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#### India To Host First Edition Of Global India Al

- India Is Going To Host The First Edition Of Global India AI 2023 Conference In October. It Will Provide A Unique Platform For Deliberation On Various Topics Including Next-Generation Learning And Foundational Artificial Intelligence Models, AI Applications In Healthcare, Governance, Electric Vehicles, And Computing Systems
- The Government's Vision Is To Gather The World's Best And Brightest Minds
   Under One Roof To Deliberate The Future Of AI And Its Impact In Several
   Sectors. The India AI Summit Will Also Catalyze The Country's AI Landscape And
   Innovation Ecosystem.
- The Conference Will Also Serve As A Showcase For The Vibrant India Al
   Ecosystem That Comprises Key Initiatives Such As DI Bhashini, India Datasets

   Program, India Al Future Design Program For Startups, And India Al Future
   Skills Program Dedicated To Nurturing World-Class Al Talent Pool.



# Jaya Verma Sinha Chairperson, CEO Of Railway Board

- The Government Today Appointed **Jaya Verma Sinha** As The Chairperson And Chief Executive Officer Of **The Railway Board**.
- She Is The **First Woman Appointed To The Post**. The Appointments Committee Of The Cabinet Approved Her Appointment.
- Ms Sinha, Currently Posted In The Railway Board As A Member (Operations And Business Development) Will Succeed Anil Kumar Lahoti.

• She Will Assume Charge On Or After The 1<sup>st</sup> Of September And Her Tenure Will Be Till The 31st Of August Next Year.



# Neeraj Chopra Finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> In Zurich Diamond League

- Newly-Crowned World Champion Neeraj Chopra Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> With A Final Round Throw Of 85.71 M In The Men's Javelin Event Of The Diamond League Meeting At Zurich. The 25-Year-Old Chopra, Also The Reigning Olympic Champion, Produced Three Legal Throws Of 80.79m, 85.22m And 85.71m.
- He Finished Behind Jakub Vadlejch Of Czech Republic, Who Had Won A Bronze In The World Championships.
- The Indian Superstar, Who Was Unbeaten This Season Till Yesterday, Qualified For The Diamond League Finals To Be Held On The 17th September In Eugene, USA, With 23 Points From Three Meets. He Had Won The Diamond League Trophy Last Year.



# India Men's Hockey Team Won Hockey5s Asia Cup

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Has Congratulated The Indian Men's Hockey
   Team On Winning The Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup In Oman.
- In A Social Media Post, Mr Modi Said, Their Victory Is A Testament To The Unwavering Dedication Of The Country's Players.
- He Expressed Happiness That With This Win, The Indian **Team Has Also Secured Their Spot At The Hockey5s World Cup** In Oman Next Year.



# Shanmugaratnam Win Presidential Election Singapore

- Indian-Origin Economist And Former Senior Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam Has Registered A Landslide Victory In Singapore's Presidential Election.
- The Minister Won Over 70 Percent Of Votes In The Country's First Contested Presidential Polls Since 2011.
- Sixty-Six-Year-Old Tharman Shanmugaratnam Had Served As Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister From 2011 To 2019.
- He Joined Politics In 2001. He Has Also Worked In The Public Sector And Held Ministerial Positions.
- Tharman Will Be Singapore's Third Indian-Origin President After Sellapan Ramanathan And Chengara Veetil Devan Nair. Earlier, The Polls Ended With Over 2.7 Million Voters Casting Their Ballots. Singaporeans Voted In Large Numbers On Friday In The Country's First Contested Presidential Election In More Than A Decade.



# 'Gujarat Declaration' - WHO Traditional Medicine

- WHO Has Released The Outcome Document Of 1<sup>st</sup> WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023 In Form Of "Gujarat Declaration".
- The Declaration Reaffirmed Global Commitments Towards Indigenous Knowledges, Biodiversity And Traditional, Complementary And Integrative Medicine.
- WHO Underlined That The Application Of Rigorous Scientific Methods Is Needed
  To Better Understand, Assess And, Where Appropriate, Apply More Holistic,
  Context-Specific, Complex And Personalized Approaches For Health And Well-Being For All.
- It Reiterates That India As Host Of The WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre At Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- The Action Points Of Two Day WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023
  Held At Gandhinagar, Gujarat Are Based On The Evidence, Discussions And
  Outcomes Presented At The Summit.
- Deliberation Were Done On Varied Topics Like Health And Well-Being Of People And The Planet, Research And Evidence, Universal Health Coverage, Primary Health Care And Health Systems, Data & Routine Information Systems, Digital Health Frontiers, Biodiversity And Sustainability, Human Rights, Equity And Ethics.



