 'Report on Management of Foreign Exchange Reserves'?
- a) RBI
 - b) SEBI
 - c) NHB
 - d) NPCI
76. International Cricket Council suspended which cricket team after government interference in the national board?
- a) India
 - b) Sri Lanka
 - c) Afghanistan
 - d) The Netherlands
77. DP World is the leading container terminal and supply chain operator of which country?
- a) USA
 - b) Australia
 - c) Russia
 - d) Japan
78. During the 19th meeting of Conference of the Parties (COP19) to CITES, members were advised to prioritize which animal as a species of utmost importance?
- a) Bengal Tiger
 - b) Jaguar
 - c) Cheetah
 - d) African Elephant

79. Which institution secured the top position in India in QS Asia University Rankings 2024?
- a) IISc Bengaluru
 - b) IIT Madras
 - c) IIT Bombay
 - d) AIIMS Delhi
80. Which state implements the 'Nanaji Deshmukh Krushi Sanjivani Prakalp'?
- a) Maharashtra
 - b) Gujarat
 - c) Assam
 - d) West Bengal
81. Which country test fired the 'M51.3 long-range ballistic missile'?
- a) USA
 - b) Israel
 - c) France
 - d) Singapore
82. Which state/UT launched the 'Water Smart Kids' Campaign?
- a) Assam
 - b) Meghalaya
 - c) Sikkim
 - d) West Bengal
83. Which Indian has been elected as the Vice-Chair of the UN Panel of Auditors?
- a) K Venugopal
 - b) Girish Chandra Murmu
 - c) Vinod Rai
 - d) Shashikant Sharma
84. Which state has received Geographical Indication (GI) tag for which cashews?
- a) Kerala

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- b) Goa
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Odisha

85. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) signed MoU with which state to help small and medium enterprises (SMEs) raise funds through the capital market?

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

86. As per World Health Organization (WHO), how many beds are advised per 1000 people, as healthcare infrastructure?

- a) 1
- b) 3
- c) 5
- d) 10

87. Which country has been declared as the Chair of the International Sugar Organisation (ISO) for the year 2024?

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

88. Ariane 6 rocket was developed by which space agency?

- a) NASA
- b) ESA
- c) JAXA
- d) ISRO

89. ITC Limited launched the ITCMAARS Metamarket app and phygital ecosystem in which state?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Assam

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- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Jharkhand

90. How many Indians feature in the 'BBC 100 Women List 2023'?

- a) Three
- b) Four
- c) Six
- d) Seven

91. U.S. began joint maritime and air patrols in the South China Sea, with which country?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Philippines
- c) Israel
- d) France

92. Which institution released the 'Renewable Energy Tracker 2023 (RET 2023)' report?

- a) CAN International
- b) Amnesty International
- c) UNFCCC
- d) UNEP

93. What is the theme of 'World Toilet Day 2023'?

- a) Accelerating Change
- b) Improved sanitation systems
- c) Access to sanitation
- d) Access to water

94. Which state is associated with 'Ungalai Thedi, Ungal Ooril' scheme?

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

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95. Which country launched “Malligyong-1” spy satellite?
- a) Ukraine
 - b) Israel
 - c) North Korea
 - d) Malaysia
96. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed in which month?
- a) November
 - b) December
 - c) January
 - d) March
97. Ingenuity is an autonomous helicopter operating on which celestial body?
- a) Moon
 - b) Mars
 - c) Venus
 - d) Jupiter
98. ‘Cairns Group’, which is seen in the news, is associated with countries of which category?
- a) Oil Exporting
 - b) Agricultural Exporting
 - c) Milk Exporting
 - d) Meat Exporting
99. As per a recent research by Person, Generative AI will have more impact on which type of jobs?
- a) White collared jobs
 - b) Blue collared jobs
 - c) Green-collared jobs
 - d) Gold collared jobs
100. Which country launched “Guide on Gender-Inclusive Communication”?

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- a) India
- b) Israel
- c) UAE
- d) UK

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

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CASE ANALYSIS

1. *Pavana Dibbur v. The Directorate of Enforcement 2023 SC 1586*

Facts: On July 1, 2013, Pavana Dibbur (“Appellant”) purchased a property (“First Property”) from Alliance Business School, affiliated with Alliance University, for INR 13.5 crore. Thereafter, the Appellant purchased another property (“Second Property”) from Madhukar Angur (“Accused No. 1”) for INR 2.47 crore.

