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## 1. HAL will hand over the first light combat aircraft to the Air Force



The first Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas has been inducted into the Indian Air Force fleet. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed over this two-seater aircraft LCA Tejas to Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari in Bengaluru on October 4. The company's headquarters in Bengaluru said that this two-seat aircraft has all the capabilities to support the training needs of the Air Force and also plays the role of fighter if required. The two-seater 'LCA Tejas' is a light multiple role 4.5 category aircraft. Another specialty of this is that no matter what the weather is, good or bad, it will be able to work in every situation. The induction of the trainer version of Tejas into the Indian Air Force is a significant achievement. This aircraft will provide Indian pilots with the necessary experience to operate modern fighter aircraft. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited said that today's historic event will mark an important milestone in the production of the two-seat LCA aircraft, which will be used as a strategic tool to train budding pilots as fighter pilots through the two-seat aircraft. Designed with intention. Minister of State for Defense Ajay Bhatt was the chief guest at the handing over of 'LCA Tejas' to the Air Force. During the program, Air Staff Air Chief Marshal V.R. The two-seater LCA aircraft was launched in the presence of Chaudhary and others. The aircraft was returned to service (RSD) after inspection.

## 2. PM Swanidhi achieves target of covering 50 lakh street vendors



Prime Minister Street Vendors Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme, an initiative under the aegis of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), has achieved an important milestone by providing support to more than 50 lakh street vendors across the country. Street vendors have long played an integral role in the urban informal economy, providing essential goods and services to urban people. PM Swanidhi Yojana has played an important role in bringing them into the ambit of the formal economic system, providing them a new path to move in an upward direction. The vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to widen the reach of this scheme has inspired concerted efforts towards expanding the scheme. A campaign was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) from July 01, 2023, in which the targets to be achieved under the scheme were revised. A number of high level reviews and monitoring were carried out during this period, which inter alia included review of Public Sector Banks by the Finance Minister, regional state reviews and housing reviews across the country at various locations by the Minister of State for Finance, Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad. and review meetings of States/UTs by Shri Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Affairs and Shri Vivek Joshi, Secretary, DFS. This collective effort led to disbursement of 65.75 lakh loans, benefiting more than 50 lakh street vendors, with a total value of more than Rs 8,600 crore. It is noteworthy that Public Sector Banks have played a vital role in achieving this important milestone by extending their support to the first micro-credit scheme designed for the urban poor socio-economic class. PM SVANidhi is a pioneer initiative of the Government of India that aims to integrate street vendors into the formal economic system and facilitate their access to formal channels of credit.

## 3. SAFF U-19: India became SAFF Under-19 football champion by defeating Pakistan, won the eighth title.



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Thanks to the brilliant play of Manglenthang Kipgen, India defeated Pakistan 3-0 in the final of SAFF Under-19 football. Kipgen, who played an important role in the team's victory by scoring a goal in the penalty shootout in the semi-finals against Nepal, once again emerged as a hero. India had made it to the finals of the SAFF Under-19 Championship by defeating Nepal 3-2 in the penalty shootout, while in the first semi-final, Pakistan had entered the finals by defeating Bhutan 6-5 after the tiebreaker. Manglenthang Kipgen maintained his shine in the final as well and pushed Pakistan on the back foot by scoring the first two goals. Kipgen also played an important role in the third goal. India U19: Lionel Daryl Rimmei, Ishan Shishodia, Ricky Meitei Haobam, Manbir Basumatary (Surajkumar Singh Ngangbam 46th min), Raja Harijan, Gugvamsar Goyari, Naoba Meitei Pangambam (Calvin Singh Taorem 81st min), Sahil Khurshid, A Siba Prasad, Abindas Yesudasan. (Manglenthang Kipgen 46th minute), Thomas Kanamuttill Cherian.

## 4. India's manufacturing sector growth rate at 5-month low in September



Manufacturing activity in India fell to a five-month low in September. The S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell to 57.5 in September from 58.6 in August. September PMI data pointed to 27 consecutive months of improvement in

overall operating conditions. In PMI language, an index above 50 indicates expansion while a score below 50 indicates contraction. The report said India's manufacturing industry showed mild signs of slowdown in September, mainly due to weak growth in new orders, Due to which production growth has been affected. The survey said that after reaching a one-year high in August, the inflation rate had reached a three-year low. Due to higher labor costs and stronger demand, the average prices charged by Indian manufacturers increased at a strong and rapid rate and crossed the long-term average. Manufacturers were confident that production volumes would increase over the next 12 months, with overall positive sentiment heading into 2023. Optimism has been boosted by enthusiasm from customers, advertising and capacity expansion. The survey said that due to the positive scenario of increase in production and demand, there has been another round of job creation in the manufacturing industry. Employment has been rising since August and is strong by historical standards. Although growth in new export orders slowed from a nine-month high in August, But it remained at a high level. Firms reported winning new business from clients in Asia, Europe, North America and the Middle East.

