

GK & CURRENT AFFAIRS

Current Affairs Pointers & Worksheet

For students preparing for MAH-B.BCA/BBA/BMS/BBM CET 2024 for admission to BCA, BBA, BMS, BBM

Hockey India Awards 2023 winners

- Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award: **Ashok Kumar**
- Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of The Year (Men): **Hardik Singh**
- Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of The Year (Women): **Salima Tete**
- Hockey India Baljit Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year: **PR Sreejesh**
- Hockey India Pargat Singh Award for Defender of the Year: **Harmanpreet Singh**
- Hockey India Ajit Pal Singh Award for Midfielder of the Year: **Hardik Singh**
- Hockey India Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year: **Abhishek**
- Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Women - Under 21): **Deepika Soreng**
- Hockey India Jugraj Singh Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Men - Under 21): **Arajeet Singh Hundal**

- A. Recently, A 900-year-old Kannada inscription from the Kalyana Chalukya dynasty was discovered in which state?
- A. Telangana
 - B. Madhya Pradesh
 - C. Karnataka
 - D. Maharashtra

2. Recently, where was the first Nuclear Energy Summit held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Brussels
- C. Moscow
- D. Beijing

3. Mushk Budiji, recently seen in the news, is an indigenous variety of which crop?

- A. Rice
- B. Wheat
- C. Maize
- D. Jowar

4. Who has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to Myanmar?

- A. Vinay Kumar
- B. Abhay Thakur
- C. Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- D. Pavan Kapoor

5. On World Kabaddi Day 2024, which country created history by creating a Guinness World Record with the participation of 128 players?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. Malaysia
- D. Bangladesh

6. The Election Commission of India launched which app to facilitate easier voting for persons above 85 years of age and PWDs with 40%?

- A. Madad App
- B. Sankalp App

- C. Saksham App
D. Kavach App
7. What kind of satellite is 'TSAT-1A', recently seen in news?
A. Earth observation satellite
B. Climate monitoring satellite
C. Communication satellite
D. Navigation satellite
8. Recently, which organization recommended imposing an anti-dumping duty on sodium cyanide (NaCN)?
A. World Trade Organization (WTO)
B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
C. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)
D. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
9. Recently, which country has invoked the peace clause for rice at the World Trade Organization (WTO)?
A. Bhutan
B. India
C. Argentina
D. Afghanistan
10. Recently, President of India launched India's first home-grown gene therapy for cancer at which place?
A. IIT Madras
B. IIT Bombay
C. IIT Hyderabad
D. IIT Delhi
11. Kathia wheat, recently got a GI tag, belongs to which state?
A. Madhya Pradesh
B. Andhra Pradesh
C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Rajasthan
12. What is the theme of World Autism Awareness Day 2024?
A. Empowering Autistic Voices
B. The Transition to Adulthood
C. Inclusive Quality Education for All
D. Assistive Technologies, Active Participation
13. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) recently delivered two Dornier 228 planes to which country?
A. Peru
B. Bolivia
C. Guyana
D. Chile
14. Which day is observed as National Safety Day in India?
A. March 3
B. March 4
C. March 5
D. March 6
15. What is the primary objective of the 'UNNATI - 2024 scheme', recently seen in the news?
A. Promoting tourism in North East Region
B. Enhancing agricultural productivity in South Region
C. Developing industries and generating employment in the North East Region
D. Encouraging international trade in India

Answer Key

1. A	2. B	3. A	4. B	5. A	6. C	7. A	8. C	9. B	10. B
11. C	12. A	13. C	14. B	15. C					

HINTS & SOLUTIONS

1. A 900-year-old Kannada inscription from the Kalyana Chalukya dynasty was unearthed in Gangapuram, Telangana. The Chalukyas governed central India's Deccan plateau from the 6th to 12th centuries, comprising three distinct dynasties: Badami, Kalyani, and Vengi. The Kalyani Chalukyas, primarily Kannadiga, ruled from their capital, Kalyani (modern-day Bidar district, Karnataka). Tailapa II founded the empire while ruling Tardavadi in Bijapur district, Karnataka, under the Rashtrakuta Empire's suzerainty.

2. Leaders from 34 countries convened in Brussels for the Nuclear Energy Summit on March 21. Organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Belgium, the summit aimed to explore strategies for leveraging nuclear power in achieving net-zero emissions and sustainable development goals. Following COP28, where over 20 countries pledged to increase nuclear energy use, the summit emphasized practical steps for deployment and financing. Technical panels delved into maximizing nuclear energy's potential.

3. Study unveils the secrets behind the unique aroma of Mushk Budiji, a native rice variety from the Kashmir Himalaya. Initially threatened by extinction due to low yield and rice blast disease, a revival initiative by SKUAST scientists since 2007 has led to its slow resurgence. In August 2023, Mushk Budiji was granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This niche crop thrives under specific climatic conditions, securing its place in Kashmir's agricultural heritage.