# Partnership With Meta Education To Entrepreneurship

- Union Minister For Education And Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Launched A 3-Year Partnership "Education To Entrepreneurship: Empowering A Generation Of Students, Educators And Entrepreneurs" Between Ministry Of Education, Ministry Skill Development & Entrepreneurship And Meta.
- 3 Letters Of Intent Were Exchanged Between Meta And NIESBUD, AICTE And CBSE.
- 'Education To Entrepreneurship' Partnership Is A Game-Changer, Which Will Take Digital Skilling To The Grassroots. This Will Build Capacities Of Talent Pool, Seamlessly Connect Students, Youth, Workforce & Micro-Entrepreneurs, With Futuristic Technologies And Transform Our Amrit Peedhi Into New-Age Problem Solvers And Entrepreneurs.
- Guided By The Tenets Of NEP, META's Partnerships With NIESBUD, CBSE & AICTE Will Catalyse Infinite Possibilities For Equipping Our Population With Critical Digital Skills And Empowering Micro Entrepreneurs And Small Businesses, He Added.

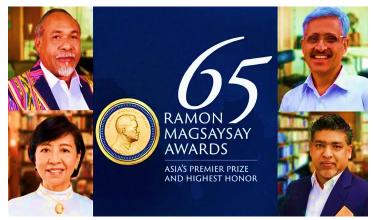




# Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023

- In A Moment Of Profound Pride For The People Of Barak Valley In Assam, Dr Ravi Kannan Has Been Announced As The Distinguished Recipient Of The 'Hero For Holistic Healthcare' Award On The 65th Anniversary Of The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation.
- The Ramon Magsaysay Award, Often Regarded As Asia's Highest Honour, Honours Remarkable People And Organisations That Have Ushered In Dramatic Improvements In Human Progress.
- Dr Kannan's Pioneering Contribution To Revolutionising Cancer Care In India's North Eastern Region (NER) Lies At The Core Of The Award. The NER, With Its Remoteness And Poor Medical Access, Had Enormous Challenges In Combating

- Cancer, A Disease With A High Death Rate And Significant Emotional And Financial Consequences For Patients And Their Families.
- This Year, In The Ceremony's 65th Edition, Four Asians Were Given The Ramon Magsaysay Award Korvi Rakshand From Bangladesh, Eugenio Lemos From Timor-Leste, Miriam Coronel-Ferrer From The Philippines, And Dr Ravi Kannan R. From India.



# Malaviya Mission - Teachers Training Programme

- Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Launched The Malaviya Mission Teachers Training Programme By The University Grants Commission.
- Inaugurated The Portal Of The Programme And Released Its Information Brochure.
- Organised By UGC In Association With The Ministry Of Education, The Malaviya Mission - Teacher Training Programme Aims To Provide Tailored Training Programmes For Teachers.
- This Programme Will Work For The **Capacity Building Of Faculty Members** In Higher Educational Institutions.
- Improving The Quality Of Education At All Levels By Infusing Quality And Excellence In Teachers And Teaching Methods. The Renaming Of Human Resource Development Centres (Hrdcs) As Madan Mohan Malaviya Teachers' Training Centre.



# **World's Tallest Nataraja Statue**

- The World's Tallest Nataraja Statue Has Been Installed At Bharat Mandapam,
   The Venue Of The G20 Summit In Delhi.
- The 28-Foot-Tall Statue Weighing 20 Tonnes Was Made In A Record Time Of Seven Months By Sculptor Radhakrishnan Sthapathy And His Team At Swamimalai In Thanjavur District Of Tamil Nadu.
- The Statue Was Built In Ashtadhatu (8 Metals) Using The Traditional Casting Method.
- The Statue Was Transported To The National Capital In Four Days And A Special Green Corridor Was Created For Its Transportation.
- The Statue Will Stand As A Testament To India's Age-Old Artistry And Traditions.



# **One Week One Lab Programme**

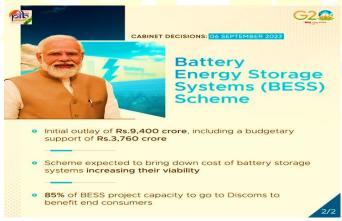
- The One Week One Lab Programme Of Council Of Scientific And Industrial Research, CSIR Will Be Organised From The 11th To The 16th Of September.
- During The Programme, Each Of The 37 CSIR Laboratories, Spread Across The Country, Will Showcase Their Research Outcomes And Achievements.
- The Science And Technology Ministry Said, It Will Open Its Doors To The Public And Invite Them To Visit Its Departments And Witness Its Academic And Research Initiatives.
- The Programme Will Also Include Lectures, Workshops, Puppet Shows, Vigyan Kavi Sammelan, Quizzes And Exhibitions On Various Topics Related To Science.



