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1. India is set to start supplying diesel to which country through a Friendship pipeline?
- Japan
 - Nepal
 - Sri Lanka
 - Bangladesh
 - None of these

Answer: Bangladesh

The **India-Bangladesh Friendship pipeline (IBFPL)** will start supplying diesel to Bangladesh on an experimental basis for June this year.

About 131.5 kilometre long pipeline has been constructed for importing diesel from India. Out of this, 126.5 kilometre pipeline is in Bangladesh and 5 kilometre line is in India. The international pipeline will carry diesel from the **Siliguri based marketing terminal** of the Numaligarh Refinery Limited to **Parbatipur depot of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)**.

2. DotFEST Festival has been organized in which Indian state?
- Odisha
 - Arunachal Pradesh
 - Assam
 - Madhya Pradesh
 - None of these

Answer: Odisha

The second edition of '**Dot Fest**,' a part of city festivals commemorating the **FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023**, will be held in Odisha from January **15 to 29, 2023**, with a slew of activities including Bollywood superstars and international storytellers. As part of the festival, six main festivals and activities will be held, including Bhubaneswar live, an international **cuisine festival**, the **story-telling festival BhuFesto**, **Ekamra walks**, a **night flea market**, and the '**Sebe-O-Ebe**' picture show.

3. What is the theme of the World Economic Forum 2023 meeting?
- Cooperation in a Fragmented World
 - Planet People Partnership
 - Inclusive and sustainable growth
 - Promotion of Regional Trade
 - None of these

Answer: Cooperation in a Fragmented World

The World Economic Forum, known for its annual summit in Davos, Switzerland, is a non-governmental organization founded by economist Klaus Schwab.

This year's World Economic Forum theme is "**Cooperation in a Fragmented World**". Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) marks India's presence at WEF through three lounges with focus on investment opportunity, sustainability and inclusive approach.

4. Google paid a special tribute to which Indian Olympian through its Doodle recently?
- Maharaj Krishna Koshik
 - Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav
 - Major Dhyan Chand
 - Milkha Singh
 - None of these

Answer: Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav

On January 15, 2023, Google Doodle paid tribute to **Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav, independent India's first individual Olympic medalist**, as the wrestler celebrated his 97th birthday. Jadhav, a bantamweight wrestler, **earned bronze in Helsinki in 1952 after losing in the sixth round against Japanese Shohachi Ishii**. In addition, the wrestler competed in the 1948 Olympics. However, because of his lack of expertise on the mat, he may finish sixth.

5. Which financial services company announced the new phase of its Girls4Tech programme in India?
- Mastercard
 - Visa
 - Maestro
 - Paypal
 - None of these

Answer: Mastercard

Mastercard announced the new phase of its flagship **Girls4Tech programme** in India, which will benefit over 10,800 girls from 30 government schools in Tamil Nadu.

This scheme is supported by the Mastercard Impact Fund and run in partnership with the American India Foundation (AIF). The expansion of the programme aims to reach additional 1 lakh female students across the country by 2024 to encourage them to take up Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

6. Which district of Kerala has been considered the first Constitution Literate District of India?
- Wayanad
 - Kollam
 - Ernakulam
 - Kottayam
 - None of these

Answer: Kollam

Kerala's Kollam district has been declared the **first constitution-literate district** of India. The chief minister declared Kollam to be India's first constitution-literate district, saying that constitutional ideals must be integrated into our daily lives and government in order to attain comprehensive constitutional literacy. As part of the initiative, about 16.3 lakh persons over the age of ten in the area have been taught various elements of the Constitution

7. Indian Army launched a joint Training exercise 'Cyclone – I' with which country?
- USA
 - Egypt
 - France
 - Sri Lanka
 - None of these

Answer: Egypt

The first ever joint exercise between the special forces of the Indian Army and the Egyptian Army named '**Exercise Cyclone-I'**.

The Joint Training Exercise is in progress at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan. This is the first exercise of its kind bringing the special forces of both the nations on a common platform.

8. Which institution has released the "Global Risk Report 2023"?
- World Bank
 - International Monetary Fund
 - Asian Development Bank
 - World Economic Forum
 - None of these

Answer: World Economic Forum

The World Economic Forum published the **Global Risks Report 2023**. (WEF). According to the research, the two most serious hazards confronting the globe in the next decade are a failure to reduce climate change and a failure to adapt to climate change. They are followed by 'natural calamities and extreme weather occurrences' and 'biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse.

