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STATE/ UT NEWS

1. Which state has recently (in March '23) approved the launch of a new Livelihoods Cluster Development initiative for tribal people under the "Mukhya Mantri Janajati Jeebika Mission" with an outlay of Rs 500 crore? **Odisha**
2. As of March 2023, The Uttar Pradesh (UP) set to get its third international cricket stadium in _____. **Varanasi**
3. In which Indian city, the new project called "beggar-free city" was launched in March 2023? **Nagpur, Maharashtra**
4. For the first time in India, Mimeusemia ceylonica, a rare moth species was recently (in March '23) spotted in the buffer zone of Kalakkad–Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR) in _____. **Tamil Nadu**
5. In which state, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has recently (in March '23) inaugurated 'Asia's largest 4-metre International Liquid Mirror Telescope'? **Uttarakhand**
6. Name the state government that has recently (in March '23) launched a portal for Employment registration.? **Jharkhand**
7. Tetra Pak India factory, in _____, has recently (in Feb '23) became India's 1st world-class TPM (total productive maintenance) manufacturing facility.? **Pune, Maharashtra**
8. According to the Swiss air tracking index 'IQAir' released in February 2023, _____ has been ranked as the most-polluted city in India.? **Mumbai**
9. In which city, the three days 'International Bio-resource Conclave & Ethno-pharmacology Congress 2023' was held in February 2023? **Jharkhand**
10. In which city, the 20th Edition of 'BioAsia', Asia's largest Life Sciences and Healthcare Convention was inaugurated in February 2023? **Hyderabad, Telangana**
11. Which state government has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with Ociar Energy India Pvt Ltd for the production of green hydrogen and green ammonia with an investment of Rs 40,000 crore? **Gujarat**
12. The Church gate railway station in _____ to be renamed as 'Chintamanrao Deshmukh station', after the first governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) CD Deshmukh? **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
13. In which state 'Marat Longri Wildlife Sanctuary' is located? **Assam**
14. In which state 'Silent Valley National Park' is located? **Kerala**
15. In which state 'Mukurthi National Park' is located? **Tamil Nadu**
16. In which state Ellora Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located? **Maharashtra**
17. The Mudumalai National Park is located in which state? **Tamil Nadu**
18. In which state/UT, 'Hokersar bird sanctuary' is located? **Jammu and Kashmir**
19. In which state 'Sariska Tiger Reserve (STR)' is located? **Rajasthan**
20. The Kais Wildlife Sanctuary is located in _____. **Himachal Pradesh**
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23. In which state 'Mahuadanr Wildlife Sanctuary' is located? **Hemant Soren**
24. In which state, 'Vallanadu Black Buck Sanctuary' is located? **Tamil Nadu**
25. In which state 'Kanha National Park' is located? **Madhya Pradesh**
26. In which state, 'Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary' is located? **Assam**
27. In which state 'Rangapahar Wildlife Sanctuary' is located? **Nagaland**
28. In which state 'Jaldapara National Park' is located? **West Bengal**
29. The 'Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary' is located in which state? **Andhra Pradesh**
30. In which state 'Kanawar Wildlife Sanctuary' is located? **Himachal Pradesh**
31. In which state 'Pakhui Tiger Reserve' is located? **Arunachal Pradesh**
32. The 'Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve' is located in _____. **Rajasthan**
33. The Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary is located in _____ (state). **Odisha**
34. The 'Nalabana bird sanctuary' is located in which state? **Odisha**
35. In which state, 'Kanger Valley National Park' is located? **Chhattisgarh**
36. In which state 'Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve' is located? **Madhya Pradesh**
37. The 'Kalakad Wildlife Sanctuary' is located in which state? **Tamil Nadu**
38. In which state 'Sanjay Gandhi National Park' is located? **Maharashtra**
39. In which state 'Clouded Leopard National Park' is located? **Tripura**
40. In which state 'Sahyadri Tiger Reserve' is located? **Maharashtra**
41. In which state/UT 'Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary' is located? **Delhi**
42. In which state 'Bor Tiger Reserve' is located? **Maharashtra**
43. In which state 'Gorumara National Park' is located? **West Bengal**
44. The 'Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve' is located in which state? **Tamil Nadu**
45. In which state 'Dhauladhar Wildlife Sanctuary' is located? **Himachal Pradesh**
46. In which state 'Binsar wildlife sanctuary' is located? **Uttarakhand**
47. In which state, 'Palamau Tiger Reserve (PTR)' is located? **Jharkhand**
48. The Madhav National Park is located in _____ (State). **Madhya Pradesh**
49. In which state 'Kurinjalama Wildlife Sanctuary' is located? **Kerala**
50. In which state, 'Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve' is located? **Tamil Nadu**
51. In which state 'Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve' is located? **Rajasthan**
52. In which state 'Jim Corbett National Park' is located? **Uttarakhand**
53. In which state 'Bannerghatta National Park' is located? **Karnataka**
54. Sukhna Lake is located in which State? **Chandigarh**
55. In which state 'Kaundinya Wildlife Sanctuary' is located? **Andhra Pradesh**
56. In which state 'Dudhwa National Park' is located? **Uttar Pradesh**
57. In which state 'Daranghati Wildlife Sanctuary' is located? **Himachal Pradesh**
58. The 'Kalakad Wildlife Sanctuary' is located in which state? **Tamil Nadu**
59. The Millets Mahotsav was organized from 28th February to 1st March 2023 at Bhojpur district of _____. **Bihar**
60. Who is the current (as of March '23) Director General (DG) of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)? **Rajendra Kumar**

61. The Bastar district, mentioned in news recently, is located in _____ (State/UT). **Chhattisgarh**
62. Who is the current (as of March '23) Chairman of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)? **Arun Kumar Singh**
63. As per the India Today Tourism Survey released in February 2023, _____ (State/UT) has been chosen for the best adventure tourism award? **Jammu & Kashmir**
64. Muziris, a major ancient port city for the spice trade located in _____. **Kerala**
65. Name the bank that has recently (in Feb '23) completed a USD 1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility.?- **State Bank of India**
66. In March 2023, FedEx announced a plan to open its first Advanced Capability Community (ACC) in _____. **Hyderabad, Telangana**
67. In March 2023, _____ based-food startup "Bai Veetu Kalyanam Biryani" launched India's first 'manless takeaway' in Kolathur. **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**
68. In December 2022, Chief Justice of India (CJI) **D Y Chandrachud** virtually inaugurated 10 district court digitisation hubs(DCDH)in _____. **Odisha**
69. In which state, the 'Under The Sal Tree' theatre festival' was held in December 2022? **Assam**
70. Which state celebrated the 'Attukal Pongala festival' in March 2023? **Kerala**
71. **The National Institute** of Mountaineering & Adventure Sports (NIMAS) is located in-- -----Dirang, **Arunachal Pradesh**
72. In which Indian state/UT, 'Asia's Largest Tulip Garden' is located? **Jammu and Kashmir**

73. Name the Financial services company that has recently (in March '23) acquired the Silicon Valley Bank, United Kingdom (UK) unit for 1 pound. **HSBC Financial Services**

74. The Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) will commemorate 40 years of glory on 18th March 2023. Where is the headquarters of CESTAT located? **New Delhi, Delhi**

75. The second Cyber Dialogue was held between India and _____(country) at **Delhi in March 2023.**? Netherlands

76. The National Institute of Mountaineering & Adventure Sports (NIMAS) is located in? **Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh**

77. In which Indian state/UT, 'Asia's Largest Tulip Garden' is located? **Jammu and Kashmir**

78. Where is the Headquarters of the Omni Card situated? **Noida, Uttar Pradesh**

79. Mendipathar is the only railway station in the north-eastern state of _____ **Meghalaya**

80. The Government approved Reservation norms for mandatory use of jute in packaging of rice, wheat, and sugar for the Jute Year 2022-23, under the Jute Packaging Materials Act _____ **1987**

81. Which state/UT has recently (in March '23) created Guinness World Records for the largest number of handwritten notes? **Assam**

NATIONAL NEWS

1. In February 2023, Hope Seven, India's 1st Container Feeder Service ship was launched between _____ ports. **Chennai - Puducherry**

2. In which state, the Government of India (GoI) recently (in Feb '23) approved the 2,880-megawatt (MW) Dibang Multipurpose Project (MPP), the largest ever hydropower project, with the investment of USD 3.9 billion? **Arunachal Pradesh**
3. In February 2023, _____, Union Minister of State (MoS) of Electronics and Information Technology launched the Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC) portal, to address users' appeals against social media platforms. **Rajeev Chandrasekhar**
4. Which country's **University "Deakin"** is set to become the first foreign university to set up a campus in India (in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat)? **Australia**
5. In which city, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya has recently (in Feb '23) inaugurated a 2-day Chintan Shivir on "Drugs: Quality Regulations & Enforcement"? **Hyderabad, Telangana**
6. In which state/UT, the National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) has recently (in March '23) approved the installation of the Indian Air Force's Mountain Radar? **Ladakh**
7. As of March 2023, which state government is set to establish 'India's first government mother milk bank'? **Uttarakhand**
8. Name the Union Minister who recently (in Feb '23) launched the Vaibhav Fellowship Scheme for Indian Diaspora abroad at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi. **Jitendra Singh (Union Minister of Science and Technology)**
9. Which ministry has recently (in Dec '23) renamed the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK) Scheme as Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme? **Minister of Minority Affairs**
10. In March 2023, NTPC Limited installed India's 1st Air-Cooled Condenser (ACC) in its North Karanpura supercritical thermal plant in _____. **Jharkhand**
11. According to the data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) in March 2023, India's unemployment rate rose to ____ in February 2023 from 7.14% in January 2023. **7.45%**
12. In March 2023, _____ received India's first homologation certificate from ICAT (International Centre for Automotive Technology) for its Electric tipper, India's 1st 6×4 heavy-duty Electric Tipper. **Olectra Greentech Ltd**
13. Name the organisation that recently (in Feb '23) hosted 'LIFEathon,' a hybrid hackathon to create a Pro-Planet Network in collaboration with NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog. **United Nations Development Programme**
14. Name the organisations/institutes recently (in Feb '23) collaborated with the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) to organise the 3rd regional workshop on the development of sustainable and responsible tourist destinations in Hyderabad, Telangana? **Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management, United Nations Environment Programme and Responsible Tourism Society of India.**
15. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) recently (in March '23) approved the launch of _____'s

nano DAP (di-ammonium phosphate) fertilizer in the market. **Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited**

16. Name the Union Minister who has recently (in March '23) launched the South Asia Distribution Utility Network (SADUN) to modernize distribution of utilities in South Asia. **RK Singh (Union Minister of Power)**

17. In March 2023, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Information & Broadcasting, Anurag Singh Thakur launched the Yuva Utsava-India@2047 from _____ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT). **IIT Ropar**

18. In March 2023, the world's 1st 200-meter-long Bamboo Crash Barrier named "Bahu Balli" has been installed on the Vani-Warora Highway in Vidarbha, _____. **Maharashtra**

19. Which state government has recently (in Feb '23) launched a scheme 'Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Yojana' to make women financially independent? **Madhya Pradesh**

20. In March 2023, Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha unveiled former CM, Biju Patnaik's iconic "Dakota" DC3 (AT-AUI) aircraft for public display at Biju Patnaik International Airport in _____(city). **Bhubaneswar**

