

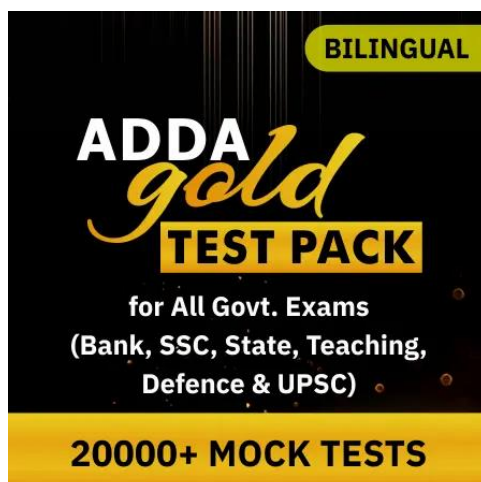
Most Important One Liner Questions and Answers, July 2023

- Q1.** Who has been appointed as the Special Director in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?
Answer: Ajay Bhatnagar
- Q2.** What was the total number of Aadhaar-based face authentication transactions recorded in May 2023?
Answer: 10.6 million
- Q3.** International Asteroid Day is annually commemorated on:
Answer: June 30th
- Q4.** Every year, June 30th marks the celebration of the International Day of Parliamentarism, a day dedicated to commemorating the formation of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). What is the theme for this year's International Day of Parliamentarism?
Answer: Parliaments for the Planet
- Q5.** Which department in India is responsible for the Geographical Indication Registry?
Answer: Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade
- Q6.** Which is not one of the seven handicrafts products from Uttar Pradesh that have received the GI tag?
Answer: Kanpur Leather Craft
- Q7.** Which banks are currently ranked higher than HDFC in terms of equity market capitalization?
Answer: JPMorgan Chase & Co., Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd., Bank of America Corp.
- Q8.** Which two routes are available for the Amarnath Yatra 2023?
Answer: Nunwan-Pahalgam and Baltal
- Q9.** Which statements is true regarding the recent changes to the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) and Tax Collected at Source (TCS)?
Answer: The implementation of the new TCS rule has been postponed to October 1, 2023.
- Q10.** What recent development has taken place regarding India in the UN Secretary-General's annual report on the impact of armed conflict on children?
Answer: India has been removed from the report.
- Q11.** Name the transactions will NOT attract Tax Collected at Source (TCS) under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)?
Answer: Overseas spending using international credit cards
- Q12.** The Tunguska event, which occurred on June 30, 1908, is known for:
Answer: Largest recorded asteroid impact
- Q13.** Where is the headquarters of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) located?
Answer: Geneva, Switzerland
- Q14.** What is insurance penetration?
Answer: The percentage of insurance premiums to Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- Q15.** How will states be incentivized under the PM-PRANAM scheme?
Answer: By saving subsidies from reducing chemical fertilizer usage
- Q16.** What action did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) take regarding Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank Ltd?
Answer: Cancelled its banking permit
- Q17.** What is the purpose of Visa's acquisition of Pismo?
Answer: To expand its presence in Latin America
- Q18.** Which ministry is responsible for the development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex?
Answer: Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways
- Q19.** _____ is NOT a feature of the National Maritime Heritage Complex?
Answer: India's Tallest Naval Museum
- Q20.** What is the interest rate offered under the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate, 2023 scheme?
Answer: 7.5% per annum compounded quarterly
- Q21.** What is the maximum limit for the deposit in the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate, 2023 scheme?
Answer: 2,00,000
- Q22.** What is the interest rate for the girl child savings scheme, Sukanya Samridhi, for the July-September 2023 period?
Answer: 8%



- Q23.** What is the new interest rate for a five-year recurring deposit (RD) for the July-September 2023 quarter?
Answer: 6.5%
- Q24.** What is the maximum percentage of the eligible balance that an account holder can withdraw during the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate, 2023 scheme tenor?
Answer: 40%
- Q25.** Which place is known for its stone craft using the 'Pyro Flight Stone'?
Answer: Mahoba
- Q26.** According to the European Council conclusions on China, what is the EU's approach towards China?
Answer: Rival, Partner and Competitor
- Q27.** What is the revised threshold for triggering Tax Collected at Source (TCS) on remittances under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)?
Answer: Rs 7 lakhs
- Q28.** Which rank did the Indian men's national football team achieve in FIFA's latest world rankings?
Answer: 100th
- Q29.** National Chartered Accountants Day, also known as CA Day, is observed on July 1. Which organization is responsible for issuing accounting standards guidelines in India?
Answer: Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- Q30.** Which country is ranked first in FIFA's latest world rankings?
Answer: Argentina
- Q31.** What was the gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in June 2023 in India?
Answer: 1.61 lakh crore
- Q32.** What was the total external debt of India at the end of March 2023?
Answer: \$624.7 billion
- Q33.** What was the central government's fiscal deficit as a percentage of the annual target at the end of May 2023?
Answer: 11.8%
- Q34.** What is the estimated fiscal deficit at March-end 2024, as per the Budget?
Answer: Rs 17.86 lakh crore
- Q35.** What is the average monthly gross GST collection for the first quarter of FY22, FY23, and FY24?
Answer: 1.10 lakh crore, 1.51 lakh crore, and 1.69 lakh crore, respectively
- Q36.** From where will Chandrayaan-3 be launched?
Answer: Sriharikota, India
- Q37.** What did Chandrayaan-1 discover on the Moon's surface?
Answer: Presence of water molecules
- Q38.** Which currency-denominated debt constituted the largest component of India's external debt?
Answer: US dollar
- Q39.** World Sports Journalist Day is celebrated worldwide on July 2nd each year. Is there a specific theme for World Sports Journalist Day 2023?
Answer: No, there is no specific theme for this year
- Q40.** Who has been granted an extension as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the World Trade Organization (WTO)?
Answer: Brajendra Navnit
- Q41.** Who has been reappointed as the Solicitor General of India for a three-year term?
Answer: Tushar Mehta
- Q42.** What is the name given to the full moon in July 2023?
Answer: Thunder Moon, Berry Moon, Salmon Moon and Feather Moulting Moon
- Q43.** Ajit Pawar is currently serving as the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Which party does Ajit Pawar belong to?
Answer: Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)
- Q44.** Which ministry announced a reduction in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) for electronic items?
Answer: Ministry of Finance
- Q45.** What does fiscal deficit represent?
Answer: Difference between total expenditure and revenue
- Q46.** On the occasion of its 68th foundation day, the State Bank of India (SBI) has inaugurated 34 Transaction Banking Hubs across 21 district centres in the country. How will the Transaction Banking Hubs of State Bank of India assist business customers?
Answer: By connecting them with subsidiary companies
- Q47.** India's first domestically built 700 MW nuclear reactor recently started commercial operations at the Kakrapar Atomic Power Project in Gujarat. How much power capacity is the first indigenous 700 MWe Unit, KAPP-3, currently operating at?
Answer: 90%
- Q48.** How many 700 MW pressurized heavy water reactors (PHWRs) does the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) plan to build across the country?
Answer: Sixteen

