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The United Nations General Assembly has designated November 25 as the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women** (Resolution 134/54) The premise of the day is to raise awareness around the world that women are subjected to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence; furthermore, one of the aims of the day is to highlight that the scale and true nature of the issue is often hidden. For 2014, the official theme framed by the UN Secretary-General's campaign UNITE to End Violence against Women, is Orange your Neighbourhood. For 2018, the official theme is "Orange the World: HearMeToo", for 2019 it is "Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape", for 2020 it is "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!" and for 2021 it is "Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!".



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TAMILNADU NEWS

Indian crested porcupine

- A male tiger was recently found dead at Kazhudhakatti stream in the Tirupur forest division located in Tamil Nadu due to injuries sustained in a fight with a porcupine.

About

- The Indian crested porcupine is a large rodent, weighing 11–18 kg. Their body (from the nose to the base of the tail) measures between 70–90 cm, with the tail adding an additional 8–10 cm.
- Indian crested porcupines have a very broad and mostly herbivorous diet. Indian crested porcupines have a very broad and mostly herbivorous diet.
- They consume a variety of natural and agricultural plant material, including roots, bulbs, fruits, grains, drupe and tubers, along with insects and small vertebrates.

Talagirishwara temple

- Neglect has taken a heavy toll on the 1,300-year-old Pallava period paintings at Talagirishwara temple at Panamalai in Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu.

About

- It is located in Panamalai village of Viluppuram district in Tamil Nadu, India.
- The temple is constructed on an insignificant, small hill overlooking the Panamalai Lake.
- The temple was constructed by Pallava king Narasimhavarman II, popularly known as Rajasimha.

Features

- This Seventh Century structure incorporates a Vimana that resembles that of Kailasanatha temple in Kanchipuram.
- The garbhagriha stocks a Dharalingam, and as in Pallava temples of that period, there is a Somaskanda section on hindmost wall of the shrine.

- It includes an Ardhamandapam (partial Mandapam).
- The paintings in this temple bear a close resemblance to the paintings in Ajantha and Chithannavasal.
- The paintings are on the wall of a sub-temple on the northern side of the Talagirishwara (Siva) temple.
- There is a painting of Lord Shiva with eight hands dancing known as Latathilagabhani, being watched by Goddess Parvathi with her crown and well decorated umbrella.
- These paintings were older than Chithannavasal paintings.
- These paintings were created after covering the stonewalls with paste made of limestone and sand.

Point Calimere Wildlife sanctuary

- News- The forest department of Tamil Nadu is preparing to augment water bodies to attract more birds as the migratory season at Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary is set to peak.

About

- Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary was established in the year 1967 and is situated in the state of Tamil Nadu.
- It houses the famous bird sanctuary of Vedaranyam and the Talaignayar forests.
- It is flanked by the Bay of Bengal in the east and Palk Strait in the south.
- It primarily focuses on the protection and conservation of the black antelopes, an endangered and endemic species that are found in this region.
- It is designated as a Ramsar site.
- Rare bioluminescent mushroom found in the Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary
- A team of researchers and the forest department

have found a rare bioluminescent mushroom in the Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary (KKWLS).

New Pamban Bridge

- The new Pamban Bridge is likely to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister in a few months.

About

- It is India's first vertical-lift railway sea bridge.
- It connects Rameswaram on Pamban Island to Mandapam on the mainland in Tamil Nadu.
- Bridge Length:
 - The total length of the bridge is 2.07 km.
 - It will have 99 spans with 18.3-meter-long girders. The navigational span will be 63 metres.
- It will replace the iconic Pamban Bridge, India's first sea bridge, which opened in 1914.
- The new bridge is being built parallel to the old Pamban Bridge by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited.



New plant species found at Kanyakumari wildlife sanctuary

- News- A team of scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have reported the discovery of two new plant species from the evergreen forest patches at the southern end of the Western Ghats.

About

- The new species *Musseanda conferta* and *Rungia longistachya* were discovered during recent explorations by BSI scientists.

Musseanda conferta

- It was discovered in the rocky areas of Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary and is related to the *Musseanda hirsutissima* family.

- It prefers the vicinity of rocks in the high-altitude grassland ecosystems.
- It has attractive flowers, and the ornamental potential of this plant can be explored.

Rungia longistachya

- It belongs to the family Acanthaceae.
- It was discovered from the moist places of the Anamalai region near the Idukki dam site in Kerala.
- The plant is an herb and grows on the margins of evergreen forests.
- Only eleven species of *Rungia* have been reported from the Western Ghats, and the newly discovered plant has a distinct, narrow, long spike with a long slender peduncle and light pinkish-white flowers.

Constantine Joseph Beschi

- The English translation of the first biography of Constantine Joseph Beschi (known as Veeramamunivar) in Tamil written by A. Muttusami Pillei was released.

About

- He was an Italian Jesuit missionary and Tamil scholar.
- He was known as Veeramamunivar.
- He arrived in Goa in 1700
- He also studied Sanskrit, Telugu, and Tamil assiduously and became a master of these languages, especially Tamil.
- His works: *Thembavani*, *Sathurakarathi*, and others, speak for his scholarship in Tamil. He was known as *Thairiyanaathaswamy*, and its translation reads *Veeramamunivar*.

AI-Powered Elephant Protection System

- News- With efforts to prevent elephant deaths on railway tracks connecting the state with Kerala in the Madukkarai forest range in Coimbatore proving to be “inadequate”, Tamil Nadu has now turned to an artificial intelligence-based system that will use the thermal and normal cameras to help detect the movement of the jumbos near the tracks.



Neolithic Art

- News- A rock art dating back to the Neolithic period was found in the Palnadu district of Andhra Pradesh.

About

- The Neolithic Age, also called the New Stone Age, is the final stage of cultural evolution or technological development among prehistoric humans
- The term Neolithic is most frequently used in connection with agriculture, which is the time when cereal cultivation and animal domestication were introduced.
- In India, the starting point of the Neolithic is generally thought to have occurred sometime around 7000 BCE.
- The Neolithic followed the Mesolithic Period and preceded the Chalcolithic Age, or the early period of metal tools.
- Features of the Neolithic Age:
 - It was characterised by stone tools shaped by polishing or grinding, dependence on domesticated plants or animals, settlement in permanent villages, and the appearance of such crafts as pottery and weaving.
 - The houses were built of mud and reed in rectangular or circular shapes.
 - Some of the important Neolithic sites in India include Burzahom in Kashmir, Chirand in Bihar and Edakkal caves in Kerala.

