

1. Who has recently been honoured with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by 'India-UK Achievers Honours' in the UK?

- A. Piyush Goyal B. Dr. Manmohan Singh
C. Raghuram Rajan D. Nirmala Sitharaman
Answer- B. Dr. Manmohan Singh

- Former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by India-UK Achievers Honours for his economic and political contributions.
- Dr Singh will be handed over the award by the National Indian Students and Alumni Association (NISU) UK in Delhi.
- The 'Life Time Achievement Honour' showcases Dr Singh's contribution to oxford and cambridge universities.
- Dr. Manmohan Singh was the Prime Minister of India from 2004 to 2014.

2. Which country is the theme country of the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair?

- A. France B. Italy
C. Germany D. Spain
Answer- D. Spain

- West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair at Salt Lake on January 30, 2023.
- Spain is the theme country at the fair.
- It is the world's largest non-trade book fair.
- It is also the world's third largest annual conference of books after the Frankfurt Book Fair and the London Book Fair.

3. Which state's Chief Minister on 29 January 2023 announced the implementation of Ladli Behna Yojana?

- A. Maharashtra B. Gujarat
C. Madhya Pradesh D. Uttarakhand
Answer- C. Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the implementation of Ladli Behna Yojana on the occasion of Narmada Jayanti on 29 January 2023.
- Through this scheme, the sisters of poor and middle class families of Madhya Pradesh will be given ₹1000 per month.
- Earlier, Ladli Lakshmi Yojana and Ladli Lakshmi Yojana were 2 in the state.

4. When is Indian Coast Guard Day celebrated annually?

- A. 01 February B. 02 February
C. 30 January D. 31 January
Answer- A. 01 February

- The Indian Coast Guard was established on February 1, 1977 and this day is celebrated as Indian Coast Guard Day.
- The Indian Coast Guard is celebrating its 46th Raising Day in 2023.
- The current Director General of the Indian Coast Guard is Virendra Singh Pathania.
- The Indian Coast Guard is the fourth largest coast guard in the world.
- Headquarters: New Delhi

5. Where was the Science 20 foundation meeting held on 30 January 2023?

- A. Ladakh B. New Delhi
C. Hyderabad D. Puducherry
Answer- D. Puducherry

- Science 20 Foundation Meeting was organized in Puducherry on 30 January 2023.
- Dr. Ashutosh Sharma, President of Indian National Science Academy (INSA) was the Chairman of the deliberation activities of the country.
- Scientists from 10 G20 countries as well as scientists from India's premier science institutions participated in the deliberations.
- The theme of the meeting is "Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Development".

6. Who has been appointed as the new Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) in January 2023?

- A. AK Sikri B. Dr. Rajiv Singh Raghuvanshi
C. Praveen Sharma D. Naresh Lalwani
Answer- B. Dr. Rajiv Singh Raghuvanshi

- The Union Public Service Commission has recommended the name of Dr Rajiv Singh Raghuvanshi as the new Drug Controller General of India (DCGI).
- He will replace Dr V G Somani who was appointed as the Drug Controller General of India in August 2019.
- DCGI heads the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), which is responsible for ensuring the quality of drug supply in India.

7. On 31 January 2023, who inaugurated IndiaOne Air's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) flight operations to

Jamshedpur Kolkata under UDAN scheme?

- A. Jyotiraditya Scindia B. Piyush Goyal
C. Nitin Gadkari D. Narendra Modi

Answer- A. Jyotiraditya Scindia

• Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated IndiaOne Air's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) flight operations to Jamshedpur Kolkata under the UDAN scheme on 31 January 2023.

• The UDAN 4.2 rounds is entirely dedicated to regional and last-mile connectivity.

8. On January 30, 2023, _____ has resigned as the head coach of the Indian men's hockey team.

- A. Rahul Dravid B. Yanke Shopman
C. Vikram Rathore D. Graham Reed

Answer- D. Graham Reed

• Graham Reid has resigned as the head coach of the Indian men's hockey team on 30 January 2023.

• He submitted his resignation to Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey.

• He took over in 2019 and played a key role in the team that won the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics 2021.

• He is a former Australian field hockey player who played as a defender and midfielder for the Australian national team.

9. As per budget 2023-24, what is the revised average processing time for ITR?

- A. 20 days B. 18 days
C. 16 days D. 21 days

Answer- C. 16 days

• Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, during the presentation of the Union Budget on February 1, 2023, said that the average processing time for income tax returns has been reduced from 93 to 16 days.

• A new savings scheme 'Mahila Samman Bachat Certificate' was announced for women and girls in the Union Budget 2023-24.

• Union Budget 2023: India to become global hub for millets (Shri Anna).

• Union Budget 2023: Prime Minister announces PVTG Development Mission.

10. Shanti Bhushan, who passed away recently, was a minister in which Prime Minister's tenure?

- A. Morarji Desai B. Dr. Manmohan Singh
C. Atal Bihari Vajpayee D. Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer- A. Morarji Desai

• Former Law Minister and noted lawyer Shanti Bhushan passed away in Noida.

• He served as the Union Law Minister in the Morarji Desai government from 1977 to 1979 and was a Rajya Sabha member from 14 July 1977 to 2 April 1980.

• He was 97 years old and served as the Law Minister of India from 1977 to 1979.

• Bhushan was a member of the Congress and then the Janata Party.

• He was also a founding member of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) formed in 2012.

11. Who is the author of the book titled "The Poverty of Political Economy: How Economics Abundant the Poor"?

- A. C. Rangarajan B. Aritra Banerjee
C. Mansi Gulati D. Meghnad Desai

Answer- D. Meghnad Desai

• India-born British economist Meghnad Desai has written a new book titled "The Poverty of Political Economy: How Economics Abundant the Poor".

• Through this book, Meghnad Desai has studied the contribution of economics to domestic and international politics from Adam Smith to John Maynard Keynes and from the Great Depression to the fall of the Lehman Brothers.

• The book has been published by HarperCollins Publishers India.

12. How many tourist destinations in the country will be developed as a complete tourism package?

- A. 20 B. 30
C. 40 D. 50

Answer- D. 50

• Presenting the Union Budget 2023-24 in Parliament, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that at least 50 tourist destinations will be selected and these sites will be developed as a complete package.

- Also, an app will be released to improve the experiences of tourists.
- Sitharaman said 'Dekho Apna Desh' was launched with PM Modi's appeal to middle class citizens to give priority to domestic tourism over foreign tourism.

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