

1st January 2024

Q.1. Who has become the brand ambassador of Hyundai?

- A. Alia Bhatt
- B. Sonakshi Sinha
- C. Deepika Padukone
- D. Priyanka Chopra

Answer: C. Deepika Padukone

- Hyundai Motor India Limited has appointed Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone as its brand ambassador.
- Deepika is the third icon of the company after Bollywood actor Shahrukh Khan and cricketer Hardik Pandya.

Hyundai Motor Company:

- Established: 29 December 1967
- This is a Korean company
- Headquarters: Seoul (South Korea)

Brand Ambassador

Brand Ambassador	Person Name
Brand Ambassador of West Bengal	Sourav Ganguly
SBI Brand Ambassador	M.S. Dhoni
Brand Ambassador of Reliance JioMart	M.S. Dhoni
Mobil Brand Ambassador	Hrithik Roshan
Election Commission's national icon	Rajkumar Rao
ICC World Cup Global Ambassador	Sachin Tendulkar
Brand Ambassador of Bharat Petroleum	Rahul Dravid
Wrangler Brand Ambassador	Smriti Mandhana
Herbalife Nutrition India	Smriti Mandhana
Brand Ambassador of Tripura Tourism	Sourav Ganguly
Bandhan Bank	Sourav Ganguly
Brand Ambassador of Myntra	Ranveer Kapoor
Brand Ambassador of PUMA India	Harmanpreet Kaur

Q.2. Who has become the Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission?

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Arvind Panagariya
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. TV Somanathan



Answer: B. Arvind Panagariya

- Former Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog Arvind Panagariya has been made the Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission.
- Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey has been made Secretary of the Commission.
- The tenure of the Chairman and other members of the Commission will be till 31 October 2025.
- N.K. Singh is the chairman of the 15th Finance Commission

Finance Commission Finance Commission:

- It is a constitutional body established under Article 280 of the Constitution.
- It oversees how much money will be distributed between the Center and the states.
- The first Finance Commission was established in 1951
- KC Niyogi was the first Chairman of Finance Commission.

Chief Chairman

Chief Chairman	Person Name
Chairman of the 22nd Law Commission	Raturaj Awasthi
Chairman of National Human Rights Commission	Arun Kumar Mishra
Chairman of Minority Commission	Iqbal Singh Lalpura
Chairman of OBC Commission	Hansraj Ahir
SC Commission Chairman	Vijay Sapla
Chairperson of National Commission for Women	Rekha Sharma
Chairman of Indian Railway Board	Jaya Verma Sinha
CEO of NITI Aayog	BVR Subramaniam

Q.3. Which country has separated from the BRICS organization?

- A. Argentina
- B. Brazil
- C. Russia
- D. China

Answer: A. Argentina

- Argentine President Javier Milei has resigned from the organization by writing a letter to the leaders of BRICS.
- Argentina, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates were scheduled to join on January 1, 2024.

About BRICS:

- The term BRIC was coined by economist Jim O'Neill in 2001.
- The first BRIC summit was held in Yekaterinburg, Russia in 2009.
- BRICS became this after South Africa joined in 2010.
- New Development Bank (NDB) was established by BRICS countries in 2014.

About Argentina:

- Capital: Buenos Aires
- Currency: Argentine peso
- Official language: Spanish
- President: Javier Milei

Q.4. Which country has become the second largest steel-producing country in the world?

- A. Italy
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. France

Answer: C. India

- India has become the second largest steel producing country in the world
- 125.32 million tonnes of crude steel and 121.29 metric tonnes of steel have been produced in FY 2023.
- Steel production has increased by 75% since 2008
- At present the largest steel producing country is China

Steel Authority of India (SAIL):

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Current President: Amarendu Prakash
- It is a government body
- Has got the status of Maharatna company
- It is the largest government-owned steel producer

Q.5. Who has become the first woman with a net worth of 100 billion dollars?

- A. Falguni Nayyar
- B. Savitri Jindal
- C. Lakshmi Mittal
- D. Francois Betancat Mayez

Answer: D. Francois Betancat Mayez

- Francois Betancourt Mayez of France Became the woman in the world who has wealth of 100 billion dollars
- According to Bloomberg, Mayaz's total wealth has reached \$100.1 billion.
- May is the chairperson of this company

Major Indices of 2023

Major Indices	Rank
QS Sustainability Ranking-Delhi University	220
Climate Change Performance Index 2024	7
Henley Passport Index (July 2023)	80
World Press Freedom Index 2023	161
World Happiness Index 2023	126
Energy Transition Index 2023	67
Electoral Democracy Index 2023	108
QS World University Rankings 2024	IIT Bombay (149th)

Q.6. How many satellites will ISRO launch to collect intelligence information in the next 5 years?

- A. 50 Satellites
- B. 70 Satellites
- C. 90 Satellites
- D. 80 Satellites

Answer: A. 50 Satellites

- ISRO to launch 50 satellites in next five years to collect vital spatial intelligence
- These satellites will be military satellites for army use.
- This satellite will be able to detect various activities from a radius of thousands of kilometers.
- Military satellites are spy satellites that are built for strategic purposes.

About ISRO:

- Established: 15 August 1969
- Headquarters: Antarika Bhavan, Bangalore
- Current Chairman: S Somnath
- ISRO is a space agency of the Department of Space of the Government of India.



Important Mission of ISRO

Satellite	Launch date	Launch vehicle
First test flight of Gaganyaan	21 October 2023	TV-D1
Aditya L-1 Mission	2 September 2023	PSLV-C57
DS-SAR mission	30 July 2023	PSLV-C56
Chandrayaan-3	14 July 2023	LVM3-M4
NVS-01	May 2023	GSLV-F12
TELEOS-2 mission	April 2023	PSLV-C55
OneWeb India-2	March 2023	LVM3-M3

Q.7. Who has been declared a terrorist under UAPA recently?

- A. Harvinder Singh Sandhu
- B. Lakhbir Singh Landa
- C. Yasin Malik
- D. Neither Of The Above

Answer: B. Lakhbir Singh Landa

- Lakhbir Singh Landa has been designated an “individual terrorist” by the Home Ministry under UAPA
- He is a Canada-based criminal and head of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI).
- The Home Ministry said in a statement that Landa was associated with pro-Khalistan elements in Canada.

Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967:

- Implemented in India in 1967
- The primary anti-terrorism law is
- It was enacted to outlaw and punish illegal and terrorist activities threatening the integrity and sovereignty of India

Q.8. In which state will India's first submarine tourism start?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Haryana
- D. Uttar Pradesh

Answer: A. Gujarat

- India's first submarine based underwater tourism to be launched in 'Dwarka' by Gujarat Government
- This will help tourists explore the marine life in 'Dwarka'



- Tourists will be taken 100 meters below the sea in a submarine
- Each submarine will carry 24 tourists

About Gujarat-

- Formation: 1 May 1960
- Capital: Gandhinagar
- Governor: Shri Acharya Dev Vrat
- Chief Minister: Shri Bhupendra Patel
- Assembly: 182
- Lok Sabha: 26
- Rajya Sabha: 11
- Language: Gujarati and Hindi
- Districts: 33

Q.9. Who has launched the National Transit Pass System?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Anurag Thakur
- C. Bhupendra Yadav
- D. Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer: C. Bhupendra Yadav

- Union Environment Minister – Bhupendra Yadav
- 'National Transit Pass System (NTPS)' has been launched across India to facilitate transportation of timber, bamboo and other forest produce across the country.
- NTPS is envisioned as a "One Nation-One Pass" arrangement.
- Currently this integrated permit system is in force in 25 states and union territories

Q.10. How much has the Central Government increased the interest rate of Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana?

- A. 0.2%
- B. 1.2%
- C. 2.2%
- D. 3.2%

Answer: A. 0.2%

- The interest rate in Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana has been increased by 0.20%.
- Earlier the interest rate of Sukanya Scheme was 8% and the interest rate of three year time deposit was 7%.

- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 22 January 2015 as a part of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Abhiyan'
- This scheme is to meet the expenses of daughter's education and marriage.

Revision

Questions	Answers
Who has become the Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?	Anish Dayal Singh
Who has become the Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)?	Rahul Rasgotra
With which institute is Reliance Jio developing 'Bharat GPT'?	IIT Bombay
According to the Indian Wildlife Conservation Society, how many tigers have died in 2023?	204
A Peace agreement has been signed between the Government of India, the Government of Assam, and which organization?	United Liberation Front of Assam
Where has the 12th Divya Kala Mela-2023 organization started?	Surat
Dong Jun has become the Defense Minister of which country?	China
In which state has the Abhay Hastam program been launched?	Telangana
Who has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Pondicherry University?	Jagdeep Dhankhar
Which country's court has commuted the death sentence of 8 former Indian Navy officers to imprisonment?	Qatar

2nd January 2024**Q.1. Sudhansh Pant has become the Chief Secretary of which state?**

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Haryana
- D. Uttar Pra Pradesh

Answer: B. Rajasthan

- IAS officer Sudhansh Pant has been declared the new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan.
- Sudhansh Pant has replaced Usha Sharma
- The most senior IAS of the Government of India is appointed Chief Secretary
- The Chief Secretary is the principal advisor to the Chief Minister
- The Chief Minister of the state appoints the Chief Secretaries
- The first Chief Secretary of Rajasthan K. Radhakrishnan was
- The first woman Chief Secretary of Rajasthan was Kushal Singh.

About Rajasthan:

- Capital- Jaipur
- Governor-Kalraj Mishra
- Chief Minister – Bhajanlal Sharma (BJP)
- Assembly – 200 seats
- Rajya Sabha – 10 seats
- Lok Sabha – 25 seats

National Park:

- Ranthambore National Park
- Sariska National Park
- National Desert National Park
- Mukundra Hills National Park
- Keoladeo National Park

Q.2. XPoSAt has been launched by which space agency?

- A. ISRO
- B. NASA
- C. JAXA
- D. CNSA

Answer: A. ISRO

- ISRO has launched 'X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat)' satellite on January 1, 2024 at 09:10 am
- It has been launched from PSLV-C58
- XPoSat is India's first and world's second polarimetry mission.
- EXPOSAT was developed by ISRO and Raman Research Institute (RRI). Developed in collaboration with Bangalore, Karnataka
- XPoSat aims to study the 50 brightest sources in the universe
- This satellite will be installed in a low earth orbit of 500-700 km.
- The life of the satellite will be about 5 years

ISRO's Upcoming Missions in 2024

Mission Name	Mission Information
Gaganyaan 1	This is an unmanned spacecraft flight test
Gaganyaan 2	This is the unmanned spacecraft flight test
NISAR January 2024	NASA – ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) is a joint project between NASA and ISRO
Gaganyaan 3	First crewed Gaganyaan mission
Shukrayaan 1	Orbiter will be sent to study Venus
Mangalyaan 2	Orbiter lander and rover will be sent to study Mars.