4. Senior Indian diplomat Abhay Thakur, a 1992-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Myanmar. This was announced by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on March 26. Thakur, currently an Officer on Special Duty in the MEA, previously served as sous-sherpa for the G20 process during India's presidency. His appointment comes amid Myanmar's ongoing unrest following a military coup in February 2021, marking a crucial time for India-Myanmar relations.

5. India achieved a Guinness World Record on World Kabaddi Day, March 24, with 128 players participating at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula. An MOU between HIPSA and Haryana Govt. facilitated the event, aiming to promote Kabaddi globally. Guinness set a benchmark of 84 players, but organizers aimed for 154. This historic feat highlights India's commitment to Kabaddi's growth and global recognition.

6. The Election Commission aims to ensure inclusivity in voting with new measures. Voters over 85 and those with 40% benchmark disability can vote from home. Polling stations will provide volunteers, wheelchairs, and transport. The Saksham App facilitates voting for PWDs. Permanent Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) in schools aim to enhance election processes. Polling stations managed by PWDs and women, along with Model Polling Stations, promote accessibility and gender inclusivity.

7. Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) launched TSAT-1A, an optical sub-metre-resolution Earth observation satellite, with SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket. Built in collaboration with Satellogic Inc., it offers military-grade imagery capabilities and multispectral/hyperspectral imaging. Deployed for Indian defense, it enhances preparedness and strategic decision-making. Assembled in Karnataka, it marks the private sector's first foray into military satellite development, complementing India's existing ISRO-built spy satellites.

8. The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has recommended a five-year anti-dumping duty on sodium cyanide (NaCN) imported from China, the EU, Japan, and Korea. The investigation, conducted under the Customs Tariff Act and Rules, cited suppressed prices, production declines, and financial losses for domestic industry. Economic non-viability has led to production suspension despite capacity expansion. Sodium cyanide, used in various applications including insecticides and metal extraction, appears as a white crystalline solid with the chemical formula NaCN.

9. India has invoked the WTO's Peace Clause for the fifth time, citing breach of rice subsidy limits. The clause shields developing nations from dispute challenges regarding subsidy breaches. Global trade norms dictate subsidies should not exceed 10% of production value based on a 1986-88 reference price. India seeks amendments to this formula and proposed the Peace Clause in 2013 as an interim measure until a permanent solution is negotiated.

10. India's President, Smt Droupadi Murmu, launched the nation's inaugural home-grown gene therapy for cancer at IIT Bombay. The groundbreaking "CAR-T cell

therapy" offers affordable hope in the cancer fight. This medical milestone, a part of 'Make in India,' embodies 'Atmanirbhar Bharat.' Developed collaboratively by IIT Bombay, Tata Memorial Hospital, and ImmunoACT, it marks a significant achievement in research and development. Gene therapy holds promise in treating various diseases, heralding a new era in healthcare.

11. The indigenous wheat variety Kathiya Gehu from Bundelkhand, Uttar Pradesh, earns a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, marking a breakthrough for agricultural recognition. It's the first farm produce from Uttar Pradesh to achieve this distinction, highlighting the region's agricultural significance. The GI tag acknowledges the unique qualities and geographical origin of Kathiya Gehu, ensuring its protection and promoting its heritage. This recognition bolsters the cultural and economic value of Bundelkhand's agricultural heritage.

12. World Autism Awareness Day, observed annually on April 2nd, advocates for improving the lives of individuals with autism and promoting their human rights. Established by a UN resolution in 2007, the day raises public awareness and encourages inclusive actions. The 2024 theme, "Empowering Autistic Voices," emphasizes amplifying the voices of those with autism. Its goal is to ensure they enjoy dignity, participation, and rights on par with others in society.

13. India has delivered two Dornier-228 aircraft to Guyana as part of a Line of Credit, marking a new phase in their partnership. The Indian Air Force dispatched a team to Guyana for the delivery. The High Commission of India in Guyana expressed enthusiasm, stating it marks the start of a significant chapter in their bilateral relations. This initiative underscores India's

commitment to strengthening ties with Guyana through strategic collaborations.

14. National Safety Day, observed annually on March 4 in India, marks the beginning of National Safety Week. Emphasizing safety and precautions in all sectors, the 2024 theme is "Safety for a Sustainable Future," highlighting the vital connection between safety measures and sustainability. This day serves as a reminder of the critical importance of prioritizing safety, extending its focus beyond a single day to promote long-term safety practices.

15. The Union Cabinet, led by the Prime Minister of India, approved the Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme, 2024 (UNNATI – 2024 scheme), proposed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, for the North East Region. Aimed at fostering industrialization and employment, the scheme has a ten-year duration, effective until March 31, 2034, with a financial outlay of Rs. 10,037 crore. Divided into Parts A and B, it focuses on incentivizing eligible units and implementing institutional arrangements, respectively, to promote overall socio-economic development in the region.