9. Which of the following government has recently implemented a policy for blindness control with the objective of 'Right to Sight'?
- Gujarat
 - Rajasthan
 - Madhya Pradesh
 - West Bengal
 - Haryana

Answer: Rajasthan

Under its campaign of Nirogi Rajasthan, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has implemented the policy for Blindness Control with the objective of '**Right to Sight**'. With this, Rajasthan has become the first state to have such a policy. This policy has been brought with an aim to bring light in the lives of more than 3 lakh people suffering from visual impairment in the State. The prevalence rate of blindness in the country was 1.1% in 2020 and the initiatives under the Blindness Control Policy will help to bring it down to 0.3 percent

10. What is the name of the 21st edition of the Naval Exercise between India and France?
- Bongo Sagar
 - Varuna
 - Naseem Al Bahr
 - Exercise Kakadu
 - None of these

Answer: Varuna

On January 16, 2023, the 21st edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise **VARUNA** between India and France began on the **Western Seaboard**. The drill, which will go through January 2023, will include advanced air defense exercises, tactical manoeuvres, surface firings, underway replenishment, and other marine activities. According to a statement from the Ministry of Defence, this exercise allows participants to learn from one another's best practices.

11. ISRO 'Shukrayaan I' mission to planet Venus reportedly shifted to _____.

- a. 2027
- b. 2028
- c. 2029
- d. 2030
- e. 2031

Answer: 2031

P. Sreekumar, the Satish Dhawan Professor at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and advisor to its space science programme, stated that the organisation has not yet received approval from the Indian government for the **Venus mission** and that, as a result, the mission may be delayed until 2031. **Shukrayaan I, the ISRO Venus mission**, was scheduled to launch in December 2024.

12. Which country will introduce its stamp with Jawaharlal Nehru's portrait on its 75th Independence Day?

- a. Srilanka
- b. Bhutan
- c. Fiji
- d. Nepal
- e. None of these

Answer: Srilanka

Sri Lanka's government is preparing to issue stamps commemorating the country's **75th anniversary of independence**. According to the Sri Lankan President's Media Division, the commemorative stamp would feature a portrait of **India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**. The country, which is in the grip of a financial crisis, will commemorate its 75th anniversary of independence on February 4, 2023.

13. Who among the following won the Malaysia Open Super 1000 men's singles titles?

- a. Seo Seung Jae
- b. Kodai Naraoka
- c. Viktor Axelsen
- d. Kang Min Hyuk
- e. AN Se Young

Answer: Viktor Axelsen

Akane Yamaguchi and Viktor Axelsen won the Malaysia Open Super 1000 Badminton women's and men's singles titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Yamaguchi, the reigning world champion, registered a come-from-behind win over world no. 4 An Se Young to clinch the Super Series Premier title. Yamaguchi won her maiden Super Series Premier title at the China Open in 2017.

14. Which public sector bank partnered with 'Garuda Aerospace' under the Kisan Pushpak Scheme?

- a. Punjab National Bank
- b. Union Bank of India
- c. Canara Bank
- d. State Bank Of India
- e. None of these

Answer: Union Bank of India

Garuda Aerospace, a drone company based in Chennai, has teamed with the Union Bank of India to finance 150 Garuda Agri Kisan drones under the **Kisan Pushpak Scheme**. The drone loan will assist farmers in digitizing land record activities for agricultural production as well as **spraying fertilizers, chemicals, and pesticides**. The Agri Infrastructure Fund Scheme funds 150 drone applications that will assist farmers and train 150 qualified pilots to become entrepreneurs

15. Recently Jacinda Ardern has resigned his post of Prime Minister. She belongs to which country?
- Ireland
 - Iceland
 - Australia
 - New Zealand
 - Hawai

Answer: New Zealand

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, a global figurehead of progressive politics, shocked the country. She was re-elected for a second term in 2020, the victory buoyed by her government's "go hard and go early" approach to the Covid-19 pandemic, which saw New Zealand impose some of the world's strictest border rules, separating families and shutting out almost all foreigners for almost two years. Ardern won international acclaim for her empathetic handling of the 2019 Christchurch mosque massacre, in which 51 Muslim worshippers were killed and another 40 wounded.