# **Govt. Approves Scheme For Viability Gap Funding**

- The Government Approved The Scheme For Viability Gap Funding (VGF) For The Development Of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).
- The Scheme Envisages The Development Of 4000MW Hour Of BESS Projects By 2030-31, With The Financial Support Of Up To 40 Percent Of The Capital Cost As Budgetary Support.
- The VGF Shall Be Disbursed In Five Tranches Linked With The Various Stages Of Implementation Of BESS Projects.
- Benefits Of The Scheme Reach The Consumers, A Minimum Of 85 Percent Of The BESS Project Capacity Will Be Made Available To Distribution Companies (Discoms).
- Government Remains Committed To Promoting Clean And Green Energy Solutions, And The BESS Scheme Is A Significant Step Towards Achieving This Vision.
- It Will Not Only Enhance The Integration Of Renewable Energy Into The Electricity Grid But Also Minimise Wastage While Optimising The Utilisation Of Transmission Networks.





# **Street Child Cricket World Cup**

- Street 20, A World Cup Cricket, Exclusively For Street Children Will Be Held In Chennai For The First Time.
- Street Children From 15 Countries Including The United Kingdom, Brazil, Hungary, Mexico, South Africa, Srilanka And Rwanda Will Participate In The Tournament Which Precedes ICC World Cup Cricket In India.
- The First-Ever Street Child Cricket World Cup Was Held In London In 2019 Where Indian Children Won The Tournament.

- Eight Indian Teams, Namely, India Tigers From Chennai, Team India From India Lions, India Cats, India Wolves From Delhi, India Panthers From Kolkata, India King Cobras From Mumbai, And India Crocodiles From Odisha Will Participate In The World Cup.
- The Members Of The India Tigers Team Comprise Children That Include Orphans And Those Who Are Homeless Due To Difficult Life Conditions.



# **Zayed Charity Marathon In 2024**

- The Inaugural Edition Of The Renowned Marathon Is Set To Take Place In The Vibrant State Of Kerala In 2024.
- With The Cooperation Of Both The Kerala State Authorities And The Indian Community Living In The UAE, Kerala Has Been Selected As The Host State For This Important Event.
- The Primary Objective Of The Zayed Charity Marathon Is To Raise Funds For Charitable Causes, And The Proceeds From The Kerala-Based Marathon Will Be Directed To Supporting Healthcare Initiatives Within The State.
- The Zayed Charity Marathon Is A Prestigious Event Honoring The Legacy Of The Late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Former President Of The UAE.
- It Was Launched In Abu Dhabi In 2001 To Promote Humanitarian And Charitable Messages In Line With Sheikh Zayed's Philanthropic Legacy.



# 'Hello UPI' & 'Bharat BillPay Connect'

- The NPCI Has Launched 'Hello UPI' For Easy Conversational Payments And 'Bharat Billpay Connect' For Effortless Bill Payments Via Voice Assistants, Smartphones, And Feature Phones.
- Hello UPI' Allows Users To Make Payments By Engaging In Conversations With Their Smartphones — Whether It's Splitting A Restaurant Bill, Sending Money To A Friend, Or Settling Utility Bills.
- 'Bharat Billpay Connect' Enables Users To Pay Their Bills Through Natural Conversations With Popular Voice Assistants Like Alexa Or Via Feature Phones, Smartphones, Or Merchant Soundboxes. This Initiative Aims To Cater To Users Across Various Tech Proficiency Levels, Ensuring That Digital Bill Payments Are Accessible To All.



#### **AU Inducted As Permanent Member Of G20**

- The African Union Became A Permanent Member Of The G20.
- PM Invited The Head Of African Union, Azali Assoumani, To Take His Seat As A Permanent Member Of The G20.
- India Had Proposed That The African Union Be Granted Permanent Membership Of G20 With The Sense Of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas.
- In His Remarks At The First Session Titled 'One Earth', Mr Modi Said India's G20
  Presidency Has Become A Symbol Of Inclusion, Of 'Sabka Saath' Both Inside And
  Outside The Country.
- He Added That This Has Become The People's G20 In India As Crores Of Indians Are Connected To This.



# Partnership For Global Infrastructure And Investment

- President Of The United States Of America Joe Biden Has Hailed The Historic Agreement For A New India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) As A Game-Changing Regional Investment.
- President Biden Said The Project Would Bridge Ports Across Two Continents And Would Make It Easier To Trade, Export Clean Energy, And Expand Access To Reliable Clean Electricity.
- The IMEC Comprises Of An Eastern Corridor Connecting India To The Gulf Region And A Northern Corridor Connecting The Gulf Region To Europe. It Will Include A Railway And Ship-Rail Transit Network And Road Transport Routes.
- He Further Said It Will Make It Easier To Lay Cables That Will Connect Communities That Secure A Stable Internet And Added That It Will Unlock Sustainable And Inclusive Economic Growth.
- India Along With The US And Several Other Major Economies Unveiled An Ambitious Infrastructure Initiative Of A Railway And Shipping Corridor Aimed At Enhancing Commerce, Energy, And Digital Connectivity.
- Leaders Of The European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Mauritius, UAE And Saudi Arabia, As Also The World Bank, Participated In The Event.



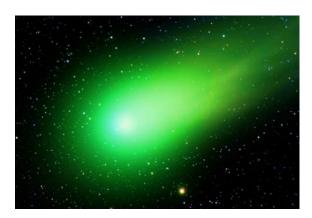
#### **Global Biofuel Alliance**

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Along With The Leaders Of Singapore, Bangladesh, Italy, USA, Brazil, Argentina, Mauritius And UAE, Launched The Global Biofuel Alliance On The Sidelines Of The G20 Summit In New Delhi.
- The Global Biofuel Alliance (GBA) Is An Initiative By India As The G20 Chair.
- The Alliance Intends To Expedite The Global Uptake Of Biofuels Through Facilitating Technology Advancements, Intensifying Utilization Of Sustainable Biofuels, Shaping Robust Standard Setting And Certification Through The Participation Of A Wide Spectrum Of Stakeholders.
- The Alliance Will Also Act As A Central Repository Of Knowledge And An Expert Hub.
- GBA Aims To Serve As A Catalytic Platform, Fostering Global Collaboration For The Advancement And Widespread Adoption Of Biofuels



# Rare green comet 'Nishimura'

- A Rare Green Comet Named Nishimura Graces Our Skies After 400 Years Itwill Be Visible In The Northern Hemisphere.
- The Comet, About A Kilometer In Size, Will Pass By Earth At A Distance Of 78 Million Miles On September 12.
- It Will Be Visible Near The Leo Constellation, But Binoculars Are Recommended To Spot It.
- After Its Close Encounter With The Sun, The Comet Is Expected To Be Visible In The Southern Hemisphere By The End Of September.
- The Comet Was Discovered By An Amateur Japanese Astronomer.



#### SC Will Come Under National Judicial Data Grid

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Has Hailed The Announcement Of Chief Justice
  Of India D Y Chandrachud Wherein He Has Informed That The Supreme Court Of
  India Will Come Under The National Judicial Data Grid Platform Which Provides
  Tracking Of Pendency Of Cases.
- In A Social Media Post, Modi Said That Such Harnessing Of Technology Will Further Transparency And Enhance The Justice Delivery System In The Country.
- NJDG Is Recognized As A Significant Innovation Under The Ease Of Doing Business Initiative Of The Government Of India.
- The NJDG Portal Is A National Repository Of Data Relating To Cases Instituted, Pending And Disposed Of By The Courts Across The Length And Breadth Of The Country.



# Bharat Becomes 13th Country To Issue OIML

- Bharat Becomes The 13th Country In World That Can Issue Internationally Accepted OIML (International Organization Of Legal Metrology) Certificates
- Domestic Manufacturers Can Now Get Their Weighing & Measuring Instrument
   Tested In Bharat And Sell In International Market
- It Will Create Facility For International Manufacturers To Get Their Equipment Tested In Bharat In Turn Bharat Will Generate Revenue And Employment.
- OIML Is An Intergovernmental Organization Which Was Established In 1955. Bharat Became It's Member In 1956.
- Bharat Has Now Become Authority For Issuing Internationally Accepted OIML Certificate For Selling Weights & Measures Anywhere In The World.
- To Sell A Weight Or Measure In The International Market An OIML Pattern Approval Certificate Is Mandatory, Which Department Of Consumer Affairs Can Issue Now.