Pichwai Painting

- Recently, artists in Chennai hosted an art exhibit showcasing Pichwai, some dating back 350 years.

About

- It is a traditional style of painting that originated in the state of Rajasthan, India.
- The history of this art form can be traced back to the 17th century.

NATIONAL NEWS

- It is believed to have originated in the town of Nathdwara in Rajasthan.
- Theme: It mainly features the various stages of Lord Krishna's life.
- Material used: The artists use stone pigments, especially for gold and silver tones. The brighter orange, red, chrome yellow and kesari colours come from vegetable dyes
- Other schools of Pichwai— Nathdwara, Kishangarh and Bundi in Rajasthan.
- They are often used to decorate the backdrops of Hindu temples, where they serve as a visual representation of the stories associated with Lord Krishna.

Cardamom Cultivation

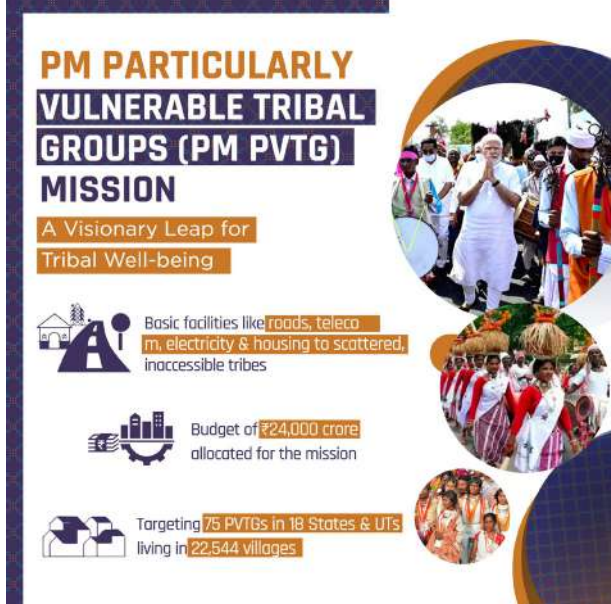
- News- The timely setting in of the North-East monsoon in high-ranges has brought smiles to the faces of cardamom growers in India.

About

- It is popularly known as Queen of Spices and belongs to the Zingiberaceae family.
- It is native to the evergreen, rainy forests of Western Ghats in South India.
- It is cultivated mainly in the Southern states, viz., Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu.
- Soil and climate
 - Soil: It is grown in forest loamy soils, which are usually acidic in nature with a pH range of 5.0–6.5.
 - This crop can be grown at an elevation from 600 to 1500 m.
- **Temperature: 10 to 35 degree C**
- **Rainfall: 1500 to 4000 mm**
- The growth of cardamom is enhanced when planted in humus rich soils with low to medium available phosphorous and medium to high available potassium.
- It is used as a flavouring agent and drug in traditional medicine.

Pradhan Mantri-Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PM-PVTG) Development Mission

- News- The Prime Minister will launch the PM-PVTG Development Mission in a bid to empower the tribals on the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, which has been celebrated as **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas** t t



About the Scheme

- The Rs 24,000-crore project is aimed at the development of the PVTGs.
- It has been designed to bring critical infrastructure like power, water, road connectivity, housing, education, and healthcare to the PVTG communities living in remote villages.
- Under the scheme, about 11 interventions like the PM-Gram Sadak Yojana, PM-Gram Awaas Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, and others will be taken to these target villages through the coordinated work of nine ministries.
- In addition, saturation will be ensured for schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna, Sickle Cell Disease Elimination, TB Elimination, 100 percent immunisation, PM Surakshit Matritva Yojana, PM Matru Vandana Yojana, PM Poshan, and PM Jan Dhan Yojana.

Note

- PVTGs are a more vulnerable group among tribal groups in India.

- These groups have primitive traits, geographical isolation, low literacy, zero to negative population growth rate and backwardness.
- Moreover, they are largely dependent on hunting for food and a pre-agriculture level of technology.
- In 1973, the Dhebar Commission set up a separate category for Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs). In 1975, the Centre identified 52 tribal groups as PTGs. In 1993, 23 more groups were added to the list. Later, in 2006, these groups were named PVTGs.
- Currently, there are 2.8 million PVTGs belonging to 75 tribes across 22,544 villages in 220 districts across 18 states and Union Territories in India.

India International Science Festival

- News- The 9th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 will be held at Faridabad, Haryana from January 17th-20th, 2024.

About

- It will be held at the Campus of Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) and Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) of the Department of Biotechnology in Faridabad.
- Theme: 'Science and Technology Public Outreach in Amrit Kaal'.
- IISF 2023 aims to provide a platform for inspiring the public at large and individuals with diverse levels of interests, like students, educators, scientists, researchers, industry professionals, entrepreneurs, and science communicators.

National Health Claim Exchange (NHGX)

- News- The National Health Authority (NHA) and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) have joined hands to operationalize the National Health Claim Exchange (NHGX).

About

- It is a digital health claims platform developed by the National Health Authority.

- It will serve as a gateway for exchanging claims-related information among various stakeholders in the healthcare and health insurance ecosystem.
- It is designed to be interoperable, machine-readable, auditable and verifiable, as well as help ensure the information exchanged is accurate and trustworthy.

Overall tiger population increased 60%

- News- As per the report submitted under the Global Tiger Recovery Program (GTRP) 2.0 overall tiger population increased 60%.

About

- Global Tiger Recovery Program (GTRP):
- It was launched in 2010 under the Global Tiger Initiative (GTI) by the World Bank to save wild tigers.
- This initiative set up the ambitious target of reversing the rapid decline of wild tigers across their range and doubling their population numbers by 2022.

OUR RECENT GROUP 1 TOPPERS 2022



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)

- News- The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) recently signed an agreement to strengthen its supply chain and ensure adherence to labour rules.

About

- It is a regional arrangement to build cooperation and economic integration in the Indo-Pacific region.
- It was launched by United States President Joe Biden on May 23, 2022.
- This framework is intended to advance resilience, sustainability, inclusiveness, economic growth, fairness, and competitiveness for member economies.
- IPEF will seek to complement and build on existing regional architecture and support the global rules-based trading system.
- It currently includes 14 partner countries: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the United States, and Vietnam.

