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State/UT News

1. Which city was recently declared as the capital of Andhra Pradesh by the Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy? **Visakhapatnam**
2. Name the state that has recently launched the “Aarohini Initiative Training Programme” for the safety and security of girls in all 746 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV). **Uttar Pradesh**
3. Which state Government has recently signed an MoU with Patanjali Foods Limited for development and area expansion under palm oil cultivation? **Nagaland**
4. Which state Government has recently launched a ‘Ladli Bahna’ scheme to provide Rs 1,000 per month to women from financially poor backgrounds? **Madhya Pradesh**
5. Name the state/UT that has recently launched ‘Mero Rukh Mero Santati’ (Plant a Tree, Leave a Legacy) initiative to plant 100 trees for every child born. **Sikkim**
6. Name the state/UT that has recently launched a Heli-Tourism Service, the 1st premium Helicopter service, under the public-private partnership (PPP) model. **Goa**
7. In which city of Uttar Pradesh (UP), the first VFS Global Joint Visa Application Centre (JVAC) and the VFS Global Academy, was inaugurated by Yogi Adityanath, CM of UP in February 2023? **Lucknow**
8. Which state/UT has recently initiated a programme called “alternate agriculture system for sustainability project” to boost organic food production? **Jammu and Kashmir**
9. In which state/UT, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has recently (in Feb ‘23) discovered the Lithium Reserves for the 1st time? **Jammu and Kashmir**
10. To which State/UT, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently (in Feb ‘23) approved a loan of USD 130 million (over Rs. 1,072 crore)? **Himachal Pradesh**
11. In which State/UT has the Pawan Hans Limited recently (in Feb ‘23) launched Multiple Helicopter Routes under RCS UDAN (Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik)? **Assam**
12. Name the state that has recently (in Feb ‘23) approved the guidelines for ‘Mukhya Mantri Sukh-Ashray Yojana’ for Orphans, specially abled children, destitute women & senior citizens. **Himachal Pradesh**
13. Which state government has recently (in Feb ‘23) launched the portal for creation of “Parivar Pehchan (Family Identity (ID)) - One Family One ID”? **Uttar Pradesh**
14. In which city, India’s First Electric AC Double-Decker Bus was recently (in Feb ‘23) inaugurated by the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking (BEST)? **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
15. Which state/UT has recently (in Feb ‘23) launched India’s first Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Framework, as a part of a pact under the Indo- Norway Integrated Ocean Initiative? **Puducherry**

16. In which state, Indian Railways has recently (in Feb '23) completed the electrification of all broad gauge (BG) routes? **Uttar Pradesh**

17. The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has recently (in Feb '23) approved the construction of the 4.1 **km shinkun la tunnel**. The shinkun la tunnel is the road link of which of the following states/UT? **Ladakh & Himachal Pradesh**

18. Which city of Maharashtra was recently (in Feb '23) renamed as "**Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar**" by the approval of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)? **Aurangabad**

19. Name the State/UT government that has recently (in Feb '23) approved USD 50,000 to develop a fog alert system with the US National Center for Atmospheric Research (US-NCAR). **Bihar**

20. In which state, the Union Minister of State of Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh recently (in Feb '23) inaugurated the International bioresource conclave & Ethno pharmacology congress? **Manipur**

21. In February 2023, Chief Minister of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma laid down the foundation stone of north east India's 1st Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant in _____ district. **Kamrup Metropolitan**

22. In which state/UT, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently (in Feb '23) inaugurated the National tribal festival "Aadi Mahotsav"? **Delhi**

23. In January 2023, Union minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH, Sarbananda Sonowal hosted the

"Me-Dam-Me-Phi" festival in New Delhi, Delhi. In which state, the Me-Dam-Me-Phi festival is annually observed on 31st January? **Assam**

National News

1. In January 2023, the Ministry of Law and Justice constituted a working committee under the chairmanship of _____, to draft rules and standards for the implementation of the provisions of the Mediation Bill/Act 2021 in India. **PK Malhotra**
2. In January 2023, the first "G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group Meeting", under the G20 (Group of Twenty) Indian Presidency, was held in _____. **Chandigarh**
3. Which company has recently (in Feb '23) announced the list of 120 startups and innovators for the Extended Reality (XR) Startup Programme in New Delhi, Delhi along with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)? **Meta**
4. Name the union ministry who has recently (in Feb '23) launched the 'Save Wetlands Campaign', a campaign structured on a "whole of society" approach for wetlands conservation. **Bhupender Yadav (Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change)**
5. In February 2023, the GoI constituted an 'inter-ministerial committee' to draft a digital competition act within three months. Who heads the 16-member inter-ministerial committee? **Manoj Govil**

6. G20 (Group of Twenty) Meetings held under India's Presidency in February 2023

1) The first "G20 Energy Transition Working Group" (ETWG) Meeting under India's G20 Presidency was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

2) Energy Efficiency Services Limited signed an MoU with the Indonesia-Malaysia- Thailand Growth Triangle Joint Business Council to promote the adoption of energy efficiency.