### **Torkham Border**

- A Crucial Border Crossing At Torkham Between Pakistan And Afghanistan Reopened To Pedestrians And Vehicles Today.
- The Border Is Located On The **Durand Line**. It Was Closed For Over A Week.
- The Clearance Of Trucks Is In Process And Afghan Citizens Are Entering Afghanistan After Clearance And Passing Immigration Processes.
- Discussions Between The Pakistani And Afghani Authorities Were In Diplomatic Deadlock Since 6th September.
- The Shut Down Happened After An Exchange Of Fire Took Place In A Dispute Over An Under-Construction Afghan Outpost.

 This Resulted In Hundreds Of Vehicles Carrying Crucial Products, Commercial Convoys And Travellers Being Trapped On Both Sides.



# PM Modi To Dedicate 'Yashobhoomi' At Dwarka

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Will Dedicate 'Yashobhoomi' At Dwarka To The Nation.
- He Will Also Inaugurate The Extension Of The Delhi Airport Metro Express Line From Dwarka Sector 21 To A New Metro Station At Dwarka Sector 25.
- Mr. Modi's Vision Of Having A World-Class Infrastructure For Hosting Meetings, Conferences, And Exhibitions Will Be Strengthened With The Operationalization Of Phase 1 Of The India International Convention And Expo Centre Called 'Yashobhomi'.
- Yashobhoomi Will Find Its Place Among The World's Largest MICE Facilities With A Total Project Area Of Over 8.9 Lakh Square Meters And A Total Built-Up Area Of More Than 1.8 Lakh Square Metres. MICE Stands For Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, And Exhibitions.
- The Convention Center, Built Across More Than 73 Thousand Square Meters Of Area, Comprises 15 Convention Rooms. These Include The Main Auditorium, The Grand Ballroom, And 13 Meeting Rooms With A Total Capacity Of Holding 11 Thousand Delegates. The Convention Center Has The Largest LED Media Facade In The Country.
- The Main Auditorium Is The Plenary Hall For The Convention Center And Is Equipped With A Seating Capacity Of Around Six Thousand Guests.



#### Yes Bank & Brisk Pe Collaboration

- Yes Bank And Briskpe Partner To Enable Seamless Cross-Border Payments For Msmes.
- Briskpe, Specializing In Cross-Border Payments, Has Joined Forces With YES BANK To Launch "Briskpe A2A," An Advanced Suite Of Solutions Tailored To Enhance The Capabilities Of Exporters And Importers.
- This Strategic Partnership Marks A Significant Milestone In The Realm Of Cross-Border Payments, Offering A Seamless And Efficient Platform For Indian Businesses To Navigate The Complexities Of International Trade And Bolster Their Global Competitiveness.
- One Of The Key Highlights Of This Partnership Is The Ability For Briskpe's
   Customers To Seamlessly Collect Payments In Over 36 Foreign Currencies,
   Spanning Across More Than 180 Countries.
- These Funds Can Then Be Efficiently Converted Into Indian Rupees (Inr) And Settled Directly Into Their Local Bank Accounts In India Within A Single Business Day.



# **UNESCO World Heritage List**

- Karnataka's Sacred Ensembles Of The **Hoysalas & Shantiniketan** Included In The UNESCO World Heritage List.
- The Hoysala Temples Located In Belur, Halebidu, And Somanathapur In Karnataka Have Become The 42<sup>nd</sup> UNESCO World Heritage Site In India.
- The Hoysala Temples Were Built During 12th To 13th Centuries, They Are Known For Their Magnificent Architecture And Show The Sculptural As Well As Artistic Achievement Of These Temple Complexes.
- Established In Rural West Bengal In 1901 By The Renowned Poet And Philosopher Rabindranath Tagore, Santiniketan Was A Residential School And Centre For Art Based On Ancient Indian Traditions And A Vision Of The Unity Of Humanity Transcending Religious And Cultural Boundaries.
- A 'World University' Was Established At Santiniketan In 1921, Recognizing The
  Unity Of Humanity Or "Visva Bharati". Distinct From The Prevailing British
  Colonial Architectural Orientations Of The Early 20th Century And Of European
  Modernism, Santiniketan Represents Approaches Toward A Pan-Asian
  Modernity, Drawing On Ancient, Medieval And Folk Traditions From Across The
  Region.





# **International Congress On Chemistry Of Cement**

- India will host the International Congress on the Chemistry of Cement (ICCC) in the year **2027 in New Delhi**.
- The Commerce and Industry Ministry announced that the country won the bid to hold this event on a presentation from the National Council for Cement and Building Materials along with IIT Delhi.



- It was presented at the ongoing **16th ICCC in Bangkok, Thailand**.
- India defeated Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates to win the bid.