Q.3. Military exercise 'Desert Cyclone 2024' will be organized between India and which country?

- A. UAE
- B. Saudi Arab
- C. Oman
- D. Yemen

Answer: A. UAE

- The joint military exercise Desert Cyclone-2024 between the armies of India and UAE will be conducted in the Thar Desert of Rajasthan from 2 January to 15 January 2024.
- Objective: To learn and share best practices in urban operations
- The first joint air force exercise was held at Al Dhafra Base, Abu Dhabi in September 2008.

About United Arab Emirates (UAE):

- It is located in western Asia
- Capital: Abu Dhabi
- Official language: Arabic
- President Crown Prince: Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Prime Minister: Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum



Major war exercises of 2023

Exercise Name	Between Country
VINBAX-23	India and Vietnam
sun rays	India-Nepal
Practice Mitra Shakti	India – Sri Lanka
FRINJEX-2023	India-France
Konkan Ex. 2023	India-UK
13th Bold Kurukshetra 2023	India-Singapore
Shinyu Friendship Exercise 2023	India-Japan
Dustlick – IV Ex. 2023	India-Uzbekistan
Dharma Guardian – IV Ex. 2023	India-Japan

Q.4. Where has the 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama started?

- A. Kandla Port, Gujarat
- B. Mangalore Port, Karnataka
- C. Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu
- D. Kochi Port, Kerala

Answer: C. Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu

- Union Minister Parshottam Rupala and Union Minister of State Dr. L. Murugan begins the 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama from Chennai Port
- Organization of Sagar Parikrama. To be conducted from January 2024 to January 6, 2024 at various locations in Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry
- The journey of the first phase of “Sagar Parikrama” started from Mandvi, Gujarat on 5 March 2022.
- Objective: Objective To disseminate information about various schemes and programs related to fisheries.
- India is the second leading country in the world in terms of fish production through aquaculture.
- India is the world’s fourth largest fish exporter
- India ranks first in the world in inland fish production

Q.5. Who has received the Man of the Year 2023 award?

- A. Hemant K. Srinivasulu
- B. Sukrita Paul Kumar
- C. Hardik Singh
- D. Pradeep Kumar Das

Answer: A. Hemant K. Srinivasulu



- Director of the Latin America and Caribbean Business Council L. P. Hemant K. Srinivasulu has been honored with the prestigious “Man of the Year- 2023” award.
- This award is presented by Home Minister Amit Shah
- This honor is for Hemant K in trade diplomacy and global economic relations. Awarded for the outstanding contribution of Srinivasulu

Major awards of 2023

Award Name	Winner
Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2023	Daniel Barenboim + Ali Abu Awwat
International Tennis Hall of Fame	Vijay Amritraj and Leander Paes
Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award	Javed Akhtar
Diwali – Power of One Award	Ban Ki Moon
Karmaveer Chakra Medal-2023	Dr. Hemachandran Ravikmar
33rd Vyas Samman	Pushpa Bharti
‘The Order of Merit’ of Italy	Kabir Beti
Time Magazine Athlete of the Year	Lionel Messi
JCB Awards 2023	Parumal Murugan

Q.6. Who has become the Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of Southern Naval Command (Kochi)?

- A. ahul Rasgotra
- B. CS Rajan
- C. Santosh Jha
- D. V Srinivas

Answer: D. V Srinivas

- Vice Admiral V Srinivas has taken over as the 30th Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of the Southern Naval Command (Kochi)
- He takes over from Vice Admiral MA Hampiholi

Naval commands and their headquarters

Command	Headquarters
Western Naval Command	Mumbai
Eastern Naval Command	Visakhapatnam
Southern Naval Command	Kochi

Q.7. The government has imposed anti-dumping duty on gypsum boards and tiles coming from which country?



- A. China
- B. Oman
- C. A and B
- D. Kazakhstan

Answer: C. A and B

- The government has imposed anti-dumping duty on gypsum boards and tiles coming from China and Oman.
- India has imposed anti-dumping duty on gypsum boards and tiles coming from China for five years.
- Anti-dumping duty has been imposed on the recommendation of the Commerce Ministry

Anti-Dumping Duty:

- Anti-dumping duty is imposed to protect the domestic market from cheap foreign products. When a country exports a product at a price lower than its value, it is called dumping.
- The government of the importing country can impose anti-dumping duty on the exporting country.

Q.8. Which state government has reduced the qualifying age for old age pension for tribals and Dalits to 50 years?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Jharkhand

Answer: D. Jharkhand

- Jharkhand government has reduced the qualifying age for old age pension for tribals and Dalits from 60 years to 50 years. SO
- The government has taken this decision because the mortality rate is high among tribals and they do not get jobs after 60 years.
- In September 2023, the Jharkhand government had decided to include the transgender community in its universal pension scheme.

About Jharkhand:

- Established: 15 November 2000
- Chief Minister: Hemant Soren
- Governor: C.P. Radhakrishnan
- Assembly seats: 81
- Rajya Sabha seats: 6
- Lok Sabha seats: 14

- Betla National Park: Jharkhand

Jharkhand Current Affairs:

- Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren has approved Abua Housing Scheme in the Council of Ministers meeting.
- CM Hemant Soren unveils mascot 'Juhi' for Women Asian Champions 2023
- Jharkhand approves pension and OBC status for transgender community
- Jharkhand government has started air ambulance service
- Jharkhand state celebrates its foundation day on 15 November every year

Q.9. David Warner is the cricketer of which country has announced his retirement from Test and ODI cricket?

- A. Australia
- B. New Zealand
- C. South Africa
- D. England

Answer: A. Australia

- Australian batsman David Warner has announced his retirement from Test as well as ODI.
- David Warner started his Test career in 2011 against New Zealand
- Started in ODI in 2009 against South Africa
- David Warner is at sixth place in terms of scoring most runs for Australia in ODIs.
- He scored 6932 (161 match) runs in ODI and 8695 (111 match) runs in Tests.

Sports Current Affairs:

- Sony Sports has appointed Kartik Aryan as the brand ambassador of football.
- Sakshi Malik has resigned from wrestling
- Amitabh Bachchan has become the owner of Mumbai team in Indian Street Premier League.
- Mitchell Starc becomes the most expensive player in IPL history, bought by KKR for Rs 24.75 crore
- Haryana won 40 gold, 39 silver and 26 in Khelo India Para Games.

About Australia:

- Capital: Canberra

- Currency: Australian Dollar
- Prime Minister: Anthony Albanese

Q.10. Margrethe II was the queen of which country who has abdicated her throne?

- A. Norway
- B. Sweden
- C. Denmark
- D. Australia

Answer: C. Denmark

- Denmark's Queen Margrethe II will abdicate on January 14, 2024, after ruling for 52 years.
- He will be succeeded by his eldest son, Crown Prince Frederick
- Queen Margaret II ascended the throne in 1972
- She has become Denmark's longest reigning queen.

About Denmark:

Capital: Copenhagen

Currency: Danish Krone

Prime Minister: Mette Frederiksen

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Which country has separated from the BRICS organization?	Argentina
Which country has become the second largest steel-producing country in the world?	India
Who has become the first woman with a net worth of 100 billion dollars?	Francois Betancat Mayez
How many satellites will ISRO launch to collect intelligence information in the next 5 years?	50 Satellites
Who has been declared a terrorist under UAPA recently?	Lakhbir Singh Landa
In which state will India's first submarine tourism start?	Gujarat
Who has launched the National Transit Pass System?	Bhupendra Yadav
How much has the Central Government increased the interest rate of Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana?	0.2%



3rd January 2024

Q.1. Where has the first all-girls Sainik School been inaugurated?

- A. Purnia
- B. Agra
- C. Vrindav
- D. iKolkata

Answer: C. Kolkata

- All India Girls Sainik School inaugurated – Defense Minister Rajnath Singh
- Where – Vrindavan in Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh
- Name of Girls Sainik School – Samvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School
- The Government of India has set a target of setting up 100 new Sainik Schools.
- Admission of girls in Sainik schools was approved in 2019.

First in 2023

First in 2023	Name
India's first green hydrogen cell bus launched	Delhi
India's first OPD dedicated to transgenders launched	Delhi
India's first 3D printed post office	Bengaluru
India's first agricultural data exchange	Hyderabad
India's first drone testing center	Tamil Nadu
India's First Fisheries Atal Incubation Centre	Kerala
First hydrogen fuel cell bus service launched	Leh, Ladakh
India's first Construction Innovation Centre	Kerala
India's first regional AI news anchor	Lisa
India's first forestry university	Telangana
First state to get Har Ghar water certification	Goa
India's first indigenously built aircraft carrier	INS Vikrant

Q.2. Who has been elected President of the Democratic Republic of Congo?

- A. Felix Tshisekedi
- B. Hun Manet
- C. Edgers Rinkewics
- D. Shretha Thavisin

Answer: A. Felix Tshisekedi



- Democratic Republic of Congo President Felix Tshisekedi has once again won the presidential election.

Democratic Republic of Congo:

- Capital: Kinshasa
- Currency: Congolese franc
- President: Felix Tshisekedi
- Prime Minister: Anatole Colinet Makos is a country located in central Africa
- Recent International Appointments:

Recently Appointments

Country Name	Appointed
Emir of Kuwait	Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah
President of Egypt	Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
Prime Minister of Poland	Donald Tusk
President of Madagascar	Andry Rajoelina
Prime Minister of New Zealand	Christopher Luxon
Prime Minister of Luxembourg	Luc Frieden
President of Argentina	Javier Milei
Acting PM of Pakistan	Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar

Q.3. Where will the 58th All India Annual Conference of Directors General and Inspectors General of Police be held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Indore
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. Jaipur

Answer: D. Jaipur

- 58th All India Annual Conference of Directors General and Inspectors General of Police to be held in Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Will be held between 5-7 January
- Important topics like anti-terrorism activities, counter-insurgency and cyber security will be discussed in the conference.
- All India Conference of Directors General and Inspectors General of Police (57th) 2022 – New Delhi

Conference 2023

Conference Name	Held in
Global Food Regulators Summit 2023	New Delhi
17th Indian Cooperative Congress	New Delhi
India Energy Transition Summit 2023	New Delhi
G-7 Summit 2023	Japan
India Smart City Conclave 2023	Indore
National Yoga Olympiad 2023	Madhya Pradesh
26th National e-Governance Conference	Indore
Quad Summit 2023-Hiroshima	Japan
BRICS Summit 2023	Johannesburg

Q.4. According to the US Census Bureau, how many people has increased the world's population in 2023?