16. Name the world oldest person, who passed away recently.
- Lord Williams
 - Kane Tanaka
 - Robert D Young
 - Jeanne Calment
 - Lucile Randon

Answer: Lucile Randon

The world's oldest person, French nun **Lucile Randon**, has died aged 118. Randon, also known as Sister Andre, was born in southern France on February 11, 1904, a decade before World War I. She was long regarded as the oldest European, but the death of Japan's Kane Tanaka at the age of 119 last year made her the world's oldest person

17. National AIDS Control Organisation forms Largest Human Red Ribbon Chain in _____ to create awareness on AIDS.
- Bhubaneswar
 - Ranchi
 - Chennai
 - New Delhi
 - Shillong

Answer: Bhubaneswar

Odisha State AIDS Control Society organised an awareness program on HIV AIDS in coordination with the Department of Sports and Youth Services and Hockey India under the leadership of National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), on **19th January 2023**. The spectators in the gallery included 4,800 students from various schools, Red Ribbon Club members from colleges, people from community, and participants from the **Mission Shakti Department**. The event created the 'Largest Human Red Ribbon Chain' at the East Gallery of the **Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.

18. Which Indian-American has been awarded the Martin Luther King Grand Parade Special award?

- a. Harmeet Dhillon
- b. Krishna Vavilala
- c. Rohit Khanna
- d. Maya Ajmera
- e. None of these

Answer: Krishna Vavilala

As the United States commemorated the legacy of civil rights leader **Martin Luther King Jr.**, Indian-American **Krishna Vavilala** received the **MLK Grande Parade Special Award** for his contributions to connecting the Indian diaspora with mainstream America. Vavilala, 86, a longtime Houston resident and the founder and chairman of the Foundation of India Studies (FIS), has previously led several MLK Grande Parades dressed as Mahatma Gandhi with the sole purpose of bringing the Indian community closer to the Black community, based on nonviolent principles that both Gandhi and MLK Jr. had followed.

19. Who has recently (in Jan '23) become the 1st IAF Woman Fighter Pilot to participate in aerial wargames abroad.

- a. Mohana Singh Jitarwal
- b. Bhawana Kanth
- c. Shaliza Dhami
- d. Punita Arora
- e. Avani Chaturvedi

Answer: Avani Chaturvedi

Su-30MKI pilot Squadron **Leader Avani Chaturvedi**, one of the first 3 women combat pilots in the Indian Air Force (IAF), is scheduled to participate in the inaugural air exercise Veer Guardian 2023 in Japan. She became the **first IAF Woman Fighter Pilot** to participate in aerial wargames abroad.

- Veer Guardian 2023 aims to strengthen the bilateral air defence cooperation between India.
- Veer Guardian 2023, from 16th to 26th January 2023, will be held at the Hyakuri Air Base and its surrounding airspace in Omitama, as well as the Iruma Air Base in Sayama, Japan.

20. Think-20 meeting under the G-20 has begun in which city of India?

- a. Varanasi
- b. New Delhi
- c. Bhopal
- d. Ahmedabad
- e. Mumbai

Answer: Bhopal

The two-day **Think-20 meeting under the G-20** is starting from today at the Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Center in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh(MP). The first Think-20 meeting in MP will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. AIR correspondent reports, there will be a discussion held on, 'Global Governance with LiFE values and wellbeing.'

21. United Nations Security Council (UNSC) listed Pakistan-based terrorist _____ as a global terrorist.
- Mullah Omar
 - Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi
 - Hafiz Saeed
 - Abdul Rehman Makki
 - Masood Azhar

Answer: Abdul Rehman Makki

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has listed Pakistan-based terrorist **Abdul Rehman Makki** as a global terrorist. Makki is the brother-in-law of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) chief and 26/11 mastermind Hafiz Saeed. The development comes after India last year slammed China after it blocked the proposal to list Makki under the Sanctions Committee. Makki, who has been involved in raising funds, recruiting, and radicalizing the youth to plan attacks in India, especially in Jammu and Kashmir, has already been listed as a terrorist by India and the United States.

22. Who won Bahrain's ISA award for Service to Humanity?
- Carol Shields
 - Dr. Sanduk Ruit
 - Malik Y. Kahook
 - Donald Tan
 - None of these

Answer: Dr. Sanduk Ruit

Dr. Sanduk Ruit, the co-founder of the Himalayan Cataract Project, has received the **ISA Award for Service to Humanity, Bahrain's highest civilian honor**. The award includes a monetary reward of one million dollars, a certificate of distinction, and a gold medal. Dr. Ruit is a trailblazer in providing high-quality microsurgical operations in distant eye camps. He made modern eye care inexpensive and accessible to Asian, African, and Latin American countries.