3) The first "G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group" (SFWG) Meeting under India's G20 Presidency was held in Guwahati, Assam.

4) The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Meta, parent company of Facebook, have partnered for the "G20 Stay Safe Online Campaign."

5) The first "G20 Employment Working Group" (EWG) Meeting under India's G20 Presidency was held in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

7. Which Union Ministry has recently (in Feb '23) inaugurated Mission Antyodaya Survey (MAS) 2022-23, also launching the portal and mobile application at New Delhi, Delhi? **Union Ministry of Rural Development**

8. With respect to the "Digital Payments Utsav", a comprehensive campaign recently (in Feb '23) launched by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw (MeitY) aiming to promote digital payments across India

1) Launching a G20 Co-branded QR code

2) Launching a G20 edition of the preloaded RuPay On-The-Go device

3) Hosting a joint campaign by MeitY and Delhi Police to promote secure digital payments

4) Introducing a Coffee Table Book titled "Towards a Developed India Catalysing Inclusive Growth Through Digital Payments."

9. With respect to acquisition and mergers done (in Feb '23) by the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

1) Acquisition of up to 25% shareholding in Hindustan Ports Private Limited (HPPL), by the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and the proposed merger of Hindustan Infralog Private Limited (HIPL) into HPPL.

2) Acquisition of the textile effects business of Huntsman International by Archroma Operations S.à.r.l.

3) Acquisition of 20% equity share capital of Keimed by Shobana Kamineni through Prime Time Logistics Technologies Private Limited.

4) Acquisition of 100% equity and preference shares of Lanco Anpara Power Limited by Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited Group.

10. Name the company that has recently (in Feb '23) launched a G20 theme QR Code to celebrate India's Presidency of the Inter-governmental forum and India's leadership in mobile payments. **Paytm**

11. Name the union minister who has recently (in Feb '23) inaugurated a 5-day long 'AMRITPEX 2023', the National Philatelic Exhibition at New Delhi, Delhi. **Ashwini Vaishnaw (Union Minister of Communications)**

12. Which city hosted the 1st G20 (Group of Twenty) Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) meeting in February 2023, under India's G20 Presidency? **Bengaluru, Karnataka**
13. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has recently (in Feb '23) constituted a High-Level Committee to draft the revised guidelines for the operation of Roll-on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) & Roll-on- Passenger (Ro-Pax) ferry service. The High-Level Committee headed by _____. **Sanjay K. Mehta**
14. In which city, Boeing has recently (in Feb '2023) launched its 1st Global Support Center in India? **Gurugram**
15. Which Municipal Corporation has recently (in Feb '2023) partnered with TheGreenBillions Limited (TGBL) to set up India's first solid waste-to- hydrogen plant? **Pune Municipal Corporation**
16. Which Indian regulatory body has recently (in Feb '2023) launched its 2nd global hackathon 'HARBINGER 2023'? **Reserve Bank of India**
17. Name the Union Minister who has recently (in Feb '2023) launched a "Capacity Building Programme for Senior Scientists in Effective Leadership and Creativity" initiative in Hyderabad, Telangana. **Jitendra Singh (Minister of State of Science and Technology)**
18. Which city hosted the first Agriculture Deputies Meeting (ADM) of the Agriculture Working Group (AWG) under India's G20 Presidency? **Indore, Madhya Pradesh**
19. In February 2023, Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Culture presented the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (UBKYP) for 2019, 2020 and 2021 to around _____ Artists. **102**
20. In February 2023, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) launched 'mPassport Police App' to _____. **Fast Track Passport Verification Process**
21. With respect to the 14th edition of Asia's biggest aero show "Aero India 2023", launched by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi in February 2023:
- 1) The Aero India 2023 was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka with the theme of "The runway to a billion opportunities".
 - 2) The latest fifth-generation fighters from the United States Air Force (USAF), the multirole F-35A Lightning II and F-35A Joint Strike Fighter, made their debut at Aero India 2023.
 - 3) The Argentine Air Force (AAF) has inked a deal with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) for the supply of spares and engine repair of legacy two-ton class helicopters.
 - 4) An MoU was signed between Bharat Electronics and BEML Limited (formerly Bharat Earth Movers Limited) for missile development.
22. In which city, the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has recently (in Feb '23) laid the Foundation Stone of the World's largest and unique 'Divyang Park – Anubhuti Inclusive Park'? **Nagpur, Maharashtra**
23. Which company recently (in Feb '2023) signed a partnership and licensing agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) CARACAL for co-

manufacturing of small arms in India?