 The ICCC is regarded as the largest and the most prestigious event in the area of Cement and Concrete.



# **Liptako Gourma Charter**

- Military Leaders From Mali, Burkina Faso, And Niger Signed A Significant Mutual Defense Pact Known As The Liptako-Gourma Charter, Marking A Crucial Step In Addressing The Security Challenges Plaguing The Sahel Region.
- The Liptako-Gourma Charter Establishes The Alliance Of Sahel States (AES). Its Aim Is To "Establish An Architecture Of Collective Defence And Mutual Assistance For The Benefit Of The Population.
- This Alliance Will Be A Combination Of Military And Economic Efforts Between The Three Countries.
- The Charter Binds The Signatories To Assist One Another, Including Militarily —
   In The Event Of An Attack On Any One Of Them.
- It Also Binds The Three Countries To Work To Prevent Or Settle Armed Rebellions.



# **International Lawyers Conference**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Will Inaugurate A 2 Day International Lawyers
   Conference In New Delhi. The Theme Of The Conference Is Emerging Challenges
   In Justice Delivery System.
- This Conference Is Being Organized For The First Time By Bar Council Of India.
- Topics Such As Emerging Legal Trends, Challenges In Cross-Border Litigation, Legal Technology, And Environmental Law Will Be Discussed.
- The Objective Of The Conference Is To Act As A Platform For Meaningful Dialogue And Discussion On Various Legal Topics Of National And International Importance.
- It Also Aims To Promote The Exchange Of Ideas And Experiences And Strengthen International Cooperation And Understanding On Legal Issues.



# **National Medical Commission Gets Global Recognition**

- Indian Medical Graduates Can Now Pursue Post-Graduation And Practice In Countries Like The US, Canada, Australia And New Zealand.
- The National Medical Commission (NMC) Of India Has Been Awarded The Coveted World Federation For Medical Education (WFME) Recognition Status For A Tenure Of 10 Years.



- All Of The Existing 706 Medical Colleges In India Will Become WFME Accredited While New Medical Colleges, Set Up In The Next 10 Years, Will Automatically Become WFME Accredited.
- This Will Increase The International Recognition And Reputation Of Indian Medical Schools And Professionals & Will Also Facilitate Academic Collaborations And Exchanges, Promote Continuous Improvement And Innovation In Medical Education.
- Additionally, India Can Become An Attractive Destination For International Students Due To Globally Recognized Standards.
- The **NMC Is India's Premier Regulatory B**ody For Overseeing Medical Education And Practice In India.
- It is Responsible For Delivering Quality Medical Education And Training Across
  The Country.
- Similarly, The WFME Is A Global Organization Whose Primary Objective Is To Enhance The Quality Of Medical Education Worldwide, With The Promotion Of The Highest Scientific And Ethical Standards In Medical Education.



#### **Parliament Passes Women's Reservation Bill**

- Parliament Has Passed The Constitution (One Hundred And Twenty-Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2023 Which Seeks To Reserve One-Third Of The Total Number Of Seats For Women In Lok Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies And Delhi Assembly.
- The Women's Reservation Bill Which Is Called As Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam Was Approved By The Rajya Sabha After A Division Of Vote In Which 214 Members Voted In Favour Of The Bill While None Voted Against It.



- The Lok Sabha Has Already Given Its Nod To The Bill.
- Reserve 33% Of Seats For Women Provide One-Third Reservation Of Seats In The Lok Sabha And Legislative Assemblies To Women For 15 Years.
- Reservation For SC And ST Women Bill Mandates A Quota For Women From Scheduled Castes And Scheduled Tribes.
- **Enactment** There's A Provision In The Bill That States Its Enactment Depends Upon A New Census And Delimitation Exercise.



# Swati Nayak To Receive Norman Borlaug Field Award

- Swati Nayak, A Scientist With Roots In Odisha, Is Set To Receive 2023 Norman Borlaug Field Award In Appreciation Of Her Groundbreaking Approach In Involving Farmers In Demand-Driven Rice Seed Systems.
- Currently Serves As A Scientist And Holds The Position Of South Asia Lead For Seed System And Product Management At The CGIAR-International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Located In The Philippines.
- Swati Nayak's Remarkable Achievements Includes The Introduction Of The Drought-Tolerant Rice Variety, Shahabhagi Dhan.
- This Award, Named After The Renowned Agricultural Scientist And Nobel
   Laureate Norman Borlaug, Is Presented Annually To Individuals Under The Age
   Of 40 Whose Work Significantly Advances Global Food Production And Helps
   Alleviate Hunger And Malnutrition.



## Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve

- Madhya Pradesh, Which Is Home To The Most Number Of Tigers In The Country, Has Got A New Protected Area For The Big Cats Named 'Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve'.
- The Madhya Pradesh Government Has Unveiled The Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve, Becoming The Seventh Tiger Reserve In The State And The 54th In India.
- MP Retained The "**Tiger State**" Status In The 2022 Census With The Number Of Big Cats In The State Rising To 785 From 526 In 2018.
- About 1,414 Square Kilometres In The Tiger Reserve Has Been Included In The Core Area And 925.12 Square Kilometres In The Buffer Zone.
- It Will Encompass Areas Within The Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary And Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary.
- The **Singorgarh Fort** Is Located Within The Reserve.



# 9th Brics Parliamentary Forum

- Deputy Chairman Of Rajya Sabha, Harivansh Will Lead A Parliamentary
   Delegation To Participate In The 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum To Be Held In
   Johannesburg.
- As The Head Of The Delegation, He Will Make An Opening Statement And Also Chair A Session On Climate Change And Legislative Mobilisation In BRICS Countries.



 Members Of The Delegation Ms. Sumitra Balmik And Mr. Indra Hung Subba Will Participate In A Debate On The Theme "Harnessing Multilateralism And Parliamentary Diplomacy To Deepen Brics And Africa Partnership For Accelerated Implementation Of The Africa Free-Trade Agreement And Also In Other Sessions.



# **RBI Cancels Licence Of The Kapol Co-operative Bank**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken a significant action by revoking the license of The **Kapol Co-operative Bank Limited**, a cooperative bank based in **Mumbai**.
- The primary reason behind this decision stems from concerns about the bank's
  insufficient capital and its uncertain prospects for generating earnings, which
  have cast doubt on its ability to meet its obligations to depositors.

- Alongside the **license cancellation**, the RBI has called upon the Additional Secretary & Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Ministry of Cooperation, to issue an order for the bank's winding-up process.
- Additionally, a liquidator will be appointed to oversee and manage the bank's liquidation, marking the commencement of the bank's dissolution and the subsequent distribution of its assets.





# **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

- 1. International Literacy Day Observed On
- A. September Five
- B. September Six
- C. September Seven
- D. September Eight

**ANSWER: D** 

- 2. Indian Delegation To 1st World Conference On Human Rights Led By
- A. Dr Manmohan Singh
- B. Faroog Abdullah
- C. Dinesh Singh
- D. Alam Khan

**ANSWER: A** 

#### 3. Who Appointed As Chairman Mastercard India

- A. Shreya Mittal
- B. Dinesh Kumar
- C. Soma Sankara
- D. Rajnish Kumar

**ANSWER: D** 

#### 4. Ramon Magsaysay Awardee from India 2023

- A. Dr. Ramesh Patel
- B. Dr. Sanjay Sharma
- C. Dr. Ravi Kannan R
- D. Dr. Meera Kumar

**ANSWER: C** 

#### 5. Who Is Leading The Committee Of 'One Nation, One Election'

- A. Ram Nath Kovind
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Amit Shah
- D. Anurag Thakur

**ANSWER: A** 

# 6. Country Has Emerged Champions In The Men's Hockey5s Asia Cup

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bangladesh

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 7. Dr Shanta Thoutam Is Chief Innovation Officer Of Which State

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana
- C. Odisha
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 8. Head Office Of IREDA Located In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Kolkata

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 9. Kirkuk Which Was Seen In The News, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Israel
- B. Iraq
- C. Australia
- D. Greece

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 10. Bureau Of Indian Standards Is Under The Ministry Of

- A. MO Consumer affairs
- B. MO Commerce & Industry
- C. Mo Corporate Affairs
- D. MO Health & Family Welfare

ANSWER: A

#### 11. Avinash Sable Seen In The News, Is Associated With Which Sports

- A. Shooting
- B. Archery
- C. Steeplechase
- D. Tennis

**ANSWER: C** 

#### 12. One Week One Lab Programme Was Launched By

- A. ISRO
- B. CSIR
- C. MO S&T
- **D.** DRDO

**ANSWER:B** 

# 13. Company Signed Agreement With India Post To Simplify Cross-border Logistics For MSME Exporters

- A. Amazon
- B. Flipkart
- C. Swiggy
- D. Zomato

**ANSWER: A** 

#### 14. Asian Table Tennis Championships Was Held At

- A. S. Korea
- B. N. Korea
- C. Oman
- D. Azerbaijan

**ANSWER: A** 

#### 15. Where Was The 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC) Held

- A. London
- B. Bengaluru
- C. New York
- D. Paris

**ANSWER: B** 

# 16. Which Malayalam Film Has Been Chosen As India's Official Submission For The 2024 Academy Awards (Oscars)

- A. "Kerala Memories"
- B. "Monsoon Chronicles"
- C. "2018: Everyone is a Hero"
- D. "Floods of Resilience"