- Q49.** IDFC First Bank and IDFC Ltd have announced their merger plans, with a share exchange ratio of 155 equity shares of IDFC First Bank for every 100 equity shares of IDFC. What percentage of shareholding does IDFC Limited hold in IDFC First Bank as of June 30, 2023?
Answer: 39.93%
- Q50.** Who will serve as the regulatory body for all trading activities within India's carbon market?
Answer: Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)
- Q51.** Which organization will serve as the registry for the carbon market in India?
Answer: Grid-India
- Q52.** What is the purpose of the People's Plan Campaign (PPC) organized by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj?
Answer: To promote community participation in governance, To prepare Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP), To ensure inclusive development at the grassroots level, To align flagship schemes with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Q53.** How many local indicators are included in the Panchayat Development Index (PDI) Report?
Answer: 577
- Q54.** Who has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of State Bank of India?
Answer: Kameshwar Rao Kodavanti
- Q55.** Who was re-elected as the Director General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in the 43rd session of the conference?
Answer: Qu-Dongyu
- Q56.** What has New Zealand become the first country to ban?
Answer: Plastic shopping bags
- Q57.** Which day is celebrated as Independence Day in the United States?
Answer: July 4th
- Q58.** The International Day of Cooperatives is commemorated on July 1st and is celebrated on the first Saturday of July. What is the designated theme for the International Day of Cooperatives 2023?
Answer: Cooperatives for Sustainable Development
- Q59.** Who has been appointed as the National Cybersecurity Coordinator (NCSC) by the government?
Answer: Lt Gen M U Nair
- Q60.** How many new Towns of Export Excellence (TEE) have been identified under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023?
Answer: 4
- Q61.** What is the objective of the Swarnima Scheme for Women?
Answer: To empower women entrepreneurs from backward classes through social and financial security.
- Q62.** The Startup20 Shikhar Summit, organized by the Startup20 Engagement Group under the India G20 Presidency, has commenced in Gurugram, marking a significant achievement in the global startup ecosystem. What is the primary objective of the Startup20 Shikhar Summit?
Answer: Job creation, Economic prosperity and Sustainable development
- Q63.** Which Indian state is home to the Sai Hira Global Convention Centre, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
Answer: Andhra Pradesh
- Q64.** Who implements the Swarnima Scheme?
Answer: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Q65.** Which country has witnessed a doubling of its share of global commercial services exports from 2% in 2005 to 4.4% in 2022?
Answer: India
- Q66.** Which country recently became a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?
Answer: Iran
- Q67.** What is the interest rate for loans provided under the Swarnima Scheme?
Answer: 5% per annum
- Q68.** How did the Indian men's football team secure the SAFF Championship 2023 title?
Answer: Winning in a thrilling penalty shootout against Kuwait



- Q69.** What is the eligibility criteria for the Swarnima Scheme?
Answer: Applicants must be females between 18 and 55 years old.
- Q70.** Where did the SAFF Championship 2023 final take place?
Answer: Bengaluru
- Q71.** World Zoonoses Day is observed annually on July 6th to honor the achievements of Louis Pasteur, a renowned French biologist. What are zoonotic diseases?
Answer: Illnesses transmitted from animals to humans
- Q72.** Where was India's first 'Police Drone Unit' launched?
Answer: Chennai
- Q73.** Where is Pangong Tso Lake located?
Answer: Eastern Ladakh and Western Tibet
- Q74.** Which committee will be responsible for recommending greenhouse gas emission targets for obligated entities?
Answer: National Steering Committee
- Q75.** How many times has the gross GST collection crossed the ₹1.6 lakh crore mark since the inception of GST?
Answer: 4 times
- Q76.** What is the purpose of the Reserve Bank of India's Centralised Information Management System (CIMS)?
Answer: To handle big data and facilitate data analysis
- Q77.** The Ministry of Home Affairs has introduced the "Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States". How much contribution is required from State Governments for projects/proposals under the scheme?
Answer: 25%
- Q78.** Which commission's recommendation forms the basis of the funding window for preparedness and capacity-building?
Answer: Fifteenth Finance Commission
- Q79.** Which ministry is organizing the International Conference on Green Hydrogen?
Answer: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- Q80.** What is India's position in terms of sourcing energy from non-fossil fuel sources?
Answer: 40%
- Q81.** What was the total FDI inflow to developing countries in 2022?
Answer: \$662 billion
- Q82.** Which country in South Asia saw a 10% increase in FDI inflows in 2022?
Answer: India
- Q83.** What is India's ranking on the Global Peace Index 2023?
Answer: 126th
- Q84.** Which country has consistently ranked as the most peaceful country in the world since 2008?
Answer: Iceland
- Q85.** What is the eligibility criteria for the Swarnima Scheme?
Answer: Applicants must be females between 18 and 55 years old.
- Q86.** When did India and Pakistan become permanent members of the SCO?
Answer: 2017
- Q87.** Which country became a popular destination for medical travel, hosting approximately 3.5 million foreign patients between 2009 and 2019?
Answer: India
- Q88.** Why did Piramal Finance open its first all-women branch called "Maitreyi"?
Answer: To empower women by providing financial services tailored to their needs, To reinforce their commitment to women's financial inclusion and To tap into the growing market potential of female customers.
- Q89.** The Union Government approved the draft Digital Personal Data Bill and come before Parliament in the monsoon season. Sources in the government said the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology received and considered 21,666 suggestions to the draft bill that have been circulated for comments in November, 2022. What is the penalty that the Data Protection Board (DPB) can levy on organizations found to be in breach?
Answer: Up to Rs. 250 crore
- Q90.** Which state has surpassed Tamil Nadu in terms of microlending borrowings as of March 2023?
Answer: Bihar
- Q91.** The Indian Navy and the US Navy successfully concluded the seventh edition of the Indian Navy – US Navy (IN – USN) Salvage and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) exercise, SALVEX, held from June 26 to July 6, 2023, in Kochi. Which ships participated in the seventh edition of SALVEX?
Answer: INS Nireekshak and USNS Salvor