- The economic framework broadly rests on four pillars:
 - Trade
 - Supply chain resilience
 - Clean Energy, Decarbonization, and Infrastructure
 - Taxes and anti-corruption measures

Igla-S

- News- Russia recently signed a contract to supply Igla-S hand-held anti-aircraft missiles to India

About

- It is a man-portable air defence system (MANPADS) developed by Russia.
- It is known in the West as SA-24 Grinch.
- It entered service with the Russian Army in 2004.
- It can be fired by an individual or crew to bring down an enemy aircraft.
- It has the capability of bringing down low-flying aircraft. It can also identify and neutralise air targets, such as cruise missiles and drones.





SCHEMES

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana-Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSY-AIBP)



News

- The government of India approved the inclusion of the Jamrani Dam Multipurpose Project under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana-Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSY-AIBP).

Note

- The project envisages the construction of a dam near Jamrani village across river Gola, a tributary of river **Ram Ganga**, in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand.

About the scheme

- It was launched in 2015-16.
- Aim: To enhance physical access to water on farms, expand cultivable areas under assured irrigation, improve on-farm water use efficiency, and introduce sustainable water conservation practices.

Components

- Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP): To focus on faster completion of ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation including National Projects.
- Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP): It consists of four sub-components, being Command Area Development & Water Management (CAD&WM), Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR)

of Water Bodies, and Ground Water (GW) Development component.

- Other components
- Per Drop More Crop(PDMC): It is being implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- The Watershed Development component (WDC): It is being implemented by the Department of Land Resources.
- Nodal Ministry: Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

PM Kisan Bhai

News

To help small and marginal farmers, who do not have capacity to hold their produce in warehouses and wait for better prices, the Centre plans to incentivise them under a scheme likely to be named PM-Kisan Bhai (Bhandaran Incentive) scheme.

- The scheme is likely to be rolled out by December-end.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan samman Nidhi

- News- Prime Minister Narendra Modi disbursed the 15th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme

About

- The PM-KISAN scheme, a flagship initiative of the government, aims to provide financial assistance to all landholding farmers across the country.
- Under this program, eligible farming families receive Rs. 6000 annually, distributed in three equal installments of Rs. 2000 every four months, to support their agricultural and domestic needs. However, the recent installment seems to be pending for some beneficiaries, prompting the need for a solution.



ENVIRONMENT NEWS



Alcalus fontinalis

- Researchers recently discovered a new species of frog named *Alcalus fontinalis* in the northeast Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh.

About

- It is a newly discovered species of frog.
- It was discovered in the Namdapha Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh.
- The frog appeared to be a mix of a bush frog and a water frog.



New species of wasp

- News- Scientists of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) recently discovered a new species of wasp named '*Taeniogonalos dhritiae*' in the Western Ghats of Kerala.

Gudavi Bird Sanctuary

- News- The sudden deaths of several birds at Gudavi Bird Sanctuary in Shivamogga district of Karnataka has left the officers of the Forest Department in worry.

About the Bird Sanctuary

- It is one of the renowned Bird Sanctuaries in Karnataka.
- It is located on Gudavi Lake banks.

- It is engulfed with natural beauty and rich biodiversity, attracting tourists from different parts of the world.
- Fauna: The Bird Sanctuary prides itself on being the home of more than 217 bird species, including residential and migratory birds like Grey Heron, Little Cormorant, Little Grebe, White Ibis and White-Headed Crane.
- Flora: It is covered by moist deciduous forest species interspersed with grassy patches.
- This wetland vegetation comprises marshy plants, and microphyte biota.

Global Declaration for River Dolphins

News

- In a ground-breaking development, 11 Asian and South American countries recently signed a global declaration, the "Global Declaration for River Dolphins," aimed at preserving the world's six remaining river dolphin species.

About

- This declaration is designed to guide 14 nations where river dolphins inhabit, with a focus on responsible freshwater dolphin conservation.
- It aims to halt the decline of all river dolphin species and increase the most vulnerable populations.
- The declaration will escalate collaborative endeavours to safeguard the surviving river dolphin species.
- Countries that adopted the declaration include Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, and Venezuela.

River Dolphins

- River dolphins are any of six species of small, usually freshwater aquatic mammals that are related to whales (Order Cetacea).

- A seventh river dolphin species, the Chinese river dolphin, or baiji, was declared extinct in 2007.
- Distribution: These dolphins are found in rivers of south-central Asia, China, and South America and in the coastal waters of Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay.
- Common Features: They have slender beaks lined with lots of teeth, small eyes, flexible necks and bodies, pronounced forehead melons, large flippers, and small dorsal fins.
- The six surviving species of river dolphins are the Amazon, Indus, Ganges, Irrawaddy, Tucuxi, and Yangtze finless porpoises.
- All six species of river dolphins are classified as Endangered or Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.
- The largest is the Amazon River dolphin (*Inia geoffrensis*).

New Gecko species

- News- A team of scientists and researchers have discovered a new species of gecko endemic to Mizoram.

About

- The new species has been named 'Cyrtodactylus vairengtensis' after the town in Mizoram where it was found.

- The common name suggested for the new species is 'Vairengte bent-toed gecko'.
- The distinct feature of this new species is the number of femoral pores which distinguishes it from other members of the Cyrtodactylus family.
- Femoral pores are located on the underside of the hind legs in lizards that secrete a mixture of lipids and proteins and are thought to be used to attract mates and mark territories.
- It is endemic to Mizoram, taking the number of geckos native to the state to 6, and 22 across northeast India.
- There are 335 gecko species across the world, of which 42 are found in India.

New crustacean parasites

- News- Research conducted at the University of Kerala has led to the unprecedented discovery of a new crustacean family off the Indian coast.

About

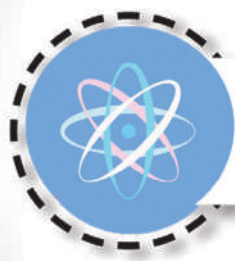
- Researchers have named the new family
- This is also the first discovery and description of a new crustacean family from India.
- These parasitic copepods are known to infest a wide range of hosts, from sponges to marine mammals.

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SCIENCE AND TECH



Vikram-1 rocket

- Indian firm Skyroot Aerospace recently unveiled its indigenously-built Vikram-1 rocket.