- A. 15 million
- B. 25 million
- C. 75 million
- D. 35 million

Answer: C. 75 million

- According to data released by the US Census Bureau, the global population increased by 75 million people last year.
- Projected global population to exceed 8 billion on January 1, 2024
- The total population of the entire world on January 1, 2023 was 7.94 billion.
- There are projected to be 4.3 births and two deaths every second worldwide by early 2024

Most populous country-

- India
- China
- America
- Indonesia
- Pakistan
- India's population has reached 142.86 crores while China's population is 142.57 crores.

Q.5. Recently which state has set a Guinness World Record for collective Surya Namaskar?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat



- C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Uttar Pradesh

Answer: B. Gujarat

- Guinness Word Record for mass Surya Namaskar created in Gujarat on January 1, 2024
- On this occasion, 'Surya Namaskar' has been performed simultaneously by more than 50,000 people at 108 places in Gujarat.
- The main program was organized at Modhera Sun Temple in Mehsana district.

Modhera Sun Temple:

- It is situated on the banks of river Pushpavati in Modhera village of Mehsana district of Gujarat.
- The construction was done in two parts by King Bhimdev I of Solanki dynasty in 1026 AD.
- This temple has been constructed in Iranian style
- The Sun Temple of Modhera is also mentioned in the Skanda Purana and Brahma Purana.

Q.6. Who was Ved Prakash Nanda, who passed away recently?

- A. TV Actor
B. Academics
C. Malayalam Writer
D. Director of Dhanlaxmi Bank

Answer: B. Academics

- Indian-American educationist Professor Ved Prakash Nanda has passed away
- He was Professor of International Law at the University of Denver, Colorado (US) has been honored with the Padma Bhushan award in 2018.
- He also served as Chairman of the Board of the Hindu University of America

Recent Deaths Recently Passed Away

Recently Passed Away	Person Name
Leader and Actor	Vijayakanth
South Korean actor	Lee Son Kyun
Hollywood Actor	Andre Brucher
Actor	Junior Mahmood



Nobel Peace Prize winner	Henry Kissinger
First woman judge of Supreme Court	Fatima Beevi
Former First Lady of America	Rosalynn Carter
Indian American Educationist	Ved Prakash Nanda

Q.7. Who has become the new director of Indian Oil Corporation?

- A. Rashmi Govil
- B. Neena Singh
- C. Disha Naik
- D. M. Veeralakshmi

Answer: A. Rashmi Govil

- Rashmi Govil will be the new Director (Human Resources) of public sector Indian Oil Corporation (IOC).
- He is currently the Executive Director (HRD & ER) at IOC
- Rashmi Govil will replace Ranjan Kumar Mohapatra.

Indian Oil Corporation:

- Founded: 30 June 1959
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- President: Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

Q.8. Which state has become the first to map accident-prone sites to a navigation platform?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Kerala
- C. Punjab
- D. Haryana

Answer: C. Punjab

- Punjab, Navigation System on Maples App
- Becomes first Indian state to undertake comprehensive mapping of accident-prone areas navigation system maps app,
- Developed by MapMyIndia.
- Objective – To increase road safety by alerting drivers in advance through the use of the Maples App

About Punjab:

- Capital: Chandigarh
- Governor: Banwarilal Purohit
- Chief Minister: Bhagwant Mann (AAP)



- Assembly: 117 seats
- Rajya Sabha: 7 seats
- Lok Sabha: 13 seats

Q.9. On which day Savitribai Phule's birth anniversary is celebrated?

- A. 1 January
- B. 2 January
- C. 3 January
- D. 4 January

Answer: C. 3 January

Savitribai Phule:

- Born: 3 January 1831 (Maharashtra)
- Savitribai Phule was the first female teacher of India
- She was the first leader of India's women's liberation movement, a social reformer and also a Marathi poet.
- In 1848, along with Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, he established a school for girls.

Major Days Celebrated in January:

- 1 January 2024: Global Family Day
- 2 January 2024: World Introvert Day
- 3 January 2024: International Mind-Body Wellness Day
- 4 January 2024: World Braille Day
- 6 January 2024: World Day of War Orphans
- 8 January 2024: African National Congress Foundation Day
- 9 January 2024: NRI (Non-Resident Indian) Day or Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
- 11 January 2024: Death anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri
- 12 January 2024: National Youth Day
- 15 January 2024: Indian Army Day
- 23 January 2024: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti
- 24 January 2024: National Girl Child Day
- 25 January 2024: National Voters Day
- 25 January 2024: National Tourism Day
- 26 January 2024: Republic Day
- 26 January 2024: International Customs Day
- 28 January 2024: Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai
- 30 January 2024: Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas
- 30 January 2024: World Leprosy Day (Last Sunday of January)

Q.10. Who has won the Women's Under-19 title in the Scottish Squash Junior Open 2023?



- A. Sweety Boora
- B. Sheetal Devi
- C. Anahat Singh
- D. R Vaishali

Answer: C. Anahat Singh

- India's young squash player Anahat Singh has won the Women's Under-19 title at the 2023 Scottish Junior Open Squash held in Edinburgh (Scotland).
- Has won the women's singles title at the National Squash Championship 2023

Revision

Questions	Answers
Sudhansh Pant has become the Chief Secretary of which state?	Rajasthan
XPoSat has been launched by which space agency?	ISRO
Military exercise 'Desert Cyclone 2024' will be organized between India and which country?	UAE
Where has the 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama started?	Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu
Who has received the Man of the Year 2023 award?	Hemant K. Srinivasulu
Who has become the Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of Southern Naval Command (Kochi)?	V Srinivas
The government has imposed anti-dumping duty on gypsum boards and tiles coming from which country?	A and B
Which state government has reduced the qualifying age for old age pension for tribals and Dalits to 50 years?	Jharkhand
David Warner is the cricketer of which country has announced his retirement from Test and ODI cricket?	Australia
Margrethe II was the queen of which country who has abdicated her throne?	Denmark



4th January 2024**Q.1. When is World Braille Day celebrated?**

- A. 6 January
- B. 1 January
- C. 3 January
- D. 4 January

Answer: D. 4 January

- World Braille Day is celebrated internationally on 4 January, the birthday of Louis Braille.
- This day is organized to raise awareness about the importance of Braille.
- Louis Braille, the inventor of the Braille language, was born in France on January 4, 1809.

Major days celebrated in January:

- 1 January 2024: Global Family Day
- 2 January 2024: World Introvert Day
- 3 January 2024: International Mind-Body Wellness Day
- 4 January 2024: World Braille Day
- 6 January 2024: World Day of War Orphans
- 8 January 2024: African National Congress Foundation Day
- 9 January 2024: NRI (Non-Resident Indian) Day or Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
- 11 January 2024: Death anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri
- 12 January 2024: National Youth Day
- 15 January 2024: Indian Army Day
- 23 January 2024: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti
- 24 January 2024: National Girl Child Day
- 25 January 2024: National Voters Day
- 25 January 2024: National Tourism Day
- 26 January 2024: Republic Day
- 26 January 2024: International Customs Day
- 28 January 2024: Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai
- 30 January 2024: Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas
- 30 January 2024: World Leprosy Day (Last Sunday of January)

Q.2. Rajiv Gandhi Self Employment Start Up Scheme has been launched in which state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Himachal Pradesh



- C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Punjab

Answer: B. Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh Cabinet Rajiv Gandhi
- Launch of Phase-11 of Self-Employment Start-up Scheme has been announced
- The goal is to set up solar energy projects for youth aged between 21 to 45 years.
- This scheme encourages rural youth to set up solar power plants on their land

About Himachal Pradesh:

- Formation: 25 January 1971
- Capital: Shimla
- Governor: Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla
- Chief Minister: Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
- Assembly: 68
- Lok Sabha: 4
- Rajya Sabha: 3
- Language: Hindi
- Districts: 12

Major schemes launched recently

Major Schemes	State Name
Mission Daksh	Bihar
Chief Minister's Construction Workers Pension Scheme	Chhattisgarh
Abua Housing Scheme	Jharkhand
Ladli Bahana Yojana	Madhya Pradesh
Griha Lakshmi Yojana	Karnataka
Sabal Plan	Himachal Pradesh
Mission Shakti Scooter Scheme	Odisha
Chief Minister Lok Sevak Arogya Yojana	Assam

Q.3. Who has become the new CMD of Power Grid Corporation?

- A. CS Rajan
B. Hitesh Kumar Makwana
C. Ravindra Kumar Tyagi
D. Rajat Kumar Jain

Answer: C. Ravindra Kumar Tyagi



- POWERGRID Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has appointed Ravindra Kumar Tyagi as its new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD).
 - Ravindra Kumar Tyagi will replace Srikanth Kandikuppa.
 - Exam Sanjeevani: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) –
 - Established on 23 October 1989
 - Its headquarters is in Gurugram
 - POWERGRID is a 'Maharatna' public sector enterprise
 - Government of India holds 51.34% stake
 - Maharatna Companies in India:
 - At present there are 13 Maharatna companies in India.
 - Maharatna scheme for CPSES was launched in May 2010
1. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
 2. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
 3. Coal India Limited (CIL)
 4. Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)
 5. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
 6. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
 7. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
 8. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
 9. Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL)
 10. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
 11. Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
 12. Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC)
 13. Oil India Limited (OIL)

Q.4. Which state's Governor has inaugurated cashless health facility under Ayushman scheme?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Haryana
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: C. Haryana

- Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya has inaugurated cashless health facility under Ayushman Bharat scheme.
- Haryana Government has gifted cashless health facility to government employees and their dependents.

Ayushman Bharat Scheme:

- This scheme was launched in 2018

- Objective – To achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
- Ayushman Bharat Yojana is one of the major schemes of the Government of India.

About Haryana:

- Formation: 1 November 1966
- Capital: Chandigarh
- Governor: Shri Bandaru Dattatraya
- Chief Minister: Shri Manohar Lal
- Assembly: 90
- Lok Sabha: 10
- Rajya Sabha: 5
- Language: Hindi
- Districts: 22

Q.5. Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and UAE have joined which organisation as full members?

- A. BRICS
- B. UNO
- C. WHO
- D. UNESCO

Answer: A. BRICS

- Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have joined BRICS as new full members on 1 January 2024.
- BRICS has now become an organization of 10 countries. In the 15th BRICS Summit held in Johannesburg (South Africa) in 2023, it was decided to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Argentina in BRICS.
- Some time ago Argentina had decided not to join BRICS.
- Russia's tenure as BRICS chair begins from January 1, 2024

About BRICS:

- The term BRIC was coined by economist Jim O'Neill in 2001.
- The first BRIC summit was held in Yekaterinburg, Russia in 2009.
- BRICS became this after South Africa joined in 2010.
- New Development Bank (NDB) was established by BRICS countries in 2014.

Q.6. Who has been awarded the MS Swaminathan Award?

- A. Pro. B.R. Kamboj
- B. Pushpa Bharti

C. Kabir Bedi
D. Javed Akhtar

Answer: A. Pro. B.R. Kamboj

- Chaudhary Charan Singh, Vice Chancellor of Haryana Agricultural University, Prof. B.R. Kamboj received M.S. in the field of Agricultural Sciences.
- Swaminathan Award has been awarded to Professor Kamboj has published about 300 research papers and articles in national and international journals, books and technical journals.

About Swaminathan Award:

- This award started in 2004
- Food security and sustainability in India including agriculture is provided by
- The first award was presented to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug in 2005

Dr. M.S. Swaminathan:

- MS Swaminathan passed away on 28 September 2023.
- MS Swaminathan is considered the father of the Indian Green Revolution while Dr. Norman E. Borlaug is considered the father of the Green Revolution.

Q.7. 200 eco-buses have been unveiled by the Chief Minister of which state?

- A. West Bengal
B. Tripura
C. Assam
D. Nagaland

Answer: C. Assam

- Assam Chief Minister launches 200 electric buses in Guwahati
- An important step towards pollution free Assam
- Assam government aims to establish 100% green public transport system in Guwahati by 2025

About Assam:

- Formation: 26 January 1950
- Capital: Dishpur
- Governor: Shri Gulab Chand Kataria
- Chief Minister: Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma

- Assembly: 124
- Lok Sabha: 14
- Rajya Sabha: 7
- Language: Assamese and Boro
- Districts: 31

Q.8. Who has become the new spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs?

- A. Randhir Jaiswal
- B. Munish Kapoor
- C. Gokul Subramaniam
- D. PR Seshadri

Answer: A. Randhir Jaiswal

- Randhir Jaiswal has assumed the post of official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs.
- He has replaced Arindam Bagchi
- Arindam Bagchi has been appointed as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva.
- Randhir Jaiswal is a 1998 batch IFS officer
- He previously served as the Consul General of India in New York

Q.9. Which has become the first Union Territory to implement PM Vishwakarma Yojana (PMVY)?

- A. Delhi
- B. Ladakh
- C. Jammu & Kashmir
- D. Puducherry

Answer: C. Jammu & Kashmir

- Jammu and Kashmir becomes the first Union Territory to implement PM Vishwakarma Yojana
- PM Narendra Modi had launched Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana on Vishwakarma Jayanti (17 September).
- Rs 13,000 crore will be spent on this from the financial year 2023-24 to 2027-28.
- About 30 lakh traditional artisans across the country will benefit under the scheme.

About Jammu Kashmir:

- Union Territory: 31 October 2019

- Capital: Srinagar and Jammu
- Lieutenant Governor: Manoj Sinha

Jammu Kashmir Current Affairs:

- Saffron from Kishtwar district in Jammu and Kashmir has been given the Geographical Indication tag
- Doctor Aapke Gaon Mein initiative has been launched in Jammu and Kashmir
- Amrit Youth Arts Festival has been organized in Srinagar
- Jammu tops the table of District Good Governance Index in Jammu and Kashmir
- LG Manoj Sinha inaugurates Lord Venkateswara Temple in Jammu

Q.10. Mount Levotobi volcano has erupted. It is in which untry?

- A. Japan
- B. Indonesia
- C. Philippines
- D. Italy

Answer: B. Indonesia

- More than 2,000 residents have been evacuated due to the eruption of Mount Levotobi Laki-Laki in East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia
- Barren Island is the only active volcano in India.
- It is located in the Bay of Bengal.
- The Barren Islands are a group of the Andaman Islands.
- It is the only confirmed active volcano in South Asia.

Major volcanoes of the world

Volcanoes Name	Situation	Country
Mount Cotopaxi	Active	Ecuador
Mount Etna	Active	Italy
Stromboli	Active	Italy
Vesuvius	Dormant	Italy
Demvand	Quiet	Iran
Koh Sultan	Calm	Iran
Fujiyama	Active	Japan
Kilimanjaro	Calm	Tanzania
Cameroon	Active	West Africa

5th January 2024

Q.1. Rani Durgavati Shriann Protsahan Yojana has been launched in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Odisha

Answer: A. Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh government has decided to implement 'Rani Durgavati ShriAnn Protsahan Yojana' to promote the production of coarse grains.
- Under the scheme, Rs 10 per kg will be given to farmers producing grains like Kodo, Kutki, Ragi, Jowar, Bajra etc.

Madhya Pradesh Current Affairs:

- Madhya Pradesh will have two deputy CMs, Jagdish Deora and Rajendra Shukla.
- Narendra Singh Tomar will be the Assembly Speaker
- UNESCO has given the title of City of Music to Gwalior city.
- Veera Rana has become the Chief Secretary in-charge of MP. She is the second woman Chief Secretary after Nirmala Buch of Madhya Pradesh.
- India's largest tiger reserve to be established in Damoh
- Indore has been ranked as the best smart city in the National Smart City Conclave.
- 'Statue of Oneness' unveiled at Omkareshwar

About Madhya Pradesh:

- Formation: 1 November 1956
- Capital: Bhopal
- Governor: Shri Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
- Chief Minister: Mohan Yadav
- Assembly: 230
- Lok Sabha: 29
- Rajya Sabha: 11
- Language: Hindi
- Districts: 53



Q.2. According to Arton Capital, which country has the world's strongest passport?

- A. Finland
- B. France
- C. Iceland
- D. United Arab Emirates

Answer: D. United Arab Emirates

- Arton Capital names UAE passport as most powerful passport for 2024
- UAE passport has a mobility score of 180
- Many countries including Germany, Spain, France, Italy and Netherlands are in second place.
- Sweden, Finland, Luxembourg, Austria and Switzerland are in third place.
- India's passport has global ranking of 66th in Arton Capital Passport Index
- The mobility score of Indian passport is 77 i.e. passport holders can travel to 77 countries.
- The Arton Capital Passport Index evaluates and ranks 199 passports from 193 UN countries and 6 territories.

Key Indices for 2023-24:

- First woman with a net worth of \$100 billion – Françoise Bettencat Mayez
- QS Sustainability Ranking 2024 -Delhi University (220)
- Climate Change Performance Index 2024 – 7
- Henley Passport Index (July 2023) – 80
- World Press Freedom Index 2023 – 161
- World Happiness Index 2023 – 126
- Energy Transition Index 2023-67
- Electoral Democracy Index 2023 -108

Q.3. The shortest Test match in the 147-year history of cricket was played between India and whom?

- A. South Africa
- B. Australia
- C. Italy
- D. West indies

Answer: A. South Africa

- The shortest Test match of 107 overs in the 147-year history has been played between India and South Africa in Cape Town.

- India has won this test match
- The Indian cricket team has become the first Asian team to win at the Newlands ground in Cape Town.

Sports Current Affairs:

- Australian batsman David Warner has announced his retirement from Test as well as ODI.
- Sony Sports has appointed Kartik Aryan as the brand ambassador of football.
- Sakshi Malik has resigned from wrestling
- Amitabh Bachchan has become the owner of Mumbai team in Indian Street Premier League.
- Mitchell Starc becomes the most expensive player in IPL history, bought by KKR for Rs 24.75 crore

Cricket Cups and Trophies:

- Rohitan Trophy
- GD Birla Trophy
- Jhansi Ki Rani Trophy
- CK Nayudu Trophy
- Vijay Hazare Trophy
- Duleep Trophy
- Ranji Trophy
- Irani Cup
- Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy
- ICC Champions Trophy
- ICC World Test Championship
- Asia Cup
- Senior Women's T20 Trophy
- Pataudi Trophy
- Wills Trophy

Q.4. Who has become the Vice Chief of the Indian Navy?

- A. Randhir Jaiswal
- B. Rahul Rasgotra
- C. Anish Dayal Singh
- D. Dinesh K Tripathi

Answer: D. Dinesh K Tripathi

- Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi has taken charge as Vice Chief of Navy.
- He has replaced Vice Admiral Sanjay J Singh
- Sanjay J Singh takes charge as Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of Western Naval Command

- Dinesh K Tripathi was the Director General of Naval Operations from July 2020 to May 2021

About Indian Navy:

- It was established in 1612
- Its mission is to protect maritime interests and borders
- Motto: "Sham no Varuna"
- Navy Chief – Admiral R Hari Kumar
- Navy Day: 4 December

Q.5. Which state government has launched 'Gunotsav 2024'?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Assam
- D. Goa

Answer: C. Assam

- Assam government has started Gunotsav 2024
- Gunotsav aims to evaluate the performance of approximately 40 lakh students studying in 43,498 government schools in 35 districts.
- Gunotsav is a program launched by the Government of Assam with the aim of involving all the primary and secondary schools of the state

About Assam:

- Formation: 26 January 1950
- Capital: Dishpur
- Governor: Shri Gulab Chand Kataria
- Chief Minister: Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Assembly: 124
- Lok Sabha: 14
- Rajya Sabha: 7
- Language: Assamese and Boro
- Districts: 31

Q.6. Which district has been given the 'One District One Product Award 2023'?

- A. Burhanpur
- B. Lucknow
- C. Leh
- D. Srinagar

Answer: A. Burhanpur

- 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Utsav 2024' has been organized in New Delhi
- In this event, Burhanpur district (Madhya Pradesh) has been given the National 'One District One Product Award 2023' for banana processing.
- The award has been given for work in the production, trade and processing sector of banana, the main crop of Burhanpur.
- Banana chips, banana powder, rakhis, decorative items and other products are being manufactured in Burhanpur district.

Major awards given recently

Major Award	Winner
Global Indian Award	Sudha Murthy
SASTRA Ramanujan Award	Ruixiang Zhang
Dada Saheb Phalke Award 2021	Waheeda Rehman
Miss International India 2023	Praveena Anjana
Norman Borlaug Field Award	Swati Nayak
Lifetime Achievement Award in Education	Najma Akhtar
Green Railway Station Certificate	Vijayawada Railway Station
Dr. V.G. Patel Memorial Award 2023	Satyajit Mazumdar

Q.7. Which rocket will launch a satellite for the first time?

- A. Arian-5
- B. X-15
- C. Concord
- D. Falcon-9

Answer: D. Falcon-9

- ISRO has announced that India will use SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket to launch communications satellite GSAT-20 (or GSAT-N2).
- This will be India's first mission to be launched from SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket.
- This Indian mission can be started in the second quarter of this year i.e. 2024.

About GSAT-20:

- GSAT-20 also known as CMS-03 or GSAT-N2
- It is a communication satellite
- First test of GSAT-20- 23 June 2022

Falcon-9 Rocket:



- Falcon 9 is a two-stage rocket developed by Elon Musk's popular aerospace company SpaceX.
- According to SpaceX this is the most powerful rocket in the world.
- The height of this rocket is 70 meters, diameter is 12 meters and mass is 549.054 kg.

About Space-X:

- Headquarter: Hawthorne, California, United States
- CEO: Elon Mask

Q.8. In which lake has the annual bird count started?

- A. Chilika Lake
- B. Songma
- C. Loktak
- D. Sukhnazil

Answer: A. Chilika Lake

- Odisha's Chilka Lake bird census launched by over 100 ornithologists, activists and researchers.
- Chilka Lake is the largest salt water lake in Asia.
- Located on the east coast of India at the mouth of the Daya River.
- Daya River flows into the Bay of Bengal.
- Chilika Lake is spread across three districts of Odisha, Puri, Ganjam and Khordha.
- It has also been selected as a "Wetland-Ramsar Site of International Importance" in 1981.

Abut Odisha:

- Formation: 25 January 1950
- Capital: Bhubaneswar
- Governor: Shri Raghubar Das
- Chief Minister: Shri Naveen Pattnaik
- Assembly: 147
- Lok Sabha: 21
- Rajya Sabha: 10
- Language: Odia
- Districts: 30

Q.9. Hatti community belongs to which state which has been given ST status?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Chhattisgarh

- C. Rajasthan
- D. Himachal Pradesh

Answer: D. Himachal Pradesh

- The Himachal Pradesh government has issued a notification granting Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to the Hatti community of Sirmaur district.
- Members of the Hatti community were demanding implementation of the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Second Amendment) Act, 2023 and denotifying the community as an ST.
- Article 342(1): The President of any State or Tribes of a Union Territory. May specify certain sections or groups of tribal communities as Scheduled Tribes

About Himachal Pradesh:

- Formation: 25 January 1971
- Capital: Shimla
- Governor: Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla
- Chief Minister: Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
- Assembly: 68
- Lok Sabha: 4
- Rajya Sabha: 3
- Language: Hindi
- Districts: 12

Q.10. Which state government has launched the drone mission?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Haryana
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C. Maharashtra

- Maharashtra government has decided to launch Maharashtra Drone Mission for the use of drone technology
- A 5-year implementation plan has been prepared by a team of experts from IIT Bombay
- Drones will be used for surveillance and traffic management
- Six regional centers and 12 district-level centers will also be set up across the state

About Maharashtra:

- Established: 1 May 1960'
- Capital: Mumbai

- Chief Minister: Eknath Shinde
- Governor: Ramesh Bais
- Legislative Council: 78 seats
- Legislative Assembly: 288 seats
- Rajya Sabha: 19 seats
- Lok Sabha: 48 seats



6th January 2024

Q.1. When is World Day for War Orphans observed?

- A. 1 January
- B. 4 January
- C. 2 January
- D. 6 January

Answer: D. 6 January

- World Day for War Orphans is celebrated every year on 6 January.
- World Day for War Orphans was declared by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in the year 1990.
- This day is celebrated to promote awareness about children orphaned due to war.

Major days celebrated in January

- 01 January: Global Family Day
- 03 January: Birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule
- 06 January: World Day of War Orphans
- 08 January: African National Congress Foundation Day
- 10 January: World Hindi Day
- 11 January: death anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri ji
- 12 January: National Youth Day
- 15 January: Indian Army Day
- 23 January: Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti
- 24 January: National Girl Child Day
- 25 January: National Voters Day, National Tourism Day
- 26 January: Republic Day, International Customs Day
- 28 January: birth anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai
- 30 January: Martyr's Day

Q.2. Who has become the acting chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)?

- A. Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- B. Sindhu Gangadharan
- C. Raghu Srinivasan
- D. Dr. Dinesh Das

Answer: B. Justice Sanjiv Khanna

- President Draupati Murmu has appointed Justice Sanjiv Khanna as the acting Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority.
- He has replaced Justice SK Kaul



- There is a tradition of appointing the second most senior judge of the Supreme Court to the important post of Executive Chairman of NALSA.
- National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)
- NALSA has been constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act-1987 to provide free legal services to the weaker sections of the society.
- Objective: To organize Lok Adalats for amicable resolution of disputes
- NALSA is headed by the Chief Justice of India

Chairman and Secretaries of Major Commissions

Chairman and Secretaries	Person Name
Chairman of NITI Aayog	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog	Suman Kumar Beri
CEO of NITI Aayog	BVR Subramaniam
Chairman of Union Public Service Commission	Dr. Manoj Soni
Chairman of the 22nd Law Commission	Ruturaj Awasthi
National Women Commission Chairman	Rakha Sharma
OBC Commission Chairman	Hansraj Gangaram Ahir
Staff Selection Commission (SSC Chairman)	S. Kishore
7th Vatan Commission Chairman	Ashak Kumar Pathar

Q.3. Where was the 7th meeting of the India-Nepal Joint Commission held?

- A. Chennai
- B. Bangalore
- C. Kathmandu
- D. New Delhi

Answer: C. Kathmandu

- Foreign Minister S Jaishankar has reached Nepal
- He has held the 7th India-Nepal Joint Commission meeting with his Nepali counterpart NP Saud
- Four important agreements between India and Nepal-
- Implementation of community development projects
- Long term electricity trade (10 thousand MW electricity import in 10 years)
- Cooperation in renewable energy development
- Munal Satellite

About Nepal:

- Capital: Kathmandu
- President: Ram Chandra Paudel



- Prime Minister: Pushp Kamal Dahal
- Currency: Nepalese Rupee
- Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim shares border with Nepal.
- SAARC is headquartered in Kathmandu.
- Surya Kiran Exercise: India-Nepal
- Nepal is the first South Asian country to register same-sex marriage.

Q.4. Where has the 'Beach Games 2024' launched?

- A. Diu
- B. Goa
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Delhi

Answer: A. Diu

- The first 'Beach Games 2024' was inaugurated at Ghoghla beach in Diu.
- Beach Games 2024 will be held from 4 to 11 January 2024
- Meanwhile, a total of eight sports are being organized in the Games.
- Games like Beach Volleyball, Beach Boxing, Beach Soccer, Beach Kabaddi, Tug of War, Sea Swimming, Malkhab etc. will be organized.
- More than 1,200 participants are taking part in the event

Upcoming sporting events:

Summer Olympic games:

- 2024 Paris, France
- 2028 Los Angeles, USA
- 2032 Brisbane, Australia

Summer Olympic Games:

- 2024 Paris, France
- 2028 Los Angeles, USA
- 2032 Brisbane, Australia

Winter Olympic Games:

- 2026 Milan and Cortina, Italy

Summer youth Olympic Games:

- 2026 Dakar, Senegal



Asian Games:

- 2026 Aichi-Nagoya, Japan
- 2030 Doha, Qatar
- 2034 Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)

FIFA World Cup:

- 2026 Canada, Mexico, USA

Cricket World Cup:

- 2027- South Africa + Namibia + Zimbabwe

T20 cricket world cup:

- 2024- West Indies and America

Q.5. Rajasthan Urja Vikas and IT Services Limited will receive power from which hydropower project?

- A. Ratle HPP
- B. Koyna HPP
- C. Sharavati HPP
- D. Sardar Sarovar HPP

Answer: A. Ratle HPP

- Rajasthan Urja Vikas and IT Services Limited have signed an agreement to purchase power from Ratle Hydroelectric Project of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Ratle Hydroelectric Project will provide electricity for a period of 40 years
- Ratle Hydroelectric Project is located in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir.
- This project is of 850 MW
- It includes a 133 meter long dam and two power stations.
- This Dam is made in 2013.

Major hydro power centers of India

Hydro Project Name	State Name
Hirakud Dam	Odisha
Tehri Dam	Uttarakhand
Srisaillam	Andhra Pradesh
Nathpa Jhakiri	Himachal Pradesh

Bhakra Nangal Dam (Govind Sagar)	Himachal Pradesh
Indira Sagar Dam	Madhya Pradesh
Karkam Wangta Hydroelectric Power Plant	Himachal Pradesh
Dehra (Pandoh) Power Project	Himachal Pradesh
Nagarjuna Sagar Dam (Guntur)	Andhra Pradesh
Idukki	Kerala

Q.6. Who has launched the Tur Dal Procurement Portal?

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Smriti Irani
- D. Anurag Thakur

Answer: A. Amit Shah

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah tur dal Procurement portal has been launched.
- With the help of this portal, farmers will be able to sell their pulses online and payment will be made directly into their account.
- With this portal, the process of registration, purchase and payment of money will become easier for the farmers.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched Toor Dal Procurement Portal.
- With the help of this portal, farmers will be able to sell their pulses online and payment will be made directly into their account.
- With this portal, the process of registration, purchase and payment of money will become easier for the farmers.

Q.7. According to the Bloomberg Billionaire Index, who has become India's richest businessman?

- A. Mukesh Ambani
- B. shiv Nadar
- C. Gautam Adani
- D. Azim Premji

Answer: C. Gautam Adani

- Adani Group Chairperson Gautam Adani has become India's richest man, leaving behind Mukesh Ambani in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
- Gautam Adani is at top 12th position in the world ranking.
- Ambani is down one place at 13th position
- Gautam Adani's net worth has reached \$97.6 billion.
- Mukesh Ambani's net worth is 97 billion dollars



- Elon Musk, CEO of electric vehicle company Tesla, is the world's richest businessman with a net worth of Rs 18.31 lakh crore.
- At second place is Amazon founder Jeff Bezos with a net worth of Rs 14.06 lakh crore and at third place is LVMH Bernard Arnault.

Reports and Rankings:

- According to NCRB, Hyderabad is at the forefront in the matter of adulteration in food items.
- According to Mercer survey, Hyderabad ranks first in terms of quality of life in India.
- Tiriyani block has got the top position in NITI Aayog's first Delta ranking
- Narendra Modi has become the world's most popular leader with 76% rating in the Morning Consult survey.
- Tobacco company IIC has become the third most valuable tobacco company in the world.

Q.8. Who has become the first woman Director General of Police (DGP) of Maharashtra?

- A. Hina Jaiswal
- B. Rashmi Shukla
- C. Indu Malhotra
- D. Chandrani Murmu

Answer: B. Rashmi Shukla

- Rashmi Shukla is a 1988 batch IPS officer.
- The Maharashtra government has appointed him as the Director General of Police (DGP) of the state.
- She is the first woman police officer to reach this post.
- He has replaced former DGP Rajneesh Seth
- Before becoming DGP, she was on central deputation in Sashastra Seema Chal (SSB).
- He also served as Additional Director General of CRPF in February 2021.

Maharashtra Current Affairs-

- Sachin Tendulkar's statue has been installed at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium.
- Namo Shetkari Mahasamman Nidhi Yojana has been started by the Government of Maharashtra.
- Maharashtra government has approved 'Lake Girl' scheme
- Warship INS Mahendragiri has been launched in Mumbai.
- Maharashtra's Alibaug gets GI tag for white onion
- AI machine installed to assess school quality in Maharashtra state

- The state of Maharashtra has declared 'Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha' as the state song.

About About Madhya Pradesh:

- Formation: 1 November 1956
- Capital: Bhopal
- Governor: Shri Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
- Chief Minister: Mohan Yadav
- Assembly: 230
- Lok Sabha: 29
- Rajya Sabha: 11
- Language: Hindi
- Districts: 53

Q.9. Sundarban honey belongs to which state which has been granted GI tag?

- A. Meghalaya
- B. West Bengal
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Assam

Answer: B. West Bengal

- Recently Sundarban honey of West Bengal, black nunia rice of Jalpaiguri district and Tangai, Gorod and Kodyal sarees have been provided GI tag.
- Sundarban honey is collected from the Sundarban forest by the 'Mauli' community
- Black Nuniya rice is very popular and this indigenous variety of rice is cultivated in Jalpaiguri district
- Kodyal saree is produced only in Mirzapur in Murshidabad district.

Q.10. Who has unveiled the Prithvi Vigyan scheme?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. Smriti Irani

Answer: A. Narendra Modi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched PRITHvi Vigyan, a comprehensive scheme of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences will implement this scheme in collaboration with various scientific institutions of the country.

- Under this scheme, the country will have to be warned before all types of disasters.
- The scheme will be applicable from 2021 to 2026
- The total cost of the scheme is Rs 4,797 crore

Schemes by Indian Government

Government Schemes	Impliment Year
Jan Dhan Yojna	2014
Skill India Mission	2014
Namami Gange Scheme	2014
Save daughter educate daughter	2015
Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana	2015
Digital India Mission	2015
Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana	2016
Udan Yojana	2017

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7th January 2024**Q.1. Lanjia Saura paintings of which state got the GI tag?**

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha
- C. West Bengal
- D. Uttar Pradesh

Answer: B. Odisha

- Lanjia Saura paintings are a style of wall murals associated with the Saura tribals of Odisha
- Lanjia Saura's paintings feature vibrant geometric patterns depicting nature, animals, and daily life.
- These paintings are usually made on walls or clothes.

GI tag of Odisha in January 2024

1. Lanjia Saura Painting
2. Dongria Kondh Shawl
3. Khajuri Jaggery (Date Jaggery)
4. Dhenkanal Magaji (Milk Product)
5. Similipal Kai Chutney
6. Nayagarh Kantimundi Brinjal
7. Koraput Kalajeera Rice

GI Tags of West Bengal in January 2024:

1. Tangail Saree
2. Garad Saree
3. Koriyal Saree
4. Kalununiya Rice
5. Ramdhuni Crazy Rice
6. Sundarban Honey

GI Tags of Arunachal Pradesh:

1. Handmade Carpet
2. Vancho Wood
3. Kekir (Ginger)

GI Tongue of Gujarat:

1. Raw Desi Kharek



- A GI tag or Geographical Indication tag is given to products that are produced in a specific geographical location.
- Geographical Indications Act came into effect from 2003
- The first GI tag was given to Darjeeling tea in 2004.

Q.2. An agreement has been signed between India and which country on cooperation in the hydrocarbon sector?

- A. Guyana
- B. Argentina
- C. Pakistan
- D. Egypt

Answer: A. Guyana

- The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between India and the Republic of Guyana regarding cooperation in the hydrocarbon sector.
- Covers sourcing of crude oil from Guyana, refining of crude oil, capacity building, etc.
- MoU with Guyana in the Hydrocarbon Sector to increase bilateral trade
- Hydrocarbons are organic compounds made up of hydrogen and carbon atoms.
- Simplest hydrocarbon-methane (CH_4)
- This is a greenhouse gas
- LPG mainly contains propane and butane gases.
- Compressed natural gas (CNG) mainly contains methane and ethane gases.

About Guyana:

- Capital: Georgetown
- President: Mohammad Irfan Ali
- Currency: Guyanese Dollar (GS)
- Guyana President Mohammed Irfan Ali was the chief guest at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conference 2023

Q.3. Success Masra has become the Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Cambodia
- B. Latvia
- C. Chad
- D. Thailand

Answer: C. Chad



- Chad's government has appointed former opposition leader Succes Massara as Prime Minister of Chad.

About Chad:

- Capital: N'Djamena
- This country is a landlocked country located in Africa
- Currency: Central African CFA Franc
- The country gets its name from Lake Chad
- Chad is the 5th largest country in Africa

Recent International Appointments

Recent International Appointments	Person Name
President of Argentina	Javier Milei
Emir of Kuwait	Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah
President of Egypt	Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
Prime Minister of Poland	Donald Tusk
President of Madagascar	Andry Rajoelina
Prime Minister of New Zealand	Christopher Luxon
Prime Minister of Luxembourg	Luc Frieden
President of the Democratic Republic of Congo	Félix Tshisekedi

Q.4. Who has taken over as the Secretary General of BIMSTEC?

- A. Sudhansh Pant
- B. Indra Mani Pandey
- C. Santosh Kumar Jha
- D. Maheshwar Dayal

Answer: B. Indra Mani Pandey

- Indramani Pandey is the first Indian to become the Secretary General of BIMSTEC.
- He is a 1990 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service.
- Earlier, he was the Permanent Representative of India to the Geneva Office of the United Nations.
- BIMSTEC: The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
- This organization was formed in the year 1997
- Headquartered in Dhaka (Bangladesh)
- The seven-member countries are Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.
- BIMSTEC includes countries of the Bay of Bengal region



Recent Appointments

Recent Appointments	Person Name
Chancellor of Pondicherry University	Jagdeep Dhankhar
Director General of CRPF	Anish Dayal Singh
Director General of CISF	Neena Singh
BSE Chairman	Pramod Aggarwal
Israel's new ambassador to India	Reuven Azar
India's first woman ADC	Manisha Padhi
Chairman of BBC	Samir Shah
CMD of Konkan Railway	Santosh Kumar Jha

Q.5. Who has become the fourth youngest player to debut in the Ranji Trophy?

- A. Sakibul Ghani
- B. Vaibhav Suryavanshi
- C. Himanshu Singh
- D. Ashutosh Aman

Answer: B. Vaibhav Suryavanshi

- Bihar's Vaibhav Suryavanshi becomes the fourth youngest Indian to debut in a first-class match
- At the age of 12 years and 284 days, Suryavanshi played for Bihar against Mumbai in the Ranji Trophy 2023-24 match.
- In the 1942–43 Ranji season, Alimuddin became the youngest debutant at the age of 12 years and 73 days.

Ranji Trophy Tournament:

- The Ranji Trophy tournament has been played since 1934
- The first match was played between Madras and M/s
- Mumbai has won this tournament a maximum 41 times
- The Ranji Trophy is named after Maharaja Ranjit Singh
- The Ranji Trophy 2022-23 Title: Saurashtra

Q.6. What has Indira Rasoi been renamed as in Rajasthan?

- A. Shree Annapurna Kitchen
- B. Jan Kalyan Kitchen
- C. Deendayal Antyodaya Kitchen
- D. Atal Kitchen

Answer: A. Shree Annapurna Kitchen



- Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma changed the name of Indira Rasoi Yojana to 'Shri Annapurna Rasoi Yojana'. Is done.
- The former Congress government led by Ashok Gehlot had launched Indira Rasoi Yojana in August 2020 to provide food at Rs 8 per plate with the resolve of 'no one should sleep hungry'.

Recently Names Changed

Old Name	New Name
Al Minhad (UAE)	Hind City
Ayodhya Railway Station	Ayodhya Dham Junction
Panjokhara Village (Haryana)	'Panjokhara Sahib
Firozabad (UP)	Chandranagar
Hockey Stadium, Rae Bareli	Rani's Girls Hockey Turf (Rani Rampal)
Mughal Garden located in Rashtrapati Bhavan	Amrit Udyan
Ahmedabad-Delhi Sampark Kranti Express	Akshardham Express
Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Center	Ayushman Arogya Mandir Ayushma
Churchgate Railway Station (Mumbai)	Chintaman Dwarkanath Deshmukh Station

About Rajasthan:

- Capital: Jaipur
- Governor: Kalraj Mishra
- Chief Minister: Bhajanlal Sharma (BJP)
- Assembly: 200 seats
- Rajya Sabha: 10 seats
- Lok Sabha: 25 seats
- National Parks: Ranthambore, Sariska, National Desert, Mukundara Hills, Keoladeo

Q.7. Which state government has launched "Rahat Vani Kendra" for early warning of disasters?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh

Answer: B. Uttar Pradesh



- Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra has inaugurated 'Rahat Vani Kendra', a disaster early warning center in an effort to tackle multi-hazard scenarios in the state.
- RVCs will be established in the Lalbagh area of Lucknow
- Purpose – To alert the general public about potential natural disasters 30 minutes to an hour before their impact

Uttar Pradesh Current Affairs:

- The country's first AI city will be established in Lucknow
- Sanskriti Utsav has started to enrich the cultural heritage of Uttar Pradesh.
- Cyber police stations will be opened in 57 districts of Uttar Pradesh
- DGCA has given a license to Ayodhya airport
- The Uttar Pradesh Government has started the CM Fellowship Program
- Firozabad's name changed to Chandranagar
- Uttar Pradesh Energy Minister AK Sharma has launched a 'Consumer App' for electricity consumers.

Q.8. Which country has ranked second in Asia in cancer? of deaths due to

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

Answer: C. India

- India recorded nearly 12 lakh new cancer cases and 9.3 lakh deaths in 2019, according to a new study published in The Lancet Regional Health South-East Asia journal.
- China tops with 48 lakh new cases and 27 lakh deaths

About India:

- Capital: New Delhi
- Currency: Indian Rupee
- President: Smt. Draupadi Murmu
- Prime Minister: Sri Narendra Modi
- Chief Justice of Supreme Court: DY Chandrachud

Q.9. Where has Canara Bank launched its Data Analytics Center?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Lucknow

- C. Mumbai
- D. Kolkata ka

Answer: A. India

- Canara Bank inaugurates its new Data and Analytics Center (DNA) in Bengaluru
- It is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for innovation and collaboration

About Canara Bank:

- Established: 1906
- Headquarters: Bengaluru
- Non-Executive Chairman: Vijay Srirangan
- MD and CEO: K Satyanarayana Raju

Q.10. Who has become the CEO of the Indian Olympic Association?