- Q92.** What change is the GST Council considering regarding the submission of PAN-linked bank account details?
Answer: Reducing the time period from 45 days to 30 days
- Q93.** How are decisions made in the GST Council?
Answer: Three-fourth majority vote of the council members
- Q94.** Which tool helps the RBI in controlling inflation by making borrowing expensive?
Answer: Repo Rate
- Q95.** How does a decrease in the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate impact liquidity in the banking system?
Answer: Increases liquidity
- Q96.** The 67th TAAI Conference in Colombo brought together industry professionals, government officials, and other stakeholders from India and Sri Lanka. Which country was the largest source market for tourism to Sri Lanka last year?
Answer: India
- Q97.** What did Punjab National Bank (PNB) announce on Thursday(6 June 2023)?
Answer: Launch of a virtual branch in the Metaverse
- Q98.** Who has been appointed as executive director by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
Answer: P. Vasudevan
- Q99.** Which launch vehicle will be used for Chandrayaan-3?
Answer: GSLV-Mk3
- Q100.** _____ is not within the purview of the GST Council?
Answer: Enforcing penalties for non-compliance with GST regulations
- Q101.** Which African language holds the honor of being the only African language within the Directorate of Global Communications at the United Nations?
Answer: Kiswahili
- Q102.** On July 7, 1954, the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) under the leadership of Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere adopted Kiswahili as a unifying language for independence struggles. What is the theme of the 2023 Kiswahili Language Day?
Answer: "Unleashing Kiswahili's Potential"
- Q103.** Which city's Municipal Corporation has become the first urban body in India to receive Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) credit for recycling banned single-use plastic items?
Answer: Indore
- Q104.** Which city in India has been ranked as the cleanest city for the sixth consecutive year in the annual cleanliness survey conducted by the central government?
Answer: Indore
- Q105.** Which team was crowned the champions of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 season?
Answer: Netherlands
- Q106.** State Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh inaugurated the Shravani Mela with traditional rituals and prayers. Which is true about the Baba Baidyanathdham Temple?
Answer: It is recognized as one of the 12 Jyotirlingas.
- Q107.** Tomato farmers in Maharashtra and Karnataka have attributed the decline in their yields earlier this year to two distinct viruses. Those in Maharashtra reported that their tomato crops were adversely affected by the cucumber mosaic virus (CMV), whereas growers in Karnataka and other South Indian states attributed their losses to the tomato mosaic virus (ToMV). Which viral family does the tomato mosaic virus (ToMV) belong to?
Answer: Virgaviridae
- Q108.** Taiwan has recently announced its plans to open a third representative office in India, specifically in Mumbai, as a significant step towards strengthening economic linkages between the two nations. What percentage of the world's most advanced logic chips and smartphone chipsets does Taiwan produce as of 2022?
Answer: 90%
- Q109.** India has joined the Champions Group of the Global Crisis Response Group (GCRG) at the invitation of the UN Secretary-General. The GCRG was established in March 2022 to address urgent global issues in food security, energy, and finance, and to coordinate a global response. Who has been designated as the Sherpa to the GCRG process?
Answer: Sanjay Verma
- Q110.** Which countries are currently part of the Champions Group in the GCRG?
Answer: Bangladesh, Barbados, Denmark, Germany, Indonesia, and Senegal
- Q111.** Which position did the Indian men's hockey team finish in the FIH Pro League 2022-23?
Answer: Fourth
- Q112.** The collapse of the Dutch government due to differences on migration policy has set the stage for a highly contentious election campaign in November. Who is the longest-serving leader in the Netherlands?
Answer: Mark Rutte

- Q113.** Which rate provides a safety valve for banks to meet unforeseen liquidity requirements by borrowing funds from the RBI against the collateral of government securities?
Answer: Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate
- Q114.** What is the disbursal growth of PMMY loans in the first quarter of FY24 compared to the same quarter of the previous year?
Answer: 23%
- Q115.** What was the average size of Mudra loans in FY23?
Answer: 73,489
- Q116.** What is the new insurance cover provided under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana in Gujarat?
Answer: Rs 10 lakhs
- Q117.** Which category of loans experienced increased demand under Mudra loans leading to the growth in disbursals?
Answer: Tarun
- Q118.** What is the name of the rare brain-eating amoeba infection recently discovered in South Korea?
Answer: Primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM)
- Q119.** What percentage of Pangong Tso Lake lies in India?
Answer: 40%
- Q120.** Which factor contributed significantly to the improvement in fiscal deficit in May 2023?
Answer: Surge in non-tax revenues
- Q121.** Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is transferring its Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) to the private sector. What are some key features of the SSLV?
Answer: Low cost, low turn-around time, flexibility in accommodating multiple satellites
- Q122.** Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)?
Answer: K Rajaraman
- Q123.** What was the total FDI inflow received by India in FY 2023?
Answer: US\$70.97 billion
- Q124.** Who administers and enforces the FCRA in India?
Answer: Ministry of Home Affairs
- Q125.** Which NGO recently had its FCRA licence cancelled by the Union government?
Answer: Sadbhavana Trust
- Q126.** The Ministry of Education has released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 for States/UTs for the year 2021-22. How many indicators are included in the PGI 2.0 structure?
Answer: 73
- Q127.** What is the main objective of the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0?
Answer: To identify gaps and prioritize areas for intervention in the education system
- Q128.** What is the objective of the ₹10,000-crore Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) operationalized by the National Housing Bank?
Answer: To support the development of urban infrastructure in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.
- Q129.** Which organization released the updated bulletin on the ozone layer?
Answer: World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- Q130.** Which region shows strong signs of recovery in the ozone layer?
Answer: Antarctic
- Q131.** What was the theme of the 33rd Conference of State Finance Secretaries?
Answer: Debt Sustainability: States' Perspective
- Q132.** When was the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) established?
Answer: 1950
- Q133.** Among the following Indian states, which one attracted the highest FDI inflows in FY 2023?
Answer: Maharashtra
- Q134.** What are the six priorities identified collectively by U20 cities?
Answer: Encouraging environmentally responsible behaviors, accelerating climate finance, championing local culture and economy, ensuring water security, catalyzing digital urban futures, and reinventing frameworks for urban planning and governance.

