



## CURRENT AFFAIRS

### 1. India to Chair International Sugar Organisation in 2024 -

- The recent announcement at the 63rd council meeting of the International Sugar Organisation (ISO), headquartered in London, heralded a significant moment for India.
- India is set to chair the organization in 2024, marking a pivotal milestone in its global stature within the sugar industry.
- India is the largest consumer and second-largest producer of sugar globally. With a substantial 15% share in global sugar consumption and a robust 20% production rate, India's strategies significantly impact the international sugar market.



- India stands as the Eastern Hemisphere's market leader in sugar, complementing Brazil's stronghold in the Western Hemisphere.

### Geographical Conditions for the Growth of Sugar-

- **Temperature:** Between 21-27°C with hot and humid climate.
- **Rainfall:** Around 75-100 cm.
- **Soil Type:** Deep rich loamy soil.
- **Distribution-** The sugar industry is predominantly located across two primary production regions: the northern belt encompassing Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Punjab and Bihar and the southern belt comprising Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh.
- The southern region benefits from a tropical climate, which is conducive to higher sucrose content in crops, resulting in increased yields per unit area compared to northern India.



## 2. The Booker Prize 2023 -

- Irish author Paul Lynch wins the 2023 Booker Prize for his novel 'Prophet Song'.
- The Booker Prize is the leading literary award in the English-speaking world.
- Each year, the prize is awarded to what is, in the opinion of the judges, the best-sustained work of fiction written in English and published in the United Kingdom and Ireland.
- The winner receives GBP 50,000 as well as the GBP 2,500 awarded to each of the six shortlisted authors.



## 3. 15 years of 26/11 -

- India paid homage to the victims who lost their lives in the tragic acts of terrorism carried out 15 years back on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 in Mumbai. The assailants belonged to the militant outfit, Lashkar-e-Taiba.
- Indian Army Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan, a member of the elite National Security Guard (NSG), valiantly led efforts at the Taj Palace Hotel, successfully evacuating more than 50 hostages amid intense gunfire. He made the ultimate sacrifice, losing his life while protecting numerous individuals from the terrorists' onslaught.
- ASI Tukaram Omble, in an extraordinary display of duty, apprehended Lashkar terrorist Ajmal Kasab despite sustaining over 40 gunshot wounds, unraveling critical details about Pakistan's terror scheme.
- In the aftermath of the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai, India, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) was established in India.





## Quiz

**Q1. Iceberg Alley is located in which region/ sea ?**

- a) Arctic sea
- b) Antarctic
- c) North Atlantic
- d) Svalbard

**Q2. In the context of Indian heritage and culture, consider the following 'dhams' or holy pilgrimage sites in Hinduism:**

- 1. Puri
- 2. Dwarka
- 3. Rameshwaram
- 4. Badrinath
- 5. Gangotri

How many of the above dhams are being connected by highways under the 'Chardham project' ?

- a) Two only
- b) Three only
- c) Four only
- d) All five

**Q3. Consider the following statements**

1. Hornbill Festival is an annual event which is called as the festival of festivals held in Nagaland.

2. The Great Indian Hornbill is the State bird of both Kerala and Nagaland.

Choose the incorrect statements:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Q4. The UAE Unveils the Biggest Single-Site Solar Power Plant in History Ahead of COP28. Which year's objective for Net Zero is the project in line with the UAE?**

- a) 2025
- b) 2028
- c) 2045
- d) 2050

**Q5. If the interest rate is decreased in an economy, it will**

- a) Decrease the consumption expenditure in the economy
- b) Increase the investment expenditure in the economy
- c) Increase the tax collection of the Government
- d) Increase the total savings in the economy

**Q6. India formalized Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on semiconductors with which bloc?**

- a) G-20
- b) G-7
- c) European Union
- d) ASEAN

### Answer Key

1	2	3	4	5	6
c	a	b	d	b	c