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EXAM PATTERN

Computer Based Examination (Dates of examination will be intimated in due course).

All candidates whose online applications are found to be in order will be called to appear in the Computer Based Examination (CBE). The Computer based examination will consist of one objective type paper containing 80 questions carrying 160 marks, with the following composition.

	Subject	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Duration/ Time Allowed
Part-A	General Intelligence and Reasoning	20	40	60 minutes
Part-B	General Knowledge and General Awareness	20	40	
Part-C	Elementary Mathematics	20	40	
Part-D	English/Hindi	20	40	

Note : All questions will be of Objective Multiple Choice Type. The computer based examination will be conducted in English and Hindi only.

The syllabus for the Examination will be as follows

SYLLABUS

General Intelligence & Reasoning

Analytical aptitude and ability to observe and distinguish patterns will be tested through questions principally of non-verbal type. This component may include questions on analogies, similarities and differences, spatial visualisation, spatial orientation, visual memory, discrimination, observation, relationship concepts, arithmetical reasoning and figural classification, arithmetic number series, non-verbal series, coding and decoding etc.

General Knowledge and General Awareness

Questions in this component will be aimed at testing the candidate's general awareness of the environment around him. Questions will also be designed to test knowledge of current events and of such matters of every day observations and experience in their scientific aspect as may be expected of any educated person. The test will also include questions relating to India and its

neighbouring countries especially pertaining to Sports, History, Culture, Geography, Economic Scene, General Polity, Indian Constitution, Scientific Research etc. These Questions will be such that they do not require a special study of any discipline.

Elementary Mathematics

This paper will include questions on problems relating to Number Systems, Computation of Whole Numbers, Decimals and Fractions and relationship between Numbers, Fundamental arithmetical operations, Percentages, Ratio and Proportion, Averages, Interest, Profit and Loss Discount, Mensuration, Time and Distance, Ratio and Time, Time and Work etc.

English/Hindi

Candidates' ability to understand basic English/Hindi and his basic comprehension would be tested.

The questions in all the above components will be of Matriculation level.

Current Affairs

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NATIONAL

PM Launched India International Convention & Expo Centre

PM Narendra Modi unveiled the Phase-I of the India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC), known as *Yashbhoomi*, in Dwarka (New Delhi) on September 17, 2023. Earlier, he had inaugurated the extension of the Delhi Airport Metro Express Line, which will now connect Dwarka Sector 21 to a newly established metro station called Yashbhoomi Dwarka Sector 25.

Built across a total project area of over 8.9 lakh sq. m. and total built up area of more than 1.8 lakh sq. m., the IICC boasts of one of the world's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) facilities.

President Launched Ayushman Bhav Campaign

The President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu launched the Ayushman Bhav campaign on September 13, 2023.

She launched the campaign of the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry through video conferencing from Raj Bhawan in Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

The Ayushman Bhav campaign is a comprehensive nationwide healthcare initiative that aims to provide saturation coverage of healthcare services, reaching every village and town in the country.

First Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights in New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the first Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights in New Delhi on September 12, 2023.

Eminent scientists, farmers, and resource persons from 59 countries participated in the programme.

They deliberated upon the pivotal issues related to Farmers Rights as enshrined in Article 9 of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

Reservation for Govt. School Students in Medical Education

The Union Home Ministry on September 6, 2023 approved a proposal from Puducherry to introduce a 10% horizontal reservation for students graduating from government higher secondary schools in undergraduate medical education.

Reservation policy has been put into immediate effect and is set to benefit students who have successfully cleared the NEET examination and have completed their education from government schools starting from std. 1.

This landmark decision is expected to have far-reaching implications for the field of medical education, ensuring that opportunities are more accessible to all.

Aditya-L1 Mission

ISRO's Aditya L1 was successfully launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre i.e. on 2 September, 2023. Aditya-L1 is a satellite dedicated to the comprehensive study of the Sun. It has 7 distinct payloads developed, all developed indigenously. Five by ISRO and two by Indian academic institutes in collaboration with ISRO.

Aditya in Sanskrit means the Sun. L1 here refers to Lagrange Point 1 of the Sun-Earth system. For common understanding, L1 is a location in space where the gravitational forces of two celestial bodies, such as the Sun and Earth, are in equilibrium. This allows an object placed there to remain relatively stable with respect to both celestial bodies.