On November 11, 2017, a First Information Report was registered against Accused No. 1 for collecting INR 107 crore from the students by claiming to be the Chancellor of Alliance University. Subsequently, the Directorate of Enforcement (“ED”) passed an order under Section 5 of the PMLA, attaching both the First and Second Properties.

On October 13, 2021, a complaint was filed by the ED against the Appellant under the second proviso of Section 45(1) of the PMLA, alleging that she had conspired with Accused No. 1 by executing nominal sale deeds for the First and Second Properties in her name for the benefit of Accused No. 1. Further, it was also alleged that the Appellant had used her bank accounts to siphon off the university funds, thus facilitating Accused No. 1 in handling the proceeds of crime. The Appellant was arraigned as Accused No. 6 in the said complaint.

The Appellant filed a petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, for quashing of the said complaint. However, the Hon’ble High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore had dismissed the said petition. Hence, the Appellant preferred the instant appeal.

Issues Involved: Whether the offence under Section 120B of IPC can be treated as a scheduled offence even if the alleged criminal conspiracy is to commit an offence that does not form a part of the Schedule to PMLA?

Analysis : The Court observed that if such an interpretation is allowed, then any offence that is not included in the Schedule to the PMLA, will attract the rigours of Section 3 of PMLA by simply applying Section 120B. The Court further observed that accepting such a contention or interpretation of the PMLA would

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attract the vice of unconstitutionality for being patently arbitrary as the same would render the Schedule to PMLA redundant.

In support of this ruling, the court delved into the principles of statutory interpretation. The court held that the penal statutes are to be strictly construed as per the legislative intent expressed in the enactment. However, if there are two reasonable interpretations to a particular provision of a penal statute, the interpretation which avoids the imposition of penal consequences is to be adopted by the courts.

The court also referred to Section 2(1)(y) of PMLA, which defines “scheduled offence” as the offences mentioned under Part A, Part B and Part C of the Schedule to PMLA, subject to the conditions provided in the said Section. Thus, the court held that from a bare perusal of Section 2(1)(y), it is ascertained that the intention of the legislature was not that all offences which generate proceeds of crime will amount to scheduled offence, rather only those offences which are included in the schedule to PMLA would be termed as scheduled offences. Thus, the court rejected the submission that Section 120B standalone can invoke Section 3 of PMLA even when criminal conspiracy is committed in relation to an offence not included under the schedule to PMLA.

Held: The court upheld the third submission/ contention of the Appellant and ruled that “Therefore, in our view, the offence under Section 120B of IPC included in Part A of the Schedule will become a scheduled offence only if the criminal conspiracy is to commit any offence already included in Parts A, B or C of the Schedule”. In the instant case, as there was no allegation of commission of criminal conspiracy in respect of any offences included in the Schedule, the Court held that scheduled offence does not exist and hence, the appellant cannot be prosecuted under Section 3 of PMLA.

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2. Union of India v. Dilip Paul, 2023 SC 1423

Facts:

The Union of India and others, unsuccessful respondents in a Gauhati High Court case from May 15, 2019, filed an appeal before the Supreme Court. The High Court had favored the petitioner (original respondent) by allowing the writ petition and overturning a penalty that withheld 50% of the respondent's pension indefinitely. This penalty stemmed from disciplinary proceedings initiated over allegations of sexual harassment. The respondent, an Area Organizer at the Service Selection Board in Rangia, Assam, faced accusations from a field assistant. She claimed he teased her, made her sit in office for long hours, made inappropriate phone calls at night, visited her residence uninvited late at night in the presence of her 2 children, and subjected her to sexually colored remarks. She lodged a complaint and an on-the-spot inquiry took place. The Complainant (field manager) also submitted a second complaint containing additional allegations against the Respondent.

Despite initial inquiries failing to prove the allegations, the Central Complaints Committee (CCC), formed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, found the respondent guilty. The respondent approached this in the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), requesting termination of the inquiry conducted by CCC but CAT refrained from forming an opinion due to ongoing CCC disciplinary proceedings. The High Court ruled that the CCC exceeded its authority in handling the second complaint and criticized its speculative findings. The case was then appealed before the Supreme Court.

Analysis:

In reviewing disciplinary matters, especially those involving sexual harassment, courts should prioritize the overall case rather than minor details and rely on complainants' evidence if it inspires confidence drawing guidance from cases like Apparel Export Promotion Council v. A.K. Chopra and Union of India and Others v. Mudrika Singh. Furthermore, adjudicating authorities have the discretion to consider any evidence with probative value, ensuring a fair opportunity for the accused. The High Court accurately noted that the Central Complaints Committee's (CCC) investigation is not confined solely to the initial complaint's content, as authorized by the 2006 Standing Order. Moreover, the

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2006 Standing Order permits the submission of subsequent or additional complaints, subject to some conditions. The Supreme Court delved into the “No Evidence” principle, asserting that domestic inquiry findings are typically immune from judicial review unless they are collateral or jurisdictional. The High Court erred by assuming an appellate role scrutinizing the decision’s merits based on these findings. Exceptions to this norm include cases lacking “no evidence” supporting the findings and decisions being unreasonable. The Court highlighted that, even in departmental inquiries without strict legal rules of evidence, there must be limits on admitting evidence devoid of probative value. The doctrine of the “Prejudice Test” stands as a known and established principle crucial for evaluating claims of procedural improprieties or breaches of audi alteram partem. The case of State Bank of Patiala and Others v. S.K. Sharma clarified that in determining whether a breach of procedural rules or natural justice has caused prejudice, it is essential to establish that the violation had a meaningful impact on either the final decision or the imposed penalty.

Held: The appeal was acknowledged and allowed by the Supreme Court, leading to the overturning of the High Court’s order. The penalty imposed by the Disciplinary Authority on the Respondent of the permanent withholding of 50% of the pension, was reinstated. Nonetheless, the Appellant was directed not to recover any funds previously disbursed to the Respondent.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE MCQ'S

1. Right to privacy is contained in
 - a) 21
 - b) 19
 - c) 22
 - d) 24
2. Concurrent list was adopted from
 - a) Russian Constitution
 - b) American Constitution
 - c) Swiss constitution
 - d) French Constitution
3. In India the power of 'amnesty' has been given to the
 - a) President
 - b) Prime Minister
 - c) Chief of the army
 - d) Parliament
4. Public Undertaking Committee is a
 - a) Cabinet Committee
 - b) Parliamentary Committee
 - c) Committee of a political party
 - d) None of these
5. Separate electorate of muslim were introduced by the act of
 - a) 1919
 - b) 1935
 - c) 1909
 - d) 1947
6. Grass root democracy is related to
 - a) Panchayath system
 - b) Interstate council
 - c) Lok Pal
 - d) Regionalism
7. Who elects the Vice President of India
 - a) House of the People
 - b) Both Houses of Parliament
 - c) Council of states

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d) Both Houses of Parliament and state legislatures

8. consider the following statements:

1. The maximum number of Judges in a High Court are specified in the Constitution of India.
2. Every High Court has a power of superintendence over all courts and tribunals (except military tribunals) provided they are subject to appellate jurisdiction of the High Court.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

9. The transfer of Judges from one High Court to another High Court may be made by the:

- a) President of India in consultation with chief justice of that high court
- b) Chief justice of the concerned high court
- c) Governor of the concerned state in consultation with chief justice of India
- d) President of India after consultation with chief justice of India

10. The nature of 'consultation' with the Chief Justice of India in matters of appointment of a judge to a High Court is correctly described as:

- a) Inspection of the file by the chief justice
- b) Concurrence of the chief justice
- c) Conformity with the opinion of the chief justice
- d) Formal reference to the chief justice without any obligation to carry out his wishes

11. Which one of the following statements is not correct?

- a) The supreme court can overrule itself
- b) A high court can overrule itself
- c) Judgement of supreme court binds the lower court
- d) Judgement of high court do not bind the lower court of state

12. The power of judicial review means

- a) The power of court to define and interpret the constitution
- b) The power of the court to declare null and void any legislative and executive act which is against the provision of the constitution
- c) The power of judiciary to define and interpret laws
- d) The power of court to legislate when there is no statutory provision

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13. Under which Article(s) of the Constitution of India, is the power to issue writs for the enforcement of the Fundamental Rights vested in the Supreme Court and the High Courts?
- Article 32
 - Article 266
 - Article 32 and Article 226 both
 - Neither 32 nor article 226
14. In which of the following cases section 66 A of IT Act struck down
- Shreya Singhal v Union of India
 - Naz foundation v. NCT Delhi
 - Sneha Singhal v. Union of India
 - Lilavati v. state of Maharashtra
15. In which of the following cases supreme court gave legal recognition to third gender
- Yakub Abdul Razak memon v. state of Maharashtra
 - Sushil Ansal v. state thr CBI
 - Novartis v. UOI and
 - National Legal Service Authority v. Union of India
16. The Union Legislature in India is empowered
- Not to amend the basic structure of the Constitution
 - To amend the basic structure of the Constitution
 - To abrogate the basic structure
 - None of these
17. Preventive detention is a reasonable restriction on
- Article 14
 - Article 19
 - Article 21
 - Article 32
18. The sequence of procedure for passing a Bill in the House is
- First reading, committee stage, report stage, second reading, third reading
 - First reading, second reading , committee stage, report stage, third reading
 - First reading, second reading, third stage, committee stage, report stage
 - First reading, committee stage, second reading, third reading
19. Provisions under 9th schedule
- Can be challenged in a court of law
 - Can't challenge in a court of law
 - Can seek opinion in a court of law

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- d) None of these
20. Minto Morley reform is also known as
- Government of India Act 1919
 - Government of India Act 1892
 - Government of India Act 1935
 - Government of India Act 1909
21. National Development Council was constituted in
- 1950
 - 1951
 - 1952
 - 1947
22. Finance commission is constituted every 5 years by the
- President
 - Parliament
 - Union council of ministers
 - Speaker
23. The states enjoy exclusive jurisdiction over subjects of
- Union list
 - State list
 - Residuary list
 - Concurrent list
24. Public Interest Litigation in India is to be linked with
- Judicial Review
 - Judicial Activism
 - Judicial Intervention
 - Judicial Sanctity
25. Judicial Process in India is based on
- Due Process of Law
 - Convention
 - Procedure established by Law
 - Constitution
26. Judicial process is the study of the courts, and the --
- Process of adjudicating the rights of individuals
 - Function of the executive
 - Reforms in Legislations

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- d) Due Process established by Law
27. To make clean breast of
- To gain prominence
 - To praise oneself
 - To confess without of reserve
 - To destroy before it blooms
28. To keep one's temper
- To become hungry
 - To be in good mood
 - To preserve ones energy
 - To be aloof from
29. To catch a tartar
- To trap wanted criminal with great difficulty
 - To catch a dangerous person
 - To meet with disaster
 - To deal with a person who is more than one's match
30. Ram was/senior to/Sam in college. Find error
- Ram was
 - Senior to
 - Sam in college
 - No error
31. It was him/ who came/ running/into the classroom
- It was him
 - Who came
 - Running
 - Into the classroom
32. The capital of Yemen/ is situating/ 2190 meters above/the sea level
- The capital of Yemen
 - Is situating
 - 2190 meters above
 - The sea levels
33. Select the pair which has the same relationship
DIVA: OPERA
- Producer: theater
 - Director: drama

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- c) Conductor: bus
- d) Thespian: play

34. GRAIN: SALT

- a) Shard: pottery
- b) Shred: wood
- c) Blades: grass
- d) Chip: glass

35. Find the correct spelling

- a) Adulation
- b) Adlation
- c) Aduletion
- d) Adulation

36. Find correct spelling

- a) Afidavit
- b) Afidevit
- c) Affidavit
- d) Affidavit

37. The Phad painting is a religious scroll painting practiced in which state of India?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Odisha
- d) Andhra Pradesh

38. How many vows do Jains take while practicing Jainism?

- a) Five
- b) Four
- c) Six
- d) Seven

39. Which of the following schools of thoughts was established by Makkhali Gosala?

- a) Ajivika
- b) Charvaka
- c) Lokayat
- d) Vaisesika

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40. When did the Vira Nirvana Samvat era begin?
- a) 366 BCE
 - b) 554 BCE
 - c) 437 BCE
 - d) 527 BCE
41. The Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary (GWS) is located in which state?
- a) Gujarat
 - b) Uttar Pradesh
 - c) Rajasthan
 - d) Madhya Pradesh
42. Othalanga (Cerbera odollam), commonly known as the Suicide tree is found in which state of India?
- a) Kerala
 - b) Meghalaya
 - c) Karnataka
 - d) Sikkim
43. Great Himalayan National Park is located in which among the following states?
- a) Himachal Pradesh
 - b) Uttarakhand
 - c) Jammu & Kashmir
 - d) Sikkim
44. Which among the following was India's first Transgenic Crop?
- a) Sugar cane
 - b) Brinjal
 - c) BT cotton
 - d) Wheat
45. Which among the following is not correctly matched?
- a) Dampa Sanctuary - Mizoram
 - b) Valmiki Reserve - Bihar
 - c) Rohla National park - Himachal Pradesh
 - d) Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary - Rajasthan
46. Largest National park in North East India is located at?

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- a) Assam
- b) Mizoram
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Nagaland

47. Which among the following day is observed to commemorate the signature of the Montreal Protocol?

- a) International Wildlife Conservation Day
- b) International Ozone Day
- c) World Health Day
- d) International Day for Biological Diversity

48. Consider the following statements:

1. Asian Brown Cloud is a layer of air pollution that covers parts of northern Indian Ocean, India, and Pakistan

2. Asian Brown Cloud is a permanent phenomena

Which among the above statements is / are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 & 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

49. Which of the following convention creates legally binding obligations for the implementation of the Prior Informed Consent?

- a) The Basel Convention
- b) The Stockholm Convention
- c) The Rotterdam Convention
- d) The Vienna Convention

50. Which of the following are the features of mammals?

- 1. They are warm blooded
- 2. They have hair or fur on their bodies
- 3. They give birth to live young ones
- 4. They breathe with lungs or gills

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) Only 1, 2 & 3
- b) Only 2, 3 & 4
- c) Only 1, 3 & 4

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d) 1, 2, 3 & 4

ANSWER KEY

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

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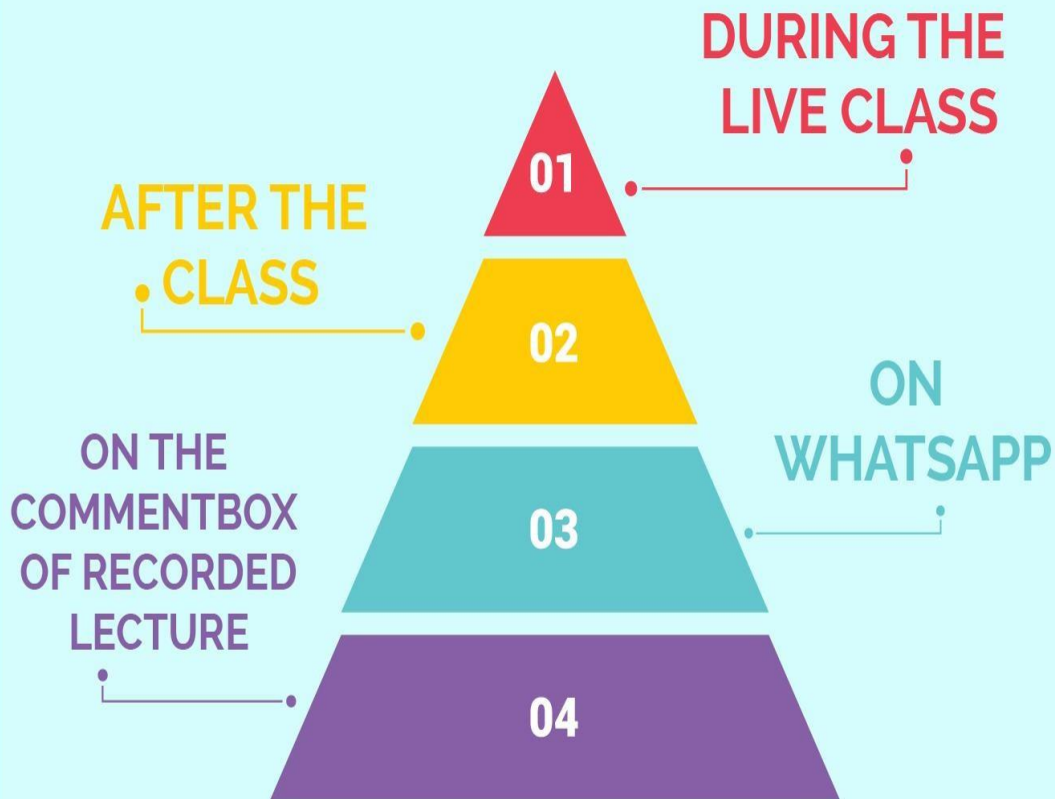
25.	C	50.	A
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