21. Name the private companies, along with Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY), were empanelled to provide e-invoice registration services to businesses by Goods and Service Tax Network (GSTN) in March 2023? **IRIS Business Services Ltd, Cygnet Infotech Pvt. Ltd and Clear**

22. Which department of GoI has recently (in March '23) issued a set of guidelines titled "Endorsements Know-Hows!": For

Celebrities, Influencers & Virtual Influencers on Social Media Platforms? **Department of Consumer Affairs**

23. Name the organisation that has recently (in March' 23) collaborated with the Indian School of Business (ISB) as a knowledge partner for the G-20 Education Working Group (EWG). **National Skill Development Corporation**

24. In March 2023, Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister (CM) of Chhattisgarh, presented the state budget of _____ for the Financial Year (FY) 2023-24. **Rs 1,21,501 crore**

25. In March 2023, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Communications, released 'Go Green, Go Organic', a unique cover of the Department of Posts for _____ (state). **Sikkim**

26. Name the Government agency/company that has recently (in March '23) issued new guidelines for the transportation of dangerous & hazardous goods. **Bureau of Indian Standards**

27. Name the union minister who has recently (in March '23) launched 'Swachhotsav', a 3-week women-led swachhata campaign. **Hardeep Singh Puri (Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs)**

28. The Ministry of Power has recently (in March '23) mandated new coal/ lignite-based thermal plants to either set up renewable energy capacity equivalent to at least ____ (percent) of the thermal plant's capacity or procure that much supply of green energy under a Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO). **40%**

29. In March 2023, the GoI approved the report of a task force to recommend measures to modernise the transmission

sector and make it smart and future-ready. Who chaired the task report, which was formed by the Ministry of Power (MoP)? **K. Sreekant**

30. Which state recently (in March '23) became the 1st state in India to begin the commercial cultivation of Liquorice (Mulethi)? **Himachal Pradesh**

31. In which state, 'Arogya Mahila', a new health programme for women was launched in March 2023? **Telangana**

32. In March 2023, Harpal Singh Cheema, Finance Minister (FM) of Punjab, presented the state budget of _____ for the Financial Year (FY) 2023-24. **Rs 1.96 lakh crore**

33. Name the organisation/GoI agency that has recently (in March '23) released a task force report titled "Production and Promotion of Organic and Bio fertilizers with Special Focus on Improving Economic Viability of Gaushalas". **NITI Aayog**

34. Name the states, the Ministry of Ports, shipping, and waterways (MoPSW) has recently (in March '23) sanctioned eight floating jetty projects, under its Sagarmala Programme? **Karnataka & Tamil Nadu**

35. Which ministry has recently (in March '23) appointed 'Grant Thornton Bharat LLP' to assist in the formulation of an Annual Capacity Building Plan (ACBP)? **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**

36. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, CM of Madhya Pradesh (MP) recently (in March '23) announced the formation of a new district named Mauganj, which brings the total number of districts in MP to _____. **53**

37. In March 2023, PM Narendra Modi dedicated the world's longest railway platform at "Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji

Hubballi Station" in _____ (state). **Karnataka**

38. As per the "Landslide Atlas of India" report released in March 2023, Uttarakhand's _____ (1st) and _____ (2nd) are the most landslide-prone districts in India.

Rudraprayag, Tehri Garhwal

39. In March 2023, the Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy launched the Voluntary Star Labelling Programme, iDEEKSHA Portal and iDEEKSHA Newsletter on the occasion of the 21st Foundation day of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE). Who is the current (as of March '23) Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy? **Raj Kumar Singh**

40. The Department of Consumer Affairs recently (in March '23) announced that the sale of hallmarked gold jewellery without a 6 digit alphanumeric HUID number will not be allowed from _____ 2023 onwards. **1st April**

41. In which city, the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has recently (in March '23) unveiled India's first and world's second 100% methanol-powered 10-tonne prototype truck? **Bengaluru, Karnataka**

42. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has recently (in March '23) signed a contract for Normal Refit of _____ Submarine at Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) with cost of Rs 934 crore. **INS Sindhukirti**

43. Which statutory body of the S & T department has recently (in March '23) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT) to promote

research networking between India & Sweden? **Science and Engineering Research Board**

44. Name the Asia's 1st female loco pilot who recently (in March '23) became the first woman loco pilot of Vande Bharat Express train. **Surekha Yadav**

45. Union Minister of Finance, Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir budget of Rs. _____ in the Lok Sabha in March 2023. **1.18 lakh crores**

46. Name the comprehensive self-monitoring framework that has recently (in March '23) launched by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of NITI Aayog to strengthen the ever-growing ecosystem of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL). **ATL Sarthi**

47. In March 2023, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Chief Minister (CM) of Himachal Pradesh (HP), presented the first and final installment of the supplementary budget of Rs. _____ for the fiscal year 2023-24 (FY24) **13,141.07 crore**

48. In which state, the '5-day Yaoshang Festival 2023' was celebrated in March 2023? **Manipur**

49. In March 2023, the BhumChu festival (Buddhist festival) was celebrated in which state? **Sikkim**

50. Which state recently (in March '23) launched 'Resham Keet Bima' scheme, India's 1st silkworm insurance scheme for Seri culturists? **Uttarakhand**

51. Which wildlife sanctuary has recently (in March '23) been identified as a suitable location for relocating 40 adult and sub-adult Asiatic lions from Gir National Park? **Barda Wildlife Sanctuary**

52. Which company recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with India Post to help MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) and enhance e-commerce? **Shippocket and Pickrr**

53. In March 2023, the Ministry of Steel signed _____ MoUs with 27 companies for worth Rs. 6322 crores under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for specialty steel. **57**

54. Which city was recently (in March '23) declared as the First Tourism & Cultural Capital of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)? **Kashi, Uttar Pradesh**

55. Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister (CM) of Rajasthan recently (in March '23) announced the formation of 19 new districts & 3 new divisional headquarters in the State, which brings the total number of districts in Rajasthan to _____. **50**

56. Which company's Rampura Agucha Mines & Zawar Group of Mines has recently (in March '23) became the first GreenCo-certified mines? **Hindustan Zinc Limited**

57. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) received India's first Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) license to produce fire-resistant steel for 1st time in India. **Jindal Steel and Power Ltd**

58. In March 2023, Prime Minister (PM) of India, Narendra Modi and Bangladesh PM, Sheikh Hasina virtually inaugurated the 131.5 kilometer long India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFP). The IBFP is a first cross-border pipeline that connects between _____ (City) in West Bengal, India and Parbatipur in the Dinajpur district of Bangladesh. **Siliguri**

59. The Labour-20 (L20) of G20 recently (in March '23) adopted two joint statements in

its inception meeting to resolve the issue of social security portability and to address the gender gap. In which city the inception meeting was held? **Amritsar, Punjab**

60. In which state 'Pakhala Diwas 2023' is celebrated on 20th March 2023? **Odisha**

61. In March 2023, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), issued 14 guidelines to tackle Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC). The guidelines are being implemented by MoEF&CC together with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH & state forest departments of _____ (states). **Karnataka, Uttarakhand and West Bengal**

62. Which company has recently (in March '23) signed 2 contracts worth Rs 3,700 crore with the Ministry of Defence to procure 'Arudhra' Medium Power Radars (MPR) & 129 DR-118 Radar Warning Receivers (RWR) for the Indian Air Force? **Bharat Electronics Limited**

63. Which Ministry's startup hub has recently (in March '23) collaborated with Indian Highways Management Company Limited to organise a hackathon on barrier less tolling systems and intelligent traffic management systems? **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**

64. In which city, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has recently (in March '23) laid the foundation stone & dedicated development projects worth more than Rs.1780 crores? **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**

65. In March 2023, _____ became India's 1st state to pass the Right to Health Act. **Rajasthan**

66. In March 2023, the Government of India (GoI) decided to form a committee to reform the National Pension System (NPS) for government employees. Who heads the committee to reform the NPS? **TV Somanathan**

67. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has recently (in March '23) allocated Rs.318 crore for the construction of the 150-km-long Tanakpur-Pithoragarh all-weather road in _____ (state). **Uttarakhand**

68. As per the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), the import of urea (agricultural grade) on the Government account has recently (in March '23) extended the tenure of Indian Potash Limited (IPL) until _____. **31st March 2024**

69. In March 2023, the Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP) & Quality Council of India (QCI), launched the "Uttar Pradesh Gunvatta Sankalp" (Uttar Pradesh Quality Mission) at Lucknow. Name the industry associations collaborated on the launch of UP Gunvatta Sankalp, along with the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)? **Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

70. In March 2023, India's 1st quantum computing-based telecom network link was operational between Sanchar Bhawan and the National Informatics Centre (NIC) office located in _____. **New Delhi, Delhi**

71. Name the companies that have recently (in March '23) developed India's 1st Bauxite

Certified Reference Material (CRM) 'BARC B1201'? **National Aluminium Company Limited and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre**

72. According to the Gujarat Authority for Advance Rulings, what percentage of the goods and services tax (GST) is quoted (as of March '23) for the tobacco coated with natural edible gum and sold in personalized gunny bags? **28%**

73. In March 2023, the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) increased the interest rate of Provident Fund deposits for the current fiscal year 2022-23 (FY23) to _____ from a four-decade low of 8.10% in FY22. **8.15%**

74. The International Conference on Blended Learning Ecosystem for Higher Education in Agriculture 2023 (ICBLE 2023) was held in New Delhi, Delhi. Which organisation/bank, along with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has recently (in March '23) issued the Delhi Declaration on Modernization of Agricultural Education System in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP)? **World Bank**

75. In March 2023, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) amended the PFRDA (Redressal of Subscriber Grievance) Regulations 2015 & increased the upper age limit of the Ombudsman from 65 to _____ years. **70**

76. Which state's 'Gandhamardan Hill' was recently (in March '23) declared as India's 37th biodiversity heritage site? **Odisha**

77. In March 2023, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) extended the deadline to link Permanent Account Number (PAN) with

Aadhaar from 31st March 2023 to _____. **30th June 2023**

78. Which state government has recently (in March '23) launched 'Pathashree-Rastashree', a flagship project to strengthen road infrastructure? **West Bengal**

79. In which state, the Ministry of Electronics & Information technology (MeitY) has recently (in March '23) approved to set up Rs.180 crore worth Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC)? **Karnataka**

80. In March 2023, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 13.7 kilometers (Km) metro stretch for the commercial operations from Whitefield (Kadugodi) to Krishnarajapuram in _____. **Bengaluru, Karnataka**

81. Name the Union Minister who has recently (in March '23) inaugurated the 1st business to business (B2B) Conference and Expo on Traditional Medicine under the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Guwahati, Assam? **Sarbananda Sonowal (Union Minister of Ayush)**

82. In March 2023, the 2nd G20 (Group of Twenty) Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPIFI) meeting was held in _____. **Hyderabad, Telangana**

83. In March 2023, the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) formed a committee to design a road-map to onshore Indian start-ups domiciled abroad for setting up their base in GIFT (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City) City in Gujarat. The committee will be headed by _____. **G. Padmanabhan**