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- Q135.** Which country was the top investor in India in terms of FDI inflows in FY 2023?
Answer: Singapore
- Q136.** What was India's score in the United Nations' Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific's (UNESCAP) global survey on digital and sustainable trade facilitation in 2023?
Answer: 93.55%
- Q137.** In which key areas did India achieve a perfect score of 100% in the UNESCAP survey?
Answer: Transparency, formalities, institutional arrangement and cooperation, and paperless trade
- Q138.** According to the Goldman Sachs report, by which year is India expected to surpass the United States to become the world's second-largest economy?
Answer: 2075
- Q139.** What is the projected GDP of India by 2075, according to the Goldman Sachs report?
Answer: \$52.5 trillion
- Q140.** What is the growth percentage of net direct tax collection in the current fiscal year?
Answer: 16%
- Q141.** Operation Broader Sword aimed to prevent the shipment of which items?
Answer: Illicit pharmaceuticals and precursor chemicals
- Q142.** What is UPI 123PAY?
Answer: An IVR-based UPI solution
- Q143.** Apart from Punjab National Bank (PNB), which other banks have implemented IVR-based payment solutions?
Answer: IDFC First Bank, City Union Bank, and NSDL Payments Bank
- Q144.** _____ is NOT a type of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR)?
Answer: Litigation
- Q145.** What is the statutory status of Lok Adalats in India?
Answer: They have statutory status under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- Q146.** Who has been elected as the new President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)?
Answer: Sheikh Talal Fahad Al Ahmad Al Sabah
- Q147.** Peru declared a state of national emergency in response to the unusual increase in Guillain-Barre Syndrome cases. What is Guillain-Barre Syndrome?
Answer: A neurological condition characterized by an immune system attack on the nervous system
- Q148.** The United Nations officially designated July 12 as International Malala Day in 2015, recognizing the importance of promoting education and girls' rights. What is the theme of World Malala Day 2023?
Answer: The Power of Fame and Role Models
- Q149.** Which ministry is responsible for implementing the Nari Adalat initiative in India?
Answer: Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Q150.** How often is the UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation conducted?
Answer: Biennially
- Q151.** Who became the first Indian male archer to win the Youth World Championship in the recurve category at the 2023 World Archery Youth Championships?
Answer: Parth Salunkhe
- Q152.** NABARD was established in 1982 by the Indian government. What is the main function of NABARD?
Answer: Providing financial and developmental support to the agricultural and rural sectors
- Q153.** What was the theme of the webinar organized by NABARD on its 42nd Foundation Day?
Answer: "NABARD: 42 Years of Rural Transformation"
- Q154.** How many medals did India secure in the 2023 World Archery Youth Championships?
Answer: 11
- Q155.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is set to implement interoperability between its central bank digital currency (CBDC) and the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) by the end of this month, according to Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar. How many banks have currently adopted the interoperability program for CBDC and UPI?
Answer: 13
- Q156.** Which Act is proposed to be amended by the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023?
Answer: Forest Conservation Act, 1980
- Q157.** What was the recent amendment made to NABARD's authorised capital?
Answer: Increased from Rs. 5,000 crore to Rs. 30,000 crore
- Q158.** What is the RBI's target for daily CBDC transactions by the end of the year?
Answer: 1 million
- Q159.** _____ lands will not be subject to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as per the proposed amendments?
Answer: Land converted to non-forest use after December 12, 1996

- Q160.** Bangladesh and India have initiated trade transactions in rupees, aiming to reduce reliance on the US dollar and strengthen regional currency and trade. What is the trade deficit between Bangladesh and India according to the given information?
Answer: USD 11.69 billion.
- Q161.** What was discussed and recommended in the 50th Meeting of the GST Council?
Answer: Changes in GST tax rates, measures to facilitate trade, and streamline compliance processes
- Q162.** Which organization recently became the first Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) in India to receive certification for its Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS)?
Answer: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- Q163.** Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced the decision to require small drugmakers in the MSME sector to adhere to the good manufacturing practices outlined in Schedule M. What aspects are covered by Schedule M?
Answer: Shop floors, quality control systems, labs, production, equipment cleaning, and housekeeping
- Q164.** Which country emerged as the top-ranked nation at the 2023 World Archery Youth Championships?
Answer: South Korea
- Q165.** What was the recommended GST rate for casinos, horse racing, and online gaming as per the second report of the Group of Ministers (GoM)?
Answer: 28%
- Q166.** Which services received an extension of GST exemption to encourage startups during the meeting?
Answer: Satellite Launch Services
- Q167.** Name the statements about Majorana zero modes is true?
Answer: Majorana zero modes possess unique properties and are their own antiparticles.

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- Q168.** What was the retail inflation rate in India in June?
Answer: 4.81%
- Q169.** What was the growth rate of industrial production in May?
Answer: 5.2%
- Q170.** What is a qubit in quantum computing?
Answer: A multidimensional state that can represent complex information.
- Q171.** What does the latest update of the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) reveal about India's progress in poverty reduction?
Answer: India has lifted 415 million people out of poverty in 15 years, India has achieved a significant milestone in poverty reduction and India's poverty incidence has dropped to 16.4% in 2019/2021.
- Q172.** The Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) measures poverty in which aspects?
Answer: Education, health, and living standards.
- Q173.** What was the recent judgment by the Telangana High Court regarding the Telangana Eunuchs Act?
Answer: The Act was declared discriminatory and unconstitutional.
- Q174.** Who is Max Life Insurance Company Limited a joint venture between?
Answer: Max Financial Services Limited and Axis Bank Limited
- Q175.** Which fundamental rights were cited as violated by the Telangana Eunuchs Act, according to the High Court's judgment?
Answer: Right to Privacy and Right to Dignity
- Q176.** Which organization recently revoked intellectual property protection granted to PepsiCO India Holdings Pvt ltd. for a potato variety developed by them?
Answer: Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA)
- Q177.** Which tribunal can hear appeals related to the registration of plant varieties under the PPVFRA?
Answer: Plant Varieties Protection Appellate Tribunal
- Q178.** Who is the Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in India(as of July 2023)?
Answer: Vikram Dev Dutt
- Q179.** The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet recently approved the construction of two thermal power projects in Sonbhadra. What is the capacity of each power plant?
Answer: 800MW