**ANSWER: C** 

#### 17. European Country Announced Ban On Wearing Abaya Robes In School

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Spain
- D. Portugal

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 18. The 1st Sports Event To Offer Equal Prize Money To Men & Women

- A. BWF world championship
- B. US Open
- C. Australia Open
- D. NBA world championship

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 19. Recently Seen In News Walter Alfred Was

- A. Scientist
- B. Mathematician
- C. Journalist
- D. Actor

**ANSWER: C** 

#### 20. Halifax Summit Was Related To

- A. G 7 Countries
- B. Leaders Of NAM
- C. Palestinian & Israel Leaders
- D. Russia Ukraine Leaders

**ANSWER: A** 

#### 21. Fourth G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting Held In

- A. Chennai
- B. Varanasi
- C. Goa
- D. Delhi

**ANSWER: B** 

# 22. Engineer's Day Is Celebrated On The Birth Anniversary Of

- A. M Visvesvaraya
- B. Rajiv Gandhi
- C. Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel
- D. Nandan Nikleni

**ANSWER: A** 

#### 23.HQ Of World Organisation For Animal Health

- A. Geneva
- B. Paris
- C. New York
- D. Hyderabad

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 24.ESCAP stands for

- A. European Society Council for Africa and Pacific
- B. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific
- C. Economic and Social Commission for Africa and Pacific
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 25.HQ of World Intellectual property organization WIPO Is At

- A. Paris
- B. Madrid
- C. New York
- D. Geneva

ANSWER:D

#### 26. Capital of Burkina Faso

- A. Ouagadougou
- B. Koudougou
- C. Banfora
- D. Kaya

**ANSWER: A** 

#### 27. Rosh Hashanah Is Celebrated For

- A. New Year Of Jews
- B. New Year Of Muslims
- C. Spring Season Of Jews
- D. Rice Harvest Festival Of North East

**ANSWER: A** 

#### 28. Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve Is Located In

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 29. Recently Seen In News Bharat Mandapam Made In

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Chennai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Jaipur

**ANSWER: C** 

#### 30. Madan Mohan Malviya Mission Relates To

- A. Civil Servants Training
- B. Teachers Training
- C. Entrepreneurs Upgradation
- D. Sports Person Training

ANSWER: B

# **31.Institution Launched 'Face Authentication System' At The Global Fintech Festival**

- A. NPCI
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. NASSCOM
- D. UIDAI

**ANSWER: D** 

#### 32. The Vice Chair Person Of NITI Aayog Appointed By

- A. Home minister
- B. President
- C. Prime Minister
- D. A committee

**ANSWER: C** 

#### 33. The Term 'Cherry Picking' Is Used In Which Sport

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Swimming
- C. Basketball
- D. Cricket

**ANSWER: C** 

#### 34. Street Child Cricket World Cup In India Will Be Held At

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Chennai
- C. Ranchi
- D. Delhi

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 35. Khamree Mo Sikkim Is Initiative By

- A. Indian Air Force
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Army
- D. Indian Government

ANSWER: B

#### 36. What Is The Theme Of World Maritime Day For This Year

- A. "Protecting the Oceans"
- B. "MARPOL at 50 Our commitment goes on"
- C. "Global Shipping Sustainability"
- D. "Maritime Safety and Security"

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 37. Indian Navy Partnered With Company For NE Outreach Program

- A. Maruti Suzuki
- B. Ministry Of Rural Development
- C. Hyundai
- D. Ministry Of Home Affairs

**ANSWER: A** 

#### 38. Waheeda Rehman To Be Awarded With

- A. Bharat Ratna
- B. Dadasaheb Phalke Award
- C. Vijay Award
- D. Filmfare Award

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 39. Amazon Future Engineer Programme Is Inaugurated By

- A. Ministry Of Tribal Affairs
- B. Ministry Of Education
- C. Ministry Of Skill Development
- D. Ministry Of Home Affairs

**ANSWER: A** 

#### **40.**The New Species Of Marine Tardigrade Named After

- A. Vikram Sarabhai
- B. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- C. C.V. Raman
- D. Homi J. Bhabha

**ANSWER: B**