About

- Vikram-1, named after the father of India's space programme, Vikram Sarabhai, is a multi-stage launch vehicle with a capacity to place around 300 kg of payloads in low-earth orbit.
- It has been built by Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace, a space startup.
- It is an all-carbon-fibre-bodied rocket that can place multiple satellites into orbit.
- Being a solid-fuel rocket and using relatively simpler technologies would mean that launching this vehicle would require minimal infrastructure and that the rocket could be assembled and launched within 24 hours from any site

Lorrainosaurus

- The fossils of a 170-million-year-old ancient marine reptile named 'Lorrainosaurus' from the Age of Dinosaurs have been recently identified as the oldest-known mega-predatory pliosaur.

About

- It is the oldest mega-predatory pliosaur.
- It lived during the ancient Middle Jurassic era in marine environments.
- The regions in which it lived 170 million years ago are now located in northern France.
- This giant reptile probably reached over 6 meters from snout to tail.
- The animal had jaws over 1.3 m long with large conical teeth and a bulky 'torpedo-shaped' body propelled by four flipper-like limbs.
- They were ecological equivalents of today's killer whales and would have eaten a range of prey, including squid-like cephalopods, large fish, and other marine reptiles.





SPORTS NEWS



FIDE Grand Swiss Chess Event



- Indian chess players Vidit Gujrathi and R Vaishali won the FIDE Grand Swiss Chess 2023 held on the Isle of Man.

Asian Champions Trophy 2023



- The Indian women's hockey team has won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023, securing the gold medal for the second time in the competition's history.

FIFA World Cup 2034



- Saudi Arabia is set to host the men's 2034 FIFA World Cup, with the Australian football

federation opting out of the bidding contest, leaving Saudi Arabia as the sole bidder for the 2034 tournament.

World Cup



- News- Australia won the 13th edition of the Cricket World Cup, a quadrennial One Day International (ODI) cricket tournament contested by men's national teams and organized by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Player of the Tournament



- News- virat kohli has been awarded as the "Player of the Tournament " title for his exceptional performance.
- He achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the first batter in the world to score 50 One Day International (ODI) centuries.



AWARDS



72nd Miss Universe 2023



News

- Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palcios, crowned as 72nd Miss Universe 2023.
- The 72nd Miss Universe event concluded with a grand ceremony at the Jose Adolfo Pineda Arena in San Salvador, El Salvador on 18th November 2023.

Lata Mangeshkar Award 2023

News

- The Maharashtra government has chosen the esteemed playback singer and National Award winner, Suresh Ishwar Wadkar, as the recipient of the prestigious 'Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2023.

Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award

News

- Salman Rushdie has received the inaugural 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' from the Vaclav Havel Center.
- He is celebrated for groundbreaking work 'The Satanic Verses.'

Kalakar Puraskar Award

News

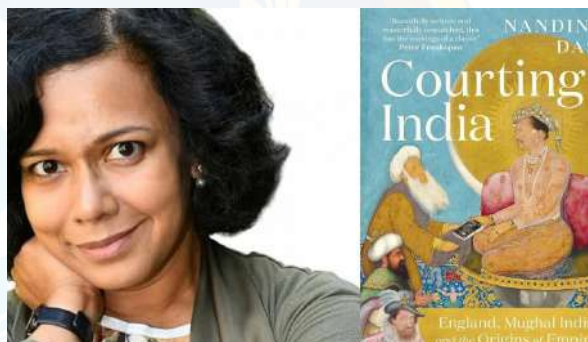
- The 19th edition of the prestigious 'Kalakar Puraskar,' organized by the Carvalho Household of Kundapura in association with Mandd Sobhann, Mangaluru, was awarded to Apolinaris D'Souza, a prominent Konkani singer, lyricist, and composer.

Changemaker Of The Year Award

News

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was honored with the 'Changemaker of the Year' award. Governor Shaktikanta Das accepted it on behalf of the RBI.
- The recognition was part of the Hindu Businessline Changemaker Awards 2023, held at ITC Maurya in New Delhi on November 3.

British Academy Book Prize 2023



News

- The British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding, a prestigious international non-fiction award has been awarded to India-born author Nandini Das for her debut book, 'Courting India: England, Mughal India, and the Origins of Empire.'

Wildlife Photographer Of The Year Award

News

- Vihaan Talya Vikas, a 10-year-old prodigy from Bengaluru, has secured the top prize in the '10 years and under' category at the renowned Wildlife Photographer of the Year (WPY) competition.

Ballon d'Or 2023

News

- Lionel Messi and Aitana Bonmati have been honored as the 2023 Ballon d'Or recipients. Messi secures his eighth Ballon d'Or.



REPORTS

Climate Services report 2023

- Recently, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) released Climate Services report 2023.

About

- Less than 25 per cent of health ministries across the world utilise climate information and services to monitor health risks related to climate sensitivity.
- It highlights health protection as a priority in almost all countries and identifies the need for high-quality information for better decision making.
- While extreme heat causes the greatest mortality of all extreme weather, heat warning services are provided to health decision makers in only half of the affected countries;
- Climate change mitigation leading to reducing air pollution can save lives; and
- Investments to improve the capabilities of the health sector to safeguard the most vulnerable are insufficient.

Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI), 2023

- News- The Global Talent Competitiveness Index has seen India fall sharply from rank 83 ten years ago to rank 103 in its latest report out recently.

About

- It measures how countries grow, attract, and retain talent.
- It is an annual benchmarking report published by the prestigious chain of business schools, INSEAD.
- It provides a unique resource for decision-makers to understand the global talent competitiveness picture and develop strategies to boost their economies.

- The 10th edition of the report covers 134 countries around the world across all income groups.
- Singapore, Switzerland, and the United States are among the top three countries on the index.
- Denmark, the Netherlands, Finland, Norway, Australia, Sweden, and the United Kingdom make up the rest of the Top 10.
- India is ranked 103, the worst among that of the BRICS countries. China remains at the top of the BRICS group of countries at rank 40, Russia at 52, South Africa at 68 and Brazil at 69.