Following its scheduled launch on September 2, 2023, Aditya-L1 stays Earth-bound orbits for 16 days, during which it undergoes 5 maneuvers to gain the necessary velocity for its journey.

Subsequently, Aditya-L1 undergoes a Trans-Lagrangian1 insertion maneuver, marking the beginning of its 110-day trajectory to the destination around the L1 Lagrange point.

Upon arrival at the L1 point, another maneuver binds Aditya-L1 to an orbit around L1, a balanced gravitational location between

the Earth and the Sun. The satellite spends its whole mission life orbiting around L1 in an irregularly shaped orbit in a plane roughly perpendicular to the line joining the Earth and the Sun.

Chandrayaan-3 Mission

Recently, on 14th July, 2023 the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched Chandrayaan-3.

Chandrayaan-3 is India's third lunar exploration mission after Chandrayaan-1 in 2008 and Chandrayaan-2 mission in 2019.

The primary objective of the Chandrayaan-3 mission is to demonstrate a soft landing on the lunar surface, which was not achieved in the Chandrayaan-2 mission.

The spacecraft will consist of a lander, rover and propulsion module that will act as a communications relay satellite.

The propulsion module will take the lander and rover configuration to a 100 km lunar orbit. In lunar orbit, the lander and rover would separate from the propulsion module and soft-land on the lunar surface. The lander and rover will conduct scientific experiments on the surface of the moon.

Its lander's name is Vikram and rover's name is Pragyan.

Chandrayaan-3 successfully lands on the lunar surface on 23 August.

Its total weight at the time of launch was about 3900 kg. ISRO's LVM3 M4 rocket was used to launch this mission, which is one of the most powerful rockets of ISRO.

Seven Products get GI Tag

The Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to seven products from various regions of India, including four from Rajasthan.

The products awarded the GI tags are 'Jalesar Dhatu Shilp' (a metal craft of UP), 'Goa Mankurad Mango', 'Goan Bebinca', 'Udaipur Koftgari Metal Craft', 'Bikaner Kashidakari Craft', 'Jodhpur Bandhej Craft', and 'Bikaner Usta Kala Craft'.

The application for the Mankurad Mango was filed by the All Goa Mango Growers

Association, and it is also known as malcorada, cardozo mankurad, corado, and Goa mankur.

A GI tag is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.

G20 Empower Summit Held

The G20 Empower Summit, under India's G20 Presidency, held in Gandhinagar on August 1, 2023.

Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani will inaugurate the summit. The theme of the two-day conference was 'Women-led development: ensuring sustainable, inclusive and equitable global economic growth'.

The summit will host various sessions, each focusing on different aspects of women empowerment.

'Meri Mati Mera Desh' Campaign to be Launched

PM Narendra Modi announced on July 30, 2023 to the launch of 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign in run-up to Independence Day.

It aims to honour the martyred bravehearts of the country.

During the campaign of 'Meri Mati Mera Desh', an Amrit Kalash Yatra will also be taken out.

This 'Amrit Kalash Yatra' will reach Delhi, carrying the soil in 7,500 Kalash from villages and various corners of the country.

Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam 2023 Organised

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 29, 2023 inaugurated the 'Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam 2023' at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi.

The event coincides with the third anniversary of the launch of National Education Policy 2020.

PM Modi also released the first installment of funds under the PM SHRI scheme.

As many as 6,207 schools received the first instalment with a total sum amounting to 630 crore rupees.

He also released education and skill curriculum books translated into 12 Indian languages.

President Laid Foundation for 'Divine Light House'

President Draupadi Murmu on July 27, 2023 laid the foundation stone of 'Divine Light

House' at Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya at Dasabatia, Tamando in Odisha.

The occasion marked the launch of the theme for the year 'Year of Positive Change', reflecting the emphasis on driving positive change.

Recognizing the role of technology as a catalyst of change, President Murmu stressed the importance of both material and spiritual development for the betterment of humanity.

Acknowledging the important role of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya in promoting spirituality through meditation and disciplined lifestyle, leading to inner peace.