- Q180.** Who is the Chairman & Managing Director(as of July 2023) of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)?
Answer: Gurdeep Singh
- Q181.** Prior to their appointment to the Supreme Court, which courts did Ujjal Bhuyan and S. Venkatanarayana Bhatti serve in?
Answer: Ujjal Bhuyan: Telangana High Court; S. Venkatanarayana Bhatti: Kerala High Court
- Q182.** What is the objective of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill?
Answer: To reduce the backlog of court cases
- Q183.** Which non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) had their registration cancelled by the RBI?
Answer: Nanma Chits and Financiers Ltd, Chidrupi Financial Services Ltd, Goldline Financial Services Ltd and Kailash Auto Finance Ltd
- Q184.** How many entities voluntarily surrendered their NBFC licenses?
Answer: 11
- Q185.** What was the global public debt in 2022?
Answer: \$92 trillion
- Q186.** What was approved by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) to boost the Indian Navy's operational capabilities?
Answer: Procurement of 26 Rafale Marine aircraft and Acquisition of three additional Scorpene submarines
- Q187.** Which country is the source of the Rafale Marine aircraft approved for procurement?
Answer: France
- Q188.** Which aircraft manufacturer is involved in the joint development of fighter jet engines with India during PM Modi's visit to France?
Answer: Safran
- Q189.** Which acts is NOT mentioned as one of the Acts to be amended under the Jan Vishwas Bill?
Answer: Legal Metrology Act, 2019
- Q190.** Which ministry announced the inclusion of 43 new implementing partners under the SAMARTH scheme?
Answer: Ministry of Textiles
- Q191.** What percentage of increment will implementing partners receive in financial support under the SAMARTH scheme?
Answer: 5%
- Q192.** Who conferred the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
Answer: Emmanuel Macron
- Q193.** How long is the journey of the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft to the Moon?
Answer: 384,000 kilometers
- Q194.** Which anniversary of the India-France strategic partnership is being marked during PM Modi's visit?
Answer: 25th anniversary
- Q195.** Which entities surrendered their NBFC license due to not meeting the criteria prescribed for unregistered Core Investment Companies (CIC)?
a) Sanapala Holdings Pvt Ltd and De Lage Landen Financial Services Pvt Ltd
- Q196.** What does the Export Performance Pillar of the EPI measure?
Answer: The growth of a state's exports over the previous year.
- Q197.** Under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS), how many stations have been identified for development by Southern Railway?
Answer: 90 stations
- Q198.** When is the World Day for International Justice observed?
Answer: July 17
- Q199.** How much loan support will the European Investment Bank (EIB) provide for India's National Green Hydrogen Mission?
Answer: €1 billion
- Q200.** What is the total amount of India's forex reserves as of July 7, 2023?
Answer: \$596.280 billion
- Q201.** Which pillar of the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) evaluates the prevailing business environment within a state/UT?
Answer: Business Ecosystem Pillar
- Q202.** What is the purpose of the Sherpas G20 meeting?
Answer: Discuss global economic issues, Address climate change concerns, Foster international cooperation and Strengthen global governance
- Q203.** What does the GI certificate signify for betel leaves from Tamil Nadu?
Answer: It guarantees high quality and authenticity of the product, It restricts the production of betel leaves to Tamil Nadu only, It grants exclusive rights to the producers of betel leaves in Tamil Nadu and It provides protection against unauthorized use or imitation of the product.
- Q204.** Which organization is responsible for the management of Sariska Tiger Reserve?
Answer: Rajasthan Forest Department

- Q205.** Who inaugurated the 'Sagar Sampark' DGNSS?
Answer: Sarbananda Sonowal
- Q206.** What does a negative WPI indicate?
Answer: Deflationary pressure
- Q207.** Which factors contribute to the calculation of the Wholesale Price Index?
Answer: Both consumer and producer goods prices
- Q208.** What is the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for June 2023?
Answer: -4.12%
- Q209.** Where will the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting be held?
Answer: Gandhinagar, India
- Q210.** What is Megasiphon Thylacos?
Answer: A fossil species of tunicate
- Q211.** Which country recently became the 51st member to accede to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) with ASEAN?
Answer: Saudi Arabia
- Q212.** What is the purpose of the "Bhoomi Samman" 2023 award presented by the President of India?
Answer: To appreciate efforts in achieving saturation of core components of DILRMP
- Q213.** Which act provides for the disqualification of elected lawmakers in India in case of conviction in criminal cases?
Answer: Representation of People Act, 1951
- Q214.** What is the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and the UAE for the establishment of a Local Currency Settlement System (LCSS)?
Answer: To facilitate cross-border transactions in INR and AED
- Q215.** Which Indian institution is set to establish a campus in Abu Dhabi, UAE?
Answer: IIT Delhi
- Q216.** How much reduction in CO2 emissions is expected with the implementation of the Eastern Cross Taxiway (ECT) and the fourth runway at Delhi Airport?
Answer: 55,000 tons annually
- Q217.** How does HDFC Bank rank globally among the largest lenders in terms of market capitalization?
Answer: Seventh largest lender
- Q218.** What is the significance of ICAR's Technology Day celebration?
Answer: To showcase research and technological achievements in agriculture
- Q219.** What is "Mobile-Dost" launched by Jammu and Kashmir?
Answer: A mobile-friendly website for government services
- Q220.** Which ministry releases the Consumer Price Index in India?
Answer: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- Q221.** What is Project Gajah Kotha?
Answer: A wildlife conservation initiative in Assam
- Q222.** When does National Zoological Park, New Delhi celebrate World Snake Day 2023?
Answer: 16th July
- Q223.** What is the name of the joint military exercise conducted between India and Mongolia in 2023?
Answer: Nomadic Elephant
- Q224.** What is the base year for the Consumer Price Index?
Answer: 2012
- Q225.** Which airport became the first in India to have four runways?
Answer: Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- Q226.** What is the cost of the newly inaugurated integrated terminal building at Veer Savarkar International Airport, Port Blair?
Answer: Rs 710 crore
- Q227.** Which aircraft types can the Apron at Port Blair airport accommodate?
Answer: Two Boeing-767-400 and two Airbus-321
- Q228.** How many people moved out of multidimensional poverty between 2015-16 and 2019-21, according to NITI Aayog's Report 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress Review 2023'?
Answer: 13.5 crore
- Q229.** Which state witnessed the largest decline in the number of poor, with 3.43 crore people escaping multidimensional poverty?
Answer: Uttar Pradesh
- Q230.** What can exporters utilize without requiring a review by the Norms Committee as per the recent Foreign Trade Policy 2023?
Answer: Ad-hoc Norms
- Q231.** Who oversees the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)?
Answer: Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- Q232.** What framework are India and the US involved in talks to de-risk their supply chains from China?
Answer: Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)