World Energy Employment 2023 report



News

- The International Energy Agency released the World Energy Employment 2023 report.
- Global employment in the energy sector grew by 3.4 million over pre-pandemic levels to 67 million in 2022.
- “Clean energy sectors added 4.7 million jobs globally over the same period and stand at 35 million.
- Fossil fuel jobs recovered more slowly after layoffs in 2020 and remain around 1.3 million below pre-pandemic employment levels, at 32 million.
- Job growth in the clean energy as well as fossil fuel sectors remained positive in India

compared to pre-pandemic levels of 2019.

- With this, the country saw the fourth-highest number of new clean energy jobs being created in the past three years.
- The report mentioned five major sectors of the energy industry that led to maximum job creation post-pandemic.

Global Unicorn Rankings

- India has secured the third position in Global Unicorn Rankings
- It achieved an impressive count of 72 unicorn companies.
- The cumulative valuation of these unicorns stands at a staggering \$195.75 billion, showcasing the country's growing prowess in the international startup ecosystem.

State Food Safety Index 2022-2023

News

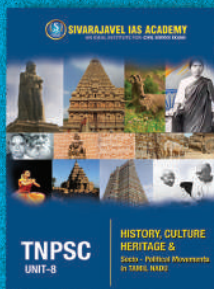
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) recently released the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2022-2023, which assesses the performance of Indian states and union

territories in ensuring food safety.

- This annual evaluation employs a dynamic benchmarking model to objectively measure food safety across all regions.
- 19 out of 20 large Indian states, including Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh, experienced a decline in their 2022-2023 SFSI scores compared to 2019.



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IMPORTANT DAYS



DATE	DAY	THEME
November 01	Tamil Nadu state formation day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamil Nadu Day, also referred to as Tamil Nadu Dhinam, is a holiday celebrated in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu to commemorate the formation of the state. Tamil Nadu was created on 1 November 1956 with the name Madras State. On 14 January 1969, Madras State was officially renamed to Tamil Nadu
November 05	World Tsunami awareness day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed on November 5th to highlight the dangers of tsunamis and to emphasize the importance of early warning systems in minimizing the damage caused by natural disasters. Many organizations provide traditional knowledge about tsunamis to make people aware of the situation.
November 06	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The United Nations General Assembly declared on November 5, 2001, that the 6th of November declared would be observed as the 'International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict.'
November 08	World Radiography Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Day of Radiology is observed annually on November 8 to commemorate the discovery of X-rays or X-radiation, on November 8, 1895, by the German Scientist Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen.
November 11	National Education day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is observed on November 11th to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's first Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. From 1947 to 1958, the Minister was also the first education minister of independent India.

November 12	World Pneumonia day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Pneumonia Day is observed on November 12th to raise awareness about Pneumonia and its prevention. This is considered the world's leading infectious disease, with children under the age of five being the most affected.
November 16	International day of Tolerance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On November 16, the International Day of Tolerance is observed to raise awareness about the importance of tolerance by encouraging mutual understanding among cultures and peoples. By resolution 51/95, the UN General Assembly invited UN Member States to observe the International Day of Tolerance on
November 16	National Press day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every year on November 16th, National Press Day is observed to recognize and honour the Press Council of India (PCI). The day celebrates the existence of a free and accountable press in the nation
November 17	National Epilepsy Awareness Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Epilepsy Awareness Day is November 17th. In this regard, the primary goal is to raise public awareness of epilepsy disease, its symptoms, and its prevention. Epilepsy is thought to be a chronic brain disorder marked by recurrent seizures or "fits." This has been observed to affect people of all ages, and each person has their own set of concerns and problems to deal with.
November 19	World Toilet day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every year on November 19th, World Toilet Day is observed. This day is primarily about inspiring people to address the global sanitation crisis and achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6, which promises sanitation for all by 2030. According to UNICEF and WHO, approximately 60% of the global population, or approximately 4.5 billion people, do not have toilets at home or do not know how to properly dispose of toilet waste.

November 20	Universal children's day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every year on November 20th, Universal Children's Day is observed. This day is primarily intended to promote international cooperation, raise awareness among children worldwide, and improve children's welfare. On November 20, 1954, Universal Children's Day was established
November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every year on November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed. This day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993. Violence against women is defined as any act of gender-based violence that causes physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats.
November 26	Constitution day of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every year on November 26th, India observes Constitution Day, also known as Law Day or Samvidhan Divas. On November 26, 1949, India's Constituent Assembly adopted the Indian Constitution. This took effect on January 26, 1950.

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Mahabali Tug

- Indian Navy recently commissioned Mahabali Tug Shoft Shipyard Pvt. Ltd., Gujarat.

About

- It is a 25-ton Bollard Pull (BP) Tug.
- This vessel, a creation of Shoft Shipyard located in Bharuch, Gujarat, is one of three such tugs commissioned as part of a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Defence and the Shipyard.
- It has been constructed in accordance with the classification rules set forth by the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).
- It will assume a crucial role in aiding naval ships and submarines during berthing and unberthing operations, as well as in navigating through confined waters.
- It is equipped to enhance firefighting capabilities for ships both alongside and at anchorage.
- It is also outfitted for limited Search and Rescue Operations.

KAZIND - 2023

News

- The Indian Army and Indian Air Force contingent, comprising 120 personnel, departed to take part in the Joint Military 'Exercise KAZIND-2023' which will be conducted at Otar, Kazakhstan, from October 30th to November 11th, 2023

About

- It is the 7th edition of the Kazind exercise.
- The Joint Exercise between India and Kazakhstan was instituted as 'Exercise PRABAL DOSTYK' in the year 2016.

Nirbhay Cruise missile

News

- The Indian armed forces will be inducting

the long-range attack cruise missile Nirbhay into their inventory to strike targets at ranges over 1,000 km.

About

- It is a long-range sub-sonic cruise missile.
- It is India's first indigenously-produced cruise missile.
- The missile was developed by the Bengaluru-based Aeronautical Development Establishment, a lab under India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- It is capable of deep penetration into adversary territory to strike high-value targets with precision.



'Sagar Kavach'

News

- The coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' is set to unfold its strategic manoeuvres along the Kerala and Mahe coasts.

About

- The exercise, conducted semi-annually, is a collaborative effort with active participation from various central and state agencies, showcasing a unified approach to fortifying India's coastal defences.
- Coordinated by the Indian Coast Guard, 'Sagar Kavach' brings together an amalgamation of

forces, including the Indian Navy, Coastal Police/State Police, Intelligence Bureau, Customs, CISF, Department of Port, Department of Fisheries, Directorate General of Lighthouse and Lightships (DGLL), and Kadalora Jagiratha Samithi.