Repealing and Amending Bill, 2022 Passed with Amendments

Lok Sabha passed the Repealing and Amending Bill, 2022 with amendments on July 27, 2023.

The legislation seeks to repeal 76 laws that are obsolete or that have been made redundant by other laws.

It also corrects a minor drafting error in the Factoring Regulation Act, of 2011.

The bill is based on the concept of ease of living and ease of doing.

3rd Edition of Summit on GCPMH 2023 Concluded

3rd edition of the Summit on 'Global Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hubs in India' (GCPMH 2023) held on July 27-28, 2023 at New Delhi.

The Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) organized this summit.

Union Minister of Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman inaugurated the two days Summit.

The Summit is one of the largest composite biennial event for promotion of Chemical and petrochemical manufacturing hubs in India. The Chemical and Petrochemical Industry is a key contributor to the social and economic development of our country.

'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' Initiative Launched

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched a unique initiative 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' (MGMD) as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on July 26, 2023.

It is a pan-India initiative of Ministry of Culture under National Mission on Cultural Mapping.

The Ministry of Culture initiated MGMD project under National Mission on Cultural Mapping in coordination with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).

The main objective the project is to culturally map India's 6.5 lakh villages, spanning 29 States and 7 Union Territories, on a comprehensive virtual platform.

India's First Fisheries Atal Incubation Centre

Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) will set up India's first Atal Incubation Center (AIC) in fisheries.

It is announced on July 25, 2023 after receiving a grant of ₹ 10 crore from NITI Aayog. NITI Aayog provided a grant to KUFOS to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the fisheries sector.

The AIC initiative is part of the Atal Innovation Mission. It aims to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship across various industries in the country.

Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill 2022 Passed by Lok Sabha

The Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021 has been passed in the Lok Sabha on July 25, 2023.

The bill seeks to promote research on medicinal plants, encourage the production of plant-based medicines and benefit the local persons involved in use of forest produce.

The Bill amends the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 to simplify compliance requirements for domestic companies.

As per the provision of the Bill, users of codified traditional knowledge and AYUSH practitioners will be exempted from sharing benefits with local communities.

The Bill will promote research in the field of biodiversity and also benefit those states having rich bio-diversity.

National Nursing & Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023 Passed

Lok Sabha passed The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023 on Friday, it was introduced in Lok Sabha on July 24, 2023. It repeals the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947.

It provides for the constitution of the 29 member National Nursing and Midwifery Commission.

The Commission will frame policies and regulate standards for nursing and midwifery education, providing a uniform process for admission into nursing institutions.

The Commission will also regulate nursing and midwifery institutions to provide standards for faculty in teaching institutions.

Naveen Patnaik Became 2nd Longest-Serving CM in India

Odisha's Naveen Patnaik became the 2nd longest-serving CM in the country on July 23, 2023, replacing West Bengal's Jyoti Basu. Former Sikkim CM Pawan Kumar Chamling still holds the record of being the longest-serving Chief Minister in the country. He was the CM of Sikkim from December 12, 1994 till May 27, 2019, more than 24 years.

Mr Basu served as the chief minister of West Bengal from June 21, 1977 to November 5, 2000, which was 23 years and 137 days.

He is also the 3rd leader after Mr. Chamling and Mr. Basu to become the CM of a state for 5 consecutive times.

Aviation Security Control Centre for 66 Airports Inaugurated

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Aviation Security Control Centre (ASCC) of CISF in New Delhi on July 22, 2023.

ASCC established by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

The primary objective behind this initiative is to effectively address the prevailing security challenges.

The ASCC will be responsible for monitoring all potential threats and social media activity pertaining to the 66 civil airports currently under the CISF's security coverage.

The ASCC operates through "24x7 real-time data monitoring and trend analysis of passengers and air traffic.

Sri Lankan President Visited India

At the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe, visited India on July 21, 2023.

This was President Wickremesinghe's first visit to India since assuming the current responsibilities.

Sri Lanka and India signed a series of energy, development and trade agreements, signaling growing economic ties between the neighboring countries.

He held discussions with Prime Minister Modi and other Indian dignitaries on a range of issues of mutual interest.

Sri Lanka is an important partner in India's Neighbourhood First Policy and Vision SAGAR.