84. In March 2023, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public

- Distribution (MoCAF&PD) constituted a committee to monitor the stock of Tur (Arhar). Who will chair the committee?
Nidhi Khare
85. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has recently (in March '23) constituted a _____ member task force chaired by _____, to make India a 'product developer and manufacturing nation'? **9, Bhuvnesh Kumar**
86. Which company has recently (in March '23) got the approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire the certain shareholding of JM Baxi Ports and Logistics Limited? **HL Terminal Holding B.V**
87. Which company has recently (in March '23) partnered with NGO Frank Water for a water management pilot outside Bengaluru, Karnataka? **Apple**
88. Which company has recently (in March '23) partnered with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA) to develop a freshwater fish vaccine against Hemorrhagic Septicemia? **Indian Immunologicals Ltd**
89. In March 2023, Indian Railways set a target to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by _____ (Year)? **2030**
90. Name the Union Minister who has recently (in March '23) released the 24th issue of publication titled "Women and Men in India 2022" at, New Delhi, Delhi? **Rao Inderjit Singh (MoS of Statistics and Programme Implementation)**
91. In which state, the Archaeological Survey of India recently (in Feb '23) discovered a ,300-year-old Buddhist stupa? **Odisha**
92. In which state/UT, Asia's longest-ever cycle race was flagged off in March 2023?
Jammu and Kashmir
93. Which state recently (in March '23) inaugurated the 'Keeladi museum'? **Tamil Nadu**
94. Where is the Hingolghadh Nature Education Sanctuary located? **Gujarat**
95. Who is the current (as of March '23) Chairman & Managing Director of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA)? **Pradip Kumar Das**
106. According to the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying data (as of March '23), India stands _____ in the world in terms of fish production. **3rd**
107. Who has recently (in March '23) become the fastest Indian in the under 21 group to swim across the Palk Strait from Talaimannar in Sri Lanka to Dhanuskodi in Tamil Nadu in 5 hours and 30 minutes?
Sampanna Ramesh Shelar
108. The Birsamunda International Hockey Stadium is located in _____ (state).?
Odisha
109. Which state government has recently (in Feb '23) renamed Islam Nagar village as 'Jagdishpur'? **Madhya Pradesh**
110. Name state that has recently (in Feb '23) inaugurated the 'MV Ganga Vihar floating restaurant'? **Bihar**
111. In February 2023, the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel recommended Saravanan U for the post of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of _____ (company)? **National Fertilizers Limited**
112. Name the Union Minister who has recently (in Feb '23) chaired the CEO

- Conclave at PLASTINDIA 2023? **Mansukh Mandaviya (Union minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers)**
113. In which Wildlife Sanctuary, the Neeli Jheel ecotourism site was inaugurated in February 2023? **Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary**
114. Name the state government that has recently (in March '23) approved a Rs. 80 billion investment from a Foxconn unit (Taiwan)? **Karnataka**
115. In which Indian city, the new project called "beggar-free city" was launched in March 2023? **Nagpur, Maharashtra**
116. According to the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying data (as of March '23), India stands _____ in the world in terms of fish production? **3rd**
117. Which state government has recently (in Feb '23) renamed Islam Nagar village as 'Jagdishpur'? **Madhya Pradesh**
118. In February 2023, the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel recommended Saravanan U for the post of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of _____ (company)?. **National Fertilizers Limited**
119. Name the Union Minister who has recently (in Feb '23) chaired the CEO Conclave at PLASTINDIA 2023? **Mansukh Mandaviya (Union minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers)**
120. Who is the current (as of March '23) Chairman & Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)? **Siva subramanian Ramann**
121. Who is the acting chairman of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), as of March 2023? **Siddhartha Mohanty**
122. Who has recently (in March '23) appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Grammarly, with effect from 1st May 2023? **Rahul Roy Chowdhury**
123. Who is the current (as of March '23) chairperson of Quality Council of India (QCI)? **Jaxay Shah**
124. Fatehpur Sikri, a United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) heritage site, is located in which Indian state? **Uttar Pradesh**
125. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) launched a new technology platform powered by 100% indigenously developed technology? **Paytm**
126. In which state, 'Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary' is located? **Goa**
127. Who was recently (in March '23) appointed as the additional director and independent director of Tata Motors? **Usha Sangwan**
128. Who has been recently (in March' 23) appointed as the chair of the Community Bond Task Force (CBTF) committee in US's Dallas? **Arun Agarwal**
129. Which state/UT has recently (in March '23) got its first foreign direct investment for the construction of a 250-crore mega shopping mall by Dubai-based Emaar Group? **Jammu and Kashmir**
130. In March 2023, US-based GQG Partners trimmed its stake in the HDFC Asset Management Company (AMC) from 5.33% to _____%? **ABB India**
131. . Name the personality who recently (in March '23) became the first person to swim from Gateway of India to Elephanta Caves? **Krishna Prakash**

132. In March 2023, the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal in _____ produced India's first cloned desi Gir female calf, 'Ganga'? **Haryana**

133. Name the personality who has been named for Assam's highest civilian award, 'Asom Baibhav', for the year 2023? **Tapan Saikia**

134. In March 2023, Ashneer Grover's Third Unicorn launched a cricket-focused fantasy sports app called CrickPe. Ashneer Grover is the co-founder of which company? **BharatPe**

135. In March 2023, Punjab and Haryana high court became the first court in India to have used Chat GPT to decide bail plea. In Chat GPT, What does 'G' stand for? **Generative**

136. In which year, the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) was established? **1920**

137. Bihar celebrated its 111th foundation day on _____. **22nd March 2023**

138. Who was recently (in March '23) appointed as the President of the Bosch Group in India? **Guruprasad Mudlapur**

139. In March 2023, the Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, launched 'DigiClaim' to claim crop insurance through National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP) under the ambit of _____ (scheme).? **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana**

140. Name the personalities who have recently (in Feb '23) qualified for the 2023 World Athletics Championships & 2024 Paris Olympics after meeting the qualifying standards at the National Open Race Walking Championships 2023.?. **Priyanka Goswami & Akshdeep Singh**

141. The unique and flagship initiative "Dhara: Ode to Indian Knowledge Systems", under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by the _____, completed one year in February 2023.? **Ministry of Culture**

142. India celebrated the Soil Health Card Day on _____.? **19th February 2023**

143. Name the personality from India who has recently (in Feb '23) elected as the chair of 62nd session of the United Nations (UN) Commission for Social Development? **Ruchira Kamboj**

144. Which company has recently (in March '23) launched 'Used Car Digi Loans' in partnership with Car&Bike and Rupy? **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd**

145. Name the personality who has recently (in Feb '23) won the National Geographic 'Pictures of the Year' award for his photograph titled "Dance of the Eagles".?. **Karthik Subramaniam**

146. TCA Ramanujam, Former _____ & BusinessLine columnist, passed away in February 2023.? **Chief Commissioner of Income Tax**

147. Who is the current (as of March 2023) Prime Minister (PM) of Nepal? **Pushpa Kamal Dahal**

148. Who is the current (as of March '23) Director General (DG) of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)? **Rajendra Kumar**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. As per the 'Brand Finance Telecoms 150 2023' report, released in February 2023, Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited became the _____ strongest telecoms brand globally, while _____ tops the list as world's strongest telecoms brand with a BSI score of 92/100. **2nd; Swisscom**
2. According to the latest World Trade Organization (WTO) Goods Trade Barometer issued in March 2023, the World merchandise trade growth is likely to have lost momentum in the 4th quarter of 2022 & it is likely to remain weak in the 1st quarter of 2023. **92.2**
3. In March 2023, United Nations (UN) members agreed on the first international treaty named 'High Seas Treaty' to protect marine biodiversity that lies outside the national boundaries. The High Seas Treaty places _____ of the world's oceans into protected areas. **30%**
4. Which organization/bank has recently (in March 2023) released the "Women, Business, and the Law 2023" report with the key finding that 'nearly 2.4 billion women of working age globally don't have the same economic rights as men'? **World Bank**
5. Which organisation has recently (in March '23) released a report with the key finding that the number of acutely malnourished pregnant & breastfeeding women to be increased by 25% between 2020 (5.5 million) and 2022 (6.9 million) in 12 countries? **United Nations Children's Fund**
6. As per the new International Women's Day (8th March 2023) study report from City Index 2023, India has the _____ highest number of female billionaires in the world, while _____ (country) tops the list with a total of 92 female billionaires. **5th; United States**
7. Which organisation has recently (in March '23) released a report that states, nations must make "massive efforts" to reduce salt (Sodium) intake? **World Health Organization**
8. The _____ edition of France-led multilateral (5 nation) naval exercise "La Perouse 2023" held in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) in March 2023. **3rd**
9. The Indian Navy's 'A P8I aircraft' is participating in the _____ edition of anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise SEA DRAGON 23, which is held from March 15 to 30, 2023 in waters off Guam of USA. **3rd**
10. Which state/UT has recently (in March '23) listed among TIME Magazine's top 50 "World's Greatest Places of 2023" along with Mayurbhanj District, Odisha? **Ladakh**
11. According to the Global Commission on Economics of Water (GCEW) report released in March 2023, by which year, the food supply in India & across the globe will be reduced by at least 6% due to water crises and heat stress caused by climate change? **2050**
12. As per the 'Global landscape of renewable energy finance 2023 report' released by International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) & Climate Policy Initiative (CPI) in February 2023, the 70% of developing & emerging countries in the world received only _____ of global investments in renewable energy (RE) in 2022. **15%**
13. According to the 11th edition of World Happiness Report 2023 released in March 2023, India secured _____ rank,

- while _____ tops the position for the 6th year in a row. **126; Finland**
14. Name the organisation that has recently (in March '23) signed a new Accreditation Master Agreement (AMA) with Green Climate Fund (GCF) for 5 years to provide vital climate finance to countries in the critical decade for action. **United Nations Development Programme**
15. Which organisation has recently (in March '23) released a report with the key finding that Global Climate Action is "insufficient" in limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (°C) above pre-industrial levels? **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change**
16. Name the Indian Institute of Technology(IIT)s that recently (in March '23) featured among the top 50 in the subject of Engineering and Technology in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023? **IIT Delhi and IIT Bombay**
17. According to the Global Trade Update (March 2023) of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the global trade in goods is expected to rise by about _____ (year over year) in the first quarter (Q1) of 2023, while trade in services is projected to grow by about 3%. **1%**
18. Name the country that has recently (in March '23) became a member of the New Development Bank (NDB). **Egypt**
19. Name the organisation/bank that has recently (in March' 23) released a report with key highlighting, India's potential economic growth can get a boost if the government accelerates implementation of its ambitious reform agenda. **World Bank**
20. In March 2023, a Group of Twenty (G20) Expert Group on strengthening Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) was constituted to ensure that the MDBs are equipped to finance a wide range of sustainable development goals (SDG). **30th June 2023**
21. Along with IL-78 midair refueller aircraft, which of the following Indian Air Force's aircraft/ fighters were recently (in March '23) participated in the Exercise Cobra Warrior - 23, for the first time in the United Kingdom? **Mirage 2000 fighters and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft**
22. Which of the following countries were recently (in March '23) certified as "malaria-free" by the World Health Organization (WHO)? **Azerbaijan and Tajikistan**
23. Georgina Beyer, the world's first openly transgender Member of Parliament (MP), passed away in March 2023. Which country does Georgina Beyer belong to? **New Zealand**
24. In March 2023, _____ (Country) to be 1st North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member to give Ukraine fighter jets to defend itself against the Russian invasion? **Poland**
25. What is the capital of the United Republic of Tanzania? **Dodoma**
26. Sri Lanka celebrated its 75 years of Independence on _____, under the theme Namō Namō Matha - A step towards a century. **4th February 2023**
27. According to the report released by Utility Bidder in March 2023, India has seen the highest rise in deforestation in the last 30 years and ranked 2nd globally after _____

- with average deforestation of 668,400 hectares (ha)? **Brazil**
28. Which country has recently (in Feb '23) announced the decision to remove the British monarchy from its banknotes? **Australia**
29. Name the country that has recently (in Feb '23) received 100 nautical charts from India? **Kenya**
30. The CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) trade database has recorded 28 incidents of red sanders confiscation, seizure & specimens being exported from India in 2022.
The Red Sanders listed under the Schedule _____ of the Wildlife Protection Act _____ ?
IV; 1972
31. In February 2023, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh announced that the International Seabed Authority has officially designated India as a "Pioneer Investor" in the Blue Economy.
Where is the headquarters of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) located? **Kingston, Jamaica**
32. Where is the Headquarters of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) located? **Geneva, Switzerland**
33. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) received an international order for the world's first zero-emission feeder container vessel? **Cochin Shipyard Limited**
34. In which state, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has recently (in March '23) inaugurated 'Asia's largest 4-metre International Liquid Mirror Telescope'? **Uttarakhand**
35. According to the report released by Utility Bidder in March 2023, India has seen the highest rise in deforestation in the last 30 years and ranked 2nd globally after _____, with average deforestation of 668,400 hectares (ha)? **Brazil**
36. Which country will host the 2027 Asian Football Confederation's Asian Nations Cup? **Saudi Arabia**
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38. Name the country that has recently (in Feb '23) received 100 nautical charts from India? **Kenya**
39. Name the world's first cloned goat that has recently (in March '23) passed away? **Noori**
40. Where is the Headquarters of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) located? **Geneva, Switzerland**
41. Name the country that has recently (in Feb '23) joined the India-led International Solar Alliance? **Republic of Congo**
42. Which country has recently (in March '23) created a run-chase record in T20 Internationals by chasing down 259 runs against West Indies? **South Africa**
43. Which country has recently (in March '23) fired an intercontinental ballistic missile, Hwasong-17? **North Korea**
44. The United Nations Security Council voted to extend the UN Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) for another year & to launch an independent assessment on the international approach to the country. How many member countries are in the United Nations Security Council? **15**

45. How many member countries are in the World Bank (WB)? **189**
46. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) received approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) and the Telangana State Drug Control Administration (DCA) for manufacturing Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine.? **Indian Immunologicals Limited**
47. Which company has recently (in March '23) won a USD 29 million contract from the Maldives government to expand and upgrade the infrastructure of Gan International Airport? **India**
48. Where is the Headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) located? **Vienna, Austria**
49. When was International Day of the Unborn Child 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of dignity and value of every child yet-to-be-born? **25th March 2023**
50. Who has recently (in March '23) taken oath as the first Justice of a district court in the US state of Massachusetts? **Tejal Mehta**
51. of March 2023, How many cheetahs were translocated from Namibia & South Africa to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh? **20**
52. Which country's rights group "Truth Hounds" was recently (in March '23) awarded with Norway's Sakharov Freedom Award 2023? **Ukraine**
53. Name the country that has inaugurated the first submarine base at Pekua in Cox's Bazar in March 2023? **Bangladesh**
54. Which country was affected by 'Cyclone Gabrielle' in February 2023? **New Zealand**
55. In which country 'Yellowstone National Park' is located? **United States of America**
56. Which US State has recently (in Feb '23) passed a resolution highlighting the history and significant contributions of the Sikh community? **Utah**
57. Name the country that has recently (in Jan '23) named as the Country Partner for BioAsia 2023.?. **United Kingdom**
58. Who has recently (in Jan '23) won the Tata Steel Chess Tournament 023, held in Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands? **Anish Giri**
59. In which country, the 'Ekushey Boi Mela' (book fair) was concluded in February 2023? **Bangladesh**
60. In which country 'Yellowstone National Park' is located? **United States of America**
61. In which country, 'Mount Merapi volcano' is located? **Indonesia**

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. What was the theme of National Science Day 2023 that was observed across India on 28th February 2023? **Global Science for Global Wellbeing**
2. When the Rare Disease Day 2023 was observed across the globe with the theme "Share Your Colours"? **28th February 2023**
3. What is the theme of Zero Discrimination Day 2023 that was observed across the globe on 1st March 2023? **Save lives: Decriminalise**
4. When was the World Civil Defence Day 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of "The Role of Information Technology in Risk Assessment"? **1st March 2023**
5. The _____ Civil Accounts Day was observed across India on 1st March 2023

- to commemorate the foundation of the Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS). **47th**
6. What is the theme of the United Nations (UN) World Wildlife Day (WWD) 2023 that was observed across the globe on 3rd March, 2023? **Partnerships for wildlife conservation**
 7. When was World Hearing Day 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of “Ear and hearing care for all! Let’s make it a reality”? **3rd March 2023**
 8. The United Nations (UN) celebrated the 1st ever World Seagrass Day across the globe on-----? **1st March 2023**
 9. When was National Security Day (NSD), also known as Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas, 2023 observed across India? **4th March 2023**
 10. The World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation 2023 was observed across the globe on? **4th March 2023**
 11. What is the theme of 52nd National Safety Day that was observed across the globe on 4th March 2023? **Our Aim – Zero Harm**
 12. When was World Obesity Day (WOD) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of “Changing Perspectives: Let’s Talk About Obesity”? **4th March 2023**
 13. What is the theme of United Nations (UN) International Women’s Day (IWD) 2023 that was observed across the globe on 8th March 2023? **DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**
 14. When was the 5th Jan Aushadhi Diwas observed across India with the theme of “Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi”? **7th March 2023**
 15. When was World Kidney Day (WKD) 2023 observed across the globe? 9th March 2023
 16. When was the 54th Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day observed across India? **10th March 2023**
 17. When was World Rotaract Day 2023 observed across the globe? **13th March 2023**
 18. What is the theme of International Day of Mathematics (IDM) 2023 that was observed across the globe on 14th March 2023? **Mathematics for Everyone**
 19. When was the International Day of Action for Rivers 2023 observed across the globe? **14th March 2023**
 20. When was World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of “Empowering consumers through clean energy transitions”? **15th March 2023**
 21. When was the National Vaccination Day 2023 observed across the globe? **16th March 2023**
 22. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day of Women Judges (IDWJ) 2023 observed across the globe? **10th March 2023**
 23. When was the first-ever International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness 2023 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN)? **5th March 2023**
 24. When was National Pharmacy Education Day 2023 observed across India? **6th March 2023**
 25. When was the Ordnance Factory Day 2023 observed across India by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)? **18th March 2023**
 26. What is the theme of 6th Global Recycling Day 2023 that was observed across the globe on 18th March 2023? **Creative Innovation**

27. What was the theme of International Day of Happiness 2023 that was observed across the globe on 20th March 2023? **Be Mindful, Be Grateful, Be Kind**
28. When was World Sparrow Day 2023 observed across the globe? **20th March 2023**
29. What was the theme of World Oral Health Day 2023 that was observed across the globe on 20th March 2023? **Be Proud of Your Mouth for a lifetime of smiles**
30. When was World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People 2023 observed across the globe? **20th March 2023**
31. When was United Nations (UN) French Language Day 2023 observed across the globe? **20th March 2023**
32. The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2023 was observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN) on _____. **21st March 2023**
33. What was the theme of United Nations (UN) World Poetry Day 2023 that was observed across the globe on 21st March 2023? **Always be a poet, even in prose**
34. When was United Nations (UN) World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of "With Us Not For Us"? **21st March 2023**
35. When was the World Water Day (WWD) 2023 observed across the globe? **22nd March 2023**
36. What was the theme of International Day of Forests 2023 that was observed across the globe on 21st March 2023? **Forests and Health**
37. When was International Day of Nowruz 2023 observed across the globe? **21st March 2023**
38. What was the theme of World Puppetry Day (WPD) 2023 that was observed across the globe on 21st March 2023? **Call of the Forest**
39. What was the theme of World Meteorological Day 2023 that was observed across the globe on 23rd March 2023? **The Future of Weather, Climate, and Water across Generations**
40. What was the theme of World Tuberculosis Day 2023 that was observed across the globe on 24th March 2023? **Yes! We Can End TB!**
41. When the United Nations (UN) International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims 2023 observed across the globe? **24th March 2023**
42. When was Shaheed Diwas / Martyrs' Day 2023 observed across India? **23rd March 2023**
43. When was the United Nations(UN) International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members 2023 observed across the globe? **25th March 2023**
44. When was World Theatre Day 2023 observed across the globe? **27th March 2023**
45. When was the World Piano Day 2023 observed across the globe? **29th March 2023**
46. The Assam Rifles celebrated its 188th Raising Day on _____. **24th March 2023**
47. When was the United Nations (UN) first ever International Day of Zero Waste observed in 2023? **30th March 2023**

48. Union Minister of Home Affairs, Amit Shah attended the 84th Raising Day event of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) as Chief Guest in Chhattisgarh. The 84th Raising Day of CRPF was celebrated on _____ **25th March 2023**

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1. Name the personality who recently (in March '23) edited a book, "The Book of Bihari Literature", that was launched by Bihar Minister of Industry, Samir Kumar Mahaseth. **Abhay Kumar**
2. Who authored the book "India's Vaccine Growth Story: From Cowpox to Vaccine Maitri," that was released (in March '23) at the World Book Fair 2023 in Delhi, by Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare? **Sajjan Singh Yadav**
3. In March 2023, R.N. Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu released a Tamil version of 2 books "Pandit. Deendayal Upadhyaya: Dispersions of Thought" & "Pandit. Deendayal Upadhyaya: Integral Humanism".
Who authored the book "Pandit. Deendayal Upadhyaya: Dispersions of Thought" and "Pandit . Deendayal Upadhyaya: Integral Humanism"? **B. Dharmalingam**
4. Who authored a book "As Good as My Word: A Memoir"? **K.M. Chandrasekhar**
5. Who authored the book "India's Struggle for Independence- The Gandhian Era: 1915-1948" along with G. Balan recently (in March '23) released by Justice V. Ramasubramanian? **P. Jyothimani**
6. Who authored the book, "Mundaka Upanishad: The Bridge to Immortality", that was released by Jagdeep Dhankhar,

the Vice President (VP) of India in March 2023? **Karan Singh**

7. In March 2023, the _____ (edition) issue of the publication "Women and Men in India 2022" was released by Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of State for the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in New Delhi, Delhi? **24th**
8. Who authored the book "Bipin: The Man Behind the Uniform" was released in March 2023? **Rachna Biswat Rawat**
9. Who authored the book, "A Matter of the Heart: Education in India"? **Anurag Behar**
10. Shrimant Kokate's 1st book in English, "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (illustrated)" was translated into English by Dilip Chavan and launched in March 2023.
In which language the book was originally written? **Marathi**
11. Who authored the book "War and Women" that was released in the 52nd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva, Switzerland? **M A Hasan**
12. Who authored the novel 'Pyre', that was recently (in March '23) shortlisted in the International Booker Prize 2023? **Perumal Murugan**

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

1. In which state, Scientists from Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has recently (in March '23) discovered "Exostoma Dhritiae" a new species of sisorid catfish? **Arunachal Pradesh**
2. In March 2023, the International Committee On Monuments and Sites International Science Committee (ICOMOS