- Q233.** What is the required annual growth rate of India's real GDP to achieve high per capita income and become a developed economy by 2047-48?
Answer: 7.6%
- Q234.** What is the current per capita income of India, and what must it be by 2047-48 to be classified as a high-income country as per World Bank standards?
Answer: Current: \$3,200, Target: \$21,664
- Q235.** What were the two key objectives of the Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed between the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Central Bank of UAE (CBUAE) on July 15?
Answer: Promote the use of local currencies for cross-border transactions and interlink payment systems UPI and IPP.
- Q236.** Who clinched the gold medal in the long jump event at the Para Athletics Championships in Paris?
Answer: Ajeet Singh
- Q237.** Which Indian state topped NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index in the year 2022?
Answer: Tamil Nadu
- Q238.** What is the date of Nelson Mandela International Day in 2023?
Answer: July 18
- Q239.** How many PM MITRA Parks are planned to be established across India?
Answer: 7
- Q240.** Which country was initially selected to host the Commonwealth Games 2026?
Answer: Australia
- Q241.** Which organization introduced the TCRM Matrix framework?
Answer: NITI Aayog
- Q242.** What is the projected economic growth rate for India in the current financial year (FY24) according to the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?
Answer: 6.4 per cent
- Q243.** What sectors will the investment from EIB be made in India's renewable energy sector?
Answer: Solar panels and green hydrogen
- Q244.** What milestone does the introduction of the TCRM Matrix framework represent?
Answer: A milestone in India's innovation and entrepreneurship landscape
- Q245.** According to ADB, what challenges may impact the manufacturing sector's growth in FY24?
Answer: Weak global demand and Geopolitical tensions
- Q246.** How many users and merchants have participated in the CBDC pilot for retail transactions using e-Re?
Answer: Over one million users and 2,62,000 merchants
- Q247.** What is the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) target for daily transactions using CBDC by the end of the year?
Answer: One million transactions
- Q248.** In which policy, businesses are required to produce a valid BRC for availing export benefits?
Answer: Foreign Trade Policy (FTP)
- Q249.** Recently, which country handed over 105 trafficked antiquities to India?
Answer: United States
- Q250.** Why is the RBI issuing an SOP for FIRC and e-BRC?
Answer: To simplify foreign trade documentation for exporters
- Q251.** Who officially inaugurated the CRCS - Sahara Refund Portal?
Answer: Shri Amit Shah
- Q252.** What is the total distance of the India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway?
Answer: 1,360 km
- Q253.** Who achieved the highest medal count at the 25th Asian Athletics Championship 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand?
Answer: Japan
- Q254.** Where was the Chachin grazing festival celebrated?
Answer: Bumla Pass, Arunachal Pradesh
- Q255.** When was the India-Myanmar-Thailand Highway project first proposed?
Answer: 2002
- Q256.** What amount did India donate to the United Nations for promoting the Hindi language?
Answer: \$1 million

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- Q257.** Which Indian city ranked 21st globally in the affordability indicator for students?
Answer: Mumbai
- Q258.** What are the two indices proposed by UN Women and UNDP to measure gender parity and women's empowerment?
Answer: Women's Empowerment Index (WEI) and Global Gender Parity Index (GGPI)
- Q259.** How many official languages does the United Nations currently have?
Answer: 6
- Q260.** What does the Women's Empowerment Index (WEI) measure?
Answer: Women's power and freedoms across five dimensions
- Q261.** Who was the first Naga woman parliamentarian, elected into Lok Sabha in 1977?
Answer: Rano Shaiza
- Q262.** What is the interest rate offered by IDBI Bank for fixed deposits under the "Amrit Mahotsav FD" scheme for elderly individuals?
Answer: 7.65%
- Q263.** How often does the committee, responsible for scrutinizing senior advocate applications, meet to review the candidates?
Answer: Twice a year
- Q264.** Who is responsible for conducting the interview of shortlisted candidates for senior advocate designation?
Answer: Full Court comprising all judges
- Q265.** What award did Moksha Roy receive for her efforts in helping the environment?
Answer: British Prime Minister's Points of Light award
- Q266.** Which two flagship ships of the Indian Navy participated in a bilateral maritime exercise with the Indonesian Naval Forces in Jakarta?
Answer: INS Kolkata and INS Sahyadri
- Q267.** Which region of the Indian Ocean was the focus of the mission for INS Kolkata and INS Sahyadri during their deployment?
Answer: South-Eastern IOR
- Q268.** How many houses were allocated to be constructed under the PMAY-G Scheme by the Union Government ahead of the Lok Sabha elections in 2024?
Answer: 2.95 crore houses
- Q269.** How many houses did Uttar Pradesh (UP) complete the construction target under the PMAY-G Scheme?
Answer: 34.74 lakh houses
- Q270.** What initiative has the Indian Railway taken to provide for passengers of general coaches?
Answer: Affordable meal service
- Q271.** Which country is not among the top five in semiconductor manufacturing?
Answer: India
- Q272.** _____ were involved in mediating the Black Sea Grain Initiative in July 2022.
Answer: Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, and the United Nations.
- Q273.** With reference to the NATO's Vilnius Summit, consider the following statements:
1. The Vilnius Summit took place on 11-12 July 2023 and aimed to evaluate NATO's progress over the past year and prepare for future conflicts.
2. The Summit resulted in the declaration of a specific timeline for Ukraine's membership in NATO.
3. The communique issued during the Summit acknowledged Russia as the most significant and direct threat to the Allies' security, peace, and stability in the Euro-Atlantic area.
Which of the Statements given above is/are correct?
Answer: 1 and 3 only
- Q274.** Which Indian company recently became the second most valuable company by market capitalization, overtaking Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)?
Answer: HDFC Bank
- Q275.** Which company currently holds the top position as India's most valued firm by market capitalization?
Answer: Reliance Industries
- Q276.** What amount has the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) established as a Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for the scheme?
Answer: Rs 750 crore
- Q277.** What is the name of the scheme launched by the Karnataka Government to provide financial assistance to women heads of households?
Answer: Gruha Lakshmi Yojana
- Q278.** Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Life Insurance Corp of India?
Answer: Sat Pal Bhanoo
- Q279.** Who announced the launching of the Gramin Awaas Nyay Yojna?
Answer: Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh
- Q280.** How many liquid apogee motor (LAM) engines and reaction control system (RCS) thrusters are involved in the Gaganyaan Human Spacecraft Mission?
Answer: 5 LAM engines and 16 RCS thrusters

