

## ORMAS launches 'Mo Mobile, Mo Market' initiative for farmers

ORMAS has launched an initiative 'Mo Mobile, Mo Market' to facilitate products of women-led farmers producers organisations (FPOs) on the digital platform. The products of women led FPOs will be available in the Market Mirchi platform developed by CTARA, IIT Bombay to facilitate the rural farmers especially women to sell their agriculture and horticulture products directly to potential buyers across the country at a favourable price. Development Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Jena launched different products like strawberry, roasted moong dal, turmeric, groundnut, groundnut oil and turmeric powder.

## Odisha CM approves four drinking water projects

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday approved four mega drinking water projects worth Rs 639.27 crore for Malkangiri district. The projects, once implemented will benefit 3,13,620 people residing in 453 villages of Khairput, Mathili, Malkangiri and Kalimela blocks. The chief minister has directed to make the four projects functional within 24 months.

## 19 Odisha districts to get platinum award from MoRD

19 districts of the state have been selected for national award for its impressive achievement in digitisation of land records. This was revealed at the governing body meeting of the Odisha Land Records Modernisation Society (OLRMS) chaired by chief secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra here. The 19 districts are among the 75 districts of the country identified by the Ministry of Rural Development for platinum award. The district collectors of Angul, Bargarh, Boudh, Bhadrak, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Ganajm, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Keonjhar, Khurda, Koraput, Nayagarh, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, Rayagada and Sambalpur will be honoured in New Delhi.

1. Which edition of National Voters' Day has been celebrated on 25 January 2023?

- A. 12th B. 14th  
C. 13th D. 11th

Answer- C. 13th

• National Voters' Day is celebrated every year on January 25. The main objective of this day is to

increase voter enrollment and encourage the youth to participate in voting.

- Since 2011, National Voters' Day is celebrated across the country every year.
- It is celebrated to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India on 25 January 1950.
- This year, the 13th National Voters' Day is being celebrated.
- The theme of National Voters' Day 2023 is "Nothing like Voting, I Vote for Sure".

2. Which of the following has become the No. 1 ODI team in the ICC rankings after winning the series against New Zealand?

- A. England B. India  
C. Australia D. Pakistan

Answer- B. India

• India beat New Zealand 3-0 to top the ICC men's ODI rankings. The last match of the series was played at Indore's Holkar Stadium. In the last match of the series, India defeated New Zealand by 90 runs. In the men's ODI team rankings, England and Australia are ranked second and third respectively.

- Like ODIs, Team India is also at the top in the T20 format.
- At the same time, Team India is second in Tests after Australia.

3. Indian Navy's flagship maritime exercise TROPEX 2023 is being conducted in the Indian Ocean. In which year was the first exercise of maritime surveillance conducted?

- A. 2014 B. 2019  
C. 2016 D. 2020

Answer- B. 2019

• Indian Navy's flagship maritime exercise TROPEX 2023 is being conducted in the Indian Ocean.

- TROPEX – 2023 is being conducted over a period of three months from January to March 2023.
- The first exercise of maritime surveillance was conducted in January 2019.
- TROPEX exercise is conducted once every two years.
- It is also called the biggest war game of the Indian Navy.

4. The first-ever India Stack Developer Conference was held in which city on 25 January 2023?

- A. Hyderabad B. Mumbai  
C. Varanasi D. New Delhi

Answer- D. New Delhi

- The first ever India Stack Developer Conference was held in New Delhi on 25 January 2023.
- The event focused on ways and means to ensure widespread adoption of India's digital goods globally.
- India Stack is a multi-layered group of digital solutions like Aadhaar, UPI, Digi Locker, Co-WIN, GeM and GSTN and has played a key role in India's digital transformation.

5. North India's largest floating solar project of 2000kWp has been inaugurated in which city?

- A. Mohali B. Raipur  
C. Udaipur D. Chandigarh

Answer- D. Chandigarh

- North India's largest floating solar project of 2000kWp was inaugurated at Water Works in Chandigarh.
- It has been inaugurated by Punjab Governor and Administrator of Chandigarh Banwari Lal Purohit on 23 January 2023.
- In addition, he inaugurated the 500kWp Floating Solar Project with fountains at Dhanas Lake in Chandigarh.