- The exercise is designed to address the unique complexities of the coastal terrain, ensuring that security mechanisms are robust and adaptive to various scenarios.

‘Trishakti Prahar

News

- Joint exercise ‘Trishakti Prahar’ recently began near the western border of Rajasthan in Jaisalmer.

About

- It is a joint military exercise involving the Indian Army, the Indian Navy, and the Indian Air Force.

Objectives:

- It aims to enhance mutual coordination and operational efficiency.
- It seeks to create new strategies and assess operational capabilities in the context of modern warfare.

Exercise CORPAT and Bongosagar

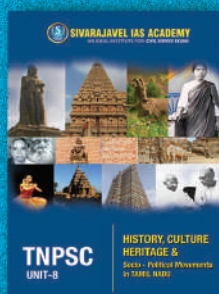
News

- Exercise CORPAT and BONGOSAGAR between the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy were conducted in the Northern Bay of Bengal from 07 - 09 Nov 2023.

About

- It is the 4th edition of the BONGOSAGAR and the 5th edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) exercise. Both are bilateral naval exercise.
- Indian Navy Ships Kuthar, Kiltan and Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) Dornier participated in the exercise along with Bangladesh Navy Ships Abu Bakr and Abu Ubaidah.
- CORPAT-23 also included the maiden Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) drills conducted between the two navies wherein a Search and Rescue scenario at sea was exercised.
- INS Kuthar is an indigenously built guided-missile Corvette, whereas INS Kiltan is an indigenously built anti-submarine Corvette.

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Finance commission

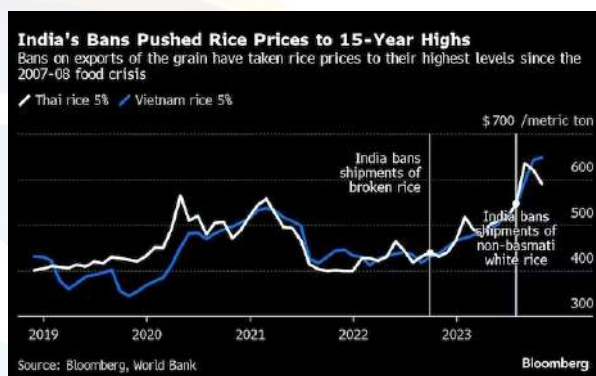
- News- The government has started the process of constitution of the Sixteenth Finance Commission. The government has started the process of constitution of the Sixteenth Finance Commission.

About Finance Commission:

- It is a constitutional body for giving recommendations on the distribution of tax revenues between the Union and the States and amongst the States
- The Finance Commission is constituted by the President under Article 280 of the Constitution.
- It is constituted at the end of every fifth year or earlier, as deemed necessary by the President.
- Parliament may, by law, determine the requisite qualifications for appointment as members of the Commission and the procedure for their

selection. On account of this, The Finance Commission (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1951, was passed.

Rice Export Bans



- News- India, the world's top rice exporter, is expected to maintain its curbs on overseas sales well into next year, a move likely to hold the staple grain at close to its highest price levels since the food crisis of 2008

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Mount Etna

- News- Mount Etna which is one of the world's most active volcanoes, was causing public concern as well it started erupting recently.
- It is Europe's most active volcano and one of the largest in the world.
- Its recorded volcanic activity dates back to 1500 B.C.
- It is on the eastern coast of Sicily Italy.
- It is the highest Mediterranean island mountain and the most active stratovolcano in the world.
- It is about 3,326 meters high and is the highest peak in Italy South of the Alps

Hallmarking Centers



- Kerala became the first state to have hallmarking centres in all the districts.

Hornbill Festival

- 24th Hornbill Festival 2023, will began at Nagaland from December 1, 2023.

- Hornbill is referred to as the 'Festival of Festivals'.
- It attracts tourists to the North east India and shows the cultural significance of North east India

State to take steps to ensure minimum wages for workers

- News - In a first among the states, Jharkhand government has initiated groundwork for defining minimum wages for gig workers working with different app-based companies.
- Jharkhand is the first state which has taken steps towards bringing people working on contract or commission for companies like Swiggy-Zomato-Ola-Uber-Rapido under the ambit of minimum wages. No other state government has taken such an initiative till now.

Gangetic Dolphin

- Uttar Pradesh declares Gangetic Dolphins as the state aquatic animal
- Gangetic dolphins are a unique and endangered species found in rivers such as Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Ghaghra, Rapti, and Gerua. They serve as important indicators of river health due to their sensitivity to water quality, making their conservation crucial for the ecosystem.

2023 NOVEMBER MONTH QUESTIONS

- _____ was characterised by stone tools shaped by polishing or grinding.
 - Paleolithic
 - Mesolithic
 - Neolithic
 - Chalcolithic
- Which of the following age is known for the dependence on domesticated plants or animals, and settlement in permanent villages?
 - Paleolithic
 - Mesolithic
 - Chalcolithic
 - Neolithic
- In which among the following age pottery appeared?
 - Mesolithic
 - Neolithic
 - Paleolithic
 - Chalcolithic
- Burzahom a Neolithic site is located in ____
 - Kashmir
 - Madhya Pradesh
 - Maharashtra
 - Andhra Pradesh
- Edakkal caves is located in ____
 - Andhra Pradesh
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Kerala
 - Karnataka
- Pichwai Painting was originated in ____
 - Himachal Pradesh
 - Kashmir
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Rajasthan
- Nathdwara, Kishangarh and Bundi schools of painting is associated with
 - Pichwai
 - Thanjavur
 - Madhubani
 - Amaravati
- Which among the following state is known for the largest cardamom cultivation?
 - Maharashtra
 - Jammu and Kashmir
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Kerala
- Queen of Spices is native to
 - Eastern ghats
 - Western ghats
 - Andaman Nicobar Islands
 - Meghalaya
- Identify the crop associated with the following statements
 - It is grown in forest loamy soils, which are usually acidic in nature with a pH range of 5.0–6.5.
 - This crop can be grown at an elevation from 600 to 1500 m.
 - Cotton
 - Cardamom
 - Chilli
 - Coffee

