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## 1. India ranked fourth in SIPRI 's Global Military Expenditure Report \_ \_



India has become the country with the fourth largest defense budget in the world. In 2022, India has spent a total of 23 percent for the armed forces in terms of modernization of equipment and strengthening military infrastructure. Last year, Rs 5.25 lakh crore was allocated for military expenditure in the budget from India, while An amount of Rs 4.78 lakh crore was allocated from 2021 to 2022. Countries have spent \$ 2240 billion i.e. Rs 183 lakh crore on their armies. India is at number four in this list. In this, Saudi Arabia is at number five, which spent \$ 75 billion last year, while Russia is at number three, this country has spent \$ 86.4 billion, while China is at number two and America at first. China has spent \$292 billion while \$877 billion.

## 2. PM Modi inaugurates India's first water metro in Kochi



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the Kochi Water Metro. The Water Metro, which is India's first of its kind public boat service integrated with the Metro Rail network, will integrate Kochi's water transport system. The Water Metro service will provide electrically powered hybrid ferries

that will connect the mainland to the islands in Kochi, thereby Over one lakh residents will be benefitted. The project includes boats that are air-conditioned, battery operated, hybrid and disabled-friendly with other features. The water metro will travel through water bodies similar to any other conventional boat or ferry service, but will have modern facilities, better safety and security measures.

## 3. American Immigration Council to honor Neeli Bendapudi with 'Immigrant Achievement Award' for the year 2023



India's Ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, while honoring this year's Pravasi Bharatiya Award winners, described the Indian-American diaspora as a key pillar of the growing ties between the two large democracies. Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards to be given to overseas Indians highest honor. Honored the winners of Pravasi Bhartiya Puraskar at India House (here). The Indian-American diaspora, making a mark in diverse fields, is a key pillar of strength in India-United States relations!" This year's Pravasi Bharatiya Award winners include Mukesh Aghi (Business), Arvind Phukan (Environmental Technology), Neelu Gupta (Promotion of Indian Culture), Federation of Indian Associations, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, (Community Service) and Sudhakar Jonnalagadda (Medical).

## 4. Solar industry to supply indigenous UAV 'Nagatra-1' to Indian Army



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that it has bagged the contract to supply Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Nagastra to the Indian Army that in line with the government's initiative to bring in self-reliance in ammunition and defense systems, the first indigenous Loiter Munition (LM), Nagastra-1 Solar Industries Nagpur It has been designed and developed by Economics Explosives Limited (EEL), a subsidiary of EEL, in association with Z-Motion, Bangalore. The Nagastra-1 model was displayed at the recently held Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi. Drone technology has proven to be very important in military operations and has been used in recent conflicts, especially in the case of Armenia-Azerbaijan, Syria, Saudi Arabia's oil fields, and Russia-Ukraine.

## 5. Third gender social worker Sanjana Singh appointed as election icon of Madhya Pradesh state



Before the assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, the State Election Commission has taken a good initiative regarding the third gender. The commission has made transgender Sanjana Singh a state icon. Sanjana will now motivate people in her community to vote. She will also make people aware to increase the voting percentage. People of our community are becoming aware and getting educated. It is expected that this

time a large number of third genders will come out to vote that Sanjana Singh is the first transgender to get a government job in the state. He is posted in the Department of Social Justice and Disabled Welfare. Singh is also the first transgender para legal volunteer of Civil Legal Services Authority

## 6. Fourth startup branch of SBI opens in Mumbai BKC



SBI opens fourth branch exclusively for startups in Mumbai's BKC area. Providing end-to-end assistance throughout their journey from setting up their business entity to conducting IPO and FPO. In addition to providing standard banking services to startups, the branch will also serve as a comprehensive resource for investment banking, treasury/forex, advisory and other complementary financial services offered by the bank's subsidiaries. Apart from Startups, it will also cater to the needs of Private Equity (PE), Venture Capital (VC) and Alternative Investment Funds (AIF).

## 7. Belgian company will soon start biodiesel project in Ayodhya



Ayodhya has been selected for a 2-year pilot project to make biodiesel from waste. Very soon Belgium's Vito is going to start a project in Ayodhya. The company, whose officers have started working on the project. It primarily works in the area of cleantech and sustainable

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development. It will initially use 1 tonne of plastic waste to make biodiesel. According to government officials, Ayodhya has been selected for this pilot project because there is a possibility of a significant increase in the number of devotees here after the opening of the Ram temple in the month of January next year. This will make disposal of garbage a major issue for the corporation. Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Tirath Kshetra Trust has estimated lakhs of devotees to visit it every month.

## 8. Appointment of Mahavir Singh Phogat as President of MMA 1



Mahavir Singh Phogat, a world-renowned wrestler and trainer in the award-winning wrestling category, has been appointed as the President of the MMA-1 Federation. Mahaveer will be responsible for promoting Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) in India. As President of the MMA-1 Federation, Phogat will work towards developing and promoting MMA in India, along with identifying and encouraging new talent among sportspersons. MMA stands for Mixed Martial Arts, which is a full-contact combat sport that uses techniques from various martial arts methods, such as boxing, wrestling, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Muay Thai, and others. To defeat the player using striking and grappling techniques, while standing and on the ground.

### ONE LINER

Which country has recently tested emergency alert system on millions of phones? – **England**  
Recently, where will Prime Minister Narendra Modi flag off India's first water metro project - **Kochi** \_  
One Bihar National Park has recently banned single use plastic in which state – **Madhya Pradesh** \_

Where recently AI machine has been installed to assess the quality of food in the school – **Maharashtra**  
Recently, the iconic Sydney Cricket Ground has unveiled a gate named after which Indian player – **Sachin Tendulkar**

Recently HSBC India has appointed whom as its brand ambassador – **Virat Kohli**

Recently the world's second deepest blue hole has been revealed at how many feet off the Mexico coast - **900 feet**

Who has recently been awarded the Goldman Environment Prize - **Alessandra Korap**

Recently Operation Kaveri has been started to bring about 500 Indians stranded in which country – **Sudan**

### QUIZ

1. India's first heavy lift logistics drone has been launched by the Chief Minister of which state recently?

- (A) Odisha
- (B) West Bengal
- (C) Madhya Pradesh
- (D) Rajasthan

EXPLANATION - : Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday launched a first-of-its-kind heavy lift logistics drone made by Odisha-based start-up 'Bonavi Aero', which has the capability to transport 50 kg over 10 km.

2. Recently, the Indian Army has tied up with which university to impart Chinese language training to military personnel?

- (A) Tezpur University
- (B) Delhi University
- (C) Osmania University
- (D) Punjab University

EXPLANATION - : To this end, Indian Army has signed an agreement with Tezpur University to train its personnel in Chinese language. and Tezpur University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

3. Where has Prime Minister Modi flagged off India's first water metro project?

- (A) Panaji
- (B) Cochin
- (C) Mumbai
- (D) Chennai

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**EXPLANATION** -: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India 's first water metro rail service in Kerala . Apart from this , Kerala flagged off its first Vande Bharat Express . Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off Kerala 's first Vande Bharat Express at Thiruvananthapuram Central Station .

**4. Asia 's largest underwater pipeline project of IGGL is related to which river ?**

- (A) River Ganga
- (B) Brahmaputra River
- (C) River Godavari
- (D) Narmada River

**EXPLANATION** - : Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited ( IGGL ) has completed the construction of Asia 's largest hydrocarbon pipeline across the Brahmaputra river between Jorhat and Majuli in Assam . Company 's Chief Executive Officer ( CEO ) Ajit Kumar Thakur gave the information .

**5. Which Indian has been awarded Australia's highest civilian honour?**

- (A) Mukesh Ambani
- (B) Ratan Tata
- (C) Gautam Adani
- (D) Adar Poonawala

**EXPLANATION** -: Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, has been awarded Australia's highest civilian honor 'Order of Australia ' (AO). Australia's High Commissioner to India Barry O'Farrell AO tweeted, "Ratan Tata is not only an extraordinary personality in India's philanthropic work and industry-business sector

**6. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the Technology Branch of Ministry of Shipping in which state ?**

- (A) Karnataka
- (B) Telangana
- (C) Tamil Nadu
- (D) Maharashtra

**EXPLANATION** -: Union Minister for Ports , Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the National Technology Center for Ports , Waterways and Coasts ( NTCPCW ) at the Discovery Campus of the Indian Institute of Technology ( IIT ) , Madras . On this occasion he said that \_ The Center will enable ' Make

in India ' technological solutions for the sector and accelerate overall development .

**7. Who has been appointed as Secretary by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade ?**

- (A) Deepak Mishra
- (B) Ranjit Verma
- (C) Rajesh Kumar
- (D) Vinod Sharma

**EXPLANATION** -: Senior IAS officer Rajesh Kumar Singh took over as Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade ( DPIIT ) on 25 April . Singh succeeds Anurag Jain , who was appointed secretary in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways .

**8. World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated on?**

- (A) 23rd April
- (B) 24 April
- (C) 25th April
- (D) 26 April

**EXPLANATION** - : World Intellectual Property Day is observed annually on 26 April to raise awareness about the importance of intellectual property rights in fostering innovation and creativity . \_ \_ World Intellectual Property 2022 to innovate and transform the world into a more sustainable future \_ \_ Highlighting the immense potential of youth to provide better solutions to help . \_