The visit will reinforce the longstanding friendship between the two countries and explore avenues for enhanced connectivity and mutually beneficial cooperation across sectors.

Ground Water Law Implemented in 21 States and Union Territories

The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti informed the Parliament on July 20, 2023 that 21 states and union territories have implemented the Ground Water Act. In this law, provision has been made for rain water harvesting. India is mainly dependent on groundwater for irrigation. About 70% of food production in the country is done with the help of tube wells.

This excessive dependence of agriculture on ground water is giving rise to the ground water crisis.

Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 Held

Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 in New Delhi on July 19, 2023. The two-day summit serves as a platform for food regulators from over 40 countries to collaborate and work together.

It was aimed at creating a global platform for regulators on enhancing food safety systems and regulatory frameworks through collaboration.

It will provide an opportunity to exchange knowledge and strategies for ensuring safe food throughout the food value chain.

He also launched the common regulators' platform 'SaNGRAH' (Safe Food for Nations : Global Food Regulatory Authorities Handbook).

National Mega Conclave on FPO in Cooperative Sector

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates National Mega Conclave on FPO in Cooperative Sector on July 16, 2023.

Amit Shah also released an action plan for the formation of 1100 new FPOs by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies. The government aims to set up ten thousand FPOs by 2027 and ₹ 6900 crore has been allocated to achieve this target.

FPO is an organization formed by farmer-producers. Its primary objective is to support small farmers.

US Senate Passed Resolution Recognising Arunachal Pradesh

The United States Senate Committee on July 14, 2023 passed a resolution recognising Arunachal Pradesh as an integral part of India.

It was introduced by Senators Jeff Merkley, Bill Hagerty, Tim Kaine and Chris Van Hollen.

The resolution reaffirms that the US recognises the McMahon Line as the international boundary between China and Arunachal Pradesh.

It refused China's claims that large portions of Arunachal Pradesh are their territory. The resolution will now go to the Senate floor for a full vote.

Two Appointments for the Supreme Court

Telangana Chief Justice Ujjwal Bhuiyan and Kerala Chief Justice S. Venkatanarayana Bhatti were appointed as Supreme Court judges on July 13, 2023.

This appointment is based on the recommendation of their names by CJI DY Chandrachud. With this, the total strength of judges in the Supreme Court has gone up to 33. The total strength of judges in the Supreme Court is 34.

From June 28, 2022, Justice Bhuiyan is serving as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court.

In March 2019, Justice Bhatti was transferred to the Kerala High Court, where he serves as the Chief Justice from June 1, 2023.

National Law University Delhi Launched 'Eklavya'

National Law University (NLU), Delhi launched a research affiliate programme named 'Eklavya' on July 11, 2023.

It aims to promote collaboration and inclusivity in legal scholarship.

The 'Eklavya' program is open to individuals who do not have a traditional law degree.

Programme available for people have at least 3 years of experience working on law-related issues.

Full-time or part-time employees require approval from their current organization or institution.

IIT Delhi will Open Its Campus in UAE

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan informed on July 10, 2023 that IIT Delhi is going to open its international campus in Abu Dhabi (UAE).

This initiative will further strengthen the relations between the two countries.

IIT Delhi has also announced the inclusion of UAE school students in its Summer Boot Camp.

Talented school students from there will be able to work on their research and other innovations in IIT Delhi's lab.

Performance Grading Index for States Released

The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) report on July 9, 2023 for States/UTs.

It is an index for evidence based comprehensive analysis of school education system.

This year's report has been named PGI 2.0.

No state has been found in the top-5 category of PGI.

Punjab and Chandigarh have been placed at the top position in the overall ranking of PGI.

Punjab is followed by Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Delhi, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu. 12 states including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand have made it at the bottom.

Cabinet Approved Digital Personal Data Bill

The Union Government on July 6, 2023 granted approval for the draft Digital Personal Data Bill.

It is expected to be presented before Parliament during the upcoming monsoon session.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology received and considered 21666 suggestions to the draft bill.

Six years after the Supreme Court declared privacy as a fundamental right, the law will become India's core data governance framework.

Digital Personal Data Protection Bill (DPDP Bill) is one of the four proposed legislations in the IT and Telecom sectors.

