

Manoj Sharma is new ECoR general manager  
Manoj Sharma assumed charge as general manager of East Coast Railway (ECoR) on Wednesday. An officer of Indian Railway Service of Engineering (IRSE) of 1985 batch, Sharma was working as chief administrative officer (construction) of Central Railway at Mumbai.

1. Who has won the first Shane Warne award as Men's Test Player of the Year in January 2023?

- A. David Warner B. Steve Smith  
C. Travis Head D. Usman Khawaja

Answer- D. Usman Khawaja

- Australia opener Usman Khawaja won the first Shane Warne award as the Men's Test Player of the Year in January 2023.

- It is named in honour of legendary leg-spinner Shane Warne, who passed away in March 2022.

- Khawaja has been Australia's top run scorer in Test cricket with 1020 runs at 78.46 in the voting period.

2. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on 31 January 2023 announced to make which city the state capital?

- A. Visakhapatnam B. Kurnool  
C. Kakinada D. Vijayawada

Answer- A. Visakhapatnam

- On 31 January 2023, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy announced to make Visakhapatnam city the state capital.

- The state government plans to construct 3 capitals in which Amaravati will be developed as the legislative capital, Visakhapatnam as the executive capital, and Kurnool as the judicial capital.

- The state government, like the model of South Africa, wants to decentralize the administration with 3 capitals.

3. Which state tableau has won the top prize in the 74th Republic Day parade?

- A. Maharashtra B. Gujarat  
C. Uttar Pradesh D. Uttarakhand

Answer- D. Uttarakhand

- Uttarakhand tableau showcasing the state's wildlife and religious places won the top prize at the 74th Republic Day parade.

- Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh stood second and third respectively.

- The Punjab Regiment of the Army was adjudged the best marching unit among the three services.

- Gujarat's tableau stood first in the popular choice segment.

4. Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force?

- A. Rakesh Kumar Singh B. Amar Preet Singh  
C. Birendra Singh Dhanoa D. Vivek Ram Chaudhary

Answer- B. Amar Preet Singh

- Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of Air Staff.

- He will take charge from February 1. He will replace Air Marshal Sandeep Singh.

- Amar Preet Singh is currently heading the Central Air Command based in Prayagraj. Singh was commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force on December 21, 1984.

5. Which country announced the launch of the Debbie Hockley Medal to honour the outstanding female cricketer?

- A. Australia B. England  
C. Sri Lanka D. New Zealand

Answer- D. New Zealand

- New Zealand Cricket announced the introduction of the Debbie Hockley Medal to honour the outstanding female cricketer.

- Cricketer Debbie Hockley played 118 ODIs and 19 Tests for New Zealand from 1979 to 2000.

- Hockley was the fourth woman to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame after Belinda Clark (Australia), Enid Beckwell and Rachael Hayhoe –Flint (England).

6. Asif Sheikh has been named the recipient of the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award 2022. He belongs to which country?

- A. New Zealand B. Ireland  
C. England D. Nepal

Answer- D. Nepal

- Nepal wicketkeeper Asif Sheikh has been named as the recipient of the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award 2022 for his decision not to run out Ireland's Andy McBrine while attempting a run.

- Asif has thus become the first player from Nepal to win the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award.

7. Which Indian poet-diplomat has been elected as the respective member of 'Brazilian Sahitya Akademi'?

- A. Shiv K Kumar B. Abhay Kumar  
C. Dilip Chitre D. AK Mehrotra

Answer- B. Abhay Kumar

- Recently during one of its plenary sessions, the Academy of Letters of Brazil (ALB) has selected poet diplomat 'Abhay Kumar' as a related member of the Brazilian Academy of Letters of Brazil.

- Abhay Kumar is a poet-diplomat from India currently serving as Deputy Director General of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in New Delhi.

8. Which country is the host country of World Chess Championship 2023?

- A. Kazakhstan B. Norway  
C. Switzerland D. India

Answer- A. Kazakhstan

- The World Chess Championship is being organized in Kazakhstan's capital Astana in April-May 2023.
- These days top players from all over the world are busy in their preparations to take part in this championship.
- World champion Magnus Carlsen is not participating in the World Chess Championship this time.

9. Who has been appointed as the ambassador of National Mineral Development Corporation Limited?

- A. Nikhat Zareen B. Mirabai Chanu  
C. Lovlina Borgohan D. Mary Kom

Answer- A. Nikhat Zareen

- NMDC, the country's largest miner and producer of iron ore, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoA) with Nikhat Zareen to represent it as its brand ambassador.
- Nikhat Zareen is the world boxing champion and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games gold medallist.
- Nikhat Zareen represents the strength, courage, agility and national pride associated with brand NMDC.

10. Where was India's first model G-20 summit held?

- A. Hyderabad B. Lucknow  
C. Mumbai D. Bhopal

Answer- C. Mumbai

- On 30 January 2023, India's G-20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant inaugurated India's first Model G-20 Summit.
- It was organised by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini's Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership (IIDL) in Mumbai.
- Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Chairman, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Vice Chairman, RambhauMhalgi Prabodhini presided over the inaugural ceremony.

11. Who has been named the country partner for BioAsia 2023?

- A. Afghanistan B. Ukraine  
C. Saudi Arabia D. United Kingdom

Answer- D. United Kingdom

- The United Kingdom has been named the country partner for BioAsia 2023.
- It is the annual series of Telangana Government's Healthcare and Biology programme which will be held in Hyderabad on 24-26 February 2023.
- It aims to enhance new innovations and effective solutions in the biotechnology industry.

• The theme of BioAsia 2023 is "Advancing for One: Shaping the Next Generation of Humanized Healthcare".

• BioAsia 2023 is set to attract the participation of globally reputed leaders from over 50 countries.

12. India's first green energy-based solar panel factory will be built by Luminous in which state?

- A. Uttarakhand B. Odisha  
C. Gujarat D. Haryana

Answer- A. Uttarakhand

- India's first green energy based solar panel factory will be built by Luminous in Uttarakhand. The new manufacturing plant at Rudrapur is expected to be fully operational by the end of 2023.
- The state-of-the-art factory will be equipped with the latest technology for design and manufacture of high quality solar panels for both residential and commercial uses.
- Once operational, the 4.5 lakh sq ft/10-acre factory will help enable solar generation capacity of 500 MW per year, which can be scaled up to 1 GW.
- This solar panel plant is fully robotic and will run entirely on solar energy.