## 5. Coca-Cola India introduces 100% recycled PET bottles for smaller packs



Coca-Cola India has taken an important step towards sustainability by introducing 100% recycled PET (rPET) bottles for its small pack beverages. This initiative marks a major advancement in the company's commitment towards environmental protection and reducing plastic waste. In this article, we will discuss in depth why this news is important, provide a historical context, And will outline five key points that students preparing for various government exams should keep in mind. Environmental Responsibility and Sustainability Coca-

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Cola's decision to introduce 100% recycled PET bottles reflects the growing global concern for the environment. This reflects the company's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint and promoting sustainable practices. The move is in line with government initiatives and international agreements aimed at addressing climate change and plastic pollution. Reduction in Plastic Waste The introduction of RPET bottles for smaller packs directly contributes to the reduction of plastic waste. Plastic pollution has become a global crisis, and this initiative is an example of a corporate entity taking proactive steps to reduce its impact. To understand the significance of Coca-Cola India's initiative, It is important to consider the historical context of plastic waste and environmental concerns. Plastic pollution has become a global crisis over the past few decades. Governments, environmental organizations and individuals have all recognized the urgent need to address this issue. Various measures such as bans on single-use plastics and recycling campaigns have been implemented around the world.

## 6. The pair of Deepika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu created a stir, won the gold medal in squash mixed doubles against Melisha.



India's Deepika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu won the Asian Games squash mixed doubles title by defeating the Malaysian pair in straight games in the final. Deepika and Harinder defeated Aifa binti Ajman and Mohammed Syafiq bin Mohammed Kamal 11-10 11-10 in the final in 35 minutes. At one time in the second game, the Indian pair was heading towards an easy victory but after that their concentration broke due to which the Malaysian pair was successful in making the match close. The Malaysian pair took the lead of 10-9 with seven consecutive points at the score of 3-9 but Deepika and Harinder maintained their

composure and won with two consecutive points. Deepika, playing possibly for the last time in the Asian Games, ended her campaign with two medals. She was also part of the bronze medal winning women's team. This 32-year-old player has won six medals in four Asian Games, including one gold, including one silver and four bronze medals. This is Deepika's first gold medal at the Asian Games, while Sandhu won her third medal at the continental competition. The success in squash mixed doubles took India's tally of gold medals at the 19th Asian Games to 20.

## 7. Tourism Ministry inaugurates PATA Travel Mart 2023 in New Delhi.



The 46th edition of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart 2023 is being held at the luxurious International Exhibition-cum-Convention Center (IECC), located at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Tourism Ministry inaugurates PATA Travel Mart 2023. In which tourism professionals and business stakeholders from all over the world are coming together. The physical event of the travel mart is being organized after a gap of three years due to the pandemic. PATA President Peter Semon said Travel for Life is a great initiative and should be replicated around the world. PATA Travel Mart aims to develop a network for delegates around the world, An opportunity to learn and socialize and highlight unique destinations and members for business expansion. Travel for Life is a great initiative and should be replicated across the world. India is also actively participating in PATA Travel Mart. Other state governments like Rajasthan, Gujarat, Delhi, Karnataka, Telangana, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh and other ministries like Handloom Development Commissioner are also setting up stands and stalls to showcase their products. PATA Travel Mart is one of the important international trade exhibitions catering to the tourism sector and serves as a platform for business interaction



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## 8. Arjun Munda inaugurates 4th EMRS National Cultural and Literary Festival and Arts Utsav-2023 in Dehradun



Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated the 4th EMRS National Cultural and Literary Festival and Art Utsav-2023 on October 3, 2023 in the presence of Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in Dehradun. It is organized by the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NETS) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and hosted by Eklavya Vidyalaya Sangathan Samiti (EVSS), Uttarakhand at Maharana Pratap Sports College, Dehradun. Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Cultural Fest provides a national platform to the tribal students to showcase their hidden talents in various fields. This year, more than 2000 tribal students from 22 states will demonstrate in the four-day event (3-6 October). More than 20 programs will be organized in this festival, ranging from dance and song performances to quizzes and visual arts etc. Stalls from different states have

been arranged to showcase the tribal culture. Such events provide an opportunity to the children and teachers of EMRS to meet each other, understand and learn about the cultures of different regions of the country, fulfilling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. During the inauguration ceremony, Dr Naval Jeet Kapoor, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Commissioner, NESTS, briefed about the EMRS scheme. The inaugural function presented spectacular cultural programs by tribal communities of Uttarakhand and students of EMRS.

### QUIZ

**1. When is World Teachers' Day celebrated every year?**

- (a) 3 October
- (b) 4 October
- (c) 5 October
- (d) 6 October

World Teachers Day, observed annually on 5 October, is dedicated to honoring the invaluable contribution of teachers to the society. The day serves as an opportunity to recognize the important role of teachers in shaping the future and facing the challenges they face. In 1966, UNESCO and the International Labor Organization (ILO) joined hands to organize the Special Intergovernmental Conference on the Status of Teachers in Paris. The conference adopted the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation Relating to the Status of Teachers, a fundamental document that delineates the rights and responsibilities of teachers, as well as standards for their preparation, recruitment, employment and working conditions.