6. The 3rd edition of the annual 'Orange Festival 2023' was celebrated in which state on 24-25 January 2023?

- A. Punjab B. Nagaland  
C. Madhya Pradesh D. Rajasthan

Answer- B. Nagaland

- Nagaland celebrated the third edition of the annual 'Orange Festival 2023' on 24-25 January 2023 at Rusoma village in Kohima district.
- The festival is being organised by horticulture, agriculture, rural development, land resources and Kohima Smart City departments.
- The festival is celebrated to highlight the hard work of orange growers and facilitate them to connect to the market to sell their product.

7. \_\_\_\_\_, the first Indian architect to receive the Pritzker Architecture Award in the field of architecture in 2018, passed away.

- A. Dr. Balkrishna Doshi B. Lata Manjekar  
C. Pandit Birju Maharaj D. Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma

Answer- A. Dr. Balkrishna Doshi

- Renowned Indian architect Dr. Balkrishna Vitthaldas Doshi (B V Doshi) passed away.
- He was 95 years old. In the year 2018, he received the Pritzker Architecture Award, considered one of the most prestigious awards in the field of architecture, becoming the first Indian architect to receive the honour.

- After this, in the year 2020, he was awarded The Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian honor.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ project which has been launched by Indian Railways to maximize capacity utilization and revenue generation in reserved Mail Express trains.

- A. Pattern Train Profile B. Ideal Train Profile  
C. Module Train Profile D. Zonal Train Profile

Answer- B. Ideal Train Profile

- 'Ideal Train Profile' has been introduced by Indian Railways.
- It has been introduced for maximum capacity utilization and revenue generation by evaluating the demand pattern of each single train on a regular basis in reserved Mail Express trains.
- Ideal train profiles—one seat capacity optimization decision support—are made due to the fact that the number of ticket-class combinations on a train journey date can exceed ₹5,000.

9. Who is the only Indian included in the ICC Men's Test Team of the Year announced by the ICC on 24 January 2023?

- A. Mohammed Siraj B. Suryakumar Yadav  
C. Rishabh Pant D. Shreyas Iyer

Answer- C. Rishabh Pant

- Indian cricketer Rishabh Pant has been included in the ICC Men's Test Team of the Year announced by the International Cricket Council (ICC) on 24 January 2023.
- England Test captain Ben Stokes has been named as the captain of the team while Rishabh Pant has been included as the wicketkeeper.
- While Shreyas Iyer and Mohammed Siraj are the only two Indians who have been included in the 2022 ICC ODI team.

10. For the first time, women personnel of \_\_\_\_\_ camel contingent 'Mahila Prahari' will participate in The Republic Day 2023.

- A. BSF B. SSB  
C. CISF D. CRPF

Answer- A. BSF

- For the first time, women personnel of border security force's (BSF) camel contingent 'Mahila Prahari' will participate in the Republic Day 2023.
- BSF is the only force in the country that deploys camels for both operational and ceremonial tasks.
- A woman courageous motorcycle team of BSF named Seema Bhawani of Signal Corps led by a woman officer will also be part of the parade.

11. Which ministry is going to organize a six-day mega event "Bharat Parv" at red fort?

- A. Ministry of External Affairs B. Ministry of Education  
C. Home Ministry D. Ministry of Tourism

Answer- D. Ministry of Tourism

- The Union Tourism Ministry is going to organize a six-day mega event "Bharat Parv" on the lawns of red fort from January 26 to 31, 2023.
- Ministry of Tourism is the nodal Ministry for the event. Earlier, 'Bharat Parv' was held at Gyan Path at Red Fort in the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 (virtual in the year 2021).
- The event will also feature branding and promotion of initiatives likes 'Dekho Apna Desh', 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', G20 and 'Mission Life'.

12. How many personnel have been awarded the President's Fire Service Medal on Republic Day 2023?

- A. 47 B. 46  
C. 48 D. 45

Answer- A. 47

- On the occasion of Republic Day 2023, 47 personnel have been awarded the President's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service.
- Of these, the Fire Service Medal for bravery has been given to two personnel. President's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service has been awarded to 07 personnel. Fire Service Medals have also been awarded to 38 personnel.
- In addition, 55 personnel have also been awarded the President's Home Guard and Civil Defence Medal for distinguished and meritorious services.