- ISC) recognised the Sípàapuni in the United States of America(USA) and awarded "ICOMOS ISC Water and Heritage Shield". In which state of the USA, Sípàapuni is located? **Arizona**
3. Which company has recently (in March '23) concluded the first cohort of its Startup Accelerator Program for Indian Female Entrepreneurs? **Google**
4. In February 2023, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) conducted the flight acceptance hot test of the CE-20 cryogenic engine for which mission? **Chandrayaan 3**
5. Name the rocket in which the spaceX recently (in March '23) launched its Crew-6 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, USA? **Falcon 9**
6. In March 2023, Researchers confirmed the existence of a 5th new layer – the innermost inner core, at the Earth's centre within the inner core. Which mineral along with Iron makes the innermost inner core? **Nickel**
7. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) manufactured fully indigenized fuze YDB-60 to India Navy (IN) for anti-submarine warfare (ASW) underwater rocket 'RGB-60 (Rocket Guided Bomb model-60)'. **Economic Explosives Limited**
8. In March 2023, Indian Navy (IN) successfully test fired the Ship launched version of the BrahMos supersonic missile in the Arabian Sea. BrahMos missile flies at a speed of ____Mach or almost three times the speed of sound. **2.8**
9. In February 2023, the Indian Air Force (IAF) received the third squadron of the S-400 `Triumf' Surface-to-air defence missile system from which country? **Russia**
10. In March 2023, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) conducted the Rail Track Rocket Sled deployment tests of the Gaganyaan Pilot and Apex Cover Separation (ACS) parachutes at the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL). In which state/UT, the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory is located? **Chandigarh**
11. Name the communication satellite that has recently (in March' 23) launched by China into geostationary orbit by a Long March 3B (CZ-3B) from the Xichang Space Center (XLSC). **Zhongxing-26**
12. In March 2023, ISRO successfully carried out the controlled re-entry experiment of the decommissioned orbiting _____ satellite in an uninhabited area in the Pacific Ocean? **Megha-Tropiques-1**
13. Which research institution/centre has recently (in March '23) announced to start Research Grants for Women Scientists & Women's Portal for Grants? **Council of Scientific & Industrial Research**
14. Surplus Power Portal (PUSHP) to ensure greater availability of power during the peak demand season. In HPDAM, what does 'P' stands for? **Price**
15. Which Space agency/Company recently (in march '23) launched 40 OneWeb broadband satellites to orbit? **SpaceX**
16. The C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) comet may be visible in the night sky in 2024, which is potentially brighter than the recent "green comet", C/2022 E3 (ZTF). In ATLAS, what does "T" stand for? **Terrestrial**
17. Indian armed forces is set to induct an indigenously developed strategic data link system, the 'Vayulink' in March 2023. Who

- developed the 'Vayulink system'? **Vishal Mishra**
18. Name the application that was recently (in March '23) launched by the Income Tax Department for taxpayers to provide detailed information about transactions to taxpayers and receive their feedback? **AIS**
19. Name the second Indian Naval Ship (INS) of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) that was recently (in March '23) launched in Kolkata, West Bengal.? **INS Androth**
20. Which company has recently (in March '23) signed a Licensing Agreement for the Transfer of Technology (LATO T) with DRDO's Research Centre Imarat (RCI) Laboratory to manufacture "Ceramic Radomes technology"? **Carborundum Universal Limited**
21. Name the country that has recently (in March 2023) tested a nuclear underwater drone, "Haeil", capable of producing a "radioactive tsunami" to destroy naval strike groups and ports? **North Korea**
22. Which Exoplanet's Silicate Clouds has been recently (in March '23) identified by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)? **VHS 1256 b**
23. Name the Portal that was recently (in March '23) launched by Union Minister of State (MoS) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Rajeev Chandrasekhar in Bengaluru, Karnataka to deliver employable skills to young Indians? **Skill Hub Portal**
24. In March 2023, the Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) launched 'LVM3-M3 OneWeb India-2 Mission' from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) Sriharikota Range (SHAR) in Andhra Pradesh (AP). ISRO launched LVM3, carrying _____ One Web Gen-1 satellites. **36**
25. Which statutory body of the Ministry of Culture has recently (in March '23) launched the Vedic Heritage Portal to secure knowledge from ancient scriptures and manuscripts for future?. **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts**
26. Which organisation of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has recently (in March '23) developed application "Maaptol Grievance" to facilitate registration & redressal of consumer grievances? **National Informatics Centre**
27. In which Indian city, the World Health Organisation (WHO) will set up mRNA (messenger ribonucleic acid) vaccine hub? **Hyderabad, Telangana**
28. Name the company that has recently (in Feb '23) partnered with Delhi Police to launch the 'Cyber Suraksha' campaign.? **Meta**
29. In March 2023, FedEx announced a plan to open its first Advanced Capability Community (ACC) in _____. **Hyderabad, Telangana**
30. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) collaborated with HFCL to roll out private 5G solutions for enterprises? **Microsoft Corporation**
31. In February 2023, Astronomers have found a ring around a dwarf planet, located in the Kuiper Belt at the solar system's edge, called as _____. **Quaoar**
32. UPS, a global shipping and logistics company, has recently (in March' 23) announced plans to open its first

- technology center in India at _____.**Chennai, Tamil Nadu**
33. Which space agency's scientists have recently (in March '23) identified a new asteroid named 2023 DW, that is likely to have the potential to collide with Earth on 14th February? **European Space Agency**
34. In March 2023, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s Curiosity rover captured first-ever "sun rays" on _____ (Planet). **Mars**
35. In which place, the Indian Army has recently (in March '23) installed the tallest 'Iconic National Flag'? **Doda, Jammu and Kashmir**
36. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) collaborated with HFCL to roll out private 5G solutions for enterprises.?. **Microsoft Corporation**
37. In which city, the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited has recently (in March '23) approved two projects valued at Rs 4,040.98 crore? **Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh**
38. What is the capital of Lebanon? **Beirut**
39. Where is the Headquarters of Forest Survey of India (FSI) located? **Dehradun, Uttarakhand**
40. Name the software company that has recently (in March '23) launched the world's largest open finance platform called "eMACH.ai" to help banks & financial institutions design future-? **Intellect Design Arena**
41. Which country's scientists have recently (in March '23) discovered the world's first plant pollinators, "Tillyardembiids"? **Russia**
42. Who won the inaugural Shane Warne Men's Test Player of the Year award in January 2023? **Usman Khawaja**
43. In January 2023, The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) had designated the historic centre of Odesa as a World Heritage in Danger site. The 'Odesa', port city is located in which country? **Ukraine**
44. Which company has recently (in Jan '23) partnered with Amazon to launch Air service in India to improve its delivery experience for Indian users? **Quikjet Airlines**
45. Name the fintech startup that has recently (in March '23) launched the world's first digital real estate exchange. **ALT Realtech**
46. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) received an international order for the world's first zero-emission feeder container vessel. **Cochin Shipyard Limited**
47. Which country has recently (in March '23) installed the world's first sand battery that can store heat from renewable energy sources for months? **Finland**
48. March 2023, NASA's SOFIA made the first-ever measurement of heavy atomic oxygen in Earth's upper atmosphere. In SOFIA, what does 'I' stand for? **Infrared**
49. Name the world's first cloned goat that has recently (in March '23) passed away. **Noori**
50. In March 2023, NASA's SOFIA made the first-ever measurement of heavy atomic oxygen in Earth's upper atmosphere.?. **Infrared**
51. In March 2023, the researchers at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) developed a low-cost star sensor

'Starberry-Sense' for astronomy and small CubeSat class satellite missions.

52. In which city, Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) is located? **Bengaluru, Karnataka**

53. Which space agency has recently (in March '23) unveiled a new generation of spacesuits for humanity's return trip to the Moon? **National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Name the personality who has recently (in Feb '23) won the National Geographic 'Pictures of the Year' award for his photograph titled "Dance of the Eagles"? **Karthik Subramaniam**

APPOINTMENT & RESIGNATION

1. Who was recently (in Feb '23) appointed as the Secretary General of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)? **Shailesh Pathak**

2. Name the personality who has recently (in Feb '23) appointed as the brand ambassador of PepsiCo.? **Ranveer Singh**

3. Who has been recently (in March '23) elected as the new President of Vietnam? **Vo Van Thuong**

4. Who was recently (in Feb '23) appointed as the new Chairperson of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)? **Jishnu Barua**

5. Name the personality who has recently (in March '23) won Nigeria's presidential Election 2023? **Bola Tinubu**

6. Who has recently (in March '23) taken charge as the 28th Controller General of Accounts (CGA) of India? **S.S. Dubey**

7. Who was recently (in March '23) appointed as the Director-General (DG) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)? **Rashmi Shukla**

8. Which life insurance company has recently (in March '23) appointed Pankaj Gupta as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)? **Pramerica Life Insurance**

9. Who has been recently (in Mar '23) re-appointed as the Prime Minister (PM) of Kuwait?. **Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah**

10. Name the personality who has been recently (in March 2023) appointed as the Chief Minister (CM) of Nagaland for 5th term? **Neiphiu Rio**

11. Name the personality who has recently (in March '23) sworn in as the Chief Minister (CM) of Tripura for the 2nd time.? **Manik Saha**

12. In March 2023, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani was sworn in as the Prime Minister (PM) of which country? **Qatar**

13. Who has been recently (in March '23) selected as the first IAF Woman Officer to Head Combat Unit? **Shaliza Dhami**

14. Who recently (in March '23) became the first woman to command Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME) unit near the China border? **Geeta Rana**

15. Who was recently (in March '23) elected as the 3rd president of Nepal? **Ram Chandra Poudel**

16. In March 2023, Xi Jinping was appointed as the President of China for the _____ time? **3rd**
17. Who was recently (in March '23) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Asset Management Company (AMC) Limited? **B Gopakumar**
18. Which company has recently (in March '23) appointed Rohit Jawa as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a tenure of 5 years? **Hindustan Unilever Limited**
19. In March 2023, Sumant Kathpalia was reappointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of _____ for another 2 years? **IndusInd Bank**
20. Name the personality who was recently (in March '23) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tech Mahindra Limited? **Mohit Joshi**
21. Who has been recently (in March '23) appointed as the Interim Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) for a period of 3 months? **Siddhartha Mohanty**
22. Who was recently (in March '23) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) by replacing Bishnu Charan Patnaik? **Tablesh Pandey**
23. Who has been recently (in March '23) appointed as the chairperson of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)? **Deepak Mohanty**
24. Name the Indian Cricket player who was recently (in March '23) appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Viacom18? **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**
25. In March 2023, Mangalam Rama subramanian Kumar resigned as the Chairman for which company? **LIC Housing Finance**
26. Who was recently (in March '23) appointed as the UN Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres ? **Kaviladam Ramaswami Parvathy**
27. Who has been recently (in March '23) elected as China's new Premier? **Li Qiang**
28. Name the personality who has recently (in March '23) re-elected as the president of the International Federation of Football Association (FIFA)? **Luis Angel Caffarelli**
29. Which city has recently (in March '23) recognized in the '2022 Tree Cities of the World' for the second consecutive year? **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
30. Who was recently (in March '23) awarded with the Chameli Devi Jain Award for 'Outstanding Woman Media person 2022' at the India International Centre in New Delhi, Delhi? **Dhanya Rajendran**
31. Who was recently (in March '23) given the additional charge of Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Invest India? **Manmeet K Nanda**