- Q281.** What is the monetary limit for deposit insurance claims provided by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) to each depositor in the event of liquidation?
Answer: Rs 5 lakh
- Q282.** What percentage of United India Cooperative Bank's depositors is entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from DICGC?
Answer: 99.98%
- Q283.** Who has been appointed as the 25th Director General (DG) of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)?
Answer: Rakesh Pal
- Q284.** Where is the Rudragiri hillock located?
Answer: Andhra Pradesh
- Q285.** What is the central theme of the sketch found in the middle cave of Rudragiri hillock?
Answer: Hanuman lifting the Sanjeevani hill
- Q286.** How many states and union territories have implemented groundwater laws based on the Model Bill, as of July 2023?
Answer: 21
- Q287.** Who launched the 'CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal' to assist over 10 crore depositors of Sahara Group in claiming their money back?
Answer: Home Minister Amit Shah
- Q288.** What does PMFBY offer to farmers in India?
Answer: Risk protection and financial support in case of crop loss or damage.
- Q289.** Which ministry in India is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Ground Water Act and promoting water conservation?
Answer: Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Q290.** What does Rule 267 in the Council of States (Parliament) relate to?
Answer: Suspension of business under a specific chapter of the Rules
- Q291.** Which Indian state passed the Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill, setting an example for other states?
Answer: Rajasthan
- Q292.** What is the name of the initiative launched by the Indian Navy and NWWA, with the support of the G20 Secretariat, to unite global youth?
Answer: G20 THINQ
- Q293.** G20 THINQ aims to promote the spirit of 'Vasudaiva Kutumbakam.' What does this phrase mean?
Answer: World is One Family
- Q294.** What is the name of the scheme launched by the Karnataka Government to provide financial assistance to women heads of households?
Answer: Gruha Lakshmi Yojana
- Q295.** What organization in Jammu and Kashmir received the SKOCH Gold Award under the theme "State of Governance India 2047"?
Answer: Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM)
- Q296.** What is a short-duration discussion according to Rule 176 in the Council of States (Parliament)?
Answer: A brief discussion not exceeding two-and-a-half hours on an urgent public matter
- Q297.** Under Rule 176, what is the maximum duration for a short-duration discussion?
Answer: Two and a half hours
- Q298.** With reference to bacteriophages, which statements is/are correct?
1. Bacteriophages are viruses that target and kill bacteria in our bodies.
2. Phage therapy is a historical medical practice that has been widely adopted in east European countries.
3. Phages are harmful to human cells and can cause viral diseases.
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
Answer: 1 and 2
- Q299.** Which is/are the features of the Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill, 2023?
1. Guaranteed employment for a specific number of days per year.
2. Minimum pension for eligible categories, which increases annually.
3. Implementation through existing government schemes in rural and urban areas.
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
Answer: 1, 2, and 3
- Q300.** Which is/are the features of Universal Basic Income (UBI)?
1. Universality (all citizens included).
2. Unconditionality (no prior condition).
3. Periodic (Payments at periodic regular intervals).
4. Payments in cash (not food vouchers or service coupons).
Answer: 1, 2, 3, and 4
- Q301.** Which city in India has Sberbank received permission from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to establish an IT unit?
Answer: Bengaluru
- Q302.** Who is the current Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court?
Answer: Justice Ashish Jitendra Desai

- Q303.** Which Indian state is offering the highest interest rate for SDLs maturing on July 5, 2024?
Answer: Punjab
- Q304.** What are the yields for T-bills with maturities of three-month, six-month, and 364-days, respectively, as announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
Answer: 6.71%, 6.83%, 6.86%
- Q305.** How many states are participating in the upcoming auction of Treasury bills and state development loans (SDLs)?
Answer: 11 states
- Q306.** Which country has officially applied to join the BRICS group of nations and expressed interest in becoming a shareholder member of the BRICS Bank?
Answer: Algeria
- Q307.** What type of cooperation agreement was signed between India and Vietnam to enhance their maritime cooperation?
Answer: Mutual Logistics Support Agreement
- Q308.** How does the amendment modify Rule 3(3) of the All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958?
Answer: It gives the central government the authority to act against pensioners without a reference from the state government.
- Q309.** Who presented the 8th and 9th National Community Radio Awards during the Inaugural Session of the Regional Community Radio Sammelon?
Answer: Shri Anurag Thakur
- Q310.** Which five countries make up the BRICS group of nations?
Answer: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa
- Q311.** Which community radio station won the First Prize in the Thematic Awards category for its program "Hope Jeene Ki Raah"?
Answer: Radio Mind Tree, Ambala, Haryana

- Q312.** How much has the budget for the Mukhyamantri Khet Suraksha Yojana increased?
Answer: From Rs 75 crore to Rs 350 crore
- Q313.** Where was the "V.C Yeshwant Ghadge Sundial Memorial" jointly unveiled to honor the Indian troops who fought in the Italian Campaign during the Second World War?
Answer: Montone, Perugia, Italy
- Q314.** What is the function of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) in India?
Answer: Handling matters related to levy and collection of direct taxes in India
- Q315.** On which date does the Income Tax department observe Income Tax Day or 'Aaykar Diwas' every year in India?
Answer: July 24
- Q316.** What was the total value of India's forex reserves after the biggest weekly jump in four months?
Answer: \$609.02 billion
- Q317.** Which component of India's forex reserves witnessed the highest increase during the reported period?
Answer: Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs)
- Q318.** What does the new legislation signed by Vladimir Putin in Russia prohibit?
Answer: Public endorsement of "nontraditional sexual relations" among minors, Medical interventions for congenital anomalies, Changing gender in official documents or public records and Transgender individuals from becoming foster or adoptive parents
- Q319.** What features of the WhatsApp Business App will be covered in the workshops conducted by CAIT under the partnership with Meta?
Answer: Catalogue, Quick Replies, and Click to WhatsApp Ads
- Q320.** How many Indian languages will the 'WhatsApp Se Wypaar' program cover in its localized digitalization activities?
Answer: 11
- Q321.** In which year did NongHyup Bank enter the Indian market?
Answer: 2016
- Q322.** What does the inclusion of NongHyup Bank in the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934 signify for India-South Korea relations?
Answer: It fosters increased collaboration and investment opportunities between the two nations.

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- Q323.** How many Reverse Osmosis (RO) plants with integrated "water ATM machines" does the Delhi government plan to install as part of its ambitious plan?
Answer: 500
- Q324.** How will the Rajasthan Platform Based Gig Workers Welfare Board benefit gig workers in the state?
Answer: By ensuring gig workers receive regular deductions of welfare fees from aggregators.
- Q325.** When is Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrated in India?
Answer: July 26th
- Q326.** Which organization has become the first Indian participant in the Asia Transition Finance Study Group (ATFSG)?
Answer: Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC)
- Q327.** What is the Asia Energy Transition Initiative (AETI) launched by Japan?
Answer: An initiative to help countries in the Asia-Pacific region achieve net-zero emissions.
- Q328.** What is the title of the book released by Ranjit Pratap on the occasion of Rayala Corporation's Diamond Jubilee?
Answer: "As the Wheel Turns: A Captivating Account of My Remarkable Journey"
- Q329.** What does STAR-C stand for in the context of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) initiative?
Answer: Solar Technology and Application Resource Centre
- Q330.** Which organizations are jointly implementing the STAR-C project under the International Solar Alliance (ISA) initiative?
Answer: International Solar Alliance and United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- Q331.** Which publication, published by IMF, provides comprehensive economic analysis and growth projections for individual countries and the global economy?
Answer: World Economic Outlook (WEO)
- Q332.** Which institution retained India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal year at 6.4%?
Answer: Asian Development Bank
- Q333.** Why did the International Monetary Fund (IMF) raise India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal year to 6.1%?
Answer: Stronger domestic investments
- Q334.** Who is the current Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO)?
Answer: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- Q335.** Who has been elected as the chair of the 13th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to be held in Abu Dhabi in February 2024?
Answer: Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi
- Q336.** The New Development Bank (NDB) was established by which group of countries?
Answer: BRICS
- Q337.** What percentage of ₹2000 denomination banknotes issued before March 2017 have reached the end of their useful life?
Answer: 89%
- Q338.** Which state saw the highest increase in MGNREGA job card deletions from 2021-22 to 2022-23?
Answer: West Bengal
- Q339.** What is the current interest rate approved by the Union government for EPF deposits for the financial year 2022-23?
Answer: 8.15%
- Q340.** Which ministry oversees the functioning of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)?
Answer: Ministry of Labour and Employment
- Q341.** What percentage of MGNREGA workers were women in 2022-23?
Answer: 57.43%
- Q342.** What percentage of an employee's wages is contributed to the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) account?
Answer: 12%
- Q343.** Exercise Talisman Sabre is an annual military exercise conducted between which two countries?
Answer: Australia and the United States
- Q344.** What is the main objective of the Gruha Lakshmi Yojana launched by the Karnataka Government?
Answer: To provide financial assistance to women heads of households.
- Q345.** Which is NOT an initiative taken by the Ministry of Cooperation to strengthen Primary Cooperatives (PACS)?
Answer: Formation of new Farmer Producer Organization (FPOs) by PACS, PACS eligible for LPG Distributorship for diversifying its activities, Convergence of PM-KUSUM at PACS level for energy security and Rupay Kisan Credit Card to Members of Milk Cooperatives.
- Q346.** How long will the ACROSS scheme be implemented for in the next finance cycle?
Answer: 5 years