**2. The Government of India has extended the tenure of the head of UIDAI for how many years?**

- (a) 1 year
- (b) 2 years
- (c) 3 years
- (d) 4 years

The Central Government has extended the tenure of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Amit Agarwal by one year. Senior bureaucrat Amit Agarwal has been given one year extension. In another notification issued by the government, Amit Aggarwal has been given one year extension in service as CEO of UIDAI. According to the order issued by the Personnel Ministry, the

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Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension of Agarwal's tenure as CEO of UIDAI for a period of one year beyond November 2, 2023, till November 2, 2024.

**3. Where is the Pacific Asia Travel Association Travel Mart 2023 being organized?**

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Patna
- (d) New Delhi

The Ministry of Tourism is organizing the Pacific Asia Travel Association Travel Mart 2023 in New Delhi. The 46th edition of Travel Mart is being organized at the International Convention Center, Pragati Maidan. It is being organized from 4 to 6 October 2023. The Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) was established in 1951 and is headquartered in Bangkok. India is also actively participating in PATA Travel Mart. A designated pavilion for India at the Mart will provide an immersive experience of both known and lesser known destinations in India. Other state governments like Rajasthan, Gujarat, Delhi, Karnataka, Telangana, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh and other ministries like Handloom Development Commissioner are also setting up stands and stalls to showcase their products.

**4. Who is the Chairman of State Bank of India whose tenure has been extended till August 2024?**

- (a) Rajeev Saini
- (b) Vinod Kala
- (c) Alakh Kumar
- (d) Dinesh Khara

The government has extended the tenure of State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Khara till August next year. His tenure was ending on October 6, 2023. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the extension of Khara's tenure. According to the order of the committee, SBI Chairman can hold the post of Chairman till the age of 63 years. Khara will turn 63 in August next year. According to sources, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has also approved extension of the tenure of Managing Director Ashwini Kumar Tiwari for two years. His tenure has been extended for two years after January 27, 2024.

**5. In which game of Asian Games did the pair of Deepika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu win the gold medal?**

- (a) Badminton
- (b) Squash
- (c) table tennis
- (d) Lawn tennis

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**6. Which state has recently become the first to make a scheme for orphan children?**

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

Himachal became the first state in the country to implement this scheme by making a law to help orphan children and other deprived sections. On this occasion, the Chief Minister also distributed financial benefits of Rs 4.68 crore to the eligible children of the scheme. This includes Rs 15.52 lakh as fees and hostel expenses and Rs 11.52 lakh as monthly expenses for 48 orphan children pursuing higher education. Apart from this, fees of Rs 7.02 lakh and monthly expenses of Rs 4.08 lakh were distributed to 17 orphan children studying in various professional courses.

**7. Where was India's first solar roof cycling track inaugurated recently?**

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Varanasi
- (d) Rajasthan

The country's first solar roof cycling track in Hyderabad was inaugurated yesterday by Urban Development and State Municipal Administration Minister Tarakarma Rao. This innovative track named Healthway is the

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second track of its kind globally. Located on the Outer Ring Road between Hyderabad's main carriageway and service road, the track will be open 24 hours a day, giving a big boost to the cycling community in the city. It is also an important step towards making Hyderabad an active and dynamic capital of the country.

**8. Recently 'PM Swanidhi Yojana ' has achieved the target of covering how many lakh street vendors?**

A- 50

B- 40

C- 30

D- 20

PM Swanidhi Yojana, which was started for street vendors to restart their small business after the Corona period, has become quite popular today. Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme, an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), has achieved a significant milestone by providing loans to more than 50 lakh street vendors across the country. On achieving the target of the scheme, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said that the PM Swanidhi scheme has exceeded our expectations by reaching more than 50 lakh beneficiaries in just three years. This achievement underlines our commitment to empower street vendors and integrate them into formal financial systems.

## ONE LINER

When is World Teacher's Day celebrated every year - **5 October**

Who has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for the year 2023- **Nargis Mohammadi**

In which game of Asian Games the pair of Deepika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu won the gold medal - **Squash**

In which state did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the High Tech Sports Training Center – **Madhya Pradesh**

Who has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for the year 2023- **Anne Arno**

Which country has been selected as the President of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development- **India**

Who has recently been awarded the Spinoza Prize related to climate change- **Dr. Joyita Gupta**

Which country will host the G20 Parliament Speakers Summit – **India**

Which state has recently become the first to make a scheme for orphan children - **Himachal Pradesh**

Where was India's first solar roof cycling track inaugurated recently - **Hyderabad**

Recently 'PM Swanidhi Yojana ' has achieved the target of covering how many lakh street vendors - **50**

Who won the medal from India in women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling - **Anitm Panghal**

Reserve Bank of India has maintained the repo rate at what percentage - **6.50 percent**

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