11. PM-PVTG Development Mission aims to

- a) Empower tribals
- b) Empower women
- c) Empower underprivileged section of the society
- d) Empower the rural youths

12. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is celebrated to commemorate

- a) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- b) Jawaharlal Nehru
- c) Birsa Munda
- d) Dr. A. P. J Abdul kalam

13. PM-Gram Sadak Yojana aims to

- a) Provide education to the adult women
- b) Provide loans to Underprivileged section of the society
- c) Provide skill training to rural youth
- d) Provide all weather roads at rural areas

14. PM-Gram Awaas Yojana ensures

- a) Home for all
- b) Education for all
- c) Employment for all
- d) None of the above

15. Consider the following statements

1. The Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) Scheme is a government program of India.
2. It provides free antenatal care to pregnant women in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

16. Consider the following statements

1. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana is a Centrally Sponsored
2. It is a DBT scheme with the cash incentive of ₹ 5000/- (in three instalments) being provided directly in the bank/post office account of Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

17. ___ commission set up to separate category for Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs).

- A. Dhebar Commission
- a) Kelkar Commission
- b) Narasimhan commission
- c) Mandal commission

18. Which of the following is not the feature of Particularly vulnerable tribal groups?

- a) Geographical isolation
- b) High literacy
- c) zero to negative population growth rate
- d) Backwardness.

19. Currently how many tribes are present in India?

- a) 70
- b) 75
- c) 80
- d) 85

20. India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 will be held at

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Faridabad
- c) Kolkata
- d) Chennai

21. National Health Claim index is released by

- a) NITI AAYOG
- b) National Health Authority
- c) LIC
- d) Ministry of health

22. Global Tiger Recovery Program was launched in the year _____

- a) 2009
- b) 2010
- c) 2011
- d) 2012

23. Aim of the Global Tiger Recovery Program is to double the tiger population by

- a) 2021
- b) 2022
- c) 2023
- d) 2024

24. Which among the following do not belong to tiger ranging countries?

- a) United States of America
- b) Russia
- c) India
- d) Bangladesh

25. Indo Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity was the initiative of

- a) United States of America
- b) India
- c) China
- d) Russia

26. Indo Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity was started in the year

- a) 2021
- b) 2022
- c) 2023
- d) 2024

27. Which of the following nation is not the member of the Indo Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity?

- a) Fiji
- b) Austria
- c) Japan
- d) Philippines

28. Which of the following are the pillars of Indo Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity?

1. Trade
2. Supply chain resilience
3. Clean Energy

Choose the correct answer

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1,2 and 3

29. Igla-S is an anti aircraft missile developed by

- a) Israel
- b) United States of America
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Russia

30. Consider the following statements

1. Igla-S is a man-portable air defence system (MANPADS) developed by Russia.
2. Igla- s is known in the West as SA-24 Grinch.

Which of the statements given above is are correct ?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

31. How many tiger reserves are there in Tamil Nadu?

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

32. Talagirishwara temple is found in ____ district

- a) Villupuram
- b) Dindigul
- c) Mayiladuthurai
- d) Chennai

33. Consider the following statements

1. Talagirishwara temple is constructed on an insignificant, small hill overlooking the Panamalai Lake.
2. The temple was constructed by Pallava king Narasimhavarman I

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

34. Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary was located in ____

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Andhra Pradesh

35. Vedaranyam and the Talaigaynar forests are located in ____

- a) Pulicat lake
- b) Sriviliputhur tiger reserve
- c) Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary
- d) None of the above

36. Which among the following statements regarding point calimere wildlife sanctuary is correct?

- a) It is flanked by the Bay of Bengal in the east and Palk Strait in the south.
- b) It primarily focuses on the protection and conservation of the black antelopes, an endangered and endemic species that are found in this region.
- c) It is designated as a Ramsar site.
- d) All the above

37. Pamban bridge was opened in the year ____

- a) 1913
- b) 1914
- c) 1915
- d) 1916

38. ____ is the India's first sea bridge

- a) Adam's bridge
- b) Pamban bridge
- c) Palk bay bridge
- d) Brahmaputra bridge

39. Kanyakumari wildlife sanctuary is located in ____

- a) Western ghats
- b) Eastern ghats
- c) Anamalai range
- d) Amarkantak plateau

40. Two new plant species from the evergreen forest patches are found at

- a) Agasthyamalai tiger reserve
- b) Annamalai forest
- c) Kanyakumari wildlife sanctuary
- d) Pulicat lake

41. Sathurakarathi was written by

- a) G. U. Pope
- b) Veeramamunivar
- c) Bharathiyar
- d) Bharathidasan

42. Climate Services report was released by

- a) World Bank
- b) World meteorological Organization
- c) IPCC
- d) UN

43. India ranked _____ in Global Talent Competitiveness Index

- a) 83
- b) 100
- c) 103
- d) 120

44. With respect to the Global Talent competitiveness index consider the following statements

1. It measures how countries grow, attract, and retain talent.
2. It is an annual benchmarking report published by the prestigious chain of business schools, INSEAD.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

45. World Energy Employment 2023 report was released by

- a) World Bank
- b) UNITED NATION
- c) International energy agency
- d) OECD

46. India has secured the _____ position in Global Unicorn Rankings

- a) First
- b) Second
- c) Third
- d) Fourth

47. State Food Safety Index 2022- 2023 is released by

- a) NITI AAYOG
- b) Ministry of Agriculture
- c) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- d) World Bank

48. Mount Etna is located in

- a) Japan
- b) Italy
- c) France
- d) India

49. _____ became the first state to have hallmarking centres in all the districts.

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Karnataka
- d) Andhra Pradesh

50. Hornbill Festival is celebrated in _____

- a) Assam
- b) Nagaland
- c) Bihar
- d) Rajasthan

51. Great Indian Hornbill is seen in

- a) Grassland
- b) Tropical evergreen forest
- c) Tropical desert
- d) Dry desert

52. _____ government has initiated groundwork for defining minimum wages for gig workers working with different app-based companies.

- a) Jharkhand
- b) Bihar
- c) Chattisgarh
- d) Rajasthan

53. _____ declares Gangetic Dolphins as the state aquatic animal

- a) Jharkhand
- b) Bihar
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Uttarakhand

54. Gangetic Dolphins was declared as the National Aquatic animal in the year ____

- a) 2006
- b) 2008
- c) 2009
- d) 2011

55. The Finance Commission is constituted by the ____

- a) Prime minister of India
- b) President of India
- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) NITI aayog

56. Which article provides for the constitution of Finance commission of India?

- a) Article 270
- b) Article 280
- c) Article 290
- d) Article 300

57. Jamrani Dam is proposed to built across ____

River

- a) Ganga
- b) Yamuna
- c) Godavari
- d) Ram ganga

58. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana- Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) was launched in the year ____

- a) 2014
- b) 2015
- c) 2017
- d) 2019

59. Jamrani village is located in _____

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) Assam

60. Consider the following statements

1. Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP): To focus on faster completion of ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation including National Projects.
2. Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP): It consists of four sub-components, being Command Area Development & Water Management (CAD&WM), Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies, and GroundWater (GW) Development component.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

61. Per Drop More Crop is implemented by

- a) NITI AAYog
- b) Ministry of Rural development
- c) Ministry of Agriculture
- d) Ministry of Finance

62. PM Kisan Bhai aims to

- a) To help small and marginal farmers, who do not have capacity to hold their produce in warehouses
- b) To built warehouse at rural areas
- c) To provide land to the landless farmers
- d) To build brand for each village

63. Consider the following statements

1. The PM-KISAN scheme, a flagship initiative of the government, aims to provide financial assistance to all landholding farmers across the country.
2. Under this program, eligible farming families receive Rs. 6000 annually, distributed in three equal instalments

Which of the statements given above is /are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

64. *Alcalus fontinalis* is a

- a) Amphibian
- b) Reptile
- c) Bird
- d) Mammal

65. Recently *Alcalus fontinalis* is found in

- a) Assam
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- d) Kerala

66. Namdapha Tiger Reserve is located in

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

67. '*Taeniogonolus dhritiae*' is a

- a) Wasp
- b) Frog
- c) Bird
- d) Snake

68. '*Taeniogonolus dhritiae*' is spotted in

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

69. Gudavi Bird Sanctuary is located in _____

- a) Karnataka
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamil Nadu

70. Global Declaration for River Dolphins is signed _____ countries from Asia and South America

- a) 20
- b) 11
- c) 21
- d) 30

71. Which among the following nations signed the Global Declaration for River Dolphins?

- a) Nepal
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Brazil
- d) All the above

72. baiji a River dolphin is native to

- a) India
- b) Brazil
- c) China
- d) Columbia

73. '*Cyrtodactylus vairengtensis*' is endemic to

- a) Manipur
- b) Mizoram
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Madhya Pradesh

74. Consider the following statements

1. Vikram-1, named after the father of India's space programme, Vikram Sarabhai, is a multi-stage launch vehicle with a capacity to place around 300 kg of payloads in low-earth orbit.
2. It has been built by Hyderabad-based Sky-root Aerospace, a space startup

which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

75. 'Lorrainosaurus' is an

- a) Marine Reptile
- b) Amphibian
- c) Antelope
- d) Bird

76. 'Exercise KAZIND-2023' is bilateral exercise between India and _____

- a) Kazakhstan
- b) Azerbaijan
- c) Georgia
- d) Bangladesh

77. Otar is located in

- a) Russia
- b) Austria
- c) America
- d) Kazakhstan

78. 'Exercise PRABAL DOSTYK' was instituted in the year _____

- a) 2014
- b) 2015
- c) 2016
- d) 2017

79. Consider the following statements

- 1. Nirbhay is a long-range subsonic cruise missile.
- 2. It is India's first indigenously-produced cruise missile.

Which of the statements given above is /are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

80. Consider the following statements

- 1. Trishakti Prahar is a joint military exercise involving the Indian Army, the Indian Navy, and the Indian Air Force
- 2. It aims to enhance mutual coordination and operational efficiency

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

81. BONGO SAGAR is the bilateral exercise between India and _____

- a) Vietnam
- b) Russia
- c) Bangladesh
- d) United Kingdom

82. Who among the following won FIDE Grand Swiss Chess 2023?

- a) Vaishali
- b) Magnus Carlsen
- c) Viswanathan Anand
- d) None of the above

83. _____ is set to host the men's 2034 FIFA World Cup

- a) UAE
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Germany
- d) Italy

84. _____ won the 13th edition of the Cricket World Cup

- a) Australia
- b) New Zealand
- c) South Africa
- d) India

85. _____ has been awarded as the “Player of the Tournament” in world cup series

- a) Rohit sharma
- b) virat kohli
- c) Mohammad shami
- d) K. L . Rahul

86. 72nd Miss Universe 2023 is won by which country

- a) Uruguay
- b) Nicaragua
- c) United States of America
- d) India

87. Lata Mangeshkar Award 2023 is awarded by which state ?

- a) Madhya pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Jharkhand

88. _____ has received the inaugural ‘Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award’

- a) Salman Rushdie
- b) Arunthathi roy
- c) Shashi tharoor
- d) Shaktikanta das

89. On 14 January____, Madras State was officially renamed to Tamil Nadu

- a) 1966
- b) 1967
- c) 1968
- d) 1969

90. Tamil Nadu state formation day is released on

- a) November 01
- b) November 02
- c) November 03
- d) November 04

91. Who among the following discovered X rays?

- a) Bohr
- b) Newton
- c) Rontgen
- d) Einstein

92. National education day is observed on

- a) November 09
- b) November 10
- c) November 11
- d) November 12

93. National Education day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of _____

- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- b) Dr. A. P . J Abdul kalam
- c) Maulana Abdul kalam azad
- d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

94. National press day is observed on ____

- a) November 15
- b) November 16
- c) November 17
- d) November 18

95. Universal children’s day is observed on _____

- a) November 17
- b) November 18
- c) November 19
- d) November 20

96. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed on _____

- a) November 25
- b) November 26
- c) November 27
- d) November 28

97. India's constitution day is celebrated on _____

- a) November 24
- b) November 25
- c) November 26
- d) November 27

99. Constitution came into effect in _____

- a) 26 th November 1948
- b) 26th November 1949
- c) 26 th January 1950
- d) 24 th January 1950

98. Constitution of india was adopted in the year _____

- a) 1948
- b) 1949
- c) 1950
- d) 1951

100. World Pneumonia Day is observed on _____

- a) November 12
- b) November 13
- c) November 14
- d) November 15

Answers:

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

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