23. What is the name of the fifth Kalvari class submarine inducted into the Indian Navy?
- INS Kalvari
 - INS Vagir
 - INS Khanderi
 - INS Vela
 - None of these

Answer: INS Kalvari

The Indian Navy commissioned the **fifth Kalvari class submarine Vagir**, on January 23, 2023. Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, was the Chief Guest during a ceremony conducted at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) of Mumbai produced the submarine in conjunction with M/s Naval Group of France. Four Kalvari class submarines have already been delivered to the Indian Navy.

24. Which India-born British man won the "Freedom of the city of London" award?
- Laxmi Niwas Mittal
 - Gopi Hinduja
 - Manish Tiwari
 - Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
 - None of these

Answer: Manish Tiwari

An India-born multicultural marketing agency founder, **Manish Tiwari** has been awarded the 'The Freedom of the City of London' title for his contributions to the British capital's financial sector. Tiwari got the honor at a ceremony in the Chamberlain's Court at Guildhall in London. The 'Freedom of the City of London' is thought to have begun in 1237, allowing grantees to conduct business in the city.

25. _____ has recently (in Jan `23) announced a target to become the "first Green Energy State" by the end of 2025.
- Gujarat
 - Uttarakhand
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Jharkhand
 - Himachal Pradesh

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Chief Minister (CM) of Himachal Pradesh (HP) announced that Himachal Pradesh targets to become the "first Green Energy State" by the end of 2025.

i. This will be achieved by harnessing hydro, hydrogen and solar energy and switching on to green products that enhance the premium and advantage in export.

ii. The government is set to invest in Solar plants and will install 500 MW Solar projects during the year 2023-24. 200 MW of this would be installed by HPPCL.

26. Which country population has dropped by 850K, declining for the first time since the Great Famine of 1961?
- Canada
 - USA
 - India
 - China
 - Russia

Answer: China

China's population **fell last year for the first time in six decades**, a historic turn that is expected to mark the start of a long period of decline in its citizen numbers with profound implications for its economy. **The drop, the worst since the Great Famine of 1961**, also lends weight to predictions that India will become the world's most populous nation in this year. The population dropped by roughly 850,000 to 1.41175 billion at the end of 2022.

27. Parakram Diwas is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of which freedom fighter?
- Neta Subhas Chandra Bose
 - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
 - Bhagat Singh
 - Lala Lajpat Rai
 - None of these

Answer: Neta Subhas Chandra Bose

Parakram Diwas marks the birth anniversary of the renowned independence warrior Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Neta Ji was born on this day in 1897 in Cuttack, Odisha. **Every year on January 23rd**, the country celebrates Parakram Diwas to motivate people, especially the youth, to act with fortitude in the face of hardship, as Netaji did, and to instill in them a spirit of patriotic fervor.

28. With whose support did Hindustan Unilever launch a plastic waste management initiative?

- a. UNESCO
- b. WHO
- c. UNDP
- d. NITI Aayog
- e. None the above

Answer: UNDP

The **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and FMCG behemoth **Hindustan Unilever (HUL)** announced the launch of an Inclusive Circular Economy project on January 23, 2023. The initiative focuses on the end-to-end management of plastic waste by promoting waste segregation at source, waste collection, and the establishment of material recovery facilities (MRFs) for recycling all types of plastic waste along the value chain.

29. How many tableaux will be represented in the 74th Republic Day parade?

- a. 22
- b. 23
- c. 24
- d. 25
- e. None of these

Answer: 23

During the Republic Day parade on January 26, 2023, **twenty-three** tableaux - 17 from States/Union Territories and six from various Ministries/Departments - will roll down the **Kartavya Path**, symbolizing the nation's rich cultural legacy, economic prosperity, and strong internal and external security. The States/UTs tableaux for the Republic Day parade were chosen on a zonal basis.

30. How many islands of Andaman and Nicobar islands have been named after the Paramveer Chakra awardees?

- a. 14
- b. 21
- c. 25
- d. 28
- e. None of these

Answer: 21

To commemorate **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi named 21 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands' biggest nameless islands after 21 Param Vir Chakra recipients on **January 23, 2023**. During a ceremony in Port Blair, the Prime Minister revealed a model of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial, which will be constructed on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep.