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## 1. BRO organizes “Unity and Tribute Drive” as part of 64th BRO Day Celebrations



To honor the sacrifice and contribution made by its Karmayogis in nation building, the Border Roads Organization (BRO) is organizing a “Unity and Tribute Drive” as part of its 64th BRO Day celebrations. On May 1, 2023, Director General of Border Roads, Lt. Gen. Rajiv Chaudhary flagged off the multi-modal operation from Seema Sadak Bhawan in New Delhi. The expedition consists of motorcycle and car rally teams that started their journey from the North East and Northern regions of the country. The motorcycle phase of the expedition started from Kibithu in Arunachal Pradesh on April 14, 2023. The expedition team, comprising members from 18 projects, collected soil, water and plants from 108 remote border locations. The collected soil, water and saplings will be planted at the BRO Alma Mater, BRO School and Center in Pune, Maharashtra.

## 2. Geoffrey Hinton, the 'father' of AI, resigns from Google



Geoffrey Hinton, considered the godfather of artificial intelligence, has resigned from Google. He warned that there is a danger from AI chatbot technology. Hinton developed neural networks, which are important for artificial intelligence. He worked at Google for a decade on AI. But he added that technology changes leading to the development of AI are causing concern. After leaving Google, Hinton said in his tweet that he would

be able to talk openly about the risks of AI. He said that he has resigned with the intention that his way of thinking should not affect Google. Jeffrey Hinton, 75, discussed his resignation with The New York Times. It states that he is apologizing for his work. He has disclosed many times before that AI is a threat from chatbots. He said that currently AI chatbot is not that intelligent, But it is likely that the technology will be further advanced in the future. He said that due to age he had to leave the Google company. Systems like ChatGPT in use today are based on AI. But Hinton developed deep learning and neural networks, which are the source of such systems. Hinton, a cognitive psychologist and computer scientist, said chatbots would take over the human brain.

## 3. Apple and Google are teaming up to combat limited tracking technologies



Apple and Google, along with Samsung and other companies such as Tile, Chipolo and Pebblebee, have collaborated to combat unwanted tracking via Bluetooth devices, which were initially designed to help locate lost items such as keys or luggage. These companies have jointly submitted a proposal to create standards to prevent covert surveillance on Apple's AirTag trackers and similar products. While AirTags have become popular for helping users locate lost property, they have also been misused by stalkers to track unsuspecting individuals, making this combined proposition all the more necessary. By the end of this year, Apple and AirTag want to have a strategy in place to combat stealth tracking. Android and iPhone software upgrades will be used to propagate the measure.

## 4. Samajwadi Pandit Ramkishan became 'Man of the Century' at the age of 97



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Pandit Ramkishan, a famous socialist leader, was honored with the title of "Shatabdi Purush" (Man of the Century) in New Delhi for his contribution to Indian socialism. The award was presented to him during the birth centenary celebrations of renowned socialist thinker and parliamentarian Madhu Limaye. Ramkishan is considered the most senior and distinguished figure in Indian socialism and has been recognized as the "Socialist Centenary Man". The event was attended by several senior politicians including former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, INLD leader Abhay Singh Chautala and JDU leader KC Tyagi. Ramkishan took an active part in socialist movements led by other prominent leaders like Jayaprakash Narayan and Lohia and was jailed several times, including during the Emergency period. He served as a member of the Lok Sabha once in 1977 and in 1962, 1967,

## 5. Paraguay's Colorado Party's Santiago Peña wins presidential election



Santiago Peña, an economist from Paraguay's ruling conservative Colorado party, won the country's presidential election. The election was decided in a single round of voting, and with nearly all ballots counted, Santiago Peña received over 42% of the vote. His main challenger, Efraim Alegre, who represented the Concertación Nacional coalition, received about 28% of the vote. The Colorado Party has been the dominant political force in Paraguay for more than 70 years, and

Santiago Peña's victory solidified its hold on power. Despite an expected economic growth of more than 4% this year, Paraguay still struggles with high levels of poverty and corruption.

## 6. Vanessa Hudson appointed as the new CEO of Qantas Airways Limited



Vanessa Hudson has been appointed as the new CEO of Qantas Airways Limited, making her the first woman to hold the position in the airline's history. The appointment was made on 2 May, and she will take over from Alan Joyce, who is retiring in November. Hudson has been with Qantas for 28 years and has held various senior positions including Chief Customer Officer and Senior Vice President for the US and New Zealand. Qantas Airways Limited is the flag carrier airline of Australia, established in 1920. It is one of the oldest and largest airlines in the world and operates domestic and international flights to more than 85 destinations in 20 countries. The airline's primary hub is located at Sydney Airport with other hubs at Melbourne, Brisbane, Located at Perth and Adelaide airports. Qantas is a founding member of the Oneworld airline alliance and also owns the low coast airline Jetstar Airways. Qantas is known for its commitment to safety and has been rated as one of the safest airlines in the world by several aviation security organizations. The airline provides its customers with services such as frequent flight booking programs, lounges, in-flight entertainment options and various food and drink options.

## 7. Odisha extends sponsorship of Indian hockey team till 2033

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The Odisha government decided to extend its mandate for men and women Indian hockey teams (senior and junior) for another ten years (till 2033) from 2023. A decision in this regard was taken in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. After the cabinet meeting, Chief Secretary PK Jena said that Odisha has been the official sponsor of both the men's and women's national hockey teams since 2018. This new endorsement will be a significant step towards the development of hockey in India. Earlier, 'Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (OMC)' had signed the Indian Hockey Teams (Men/Women, Sr./Junior) had entered into an agreement with Hockey India after the approval of the Government. Jena said that following a request from the Hockey India president, the OMC had sought cabinet approval for the extension of the agreement. The government gave this approval to the OMCs. He informed that OMC is now committed to sponsor both the teams till January 31, 2033. OMCs will release a total of Rs 434.12 crore (excluding applicable taxes) to Hockey India during this period.

## 8. Smart City Mission in India: Objectives and Features



Officials announced that the deadline for the Smart Cities Mission will be extended to June 2024, as requested by some cities, which need additional time to complete their ongoing projects. The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry decided to extend the existing deadline of June 2023. The cities were to form a

special purpose vehicle (SPV) headed by a full-time CEO, and having representatives from central, state and local governments on its board, to execute their smart city plans. The SPV may seek support from consulting firms and may appoint Project Management Consultants (PMCs) to assist in the process.

## QUIZ

### 1. When was Coal Miners Day 2023 celebrated?

- a) May 2
- b) May 3
- c) May 4
- d) May 5

Explain: National Coal Miners Day is observed every year on 4th May to mark the efforts of miners across the country. The day acknowledges and celebrates the hard work and dedication of the thousands of miners who work in this hazardous area so that we can live a comfortable life.

### 2. Who has been appointed as the CEO of Vodafone?

- a) Crispin Davis
- b) David Nish
- c) Clara Furse
- d) Margherita della Valle

Explain: Margherita Della Valle is the interim CEO of Vodafone Group after Nick Reid steps down in December 2022. Vodafone Group announced that Della Valle has been named as the permanent Chief Executive. Della Valle's career at Vodafone has included marketing, operational, commercial and financial positions.

### 3. Which government launched the Summer Action Plan to reduce dust pollution?

- a) Delhi government
- b) Government of Maharashtra
- c) Government of Gujarat
- d) Government of Odisha

Explain: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched an action plan to tackle air pollution during the summer season. The main focus of the action plan is on controlling dust pollution, which is a major contributor to air pollution in Delhi. There are 30 government departments involved in the Summer Action Plan.

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## 4. Who has written a new book titled "Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise"?

- a) Mant Biswa Sarma
- b) Amitabh Kant
- c) Tarun Pithode
- d) Dr Ashwini Fernadis

Explain : Retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Amitabh Kant, who served as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) (2016-2022), published "Made in India: Wrote a new book titled "75 Years of Business and Enterprise".

## 5. Who is the author of the book titled 'Collective Spirit, Concrete Action'?

- a) Amitav Ghosh
- b) Vikram Seth
- c) Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- d) Arvind Adiga

Explain : Book titled 'Collective Spirit, Concrete Action' written by Shashi Shekhar Vempati released in the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' The book was released.

## 6. Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has recently unveiled the statue of Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in which country?

- a) Iran
- b) Maldives
- c) Bhutan
- d) Mauritius

Explain: Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has unveiled a statue of Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Mauritius. The sculpture was made in India by an artist from Delhi and shipped to Mauritius in a container ship. Fadnavis also announced Rs 4.4 crore to Mauritius for construction of a multi-purpose hall and scholarship to 10 students.

## 7. Recently 'Mana' has been declared as the first Indian village, in which state it is located?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Sikkim

Explain : Mana is a Village in Chamoli District of Uttarakhand State, India. It is the first village in India

before the Mana Pass on the border of Tibet. National Highway 7 passes through here. There are many places to see around Mana. There is a confluence of Saraswati and Alaknanda rivers here. Along with this, there are many ancient temples and caves, which are visited by a crowd of people. The height of the village is 18,000 feet above sea level, from where the beauty of the valleys is worth seeing.

## 8. Who has won the gold medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Shotgun World Cup in Cairo, Egypt?

- a) Mairaj Ahmed Khan
- b) Apurvi Chandela
- c) Deepika Kumari
- d) Saurabh Choudhary

Explain: In the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Shotgun being played in Cairo, Egypt, Mairaj Ahmed Khan and young Ganemat Sekhon have brought laurels to India by winning the gold medal in the skeet mixed team event. With this, India got its first medal in the World Championship. The Indian pair defeated Mexican Luis Raul Gallardo Oliveros and Gabriela Rodríguez 6-0 in the gold medal match.

### ONE LINER

Who has recently been signed as the first brand face for India by Korean "skin care brand Laneige" – **Athiya Shetty**

Who has recently been awarded Honorary MBE by King Charles-III – **Dr. MN Nandakumar**

Recently Ranjit Guha passed away in 100 years, who was he - **Historian**

When has the World "Tuna Day" been celebrated recently - **May 2**

Who has recently won the Leipzig Book Prize 2023 – **Maria Stepanova (Russian author)**

Recently Air Chief Marshal "VR Choudhary" has gone on a four-day visit to which country - **Sri Lanka**

Recently the President of where has won the referendum for the prewriting of the constitution – **Uzbekistan**

Where has the "International Apparel and Textile Fair" started recently – **Dubai**

Recently India has handed over a fast patrol vessel and landing craft to which country – **Maldives**

Who has recently been appointed as the Chief Justice of the "Kolkata High Court" - **TS Sivamanam**