It aims to provide the framework for the rapidly growing digital ecosystem.

This bill empowers the Data Protection Board (DPB) to levy a penalty of up to Rs.250 crore on the organizations found to be in breach.

Carbon Credit Trading Scheme Notified

The Union Ministry of Power on July 1, 2023 notified the much-anticipated carbon credit trading scheme.

According to notification, Centre will constitute a 'National Steering Committee for the Indian carbon market'.

It aims to govern and oversee the functions of the market.

The Secretary, Ministry of Power will be the ex-officio chairperson of the committee.

The Secretary for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change will be the co-chairperson.

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has been mandated to regulate the market.

India and Malaysia can now Trade in Indian Rupee

India and Malaysia have announced that they can now trade using the Indian Rupee (INR) as a mode of settlement on July 1, 2023.

These agreements are aimed at reducing reliance on the US dollar as the dominant currency for international trade and finance.

The use of local currencies can also help reduce currency risk for businesses. It encourages greater economic integration between countries.

This move is expected to boost bilateral trade between the two countries. It reduces transaction costs for businesses.

PM Modi Lead International Day of Yoga Celebrations

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the ninth International Day of Yoga celebrations on June 21, 2023 from UN Headquarters at its North Lawn. The 9th International Day of Yoga observed in a grand fashion at the United Nations headquarters in New York City.

The theme of Yoga Day this year was 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.

BIS made License Mandatory for 24 Footwear Products

The Bureau of Indian Standards, BIS license will be mandatory for 24 footwear products from July 1, 2023.

BIS highlighted the importance of the Quality Control Orders issued recently by the Government for footwear and other products.

A BIS Licence will be mandatory for the manufacturing, importing or selling of products under these Quality Control Orders.

Expert Panel to Reform Arbitration Law

The Indian government has taken a significant step towards improving the arbitration process by forming an expert committee on June 17, 2023.

Led by former law secretary TK Vishwanathan, the committee aims to recommend reforms to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act of 1996.

The committee would focus on reducing court intervention, enhancing cost-effectiveness, and ensuring timely resolution. The committee is expected to submit its recommendations within 30 days.

NITI Aayog and UN Signed UN SDC Framework 2023-27

NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India signed the Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-27 in New Delhi on June 16, 2023.

The Gol-UNSDCF was signed by CEO NITI Aayog BVR Subrahmanyam and UN Resident Coordinator India Shombi Sharp.

Gol-UNSDCF 2023-2027 represents the UN development system's collective offer to the Government of India for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals promoting gender equality, youth empowerment and human rights.

Jettwings Airways Got Approval to Fly

The civil aviation ministry provided a no objection certificate (NOC) to regional airline Jettwings Airways on June 15, 2023.

It aims to operate scheduled commuter air transport services in India under the government's regional connectivity scheme, UDAN. Once granted approval, Jettwings Airways will become the first-ever airline to operate from India's North-East region.

Jettwings Airways is a new airline in the aviation sector.

The Guwahati-based airline is aiming to begin its services in October this year.

Akashvani and Doordarshan Emerged as Most Trusted Electronic Media

Akashvani and Doordarshan emerged as most trusted electronic media on June 14, 2023 in Reuters Institute's Digital News Report 2023.

DD India and All India Radio have been recognised as the most trusted electronic media organizations in the country. Both have been specifically described as electronic media organisations with the highest degree of trust.

The report highlights that although overall trust in news has decreased marginally by 3%.

Public broadcasters and print brands have managed to maintain a relatively high level of trust among the public.

Sagar Samridhi Launched

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the 'Sagar Samridhi' online dredging monitoring system on June 12, 2023.

This will help in making the seas and port clean. With this, real time information on dredging will be available.

This system has been developed by National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC).

NTCPWC is the technological arm of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).

Government Constituted Peace Committee in Manipur

Government of India has constituted a Peace Committee in Manipur on June 10, 2023.

Committee constituted under the Chairpersonship of Governor, Manipur Anusuiya Uikey. It was announced by Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation.

It aim is to facilitate the peace- making process among different ethnic groups in Manipur.

The objective of this is to resolve conflicts, redress grievances and promote reconciliation.

Maiden International Cruise Vessel 'MV Empress' Flagged-Off

Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off India's first international cruise vessel – MV Empress on June 5, 2023.

Sarbananda Sonowal is Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

This is the launch of the International Cruise Tourism Terminal at Chennai built at a cost of ₹ 17.21 crore. It is first cruise service between Chennai and Sri Lanka.

It has opened a new chapter in the cruise tourism sector in the country.

King of Cambodia Visited India

Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni arrived in New Delhi for a three-day visit to India on May 31, 2023. Union Minister of State for External Affairs Rajkumar Ranjan Singh received the Cambodian King at the airport.

Cambodian King Sihamoni's visit to India marks the culmination of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two nations.

Approval for World's Largest Food Storage Scheme

The Indian government has approved a groundbreaking scheme worth ₹ 1 lakh crore on May 31, 2023. It aimed at significantly expanding the foodgrain storage capacity in the cooperative sector. To ensure the effective implementation of the scheme, an inter-ministerial committee will be established.

RBI Annual Report 2022-23 Released

The RBI report said on May 30, 2023, there was a 55% decline in the amount involved in the total frauds reported during 2021-22 over 2020-21. Number of frauds in banking sector rose in Financial Year 2023. The number of frauds in the banking sector went up to 13530 in 2022-23 year-on-year, but the amount involved nearly halved at ₹ 30252 crore.

ISRO Launched Next-Generation Navigational Satellite 'NVS-1'

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the next generation navigation satellite NVS-1 on May 29, 2023. The spacecraft is part of the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) series, which aims to provide surveillance and navigation capability.

Special Coin of ₹ 75 Launched

The Center launched a new ₹ 75 coin on May 28, 2023 to mark the inauguration of the new Parliament. The coin will be unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 28, 2023 and coincides with the celebration of 75 years of India's independence.

The obverse of this coin has the Lion Capital of Ashoka Pillar and the words 'Satyamev Jayate' below it.

Inauguration of New Parliament House

Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially inaugurated the new Parliament House on May 28, 2023. The New Parliament House is located in the Central Vista area of New Delhi.

The building has seating arrangements for 888 members of the Lok Sabha and 384 members of the Rajya Sabha.

Covering an area of approximately 65000 sq m, the new building has a triangular shape to optimise space utilisation.

The building was designed by Ahmedabad-based HCP Design, Planning and Management and constructed by Tata Projects Limited.

Bimal Patel is the chief architect of the building.

PM Modi also installed 'Sengol' in a dedicated enclosure to the right of the Speaker's chair in the Lok Sabha chamber.

India's AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT' in Top-500 List

The AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT', installed at C-DAC, Pune has been ranked 75th in the top 500 Global Supercomputing List on May 25, 2023.

The announcement was made during the 61st edition of the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) held in Germany.

New Rules for Anti-tobacco Warnings on OTT Platforms

Union Health Ministry has notified new rules for anti-tobacco warnings on OTT platforms. The notification mandates OTT platforms to carry anti-tobacco warning messages.

Every publisher of online-curated content displaying tobacco products or their use shall display anti-tobacco health spots, of minimum 30 seconds duration in the programme.

RBI Announced Withdrawal of ₹ 2000 Banknotes

The RBI has taken a significant step by withdrawing the ₹ 2000 banknotes from circulation on May 23, 2023.

The introduction of ₹ 2000 banknotes in November 2016 was a response to the withdrawal of legal tender status for ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 banknotes. While the RBI has initiated the withdrawal process, it emphasises that the ₹ 2000 banknotes will remain legal tender.

National Capital Civil Services Authority Constituted

The Centre promulgated an ordinance on May 19, 2023 to create a National Capital Civil Service Authority. It will have the power to recommend the transfer and posting of all Group A officers serving in Delhi.

With a view to constitute this Authority for transfer of 'Group-A' officers of 'DANICS' Cadre, the Central government has issued this Ordinance.

Three Nations Visit of PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi went on a three-nation tour, started on May 19th and concluded on May 24th, which included the G7 Summit in Japan and the Quad Leaders' Summit in Australia (postponed).

PM Modi visited Hiroshima in Japan from May 19 to May 21 at the invitation Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida for the G-7 Summit. PM Modi attended the third India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) Summit in Papua New Guinea on May 23.