ICOMM Tele Limited

24. In which Institute, V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs has recently (in Feb '23) launched several new initiatives, as part of the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP)? **National Institute of Technology, Calicut**
25. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) recently (in Feb '23) launched Sarva Dawa Sevan, Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign, to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) by _____(year). **2027**
26. Who recently (in Feb '23) inaugurated the "Barisu Kannada Dim Dimava" and Amrit Mahotsav of Delhi-Karnataka Sangha at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi, Delhi? **Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India)**

International News

1. According to the "Global Leader Approval" survey released by Morning Consult in February 2023, who has become the most popular leader in the world for the 2nd consecutive year, with a 78% approval rating? **Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India)**
2. Which of the following countries were recently (in Feb' 23) announced plans for Trilateral Framework cooperation with India? **United Arab Emirates and France**
3. Which United Nations organisation has recently (February 23) won gold and a silver award at the 2nd Annual Anthem Awards for its "Don't Choose

Extinction" campaign? **United Nations Development Programme**

Important Days

1. When was Martyrs Day 2023, also known as Sarvodaya day, observed across India? **30th January 2023**
2. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Day was observed across India on 1st February 2023 to commemorate its _____ Raising Day of the ICG? **47th**
3. What is the theme of the United Nations (UN) World Wetlands Day 2023 that was observed across the globe on 2nd February 2023? **Wetland Restoration**
4. When was the 3rd International Day of Human Fraternity 2023 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN)? **4th February 2023**
5. When was World Cancer Day (WCD) 2023 observed across the globe? **4th February 2023**
6. When was the United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) 2023 observed across the globe? **6th February 2023**
7. What is the theme of Safer Internet Day (SID) 2023 that was observed across the globe on 7th February 2023? **Together for a better internet**
8. When was the United Nations (UN)'s World Pulses Day (WPD) 2023 observed across the globe? **10th February 2023**
9. When was the United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2023 observed across the globe? **11th February 2023**
10. What is the theme of World Radio Day 2023 that was observed across the globe by the United Nation (UN) on 13th February 2023? **Radio and Peace**
11. The Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) observed its _____

- APEDA Foundation Day on 13th February 2023 across India. **37th**
- When was International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) 2023 observed across the globe? **February 15**
 - When was the 12th World Pangolin Day (2023) observed across the globe? **18th February 2023**
 - When was the United Nations (UN) World Day of Social Justice 2023 observed across the globe? **20th February 2023**
 - When was World Thinking Day (WTD) 2023 observed across the globe? **22nd February 2023**
 - When was Central Excise Day 2023 observed across India? **24th February 2023**
 - What is the theme of the 4th National Protein Day that was observed across India on 27th February 2023? **Easy Access to Protein for All**

Books and Authors

- Name the author of the book, "The Last Heroes- Foot Soldiers of Indian Freedom". **Palagummi Sainath**

Science & Technology News

- Name the WhatsApp chatbot that was recently (in Feb '23) developed by the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) to enable two-way communication between people and the child rights panel. **Bal Mitra**
- Which company recently (in Feb' 23) became the first Indian company to supply critical rotating parts for nuclear turbines by agreeing to a long-term supply deal for nuclear turbine parts with GE Steam Power? **Azad Engineering**
- Which organisation has recently (in Feb '23) launched a batch of 53 internet satellites Starlink to orbit on its Falcon 9 rocket from Kennedy Space Center in Florida, United States of America (USA)? **SpaceX**
- Name the company that has recently (in Feb '23) introduced drone technology in coal mines by launching "VIHANGAM," a web-based portal. **Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd**
- Which organisation has recently (in Feb '23) announced that the Jupiter Icy moon Explorer (Juice) mission is set to be launched in April 2023 to explore Jupiter and its three largest natural satellites? **European Space Agency (ESA)**
- Which company has recently (in Feb '23) launched India's first traffic management system for drones? **Skye Air Mobility Private Limited**
- Name the satellites launched (in Feb '23) successfully by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on the 2nd edition of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV-D2) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC)? **AzaadiSAT-2, ISRO's Earth Observation Satellite-07/EOS-7 and Janus-1**
- In February 2023, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Indian Navy carried out initial recovery trials of the Crew Module in the Water Survival Test Facility (WSTF) in Kochi, Kerala for _____ mission. **Gaganyaan**
- Name the company that has recently (in Feb '23) launched 'Co-lend', India's 1st fully automated escrow management solution for co-lending. **Cashfree**