- Q347.** What is the major impact of the ACROSS scheme on employment generation?
Answer: Generating employment opportunities in weather and climate services
- Q348.** What is the name of the joint venture formed by Jio Financial and BlackRock in India's mutual fund industry?
Answer: Jio BlackRock
- Q349.** What is the proposed initial investment by Jio Financial and BlackRock in the joint venture?
Answer: \$150 million each
- Q350.** Which payment network hosts Swiggy's co-branded credit card?
Answer: Mastercard
- Q351.** Which bank topped the list of public sector banks with the highest lending to corporations and PSUs of States and Union Territories for the fifth year in a row during FY23?
Answer: Canara Bank
- Q352.** Which bank had the lowest exposure to State PSUs and corporations during FY23?
Answer: Punjab and Sind Bank
- Q353.** Which bank led the lending during 2022-23 to government-backed entities, accounting for over 45% of the total lending of all public sector banks?
Answer: Canara Bank
- Q354.** What percentage of stake did Mahindra & Mahindra acquire in RBL Bank?
Answer: 3.53%
- Q355.** World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated on July 28 every year. What is the theme of World Nature Conservation Day 2023?
Answer: Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet
- Q356.** Who became the first transgender person in Rajasthan to be issued a birth certificate with the gender recorded as transgender?
Answer: Noor Shekhawat
- Q357.** Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Bombay High Court?
Answer: Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya
- Q358.** World Hepatitis Day is observed annually on July 28. What is the theme of World Hepatitis Day 2023?
Answer: "One Life, One Liver"
- Q359.** Which strains of hepatitis virus are commonly known?
Answer: Type A, B, C, D, and E.
- Q360.** How many women members were nominated to the panel of Vice-Chairpersons in Rajya Sabha for the first time?
Answer: Four
- Q361.** What is the total loan amount provided by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for upgrading state highways in Bihar?
Answer: \$295 million
- Q362.** How many Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs) did RBI permit for opening from partner banks in 22 countries?
Answer: 92
- Q363.** What advantages do Vostro accounts offer to foreign banks and correspondent banks?
Answer: Reduced foreign exchange risks
- Q364.** What was the total value of bad loans written off by Indian banks in the fiscal year ending March 2023?
Answer: Rs 2.09 lakh crore
- Q365.** What is the name of the newly inaugurated International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre in Delhi?
Answer: Bharat Mandapam
- Q366.** What inspired the architectural design of the IECC?
Answer: Conch Shell
- Q367.** What was the total loan write-off by the banking sector in the last five years, as disclosed by the RBI?
Answer: Rs 10.57 lakh crore
- Q368.** What is the purpose of a Vostro account?
Answer: To facilitate international trade and cross-border transactions
- Q369.** What is the key objective of the proposed amendments to the Registration of Births and Deaths Act of 1969?
Answer: Ensuring real-time data on births and deaths



- Q370.** Which statements about Hun Sen's political journey is correct?
Answer: He served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs after the Vietnamese installed a new government in 1979.
- Q371.** Which Indian city recently joined the World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF)?
Answer: Bengaluru
- Q372.** Which international alliance was recently launched by India to conserve major big cat species on Earth?
Answer: International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)
- Q373.** Which countries will the IBCA aim to reach out to, covering the natural habitats of big cats?
Answer: 97 range countries
- Q374.** According to SBI Research economists, when is India projected to become the third-largest economy in the world?
Answer: FY28
- Q375.** According to SBI projections, which states are expected to cross the \$500 billion mark each by FY28, contributing to nearly a fourth of India's total GDP?
Answer: Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra
- Q376.** In which country did the ISSF Junior World Championships 2023 take place?
Answer: South Korea
- Q377.** What is the name of Madhya Pradesh's first online gaming industry for aspiring esports professionals?
Answer: MP State Esports Academy
- Q378.** International Tiger Day is observed annually on which date?
Answer: July 29th
- Q379.** How many total medals did India win in the ISSF Junior World Championships 2023?
Answer: 17
- Q380.** What is the purpose of the "Star Series" symbol (*) on certain banknotes in India?
Answer: To identify banknotes that are replacements for defectively printed ones.
- Q381.** What does the "Star Series" symbol (*) indicate when found on a banknote?
Answer: The banknote is a replacement for a defectively printed one.
- Q382.** Which space-tech startup has been awarded a significant grant by iDEX to develop satellites for the Indian Air Force?
Answer: Pixxel
- Q383.** In CRISIL's corporate banking ranking for 2023, which bank overtook State Bank of India (SBI) to secure the top spot in Large Corporate Banking?
Answer: HDFC Bank
- Q384.** Which country won the highest number of medals in the ISSF Junior World Championships 2023?
Answer: China
- Q385.** What percentage of wild tigers had disappeared by the time International Tiger Day was first celebrated in 2010?
Answer: 97%
- Q386.** Where is the Machail Mata Temple located?
Answer: Kishtwar district, Jammu and Kashmir
- Q387.** World Day against Trafficking in Persons is observed each year on July 30th. What is the theme for World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2023?
Answer: Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind
- Q388.** Where is the headquarters of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) located?
Answer: Geneva, Switzerland
- Q389.** Which entity is responsible for the effective implementation of PM-JAY in alliance with the state governments?
Answer: National Health Authority (NHA)
- Q390.** What is the total allocation received by PM-JAY under the Union Budget 2023?
Answer: Rs. 7,200 crore

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