- A. Jai Shah
- B. Roger Binny
- C. Sourav Ganguly
- D. Raghuram Iyer

Answer: D. Raghuram Iyer

- Indian Olympic Association has appointed Raghuram Iyer as CEO.
- He has served as the CEO of Indian Premier League (IPL) teams Rajasthan Royals, Lucknow Supergiants, and Rising Pune Supergiants.

Indian Olympic Association (1927):

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairman: PT Usha

8th January 2024

Q.1. Who has become the winner of Mrs. India One in a Million 2023?

- A. Nandini Gupta
- B. Praveena Anjana
- C. Rupika Grover
- D. Vaishnavi Sharma

Answer: Rupika Grover

- Model and actress Rupika Grover has won the prestigious title of Mrs. India One in a Million 2023.
- She has created history by becoming the oldest contestant to win this crown at the age of 55.
- Mrs. India One in a Million is a beauty pageant exclusively dedicated to married women of the country.

Miss World winners from India

Miss World Winners	Birth State	Year
Rita Faria	Maharashtra	1966
Aishwarya Rai	Karnataka	1994
Diana Hayden	Telangana	1997
Yukta Mookhey	Karnataka	1999
Priyanka Chopra	Bihar	2000
Manushi Chhillar	Haryana	2017

Miss Universe winner from India

Miss Universe Winner	Birth State	Year
Sushmita Sen	Telangana	1994
Lara Dutta	Uttar pradesh	2000
Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu	Punjab	2021

Miss India Winner

Miss India Winner	Birth State	Year
Suman Rao	Rajasthan	2019
Mansa Varanasi	Telangana	2021
Sini Shetty	Karnatak	2022
Nandini Gupta	Rajasthan	2023



Q.2. 'Bharat Park' will be opened in which country?

- A. UAE
- B. Israeli
- C. China
- D. France

Answer: B. UAE

- Indian government is planning to set up 'Bharat Park' in UAE
- Bharat Park will have showrooms and warehouses to display and store India-made goods

Major parks established in India

Park Name	Place Name
Medical Device Park	Gautam Buddha Nagar (Uttar Pradesh)
International Multimodal Logistics Park	Jogighopa (Assam)
G-20 Park	New Delhi
Shiv Srishti Park	Ambegaon (Pune)
Anubhuti Inclusive Park (Divyang Park)	Nagpur
Tea Park	Assam
Fire Park	Bhubaneswar (Orissa)
Electronic Park	Uttar Pradesh
1st E West Eco Park	Delhi
First Geo Park	Madhya Pradesh
Bharat Darshan Park	Delhi
First Indo-Korean Friendship Park	Delhi
Indus Best Mega Food Park	Chhattisgarh
Highest Herbal Park	Uttarakhand
Swachh Bharat Sanitation Park	Delhi

United Arab Emirates:

- Capital: Abu Dhabi
- President: Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Prime Minister-Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Q.3. Who has become the Executive Director of the Asian Development Bank?

- A. Sanjay Kulshrestha
- B. Arindam Bagchi



- C. Vikas sheel
- D. BK Mohanty

Answer: C. Vikas Sheel

- The government has appointed senior IAS officer Vikas Sheel as executive director of the Asian Development Bank in Manila.
- Vikassheel's tenure in Asian Development Bank will be of 3 years
- He is a 1994 batch IAS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre.

Asian Development Bank:

- Asian Development Bank is a regional development bank
- It was established on 19 December 1966
- Headquarters: Manila, Philippines
- Members: 68 countries
- Chairman: Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)
- India is a member of the Asian Development Bank

Q.4. The Prerna program has been launched by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Culture
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Environment

Answer: A. Ministry of Education

- Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education has launched Prerna Program
- Objective: To empower the students of class IX to XII with leadership qualities and provide them inspirational experience

Important facts:

- First National Education Policy in India – 1968
- Second National Education Policy in India – 1986
- National Education Policy 2020
- New Education Policy in India- 2020
- Chairman of the Drafting Committee of New Education Policy 2020: Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan
- Which language has been eliminated till class 5 in the new education policy 2020 – English
- According to the new education policy 2020, in which language will education be conducted till class five – mother tongue, local language or regional language?

- What pattern will now replace the 10+2 pattern of school curriculum – 5+3+3+4 pattern

Q.5. On which day India's first solar mission Aditya-L1 reached KAR Lagrange Point-1?

- A. January 6, 2024
- B. January 7, 2024
- C. January 8, 2024
- D. January 9, 2024

Answer: 6 January 2024

- ISRO has launched India's first Sun mission Aditya-L1, Lagrange Point on 6 January 2024. has delivered on
- Aditya-L. Will be placed in a halo orbit around the Sun-Earth Lagrange Point 1 (L1)

Aditya-L. About Mission:

- Was launched on 2 September 2023 from PSLV-C57
- 'Indian Solar Mission' is the first space-based observatory to study the Sun from a distance of 1.5 million km.
- Aditya L1 is ISRO's 5th mission to go out of Earth's orbit.

ISRO's mission to go out of Earth's orbit

Mission Name	Lunch Date
Chandrayaan 1	22 October 2008
Mars Orbiter Mission	5 November 2013
Chandrayaan 2	22 July 2019
Chandrayaan 3	14 July 2023
Aditya L1	2 September 2023

Organizations	Full Form of Organizations	Formed Year
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	1958
ISRO	Indian Space Research Organisation	1969
JAXA	Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency	1993
SpaceX	SpaceX	2002
Roscosmos	Russian Federal Space Agency	1992
ESA	European Space Agency	1975
CNSA	China National Space Administration	1993



Q.6. What is the increase in India's toy exports in 2022-23?

- A. 339%
- B. 139%
- C. 239%
- D. 439%

Answer: C. 239%

- According to the Union Ministry of Trade and Industry, the Indian toy industry has recorded a decline of 52% in imports and an increase of 239% in exports in the financial year 2022-23 as compared to the financial year 2014-15.
- The number of manufacturing units has doubled due to the dedicated efforts of the government over a period of 6 years from 2014 to 2020.

Rank and Report:

- India ranked 111th in Global Hunger Index 2023
- Shiv Nadar tops Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023
- India becomes the second best country for employees
- According to WHO India has reached 80% treatment coverage for estimated TB cases.
- Taylor Swift has been chosen as Time Magazine's Person of the Year.

Q.7. Who has become India's permanent representative in the WTO?

- A. Senthil Pandian C
- B. Rashmi Shukla
- C. Dinesh K Tripathi
- D. Randhir Jaiswal

Answer: A. Senthil Pandian C

- Senthil Pandian C has been appointed by the Central Government as the Indian Ambassador to the World Trade Organization in Geneva for the next three years.
- He is a 2002 batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre.
- He will replace Brajendra Navneet in WTO

World Trade Organization (WTO):

- Established: 1995
- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Director General: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- WTO facilitates trade between countries



- The objective is usually to reduce or eliminate tariffs, quotas, and other restrictions.
- 13th Ministerial Conference: Abu Dhabi (UAE) in February 2024

Q.8. Which space agency has successfully tested fuel cell technology?

- A. NASA
- B. ISRO
- C. JAXA
- D. CNSA

Answer: B. ISRO

- Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully tested fuel cell technology.
- This technology is very important for ISRO's future missions and data collection.
- This will enable electricity and water to be produced in space
- This fuel cell is designed for the space station
- It will generate electricity to power the space station and will also produce water that will be so clean that it will be useful for astronauts.

About ISRO:

- ISRO was established on 15 August 1969
- The full name of ISRO is "Indian Space Research Organization"
- The headquarters is located at Antriksh Bhavan, Bangalore.
- The current chairman of ISRO is S Somnath.
- Recently Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has been awarded the prestigious Leif Erikson Lunar Prize by Husavik Museum (Iceland).
- ISRO has been given this award for Chandrayaan-3 achievement

Q.9. College Phagathansi Mission has been launched in

- A. Manipur
- B. Meghalaya
- C. Tripura
- D. Nagaland

Answer: A. Manipur

- Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launches 'College Fagarthsea Mission'
- This mission has been launched during a program organized in Vishnupur district with the aim of developing colleges.

- This new mission was launched to develop the infrastructure of colleges and provide better facilities related to higher education.

About Manipur:

- Capital: Imphal
- Governor: Ms. Anusuiya Uike
- Chief Minister: N Biren Singh (BJP)
- Established: 21 January 1972
- Loktak Lake: It is situated in the Vishnupur district of Manipur. It is the only lake in the world which is famous by the name of 'floating lake'.

Q.10. Who will attend the Gujarat Global Investors Summit as the chief guest?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Vladimir Putin
- C. Sheikh Hasina
- D. Petr Fiala

Answer: D. Petr Fiala

- Prime Minister of Czech Republic Petr Fiala will be the Chief Guest at the 10th edition of Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit to be held in Gandhinagar from 10 to 12 January.
- The theme of this edition is "Gateway to the Future"
- This biennial event serves as an important forum for global policy makers.

9th January 2024

Q.1. Sheikh Hasina has become the Prime Minister of which country for the fourth consecutive time?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Mongolia
- D. Sri Lanka

Answer: A. Bangladesh

Option Answers: Prime Ministers

- B. Kazakhstan: PM Elihan Smylov
- C. Mongolia: President Ukhmagyin Khurelsukh
- D. Sri Lanka: PM Dinesh Gunawardene
- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has won the general elections for the fourth consecutive time.
- Sheikh Hasina will take oath as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh for the fifth time.
- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's party is Awami League
- Awami League has secured 223 seats in the 300-seat Parliament.
- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been in power since 2009.

About Bangladesh:

- Capital: Dhaka
- Currency: Taka
- President: Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppu
- Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina
- The Parliament of Bangladesh is called "Jati Sansad"
- Bangladesh was created in 1971
- Bangladesh celebrates its Independence Day on 26 March.

Q.2. Who has won the Best Film Award at the Golden Globe Awards 2024?

- A. Everything Everywhere All at once
- B. Oppenheimer
- C. Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
- D. All Quiet on the Western Front

Answer: B. Oppenheimer



Option Answers: Film Award

- A. Best film in Oscar award 2023
- C. Best vision film Award in National Film award 2023
- D. Bafta film awards best film 2023
- The 81st Golden Globe Awards ceremony is held in Beverly Hills, California, USA.
- In the Golden Globe Award 2024, the film Barbie has been nominated in the maximum number of 9 categories and Oppenheimer has been nominated in 8 categories.