The MoU was exchanged after a bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese in Sydney.

'75/25' Initiative for People with Hypertension, Diabetes Launched

The Union Health Ministry has unveiled the '75/25' initiative, aiming to revolutionise the management and prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in India on May 18, 2023. This ambitious programme sets a target of providing Standard Care to 75 million individuals with hypertension and diabetes by 2025.

State Energy Efficiency Index 2021-22 Released

Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan and Telangana are the front-runners in the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2021-22. These states are leading with a score above 60. Power Minister RK Singh has released the SEEI report in New Delhi on April 10, 2023.

India & Bangladesh Launched '50 Start-ups Exchange Programme'

India and Bangladesh have jointly launched the '50 Start-up Exchange Programme' on May 15, 2023.

It aims to promote collaboration and exchange between the start-up ecosystems of the two countries.

The objective of the program is to strengthen bilateral relations between India and Bangladesh by promoting cooperation in start-up and innovation sectors.

Santiniketan in Tentative List for UNESCO World Heritage List

The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended Santiniketan for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List on May 10, 2023.

It is the cultural site in West Bengal, India. The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), a France-based international non-governmental organisation, made the recommendation.

India's First Reading Lounge in Varanasi

The Lal Bahadur Shastri International (LBSI) Airport, Varanasi has become the first in India to have a reading lounge on

May 10, 2023. The lounge's library has a collection of literature and books in many international languages besides books of youth authors published under Prime Minister Yuva Yojana.

'Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi' Programme Launched

Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched 'Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi' on May 9, 2023, that is 'Education along with Nutrition'. It is an Early Childhood Care and Education programme under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. It will focus on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) at anganwadis across the country.

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UNESCO Urged Global Ban on Smartphones in Schools

The UNESCO on July 30, 2023 urges global ban on smartphones in schools to promote human-centred education approach.

The UNESCO published its 2023 Global Education Monitoring Report titled 'Technology in Education : A Tool on Whose Terms'.

Report supports a worldwide ban on smartphones in schools where technology integration Does not improve learning outcomes.

Excessive use of smartphones has negative effects on children's academic performance and emotional competence.

Mutinous Niger Soldiers Claim to have Overthrown President

Mutinous soldiers claimed to have overthrown Niger's democratically elected President, announcing on state television on July 27, 2023 .

They have put an end to the government over the African country's deteriorating security.

Regional and global leaders called for the release of Bazoum, who entered office two years ago in Niger's first peaceful transition of power since independence.

Cambodia's PM Announced his Resignation

Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen has announced his resignation on July 26, 2023.

He will hand over power to his son Hun Manet on August 10, 2023. He is one of the world's longest-serving leaders.

The announcement came shortly after his party won all seats in an uncompetitive election held three days prior.

His son, Hun Manet, who recently served as the commander of the Royal Cambodian Army, has been groomed for the role of Prime Minister.

G20 Global Food Regulatory Summit 2023 Held

The Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 held in Delhi for the first time as a G-20 event on 21, 2023.

The summit held outside Rome, Italy for the first time.

The two days conference is being organized by the FSSAI under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at Manekshaw Auditorium, New Delhi.

The summit serve as a platform for food regulators from over 40 countries to collaborate and work together.

This summit will focus on the important aspect of food safety, which needs as much attention as food security itself.

Argentina Signed Lol with HAL

The Defence Ministry of Argentina has signed a Letter of Intent (Lol) with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on July 21, 2023.

It aim is to procure light and medium utility helicopters for its armed forces.

This Lol signifies a commitment to productive collaboration between HAL and the Ministry of Defence of The Republic of Argentina.

Since 2019, India and Argentina have elevated their relations to the level of a Strategic Partnership.

As part of this partnership, an MoU on defense cooperation has been in effect.

US Handed Over 105 Antiquities to India

The United States handed over 105 trafficked antiquities to India during a repatriation ceremony at the Indian Consulate in New York on July 18, 2023.

The antiquities will soon be transported to India.

The 105 artifacts represent a wide geographical spread in terms of their origin in India.

47 of these are from Eastern India, 27 from Southern India, 22 from Central India, 6 from Northern India and 3 from Western India.