

1. Veer Guardian–2023 Exercise is a maiden bilateral air exercise set to be held between India and which country?

- A. China
- B. Japan ☒
- C. France
- D. Australia



- ✓ Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) are set to hold their maiden bilateral air exercise, Veer Guardian 23. The exercise will be held at Hyakuri air base and Iruma air base in Japan in January 2023. It aims to promote mutual understanding and strengthen defence cooperation between the Air Forces.

2. Which type of cancer is caused by Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)?

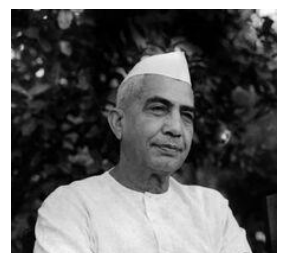
- A. Cervical Cancer ☒
- B. Breast Cancer
- C. Oral Cancer
- D. Prostate Cancer



- ✓ Most cervical cancers are associated with the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). The HPV vaccine can prevent most cases of if the vaccine is given before girls or women are exposed to the virus. National Technical Advisory Group for Immunization (NTAGI) has recommended introduction of HPV Vaccine in the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) with for 9–14–year–old adolescent girls. The Centre has written to all States and UTs to create awareness on prevention of cervical cancer and the importance of HPV vaccine.

3. National Farmer's Day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader?

- A. Atal Behari Vajpayee
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru
- C. Chaudhary Charan Singh ☒
- D. P V Narasimha Rao



- ✓ National Farmer's Day is being observed on December 23 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the fifth Prime Minister of India, Chaudhary Charan Singh, and his contributions towards the upliftment of farmers in the country. Various awareness campaigns and drives are organised across the country to educate people about the role of farmers and their contribution to the economy.

4. Which institution received approval from SEBI to set up Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. State Bank of India
- C. National Stock Exchange ☒
- D. PFRDA



- ✓ **National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has received in-principle approval from the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to set up a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) as a separate segment of the NSE. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Union Budget speech of 2019–20, proposed the creation of a Social Stock Exchange, under the regulatory ambit of SEBI, for listing social enterprises and voluntary organisations.**

5. What is the aim of 'Jan Vishwas Bill', which was recently tabled in Lok Sabha?

- A. Anti-terrorism
- B. Ease of doing business ☒
- C. Eradication of Malnutrition
- D. Police Reforms



- ✓ **Commerce and industry Minister Piyush Goyal in Lok Sabha introduced Jan Vishwas Bill, which seeks to promote ease of business. The bill seeks to decriminalise minor offences by amending 183 provisions in 42 Acts. The Bill was later referred to a 31-member joint committee of Parliament for scrutiny. The bill will also help in reducing the burden on judiciary.**

6. Aditya Mittal, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Chess ☒
- C. Badminton
- D. Hockey



- ✓ **Sixteen-year-old Aditya Mittal has recently become India's 77th chess Grandmaster. The Mumbai-based player crossed 2,500 ELO points mark during the sixth round of the ongoing Ellobregat Open tournament in Spain. Mittal is also the fifth Indian to achieve the GM title in 2022 after Bharath Subramaniam, Rahul Srivatshav, V Pranav and Pranav Anand.**

7. Which institution released the 'Global status of black soils' Report?

- A. UNEP
- B. FAO ☒
- C. UNFCCC
- D. UNHCR



- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released the 'Global status of black soils' Report on the occasion of World Soil Day, December 5, 2022. As per the report, Black soils, which feed the global population, are under threat, with most losing at least half of their soil organic carbon (SOC) stocks. As per the FAO, the reasons are Land–use change, unsustainable management practices and excessive use of agrochemicals.

8. Which city is the host of opening ceremony for the International Year of Millet– 2023 (IYM2023)?

- A. New Delhi
B. Rome ☒
C. Paris
D. Colombo



- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations organized an opening ceremony for the International Year of Millets 2023 (IYM2023) in Rome, Italy. An Indian delegation led by Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Minister of State, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and other senior officials were present at the opening ceremony. Raising awareness to create 'Millet Mindfulness' is an important part of this movement.

9. Who has been appointed as the chair of B20 India, to lead the business agenda during India's G20 presidency?

- A. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
B. N Chandrasekaran ☒
C. Uday Kotak
D. Ratan TATA



- ✓ Chairperson of the Tata Group, N Chandrasekaran was appointed the chair of B20 India, to lead the business agenda during India's G20 presidency. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is appointed as the B20 India Secretariat by the Centre to lead the B20 India process.

10. Arun Kumar Singh, former chairman of BPCL, has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of which organisation?

- A. PFC
B. ONGC ☒
C. SAIL
D. IOCL



- ✓ Arun Kumar Singh, former chairman of oil refining and marketing company BPCL, is appointed Chairman and Managing Director of ONGC. He will head the company for a three-year tenure with effect from the date of assumption of charge. He retired as the BPCL head 13 months later in October 2022.