10. Name the company that has recently (in Feb '23) introduced "Snapdragon Satellite", the world's 1st satellite based two-way capable messaging solutions for premium smartphones. **Qualcomm Technologies Inc**
11. According to the World Meteorological Department (WMO) (as of Feb '23), Global mean sea level rose by _____ per year during the period 2013-22. **4.5 millimeters**
12. The drone startup Garuda Aerospace Private Limited has recently (in Feb '2023) unveiled _____, a solar-powered unmanned reconnaissance J-Glider, at Aero India 2023. **Suraj**
13. Name the new beetle species that was recently (in Feb '2023) discovered by Aparna Sureshchandra Kalawate, Scientist from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Western Regional Centre (WRC), Pune, Maharashtra. **Omorgus Khandesh**
14. In Which state, the 'North India's first nuclear power plant' is set to be installed? **Haryana**
15. Which Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s Mission has recently (in Feb '23) underwent the Electro-Magnetic Interference/ Electro-Magnetic Compatibility (EMI/EMC) test at the U R Rao Satellite Centre (URSC) in Bengaluru, Karnataka? **Chandrayaan 3**
16. Name the company that recently (in Feb '23) signed a joint venture (JV) with slovakia-based Magic Trading Corporation, Inc. (MTC) for the development of precision drones in India. **Gopalan Aerospace India Pvt Ltd**
17. Name the company that has recently (in Feb '23) received the Indian Technical Standard Order (ITSO) approval from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for indigenously developed "Black Boxes". **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**
18. Name the company that has recently (in Feb '23) built the world's first set of new-generation High Temperature Superconducting (HTS) Magnets for testing the fusion power plant. **Tokamak Energy Limited**
19. Name the Indian company that has recently (in Feb '23) collaborated with Microsoft Corporation to boost the enterprise cloud transformation journeys worldwide. **Infosys Limited**
20. Which Space Agency has recently (in Feb '23) launched a Soyuz MS-23 spacecraft to bring back 3 astronauts stranded on the International Space Station (ISS)? **Roscosmos**

Awards & Honours

1. Who was recently (in Feb '23) awarded with "The Most Distinguished Scientist of the Year 2022" at the Indian Achievers Award 2022 by the union minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Singh Thakur? **R Vishnu Prasad**
2. Who has recently (in Feb '23) received 'The Hurun Industry Achievement Award 2022' for remarkable achievements in the world of business? **VP Nandakumar**
3. Who has recently (in Feb '23) selected for 'Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award

for excellence in Journalism-2020”? **Dr Anne Bhavani Koteswara Prasad**

4. Which of the following Maharatna Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) has recently (in Feb ‘23) been honoured with the Association for Talent Development (ATD) Best Awards 2023? **NTPC Limited**

5. Who has recently (in Feb ‘23) received the Félix Houphouët-Boigny- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Peace Prize 2022? **Angela Merkel**

6. Who has been recently (in Feb ‘23) named as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2022 India at the 24th EY Entrepreneur of the Year Awards? **Sajjan Jindal**

7. Which Indian movie has recently (in Feb ‘23) won 5 awards in the 6th Annual Hollywood Critics Association (HCA) Film Awards 2023? **RRR**

8. Name the personality from India who was recently (in Jan’ 23) honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Honour at the 2023 edition of the India- United Kingdom (UK) Achievers Honours. **Manmohan Singh**

Appointment & Resignation

1. Who has recently (in Jan ‘23) appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Puma India? **Harmanpreet Kaur**
2. Who was recently (in Jan ‘23) appointed as the 1st Female Prime Minister of Equatorial Guinea? **Manuela Roka Botey**
3. Who has recently (in Feb ‘23) appointed as the Brand Ambassador for Nutella

India by Ferrero, Chocolate company? **Ranveer Singh**

4. Name the personality who has recently (in Feb ‘23) appointed as a full- time Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM). **Shamika Ravi**

5. In February 2023, K Satyanarayana Raju was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which bank? **Canara Bank**

6. Who has recently (in Feb ‘23) appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Myntra? **Ranbir Kapoor**

7. Name the personality who has recently (in Feb ‘23) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Designate of Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited. **Raul Rebello**

8. Who was recently (in Feb ‘23) recommended as the new Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)? **Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi**

9. Who was appointed as the Prime Minister (PM) of the Republic of Moldova, after the resignation of Natalia Gavrilița in February 2023? **Dorin Recean**

10. Name the personality who has recently (in Feb ‘23) elected as the 8th President of Cyprus. **Nikos Christodoulides**

11. Who has been recently (in Feb ‘23) elected as President of the Central Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)? **Aniket Sunil Talati**

12. Who has recently (in Feb '23) declared as the next president of Bangladesh by the election commission of Bangladesh?
Mohammad Shahabuddin Choppu
 13. Nicola Ferguson Sturgeon has recently (in Feb '23) announced her resignation as First Minister of _____ (country). **Scotland**
 14. In February 2023, who was appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee of Reliance Capital Limited (RCL) by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
Vikramaditya Singh Khichi
 15. Who has recently (in Feb '23) been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of YouTube by replacing Susan Wojcicki? **Neal Mohan**
 16. In February 2023, who was appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff? **Lt gen MV Suchindra Kumar**
 17. Who was appointed by the Central Government (in Feb '23) to head the 12-member Cabinet Secretariat Coordination Unit (CSCU) panel to monitor the implementation of the Mission Karmayogi? **Rajiv Gauba**
 18. Who has recently (in Feb '23) appointed as the National Ambassador of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) India? **Ayushmann Khurrana**
 19. Name the personality who has recently (in Feb '23) appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) of NI
 20. TI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) by Government of India. **BVR Subrahmanyam**
 21. Who has recently (in Feb '23) resigned as President of Wipro's iDEAS (Integrated Digital, Engineering, and Application Services) business? **Rajan Kohli**
 22. Name the personality who has recently (in Feb '23) appointed as new Drug Controller General of India (DCGI).
Rajeev Raghuvanshi
 23. Name the personality who has recently (in Feb '23) became the 1st Indian to be elected as President of the FIBA (Federation Internationale de Basketball Amateur) Asia. **Govindaraj Kempareddy**
- Banking/ Finance/ Economy**
1. Which company has recently (in Jan '23) emerged as India's first payment gateway player to process Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or Digital Rupee (e-rupee) transactions for online retail merchants? **CCAvenue**
 2. Name the bank that has recently (in Jan '23) partnered with ToneTag to launch the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) Payment. **IDFC FIRST Bank**
 3. In January 2023, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) projected India's growth to decline from 6.8% in 2022 to _____ in 2023. **6.1%**
 4. According to the data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's unemployment rate declined to 4 months low at _____ in January 2023. **7.14%**
 5. Name the bank that has recently (in Feb '23) announced the implementation of the first phase of the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or "Digital Rupee" (e₹). **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
 6. In February 2023, IDFC First Bank received _____ (Amount) investment from IDFC Ltd and raised its

- stake in the bank from 36.38% to 40%.
Rs.2,200 crore
7. Which bank has recently (in Feb '23) issued a work order to RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. (RailTel) to provide 4G LTE (Long-Term Evolution) connectivity to 15,000 offsite Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) across India?
State Bank of India
8. IndusInd International Holdings Ltd. (IIHL) has recently (in Feb '23) received preliminary approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to increase its ownership in IndusInd Bank to _____.
26%
9. In February 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed DSP Investment Managers to increase their stake in _____ to 9.99% as part of investments made through various mutual fund schemes.
DCB Bank
10. Which company has recently (in Feb '23) become India's First Fintech Platform to support cross-border UPI Payments?
PhonePe
11. Name the Payments Bank that has recently (in Feb '23) launched BizKhataa, a current account with unlimited transactions for small merchants and business partners in India.
Airtel Payments Bank
12. Name the bank that has recently (in Feb '23) partnered with Global fintech Ascenda (Singapore) to power its new Points & Miles Transfer Program.
Axis Bank
13. Which payment bank has recently (in Feb '23) partnered with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to introduce 'RuPay credit card on UPI'?
Paytm Payments Bank
14. With respect to the RBI's Bi-monthly monetary policy of FY23 held in February 2023?
- 1) India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth to 6.4% for FY24 (lower than 7% in FY23)
 - 2) The MPC raised the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.50% from 6.25%.
 - 3) The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate adjusted to 6.25% from 6.0% and Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate to 6.75% from 6.50%.
 - 4) Inflation is projected at 6.5% in FY23.
15. In February 2023, which fintech app was the first in India to support RuPay Credit Cards on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI)?
MobiKwik
16. Name the Small Finance Bank (SFB) that has recently (in Feb '23) launched India's First Voice, Visual, Vernacular Banking App for the "Digitally Challenged".
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
17. Name the Insurance Company that recently (in Feb '23) rebranded itself as Zuno General Insurance Limited.
Edelweiss General Insurance
18. Which bank has recently (in Feb '23) signed an agreement with the Telangana government's Directorate of Treasury and Accounts to collect online government receipts?
South Indian Bank
19. Which of the following points is/are "Correct" with respect to 'Bank of India Multi Cap Fund', recently (in Feb '23) launched by Bank of India (BoI) Investment Managers Private Limited?
A) The scheme will be benchmarked against S&P BSE 500 TRI (first tier).

- B) The multi-cap allocation strategy includes a spread of a minimum of 25% of its total assets each in large, mid, and small-cap companies
- C) The minimum initial investment in the scheme is Rs 5,000 and Rs 1 thereafter.
- All A, B & C**
20. Name the bank that has recently (in Feb '23) acquired 100% of the equity shares of Sonata Finance Pvt Ltd (SFPL) for about Rs. 537 crores in cash. **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
21. Name the bank that has recently (in Feb '23) partnered with Crunchfish Digital Cash to launch the "OfflinePay" Pilot Program for Offline Digital Payments. **HDFC Bank**
22. Which bank has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with a European bank, BNP Paribas to meet the financial needs of European enterprises operating in India and Indian companies in the European Union (EU)? **ICICI Bank**
23. Name the bank that has recently (in Feb '23) sold its entire stake of 9.95% in Softcell Technologies Global Private Limited (Softcell) for Rs 9.94 crore. **HDFC Bank**
24. Name the first company in India that recently (in Feb '2023) launched the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions for foreign nationals visiting India. **EbixCash**
25. As per the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) World Economic Outlook (WEO) update in January 2023, India's growth is projected to decline from 6.8% in 2022 to _____ in 2023. **6.1%**
26. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (in Feb '2023) has granted in-principle approval to _____ existing online non-bank Payment Aggregators (PAs) and 19 new PAs to operate as online PAs. **32**
27. Which regulatory body recently (in Feb '2023) introduced the Issue Summary Document (ISD) for filing IPO papers in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) format? **Securities and Exchange Board of India**
28. Which Bank has recently (in Feb '2023) launched the e-BG (Electronic Bank Guarantee) scheme in collaboration with the National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)? **Indian Overseas Bank**
29. Which municipal corporation has recently (in Feb '2023) raised Rs 720 crores through their green bonds for developing a 60-megawatt solar plant? **Indore Municipal Corporation**
30. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently (in Feb '23) introduced a Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) related transaction code in which of the following payment methods? **National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) and Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) Systems**
31. Which Insurance company has recently (in Feb '2023) partnered with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to promote self-employment and expand entrepreneurial prospects? **HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited**
32. Which bank has recently (in Feb '2023) launched Amrit Kalash, a limited- period term deposit scheme with an interest rate of 7.6% for senior citizens and 7.1% for others? **State Bank of India**

33. Name the bank that has recently (in Feb '23) become the 1st private sector bank in India to enable its customers to use (link) their RuPay Credit Card on Unified Payments Interface (UPI). **HDFC Bank**
34. As per the Morgan Stanley update in February 2023, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is projected to grow to _____ in FY24. **6.2%**
35. Which regulatory body has recently (in Feb '23) issued the final guidelines on "Interest Rate Risk in Banking Book" (IRRBB)? **Reserve Bank of India**
36. Which bank recently (in Feb '23) topped the list of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in terms of loan growth percentage for the third quarter of Financial Year 2023 (Q3 FY23)? **Bank of Maharashtra**
37. According to the RBI occasional paper "Do Bank Mergers Improve Efficiency? The Indian Experience" released in February 2023, Banking mergers in India have been Beneficial to the Banking Sector. Who authored the occasional paper of RBI along with Snehal S. Herwadkar? **Shubham Gupta & Vaishnavi Chavan**
38. Which Mutual fund company has recently (in Feb '23) launched the 'dividend yield fund', an open-ended equity scheme? **SBI Mutual Fund**
39. Name the bank that recently (in Feb '23) launched its own private cloud infrastructure to facilitate high-performance cloud capabilities for the digital infrastructure. **Bank of Maharashtra**
40. Which Bank recently (in Feb '23) launched an integrated banking portal to provide inclusive digital banking and value-added services for business banking and corporate clients? **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
41. As per the research report released by the State Bank of India (SBI) Ecowrap in February 2023, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth for Q3 FY23 is estimated at _____. **4.6%**
42. Name the bank that recently (in Feb '23) won "Prathista Puraskar" under 'Digidhan Awards 2021-22' from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). **Karnataka Bank**
43. Which Municipal Corporation's green bonds have been recently (in Feb '23) listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) marking the first-ever green bond issue by a municipal corporation in India? **Indore**
44. Which country has recently (in Feb '23) surpassed India to become the world's 6th-largest equity market with USD 3.11 trillion market capitalization (Mcap)? **United Kingdom**
45. Name the bank that recently (in Feb '23) committed to provide USD 20 billion–USD 25 billion resources to India's development priorities and green growth. **Asian Development Bank**
46. As per the data released (in Feb '23) by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflows declined _____ year-on-year to USD 36.75 billion in April-December FY23. **15%**
47. In February 2023, Suresh Kumar Khanna, Finance Minister of Uttar Pradesh (UP), presented the budget of Rs.

_____ for the Financial Year 2023-24. **Rs 6.90 lakh crore**

48. Which of the following Insurance companies has recently (in Feb '23) partnered with Policybazaar to launch Unique 'Health, Wealth and Life Solution'? **Niva Bupa Health Insurance & Tata AIA Life Insurance**
49. Name the bank that has recently (in Feb '23) signed a co-lending agreement with the Moneywise Financial Services Pvt Ltd (MFSPL) for Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) loans. **Central Bank of India**
50. In February 2023, Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister of Haryana, presented a tax-free state budget of Rs. _____ for the Financial Year 2023- 24. **Rs 1,83,950 crore**
51. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has recently (in Feb '23) reduced its shareholding in Industrial Investment Trust Limited (IITL) from 5.433% to _____. **3.362%**
52. In February 2023, The Ministry of Communications has approved the conversion of Rs.16,133 crore in accrued interest on deferred Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) dues of debt-ridden Vodafone Idea into equity. The GoI to become the Largest Shareholder of Vodafone Idea with _____ Stake. **33%**

MOUs & Agreements

1. Name the ministry that has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with the Engineers India Limited (EIL) to develop Waste to Energy & bio-methanation projects in cities with a million plus

population. **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**

2. Which of the following companies along with National Fertilizers Limited has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with Morocco's OCP Group for annual imports of 1.75 million ton (MT) of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) fertilizers? **Paradeep Phosphates Ltd, Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd and Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd**
3. Name the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) that has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to collaborate on the application of Extended Reality (XR) in the Indian Human Spaceflight Programme (IHSP). **IIT Madras**
4. Name the ministry that has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with Digital Green under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework to build a national level digital extension platform? **Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**
5. Which company recently (in Feb '23) signed a contract with the Ministry of Defense (MoD) to procure 41 indigenous modular bridges for the Indian Army's Corps of Engineers at a cost of over Rs 2,585 crore? **Larsen & Toubro Limited**
6. Name the Maharatna Company that recently (in Feb '23) became India's 1st Oil, Gas PSU to Sign Advance Pricing Agreement with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). **GAIL India Limited**
7. Name the companies that have recently (in Feb '23) signed an agreement with Air

- India to buy around 500 new planes worth USD 100 billion? **Boeing and Airbus**
8. Which organisation has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with 'The Ocean Cleanup' to eliminate plastic pollution in the world's oceans & rivers? **United Nations Development Programme**
 9. Which state Government has recently (in Feb '2023) signed an MoU with Renault Nissan to Invest Rs. 5,300 Crore? **Tamil Nadu**
 10. With which country, India recently (in Feb '23) signed an agreement for the launch of the Business council to boost Bilateral Trade and Investment between the countries? **United Arab Emirates**
 11. Which e-commerce platform has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) to onboard rural women as online sellers? **Meesho**
 12. Which of the following institutes along with National Institute of Technology (NIT) Calicut has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to establish "BIS Standardization Chair Professor"? **IIT Gandhinagar & IIT Guwahati**
 13. Which Society of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) recently (in Feb 23) signed an MoU with CSC Academy to enhance digital literacy and skill development in India? **National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology**
 14. Which Government agency/Statutory body has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with the Lulu Hypermarket LLC to promote the export of millets to the Countries of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)? **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority**
 15. Which state government has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with Ola Electric Mobility Private Limited to set World's largest EV hub with Rs. 7,614 crore investment? **Tamil Nadu**
- Ranking/ Reports/ Indices**
1. According to the "State of Solar PV Manufacturing in India" report by Mercom India Research, released in January 2023, India's solar module manufacturing capacity will reach 95 GW by which year? **2025**
 2. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data (released in Jan '23), the Digital Payments Index was increased to _____ in September 2022 from 349.30 in March 2022. **377.46**
 3. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA)'s report released in February 2023, India's Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) Initiative can save consumers around USD 440 billion globally in _____. **2030**
 4. According to the Global Threat Landscape Report 2021-2022 released (in Feb' 23) by CloudSEK, In 2022 Which country is the most likely targeted by the hackers in Asia and globally 2nd, after the United States of America (USA)? **India**
 5. According to the 'Electricity Market Report 2023' released by the International Energy Agency (IEA) on 8th February 2023, Asia will use half of the world's electricity by _____. **2025**

6. As per the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) and National Entrepreneurship Context Index (NECI) 2022/2023 report released in February 2023, what is India's rank out of 51 countries in terms of having a high-quality entrepreneurial ecosystem? **4th**
 7. In the OECD Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRDI): Policy Trends up to 2023 report, released in February 2023 India secured the _____ rank among 50 countries, while _____ tops the Index. **47th; Japan**
 8. Which organisation has recently (in Feb '23) released a report "Collapse and Recovery: How the COVID-19 Pandemic Eroded Human Capital and What to Do About It"? **World Bank**
 9. As per the Mercom India report, titled '2022 Q4 and Annual India solar market update' released in February 2023, Solar capacity installations in India increased by _____ year-on-year to 13 GW in 2022 compared to 10.2 GW installed in 2021. **27%**
 10. As per the 5th 'Annual Report Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) released in February 2023, the Unemployment rate (UR) at 5-year low of _____ in July 2021-June 2022. **4.1%**
 11. According to the 11th International Intellectual Property Rights Index 2023 released in February 2023, India secured _____ rank with an overall index score of 38.64% among 55 countries. **42nd**
 12. According to the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) - Crisil Ratings report released in February 2023, Assets Under Management (AUM) of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) is projected to grow _____ in FY23. **9.8%**
- Defence**
1. In which state, Indian Army's Exercise Topchi 2023, the annual firepower demonstration and training exercise, was conducted by the School of Artillery in January 2023? **Maharashtra**
 2. In February 2023, Indian Navy's Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) and the MIG29K Fighter Aircraft successfully performed their maiden landing and take-off attempts on which Indian Naval Ship (INS)? **INS Vikrant**
 3. In February 2023, the first Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge, Yard 125 (LSAM 15) was launched by Capt. Prashant Saxena, AWPS (Mbi) at M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, in _____. **Thane, Maharashtra**
 4. Name the operation under which the Indian Army recently (in Feb '2023) carried out a number of welfare activities in Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir. **Sadbhavana**
 5. Name the 4th edition of the India-Japan joint annual military training exercise that has recently (in Feb '23) commenced at Camp Imazu in Japan. **Dharma Guardian**
 6. With which country's Army, the Indian Army has recently (in Feb '23) commenced the 4th edition of the bilateral joint military exercise, 'Ex-

DUSTLIK IV – 2023', in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand? **Uzbekistan**

7. Name the Indian Naval Ship (INS) that recently (in Feb '23) received "on the spot" unit citation by chief of the naval staff (CNS) Admiral R. Harikumar. **INS Nireekshak**
8. In which city, the 1st Missile cum Ammunition (MCA) Barge, "Yard 75 (LSAM 7)" was launched (in Feb '23) by Rear Admiral Sandeep Mehta at Guttenedevi (SECON)? **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

Sports News

1. In January 2023, India won the 1st ICC (International Cricket Council) Under-19 Women's T20 (Twenty 20) World Cup 2023 by defeating which country? **England**
2. Former Indian _____ player Parimal Dey, who was fondly known as "Jangla-da," passed away in February 2023. **Football**
3. Indian Cricketer, "Joginder Sharma", has recently (In Feb '23) announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket. Which team did he play for in the Indian Premier League (IPL) from 2008 to 2012? **Chennai Super Kings**
4. Footballer 'Raphaël Xavier Varane' was recently (in Feb '23) announced his retirement from International Football. Which country did he represent in International Football? **France**
5. In February 2023, the Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Anurag Singh, and the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), Manoj Sinha, launched the mascot, theme song, and jersey for the _____ edition of the Khelo India Winter Games, to be held in Gulmarg, J&K. **3rd**
6. Australian Cricketer Aaron James Finch recently (in Feb '23) announced his retirement from International Cricket. In which year, Australia won their 1st International Cricket Council (ICC) T20I World Cup under the captaincy of Aaron James Finch? **2021**
7. Real Madrid, a Spanish professional football club, recently (in Feb '23) defeated _____ to win their fifth FIFA Club World Cup at Morocco 2022. **Al Hilal**
8. Who has recently (in Feb '23) won the first ever Formula E race in India- 2023 Greenko Hyderabad E-Prix? **Jean-Eric Vergne**
9. Name the personality who has recently (in Feb '23) won the Men's Singles title at the 2023 Dallas Open at the finals held in the city of Dallas, United States of America (USA). **Wu Yibing**
10. Which of the following countries was/were recently (in Feb '2023) qualified for the 2026 FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) world cup? **United States, Canada and Mexico**
11. Who has recently (in Feb '23) became India's 80th Grandmaster (GM), after defeating International Master (IM) Ilja Schneider (Germany) at the NordWest Cup 2023 in Germany? **N.R. Vignesh**
12. Which cricket team recently (in Feb '23) won the 8th edition of ICC Women's T20I World Cup 2023 by defeating South Africa women's team & claimed their 6th

overall & 3rd consecutive ICC Women's T20I World Cup title? **Australia**

Miscellaneous

1. As per the Asian Waterbird Census 2023, conducted in January 2023, which state/UT the 52 avian species were observed? **Ladakh**
2. Shanti Bhushan, Former Union Minister of _____ from 1977 to 1979, passed away in January 2023. **Law and Justice**
3. A renowned Telugu filmmaker & Padma Awardee 'Kasinadhuni Vishwanath' passed away in February 2023. In which year did he receive the Padma Shri award in the field of Art? **1992**
4. Name the Indian company that was included in the list of the "World's Most Admired Companies" of 2023 by FORTUNE Magazine in February 2023? **Tata Consultancy Services**
5. 7. Vani Jairam, Veteran Singer & Padma Bhushan awardee passed away in February 2023. In which year, she was honoured with "Padma Bhushan award" in the field of Art? **2023**
6. K.V. Tirumalesh, a well-known Kannada writer & Sahitya Akademi Awardee, passed away in February 2023. In which year did he receive the 'Sahitya Akademi Award' for his collection of poems "Akshaya Kavya"? **2015**
7. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has recently (in Feb '23) announced the expansion of its partnership with _____ for long-term savings. **Phoenix Group**
8. Name the personality from Mumbai, Maharashtra, who was recently (in Feb '23) crowned as the winner of Taj Miss India 2023 at the grand finale of Taj Miss & Mrs. India 2023. **Akshata Rakshe**
9. In February 2023, Liberty Global Plc. acquired a _____ stake in Vodafone Group Plc. betting on share revival. **4.9%**
10. Which company recently (in Feb '23) got approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for the acquisition of certain assets of Jaiprakash Associates Limited and its associates? **Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited**
11. Arjuna Awardee 'Tulsidas Balaram' Passed Away (in February 2023). In which field did he receive the Arjuna Award in 1962? **Football**
12. In February 2023, 12 cheetahs from _____ were released into the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh. **South Africa**
13. Balipa Narayana Bhagawatha, a legendary _____ playback singer passed away in February 2023. **Yakshagana**
14. In which state "Horaglanis populi", a new species of catfish with no eyes & blood-red body, was discovered by an Indo-German team of researchers in February 2023? **Kerala**
15. _____ has recently (in Feb '23) become 1st High Court (HC) in India to publish its judgments in the regional language. **Kerala High Court**
16. In February 2023, Thyreus narendrani', a new species of cuckoo bee was discovered in _____ (State). **Kerala**