BANKING/ FINANCE/ ECONOMY

1. As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) "Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of SCBs (Scheduled Commercial Banks): December 2022" report released in February 2023, Bank credit growth in Q3FY23 dropped to _____ as compared with 17.2% in Q2FY23. **16.8%**
2. Which bank has recently (in Feb '23) signed an agreement with Export-Import

- Bank of India (India Exim Bank) to support cross-border trade transactions?
RBL Bank
3. Name the life Insurance that has recently (in Feb '23) launched "Nishchit Aayush Plan", a individual savings life insurance plan. **Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance**
 4. Which Small Finance bank recently (in Feb '23) entered into a bancassurance partnership with Bharti AXA life insurance limited to distribute life insurance products through the bank's Pan-India network? **Unity Small Finance Bank**
 5. Name the bank that has recently (in Feb '23) partnered with Experian India to improve digital security and innovative solutions. **Bank of Maharashtra**
 6. As per the "Sectoral Deployment of Bank Credit - January 2023" data released from RBI in February 2023, the offtake (loan) from retail and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) led to a rise in credit to services of _____ in January 2023 compared to 5.7% in January 2022. **21.5%**
 7. Name the Small Finance Bank (SFB) that has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with V-Guard Industries Ltd to finance solar rooftop power systems. **ESAF SFB**
 8. Which organisation/bank has recently (in March '23) agreed to provide Rs 1,311.20 crore under Phase-1 of the proposed Infrastructure Development Investment Programme in Himachal Pradesh (HP)? **Asian Development Bank**
 9. Which of the following banks has recently (in Feb '23) collaborated with Sa-Dhan and NextGen to encourage feature phone users to use "UPI123Pay"? **Federal Bank and IDFC First Bank**
 10. Name the company that has recently (in Feb '23) received Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approval to sponsor a mutual fund. **Angel One**
 11. Which stock exchange company has recently (in March' 23) received Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI)'s approval to launch the rupee-denominated NYMEX WTI crude oil and natural gas futures contracts? **National Stock Exchange**
 12. Which company has recently (in March '23) received in principle approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to begin its mutual fund (MF) operations? **Bajaj Finserv Limited**
 13. Name the bank that has recently (in March' 23) partnered with Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) to launch co-branded travel credit cards. **HDFC Bank**
 14. Which regulatory body of the Finance Ministry has recently (in March'23) signed an MoU with ShowReel to develop an online digital platform to promote entrepreneurship? **Small Industries Development Bank of India**
 15. In March 2023, Himachal Pradesh chief minister, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and 'Swadhan-e-pension-Gov' services for _____ (Co-operative bank). **Kangra Central Co-operative Bank**
 16. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the March 2023 round of its 2 surveys : Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH) and _____, will provide useful inputs for RBI's monetary policy. **Consumer Confidence Survey**

17. Name the bank that has recently (in March '23) completed its 1st non-dollar transaction with Sri Lanka by paying for exports in Sri Lankan rupees. **State Bank of India**
18. Which organisation/bank has recently (in March '23) signed 2 loan programs, Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Program (PHSPP) and Enhanced Health Service Delivery Program (EHSDP), of USD 500 million each to support India's health sector? **World Bank**
19. Which bank/organisation has explored partnership (in March '23) with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) to finance renewable energy and green hydrogen projects in India? **European Investment Bank**
20. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently (in March 2023) imposed a Rs 5,000 cap on withdrawals by individual customers by considering the deteriorating financial condition of which co-operative bank? **Musiri Urban Co-operative Bank**
21. Which agency has recently (in March '23) signed an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loans agreement with GoI to provide support for Healthcare & Urban Infrastructure? **Japan International Cooperation Agency**
22. In March 2023, _____ became the 2nd insurance company to offer Surety Bonds business. **New India Assurance Company**
23. Which life insurance company has recently (in Mar '23) partnered with Ujjivan Small Finance Bank to provide life insurance products? **Max Life Insurance**
24. Which bank has recently (in March '23) launched its 1st credit card service in collaboration with 42 Card Solutions Pvt Ltd? **City Union Bank**
25. Which company has recently (in March '23) launched a digital campaign named 'DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality' to promote digital literacy among women? **Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company**
26. How many trading platforms were recently (in March '23) designated as Qualified Stock Brokers (QSBs) by the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)? **15**
27. In March 2023, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) asked investors to link their Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar number by _____ for continual & smooth transactions in the securities market. **31st March 2023**
28. Name the bank that has recently (in March '23) entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd to offer housing loans. **YES Bank**
29. Which Bank has recently (in March '23) partnered with One Point One Solutions and DMI Finance to expand the collections portfolio offering in the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sector? **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
30. Name the Small Finance Bank (SFB) that has recently (in March '23) launched the "Unpause Initiative" to promote workplace diversity & inclusion. **Ujjivan SFB**

31. Which life insurance company has recently (in March '23) launched a digital campaign called 'Empowering You to Achieve Your Dreams'? **Tata AIA Life Insurance**
32. Name the bank that has recently (in March '23) collaborated with ITC Limited to offer rural lending products and services to farmers. **Axis Bank**
33. According to the 3rd edition of PayNearby's annual report titled "PayNearby Women Financial Index (PWFI)", released in March 2023, 10,000+ women entrepreneurs have dispensed over _____ of financial services in FY22. **Rs 900 crores**
34. In March 2023, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued 'SEBI (Grant of Reward to Informant under Recovery Proceedings) Guidelines, 2023' in exercise of its powers conferred under Section 11 (1) of SEBI Act, 1992. Under the Guideline, there is a reward system up to _____ informants for sharing credible information/tips about the assets of defaulters. **Rs 20 lakh**
35. Which bank has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) to facilitate financing under e-NWR (Electronic Negotiable Warehousing Receipt)? **Punjab National Bank**
36. Name the insurance company that has recently (in March '23) introduced a genius plan to help parents financially prepare for their children's future. **PNB MetLife India Insurance**
37. Which Metro rail limited has recently (in March '23) become the India's first metro to accept the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) for parking? **Kochi**
38. Which company has recently (in March '23) received in-principle approval for its Payment Aggregator (PA) licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? **PhonePe**
39. Which Mutual Fund (MF) has recently (in March '23) rebranded itself as Bandhan Mutual Fund? **IDFC Mutual Fund**
40. Name the bank that has recently (in March '23) introduced a Special Retail Term Deposit with 0.05% Higher Interest Rate to Women. **Indian Bank**
41. Which organisation of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has recently (in March '23) received Infrastructure Finance Company (IFC) status from Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency**
42. Which Small Finance Bank (SFB) has recently (in March '23) launched a 'Blossom Women's Savings Account' for women customers with a 7% interest rate? **Suryoday SFB**
43. In March 2023, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) infused Rs. _____ into the banking system through a 14-day Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auction. **Rs 82,650 crore**
44. Which bank has recently (in March '23) collaborated with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch the RuPay Credit Card through UPI (Unified Payments Interface) using the BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) app? **Canara Bank**
45. Which Mutual Fund (MF) has recently (in March '23) renamed the India 1st US

- Debt Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) 'IDFC US Treasury Bond 0-1 year Fund of Fund'? **Bandhan MF**
46. Name the Insurance Company that has recently (in March '23) introduced a Sustainable Equity Fund to enable customers to maximize returns. **PNB MetLife India Insurance**
47. Which bank has recently (in March '23) launched industry-first co-branded credit card along with Flipkart Wholesale? **HDFC Bank**
48. Name the bank that has recently (in March '23) signed a Corporate Agency Agreement with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) for servicing and soliciting life insurance products. **Jammu and Kashmir Bank**
49. In March 2023, Life Insurance Company (LIC) sold _____ of its equity stake in NMDC Limited. **2%**
50. Which country's Central Bank has recently (in March '23) inked an MoU with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to promote collaboration and facilitate innovation in financial products and services? **United Arab Emirates**
51. Which bank has recently (in March '23) unveiled "Startup Ecosystem Banking," to offer digital and physical solutions to meet all of the banking needs of startups? **ICICI Bank**
52. Name the organisation that has recently (in March '23) signed a loan agreement worth USD 500 million with GoI for the construction of the Green National Highway Corridors Project (GNHCP) in four Indian States. **World Bank**
53. Which Insurance has recently (in March '23) launched 3 new plans under the Digit Health Insurance policy? **Go Digit General Insurance**
54. Which bank has recently (in March '23) partnered with the Government of Tamil Nadu (TN) to offer co-branded RuPay Platinum Debit Card to the beneficiaries of the state government's 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme? **Bank of Baroda**
55. _____ has recently (in March '23) launched a bank-independent Unified Payments Interface (UPI) facility with its own UPI handle @OMNI. **OmniCard**
56. Which statutory body of the Ministry of Finance has recently (in March '23) provided 60 days initial relaxation to all 'Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents'? **Securities and Exchange Board of India**
57. Which organisation has recently (in Feb '23) included additional operational guidelines on the regulatory framework for green bonds to align it with the updated Green Bond Principles (GBP)? **Securities and Exchange Board of India**
58. Name the water treatment company that has recently (in March '23) won Rs 800 crore project funded by the World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in Bangladesh. **VA Tech Wabag**
59. According to the "Women and Men in India 2022" publication released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in March 2023, Women in India hold _____ of bank accounts in all Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCB), but only 20.07% of total deposits. **35.23%**

60. In March 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) permitted India & _____ (country) to trade in National Currencies via Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs). **Tanzania**
61. Which life insurance has recently (in March '23) launched a new Guaranteed Income plan 'Pru Gold' to provide the protection of life cover along with a guaranteed regular income for the whole of life? **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance**
62. Name the bank that has recently (in March '23) entered into partnership under the co-lending model with Autotrak Finance Limited to offer new tractor loans through the YubiCo. Lend platform. **Axis Bank**
63. Name the life insurance company that has recently (in March '23) received the final approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to launch Initial Public Offering (IPO). **IndiaFirst Life Insurance**
64. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) partnered with Bharat BillPay to support loan repayment service. **Amazon Pay**
65. Which bank/organisation has recently (in March '23) signed a Rs 754 crore loan agreement with SAEL Industries Limited to promote Biomass Energy Generation? **Asian Development Bank**
66. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) signed a loan agreement for Rs 165 crore with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). **Power Finance Corporation Ltd**
67. Name the small financing bank (SFB) that has recently (in March '23) entered into an agreement with Geojit Financial Services to provide a 3-in-1 bundled account. **ESAF SFB**
68. In which city, Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently (in March '23) laid the foundation stone to establish a Greenfield Data Centre and Enterprise Computing & Cybersecurity Training Institute? **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**
69. Which institution/organisation is set to invest USD 73 million in Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M) Limited's last-mile electric mobility unit? **International Finance Corporation**
70. According to the TransUnion CIBIL-SIDBI MSME Pulse Report 2023 released in March 2023, the loan disbursements to the micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) sector grew by _____ in Q2 (July-September) FY23. **24%**
71. Name the bank that has recently (in March '23) executed an agreement with SBI Life Insurance Company, as an additional bancassurance partner in the life insurance category. **Karur Vysya Bank**
72. According to the "2023 Global Payments Report" released by FIS in March 2023, India's e-commerce sector is projected to grow from USD 83 billion in 2022 to USD 150 billion in ____ (year), driven by an increase in Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions. **2026**
73. Name the bank/organisation that has recently (in March '23) approved USD 108 million loan for 'Assam Integrated River Basin Management Project (AIRBMP)' to improve disaster preparedness & enhance flood forecasting in Assam. **World Bank**

74. Which insurance company recently (March '23) became the first to offer "Anywhere Cashless" feature for health insurance policyholders? **ICICI Lombard General Insurance**
75. Name the bank that has recently (in March '23) partnered with Crunchfish to demonstrate offline retail payments. **IDFC First Bank**
76. In March 2023, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) extended the deadline for updating 'choice of nomination' by existing investors with trading and demat accounts until _____ 2023. **30th September**
77. Which bank has recently (in March '23) joined with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) for direct tax collections from retail and corporate taxpayers? **South Indian Bank**
78. Which company has recently (in March '23) received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval to operate as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Account Aggregator (AA)? **CRIF Connect Private Limited**
79. Name the bank that has recently (in March '23) signed a corporate agency agreement with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company to sell the life insurance products of Bajaj Allianz from 1st April, 2023. **Jammu & Kashmir Bank**
80. Which country has recently (in March '23) committed Rs 7,084.5 crore to India for infrastructure projects in Patna (Bihar), West Bengal, and Rajasthan? **Japan**
81. In March 2023, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced that the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions of above Rs 2000 made using Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) will attract an interchange fee from 0.5% to _____. **1.1%**
82. As per the data presented in the Rajya Sabha as a written answer by the Union Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman, the Public sector banks (PSBs) have written off around Rs _____ in first 9 months of FY23. **91,000 crore**
83. As per the Comptroller and Auditor General of India report released in March 2023, the Department of Financial Services (DFS) had given Rs.8,800 crore to _____ (bank) as a part of recapitalization exercise/credit growth in FY18? **State Bank of India**
84. As per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) in February 2023, India's gross domestic product (GDP) decreased to _____ in 3rd quarter of FY23 (Oct-Dec 2022) from 6.3% in 2nd quarter of FY23 (July-Sep 2022). **4.4%**
85. As per the Moody's Global Macro Outlook 2023-24 (February 2023 Update)", India's economic growth projection is increased to _____ for 2023, from 4.8% in November 2022. **5.5%**
86. In February 2023, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) incorporated a wholly owned subsidiary named Reliance SOU Limited (RSOUL) to develop Commercial Properties with initial capital of _____ in the equity shares. **Rs 1 lakh**
87. As per the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) data released in March 2023, which of the following states recorded a positive

- growth during the 3 quarters of the current fiscal (FY23) – April 2022 to December 2022? **Maharashtra & Gujarat**
88. As per the data released (in March '23) by the Office of the Economic Adviser, the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) declined to a 25-month low of _____ (Per cent) in February 2023 against 4.73% recorded in January 2023. **3.85%**
89. As per the data released (in March '23) by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the Retail Inflation based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) declined to _____ in February 2023 against 6.52% in January 2023. **6.44%**
90. As per the CRISIL annual growth forecast, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth will touch _____ in FY24 slower than the 7% estimated by the National Statistics Office (NSO) for FY2023. **6%**
91. In March 2023, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) increased its growth projection for India to _____ from 5.7%. **5.9%**
92. As per the Ministry of Finance's report "Monthly Economic Review – February 2023" released in March 2023, the Indian economy is projected to grow at _____ (per cent) in the fiscal year 2022-2023 (FY23). **7%**
93. In March 2023, S&P Global Ratings projected India's economic growth at _____ in fiscal year 2023-24 (FY24). **6%**
94. Which bank has recently (in March '23) completed the acquisition of Citibank India's consumer Banking for Rs.11,603 crore? **Axis Bank**
95. In March 2023, Kirloskar Oil Engines divested _____ (per cent) of stake in the company for Rs.825 crore through open market transactions? **17.71%**
96. The Board of Directors of Bank of Baroda (BoB) has recently (in March '23) approved the divestment of up to _____ stake in BoB Financial Solutions Ltd (BFSL)? **49%**
97. Name the bank that recently (in March '23) sold its stake in Russian joint venture (JV) Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) to State Bank of India (SBI) for about Rs.121.29 crore? **Canara Bank**
98. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed deal of GMR Airports Infrastructure Limited under the green channel route in March 2023. The proposed combination falls under Section _____ of the Competition Act, _____. **2002**
99. Name the Small Finance Bank (SFB) that has recently (in March '23) partnered as the 'Proud Banking Partner' with the IPL champion Gujarat Titans for the 2023 season? **Equitas Small Finance Bank**
100. Name the bank that has recently (in Feb '23) completed a USD 1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility. **State Bank of India (SBI)**
101. Name the bank that has recently (in March '23) partnered with CheQ to provide users with extra rewards on credit card bill payments. ? **Axis Bank**
102. In March 2023, Seylan Bank of Sri Lanka opened an Indian rupee-denominated Nostro account in _____ (Bank) in Mumbai, Maharashtra. **Indian Bank**

103. Who is the current (as of March '23) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HDFC Bank?
Sashidhar Jagdishan
104. Name the bank that has recently (in Dec '22) sanctioned a donation of Rs 4.26 crore to rejuvenate seven major lakes in the Kolar district of Karnataka. **State Bank of India**
105. What is the Tagline of IndusInd Bank?
We Make You Feel Richer
106. Name the Small Finance Bank (SFB) that has recently (in March '23) partnered with T20 cricket team Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) for the 2023 season of the T20 league. **Equitas SF**
107. Which stock exchange company's subsidiary has recently (in Feb '23) launched sub-category level benchmarks under its Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) Benchmark? **National Stock Exchange**
108. In March 2023, Kotak Mutual Fund announced the launch of Kotak Silver ETF Fund of Fund, an open-ended fund of fund scheme to invest in units of the Kotak Silver ETF.
Who is the current (as of March '23) Managing Director (MD) of Kotak Mahindra Asset Management? **Nilesh Shah**
109. In March 2023, Japanese conglomerate Softbank's arm SVF Doorbell (Cayman) divested _____ of its stake in Delhivery company for Rs 954 crore.? **3.8%**
110. Which company has recently (in Feb '23) signed an agreement with Naver Financial to promote the mobile payment experience? **Samsung Electronics**
1. As per the 'The Wealth Report 2023' released by the Property consultant Knight Frank in March 2023, which Indian city ranked 37 globally in Price Growth in Luxury Housing? **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
2. What is the Tagline of Bank of Baroda (BoB)? **India's International Bank**
3. In March 2023, Seylan Bank of Sri Lanka opened an Indian rupee-denominated Nostro account in _____ (Bank) in Mumbai, Maharashtra? **Indian Bank**
4. In March 2023, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved the merger of the Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) and HDFC Bank. Following the merger, existing shareholders of HDFC will reportedly own a _____ stake in the HDFC Bank? **41%**
5. Who is the current (as of March '23) Chairman & Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)? **Sivasubramanian Ramann**
6. In March 2023, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved the merger of the Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) and HDFC Bank. Following the merger, existing shareholders of HDFC will reportedly own a _____ stake in the HDFC Bank ? **41%**
7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted a 14-day variable rate repo (VRR) auction on March 10 to inject up to Rs. _____ into the banking system? **1 lakh crore**
8. Who is the current (as of March '23) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Lombard General

- Insurance Company Limited? **Bhargav Dasgupta**
9. Who is the current (as of Feb '23) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of RBL Limited? **R Subramaniakumar**
10. Who is the current (as of March' 23) Chairman of IndusInd Bank? **Sunil Mehta**
11. Who has recently (in Feb '23) become Bhutan's first digital citizen by onboarding with the Bhutan National Digital Identity (NDI) mobile wallet? **Jigme Namgyel Wangchuck**

MOUs & Agreements

1. Which company has recently (in March '23) entered into an agreement with Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) to provide Captive Non-Public Network (CNPN) services to enterprise customers? **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited**
2. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with Tata steel Mining limited for the supply of natural gas to Ferro Alloys Plant at Athgarh in Odisha. **GAIL India Limited**
3. Which company has recently (in March' 23) signed an MoU with Total Energies (France) to explore the deep-water blocks? **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation**
4. Which institute has recently (in March' 23) signed an MoU with the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Mauritius to assist in conducting examinations? **All India Institute of Medical Sciences Delhi**
5. In February 2023, the Ahmedabad Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal approved an amalgamation of _____ wholly-owned subsidiary companies of Adani Power Limited. **6**
6. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK Surathkal) to cooperate in Research and Development (R&D). **Bharat Electronics Limited**
7. Which company has recently (in March '23) signed a 'Master Research Alliance Agreement' with the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) for collaborative research? **Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited**
8. Which company has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with Lockheed Martin Corporation (LMT) to manufacture fighter plane wings in India? **Tata Group**
9. Which organisation has recently (in March '23) signed an agreement with 'Euronav' to secure the purchase of a Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC)? **United Nations Development Programme**
10. Which institute has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with the United Nations Association (UNA) mission group? **Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing Kurnool**
11. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) signed a Joint Venture (JV) agreement with NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) to set up Renewable Energy (RE) projects? **Indian Oil Corporation Limited**
12. Which ministry has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with 19 captive employers to train and provide jobs under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)? **Ministry of Rural Development**

13. Name the Indian company that has recently (in March '23) entered into an agreement with Ceylon Electricity Board of Sri Lanka to build a 135-megawatt (MW) solar power plant in Sri Lanka's eastern port district of Trincomalee? **.NTPC Limited**
14. In February 2023, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) (India) & ____ (country)-based Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (Fraunhofer ISE) signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) on hydrogen & clean energy technologies.? **Germany**
15. Name the Institute in Assam that has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with Samagra Shiksha Assam (SSA) to develop scientific temper among students.? **Indian Institute of Technology- Guwahati**
16. Which company has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with Renmakch India Private Limited to develop the 'Made in India' value chain for Indian Railways? **Godrej Tooling**
17. Name the state that has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to implement Urban Cooling Programme? **Tamil Nadu**
18. Which autonomous organisation of the Ministry of Education has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) to strengthen value-based sports education amongst school children and teachers? **National Council of Educational Research and Training**
19. Name the Institute that has recently (in March '23) extended its MoU with the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) to provide design support for the **products** made by Self Help Groups (SHGs) of the Aajeevika Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM).? **National Institute of Fashion Technology**
20. Which country has recently (March '23) signed an MoU with India on research, technology, and innovation collaborations? **Mexico**
21. Andhra Pradesh Government entered into 352 MoUs with various organisations to execute projects worth Rs _____ crore, during the 2 days Advantage Andhra Pradesh Global Investment Summit (AP GIS), held in March 2023. **Department of Social Justice & Empowerment**
22. In March 2023, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) approved the MoU between India's Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and _____(country's) National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to prevent illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs.? **Nigeria**
23. Which company has recently (in March 2023) signed an MoU with the Andhra Pradesh Government to promote mutual cooperation and financial inclusion? **Paytm**
24. Andhra Pradesh Government entered into 352 MoUs with various organisations to execute projects worth Rs _____ crore, during the 2 days Advantage Andhra Pradesh Global Investment Summit (AP GIS), held in March 2023. **Rs 13.05 lakh**
25. Name the company that has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with Kerala Electrical & Allied Engineering (KEL) for research and development (R&D) of a lightweight bailey bridge? **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited**
26. Which state government has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with Godrej Agrovet Limited to set up an edible oil

- refining plant at a cost of Rs 100 crore?
Andhra Pradesh
27. Which state industrial development corporation has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with the Sweden India Business Council (SIBC) to cooperate in sustainable infrastructure and defence manufacturing? **Maharashtra**
28. Which Ministry has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) for skilling of rural youth and empowering women? Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, **Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy**
29. Which company/institute has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) to support Millets initiatives? **National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd**
30. Which organisation/bank has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with the Africa-India Economic Foundation (AIEF) to build cooperation in the MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), the private and public sectors of African countries and India? **African Union**
31. Which defence sector has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NTPC REL) to develop? **Indian Army**
32. Which state government has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with the French Development Agency, Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD), for a Rs 817.12 crore project to improve drinking water and sanitation services? **Himachal Pradesh**
33. Name the state government that has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with Samunnati, India's largest agri enterprise to promote sustainable agricultural practices? **Madhya Pradesh**
34. Name the GoI Department that has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with the Sant Nirankari Mandal for Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) awareness among youth, women and students? **Department of Social Justice & Empowerment**
35. Name the state government that has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with the Central government to establish India's 1st PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park? **Tamil Nadu**
36. In March 2023, Society for Electronic Transactions and Security (SETS) and _____ signed an MoU for joint R&D in deep tech domains? **Unique Identification Authority of India**
37. In March 2023, the Ministry of Ayush has signed an MoU with Department of Ex Servicemen Welfare/Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS/DoESW), Union Ministry of Defence to integrate Ayurveda services in _____ polyclinics as an OPD (Outpatient department) service for 5 years? **10**
38. Which Laboratory/institute of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) has recently (in March '23) signed an MoU with National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) for innovative highway engineering? **Structural Engineering Research Centre**

39. Which company has recently (March '23) signed a contract with the Ministry of Defence for the procurement of two integrated electronic warfare systems 'Project Himshakti' at an overall cost of Rs 3,000 crore? **Bharat Electronics Limited**
40. Which state government has recently (in March '23) approved the proposed signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) and Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN) to set up 5 hydropower plants? **Arunachal Pradesh**
41. Which state government has recently (in Feb '23) signed an MoU with Ocior Energy India Pvt Ltd for the production of green hydrogen and green ammonia with an investment of Rs 40,000 crore? **Gujarat**
42. Name the Small Finance Bank (SFB) that has recently (in March' 23) partnered as the 'Proud Banking Partner' with the IPL champion Gujarat Titans for the 2023 season?. **Equitas Small Finance Bank**
43. In March 2023, Japanese conglomerate Softbank's arm SVF Doorbell (Cayman) divested _____ of its stake in Delhivery company for Rs 954 crore. **3.8%**
3. Which company has recently (in March '23) received an order for two advanced ACH160 helicopters in India? **Airbus Corporate Helicopters**
4. In which city, the 1st edition of the Joint Military Exercise "FRINJEX-23" was conducted between the Indian and French Army in March 2023? **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**
5. Name the Indian Navy's Largest War Game & operational-level biennial exercise that has recently (in March '23) culminated in the Arabian Sea? **Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX) 2023**
6. Which company/government agency has recently (in March '23) signed a contract with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the procurement of six Dornier-228 aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF) at a cost of Rs. 667 crore? **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**
7. In March 2023, the 1st edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2023, onboard India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, _____(INS) off the coast of the Arabian Sea in Goa. **INS Vikrant**
8. Which Defence sector 's X (Chetak) Corps has recently (in March '23) conducted "Exercise Chetak Chaukas" with all stakeholders to strengthen Rear Area Security? **Indian Army**
9. The Indian Army recently (March '23) conducted the 13th edition of "Exercise Bold Kurukshetra 2023" in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, with which country's army? **Singapore**
10. The _____ edition of the Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX-2023),

DEFENCE

1. Name the Indian Naval Ship (INS) that has recently (in Feb '23) participated in United Arab Emirates (UAE)'s IDEX 23 (International Defense Exhibition) and NAVDEX 23 (Naval Defense Exhibition 23), held in Abu Dhabi.? **INS Sumedha**
2. Which Indian Navy Ship (INS) is participating in the International Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23) in the Gulf region from 26th February to 16th March 2023? **INS Trikand**

commenced at Pune, Maharashtra in March 2023. **2nd**

11. With which country's Navy, the Indian Navy(IN) has recently (in March '23) commenced the bilateral maritime exercise 'Konkan 2023' on the Konkan coast in the Arabian Sea? **United Kingdom**
12. The Southern Naval Command has conducted a cycling expedition to Kochi from _____ Thiruvananthapuram to commemorate the 36 years of service of _____ the Indian naval ship. ? **INS Magar**
13. Who is the current (as of March '23) Director General (DG) of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)? **Sheel Vardhan Singh**
14. In which place, the Indian Army has recently (in March '23) installed the tallest 'Iconic National Flag'? **Doda, Jammu and Kashmir**
15. In February 2023, Indian Naval Ships (INS) _____ became the first Indian submarine to dock in Indonesia, after traversing through the nearby Sunda Strait. ? **INS Sindhukesari**
16. The Southern Naval Command has conducted a cycling expedition to Kochi from _____ Thiruvananthapuram to commemorate the 36 years of service of _____, the Indian naval ship? **INS Magar**
17. In March 2023, Indian Army placed its first order for Integrated Mobile Camouflage Systems (IMCS) for Mechanised Forces with _____ (Start Up) to reduce thermal and radar signatures? **Hyper Stealth Technologies**

18. In March 2023, Indian Navy carried out a successful test-firing of a Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) from a frontline warship, _____. **INS Visakhapatnam**
19. The Andaman and Nicobar Command of the Indian tri-services has recently (in Jan '23) arrested 7 foreign poachers under _____(Operation). **Operation Cucumber**
20. Indian Navy recently (in March '23) announced a plan to conduct the 'Sam No Varunah' Coastal Motor Car Expedition From Kolkata, West Bengal to Lakhpat, _____(State). **Gujarat**

SPORTS NEWS

1. Name the personality who has recently (in Mar '23) won the "2023 Season-Opener Bahrain Grand Prix? **Max Verstappen**
2. Which cricket team recently (in March '23) won the 59th edition of Z R Irani Cup 2022-2023? **Rest of India**
3. In March 2023, Timothy David Paine (Tim Paine), a former _____ (country) Test Cricket Captain, announced his retirement from first-class cricket? **Australia**
4. Who recently (in March '23) won the Formula 1 (F1) Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2023? **Sergio Perez**
5. Which Football Club(FC) has recently (in March '23) won their first Indian Super League (ISL) title by defeating Bengaluru FC in the Hero Indian Super League (ISL) 2022-23 held in Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in Margoa, Goa? **ATK Mohun Bagan FC**
6. Which country' archers team has recently (in March '23) topped the '2023 Taoyuan Archery Asia Cup Stage I' medal tally with 10 medals? **India**

7. In March 2023, Mesut Özil, a former German football player and _____(year) FIFA World Cup winner announced his retirement from Football?
2014
8. In March 2023, the Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik inaugurated Birsa Munda Athletics Stadium Complex and Hockey Training Centres in _____.
Rourkela
9. In March 2023, Footballer Just Fontaine, who scored a record 13 goals at the 1958 World Cup, passed away. Name the Indian cricketer who was recently (in March '23) appointed as the brand ambassador of JioCinema. Which country does Just Fontaine belong to?
France
10. Name the Indian cricketer who was recently (in March '23) appointed as the brand ambassador of JioCinema?
Suryakumar Yadav
11. Dane van Niekerk, former _____ captain has recently (in March '23) announced her retirement from all forms of International Cricket?
South Africa
12. who was recently (in March '23) appointed as the world's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon's Swasth India Mission?
Sachin Tendulkar
13. Name the state that has recently (in March '23) won the Santosh Trophy 2022-23, national football championship?
Karnataka
14. In which city the Headquarters of Fédération Internationale De Football Association(FIFA) is located? Zurich,
Switzerland
15. Name the personality who has recently (in Jan '23) won the National Sports Club of India (NSCI) Snooker Open 2023?
Laxman Rawat
16. According to the Guinness World Record data in January 2023, who has become the world's oldest living person?
María Branyas Morera
17. The _____ edition of Asian Kho Kho Championship for Men and Women began at Baksa district in Assam on 20th March 2023.
4th
18. Which country will host the 2027 Asian Football Confederation's Asian Nations Cup?
Saudi Arabia
19. Who has recently (in March '23) won a bronze medal at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2023 in Doha, Qatar?
Prithviraj Tondaiman
20. The _____ edition of Asian Kho Kho Championship for Men and Women began at Baksa district in Assam on 20th March 2023?
4th
21. Who has recently (in March '23) become the fastest Indian in the under 21 group to swim across the Palk Strait from Talaimannar in Sri Lanka to Dhanuskodi in Tamil Nadu in 5 hours and 30 minutes?
Sampanna Ramesh Shelar
22. Name the football player who recently (in March '23) broke the Men's International Appearance record by scoring twice against Liechtenstein in Euro 2024 qualifying?
Cristiano Ronaldo
23. Who is the current (as of March '23) President of the International Association of Athletics Federations?
Sebastian Coe
24. Where is the Headquarters of the International Boxing Association (IBA) located?
Lausanne, Switzerland
25. Which country will host the 2023 edition of the SAFF Championship?
India

26. Which country has recently (in March '23) won the Hero Tri-Nation International Football Tournament 2023 by defeating Kyrgyz Republic? **India**
27. Name the Indian cricketer who was recently (in March '23) named as the brand ambassador for Luxor.?. **Virat Kohli**
28. In which state, 'Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve' is located? **Rajasthan**
7. Bengali Litterateur, Sasthipada Chattopadhyay passed away in March 2023. In which year did he receive the Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar award? **2017**
8. In March 2023, Richard Douglas Fosbury, who won Gold medal in 1968 Mexico Olympics for _____ (event), passed away? **High Jumping**
9. British writer and historian 'Patrick French' passed away in March 2023. In which year did he won the Hawthornden Prize for the biography of VS Naipaul, "The World is What it is"? **2009**
10. Two-time Maha Vir Chakra (MVC) recipient, Wing Commander Jag Mohan Nath passed away in March 2023. In Which year did he receive MVC for the first time? **1962**
11. Padma Shri Awardee 'Abhay Chhajlani', passed away in March 2023. In which field did he receive the Padma Shri Award in 2009? **Literature & Education**
12. Gordon Earle Moore', author of Moore's law passed away in March 2023. He is the co-founder of which company? **Intel Corporation**
13. Innocent Vareed Thekkethala, Indian actor and former Member of Parliament (MP) of _____ (state) passed away in March 2023.? **Kerala**

Miscellaneous

1. Google doodle celebrated the 80th birth anniversary of Dr. Mario Molina on 19th March, 2023. In which field did he receive the Nobel Prize in 1995 along with Paul J. Crutzen and F. Sherwood Rowland? **Chemistry**
2. Padma Bhushan Awardee 'Chandrashekhar Dasgupta', passed away in March 2023. In which field did he receive the Padma Bhushan Award in 2008? **Civil Service**
3. Aziz Mushabber Ahmadi (A M Ahmadi), the former _____ from 1994 to 1997, passed away in March 2023. ? **Chief Justice of India**
4. Padma Shri Awardee 'Kanak Yatindra Rele', passed away in February In which field did she receive the 'Padma Shri Award' in 1990? **Art**
5. American Olympian Patricia Joan McCormick passed away in March 2023. In 1952 Olympic Games, She won the gold medal in the _____ and _____ events ? **Springboard; Platform diving**
6. In March 2023, Nobel literature laureate Kenzaburo Oe passed away. In which year did he receive the Nobel Prize for literature? **1994**