Golden Globe Awards:

- The Golden Globe Awards are awards given for excellence in both American and international film and television.
- The first Golden Globe Awards were held in Los Angeles in 1944.
- These awards are presented by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.
- Natu Natu is the first Asian song to win a Golden Globe Award at the 80th Golden Globe Awards, 2023

Golden Globe Award 2024 Winner

Best Award	For which	Winner
Best Picture	Drama	Oppenheimer
Best Director	Motion Picture	Christopher Nolan
Best Actor	Motion Picture Drama	Cillian Murphy
Best Actress	Motion Picture – Drama	Lily Gladstone

Television Category

Best Award	For which	Winner
Best TV Series	Drama	Succession
Best TV Series	Comedy or Musical	The Bear
Best Actor in a TV Series	Drama	Kieran Culkin
Best Actress in a TV Series	Drama	Sarah Snook

Major awards of 2023

Major Awards	Winner
International Tennis Hall of Fame	Vijay Amritraj and Leander Paes
Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award	Javed Akhtar
Diwali-Power of One Award	Ban Ki Moon



Karmaveer Chakra Medal-2023	Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar
33rd Vyas Samman	Pushpa Bharti
'The Order of Merit' of Italy	Kabir Bedi
Time Magazine Athlete of the Year	Lionel Messi
UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award	Abdullahi Mair
JCB Award 2023	Parumal Marugan

Q.3. Who has become the first woman president of European Investment Bank? AR

- A. Nadia Calvino
- B. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- C. Giorgia Meloni
- D. Kamala Harris

Answer: A. Nadia Calvino

Option Answers:

- B. WTO CEO: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- C. Italy Prime Minister: Giorgia Meloni
- D. USA vice President: Kamala Harris
- Nadia Calvino is the first woman to become President of the European Investment Bank.
- Calvino is an economist from the European country Spain.
- Nadia is the 8th President of the European Investment Bank
- She will replace Germany's Werner Hoyer
- The European Investment Bank was established in the year 1958
- Its headquarters are located in Kirchberg (Luxembourg).

Q.4. Snow leopard has been declared the national emblem of which country?

- A. Japan
- B. Kyrgyzstan
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Russia

Answer: B. Kyrgyzstan

Option Answers:

- A. Japan: The Chrysanthemum,
- C. Kazakhstan: Shanyrak
- D. Russia: A golden two-headed Eagle on a red background

- Kyrgyzstan has officially declared the snow leopard as its national symbol.
- Snow leopard is historically significant in Kyrgyz culture.
- It is found in the mountainous regions of Central and South Asia.
- International Snow Leopard Day: 23 October.

Major locations of snow leopard in India:

- Hemis National Park, Ladakh
- Great Himalaya National Park, Himachal Pradesh
- Gangotri National Park, Uttarakhand
- Kanchenjunga National Park, Sikkim
- Snow Leopard State Animal: Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh
- The population of snow leopard in India is estimated to be around 700-800.
- China has the highest population of snow leopards.

About Kyrgyzstan:

- Kyrgyzstan, officially the Kyrgyz Republic, is a country located in Central Asia.
- Capital: Biscay
- Currency: Som
- President: Sadir Zhaparov

Q.5. In which state's Mahakal Lok 'Prasadam' has been Hugarated?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Telangana
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Karnataka

Answer: C. Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh CM Dr. Mohan Yadav has inaugurated the country's first healthy and hygienic food street 'Prasadam' at Shri Mahakal Lok in Ujjain.
- 'Prasadam' has been prepared at a cost of Rs 1 crore 75 lakh.
- After Ujjain, these food streets will be opened at 100 places across the country.
- There will be different food stalls here, where local dishes of Ujjain will also be available.

About Madhya Pradesh:

- Formation: 1 November 1956
- Capital: Bhopal

- Governor: Shri Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
- Chief Minister: Mohan Yadav
- Assembly: 230
- Lok Sabha: 29
- Rajya Sabha: 11
- Language: Hindi
- Districts: 53

Q.6. In which state has an inscription dating back to the 10th century AD of the Kadamba period been discovered?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Kerala
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Goa

Answer: D. Goa

- An inscription from the Kadamba period, dated to the 10th century AD, has been discovered in the Mahadeva temple at Kakoda in South Goa
- This inscription is written in Kannada and Sanskrit
- This inscription is deciphered by Talara Nevaiah regarding the death of his son Gundayya.

About Goa:

- Capital: Panaji
- Governor: PS Sreedharan Pillai
- Chief Minister: Pramod Sawant (BJP)
- Legislative Assembly: 40 seats
- Goa is the smallest state of India in terms of area.
- It was liberated from the Portuguese on 19 December 1961 by conducting 'Operation Vijay'.

Wildlife Sanctuary:

- Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary
- Mahadei Wildlife Sanctuary
- Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary
- Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary
- Bhagwan Mahavir Sanctuary

Q.7. When is Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrated?

- A. 9 January
- B. 8 January

- C. 5 January
- D. 4 January

Answer: A. 9 January

Option Answers:

- B. 8 January: Earth Rotation Day
- C. 5 January: National Birds Day
- D. 4 January: World Braille Day
- Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas is celebrated on 9 January
- It is celebrated to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India.
- This day was celebrated for the first time in 2003
- On this day in 1915, Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from South Africa.
- He has received the title of 'Great Migrant'

Q.8. Who has become the new Executive Director of SEBI?

- A. Sanjeev Agarwal
- B. Sanjeev Khanna
- C. G. Ramamohan Rao
- D. Gwanggu Lee

Answer: C. G. Ramamohan Rao

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has appointed Govindayapalli Ram Mohan Rao as executive director.
- This appointment of Rao will remain effective till the year 2027.
- SEBI is the regulatory body for the securities and commodity markets in the country under the administrative domain of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- SEBI was established on 12 April 1988, whose headquarters is located in Mumbai.

Q.9. Which team has won the gold medal in the men's 10 meter air pistol team event in the Asian Olympic Qualifiers?

- A. India
- B. Iran
- C. USA
- D. South Korea

Answer: A. India

- Indian shooters won the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol team event at the Asian Olympic Qualifiers in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- The Indian team of Varun Tomar, Arjun Singh Cheema and Ujjwal Malik secured the top position.
- Iran won the silver medal while Korea won the bronze medal.

Sports Current Affairs:

- The shortest cricket test match of 107 overs has been played between India and South Africa in Cape Town.
- Australian batsman David Warner has announced his retirement from Test as well as ODI.
- Sony Sports has appointed Kartik Aryan as the brand ambassador of football.
- Sakshi Malik has resigned from wrestling
- Amitabh Bachchan has become the owner of Mumbai team in Indian Street Premier League.

Q.10. Cyclone Alvaro has affected which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Madagascar
- C. India
- D. Bangladesh

Answer: B. Madagascar

- Tropical cyclone Alvaro hits Morombe, Madagascar
- More than 16000 people have been affected due to this cyclone.
- 8400 people have been displaced due to this disaster.

Cyclone Michong:

- Nomenclature: Myanmar
- Affected areas: Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Pondicherry, Odisha
- Origin: Bay of Bengal
- This is the sixth cyclone to form in the Indian Ocean this year and the fourth to form in the Bay of Bengal.

Cyclone Tej:

- Naming: India
- Affected areas: Yemen and Oman
- Origin: Arabian Sea

Hamon storm:

- Naming: Iran
- Origin: Bay of Bengal
- Affected area: Bangladesh

Cyclone Midhili:

- Naming: Maldives
- Origin: Bay of Bengal
- Affected area: Bangladesh

Viparjay storm:

- Naming: Bangladesh
- Affected areas: Maharashtra, Gujarat, Pakistan
- Wind speed: 150 km h
- Origin: Arabian Sea



10th January 2024**Q.1. When is World Hindi Day celebrated?**

- A. 3 January
- B. 6 January
- C. 8 January
- D. 10 January

Answer: D. 10 January**Option Answers:**

- A. 3 January: International Mind-Body Wellness Day
- B. 6 January: World Day of War Orphans
- C. 8 January: African National Congress Foundation Day

- World Hindi Day is celebrated every year on 10 January.
- It is celebrated to commemorate the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference held at Nagpur on 10 January 1975.
- The theme of World Hindi Day 2024 is "Hindi – Linking Traditional Knowledge and Artificial Intelligence".
- The first World Hindi Day was celebrated in 2006 by the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh
- Its main objective is to promote Hindi language across the world.
- Hindi is the third most spoken language in the world
- Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on 14 September in India.
- On 14 September 1949, the Government of India accepted Hindi as the official language.
- According to Article 343 (1) of the Indian Constitution, Hindi is the official language of our country.

Important Days of January 2024

- 1 January 2024: Global Family Day
- 2 January 2024: World Introvert Day
- 3 January 2024: International Mind-Body Wellness Day
- 4 January 2024: World Braille Day
- 6 January 2024: World Day of War Orphans
- 8 January 2024: African National Congress Foundation Day
- 9 January 2024: NRI (Non-Resident Indian) Day or Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
- 11 January 2024: Death anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri
- 12 January 2024: National Youth Day
- 15 January 2024: Indian Army Day
- 23 January 2024: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti



- 24 January 2024: National Girl Child Day
- 25 January 2024: National Voters Day
- 25 January 2024: National Tourism Day
- 26 January 2024: Republic Day
- 26 January 2024: International Customs Day
- 28 January 2024: Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai
- 30 January 2024: Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas
- 30 January 2024: World Leprosy Day (Last Sunday of January)

Q.2. Which country will chair and host the 46th session of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee?

- A. India
- B. Azerbaijan
- C. Russia
- D. Brazil

Answer: A. India

- B. Azerbaijan: COP-29 Summit 2024 (11-24 November 2024)
- C. Russia: BRICS Summit 2024
- D. Brazil: G-20 Summit 2024 (12-14 July 2024)
- India becomes UNESCO world for the first time
- Will chair and host the 46th session of the Heritage Committee
- This event will be held in New Delhi from 21 to 31 July.
- The World Heritage Committee organizes a World Heritage Conference once a year.
- This committee decides whether any site or property of any country should be included in the World Heritage list or not.
- Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO – Vishal V Verma

About UNESCO:

- UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Established: 16 November 1945
- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Director General: Audrey Azoulay
- Members: 193 members and 11 associate members
- This is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN)
- Its function is to promote international peace through education, nature and social sciences, culture and communication.
- Recently, Shantiniketan (West Bengal) and Hoysala Temple (Karnataka) have been included in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites by UNESCO.

- Recently, UNESCO has named Kozhikode in Kerala as the 'City of Literature' while Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh has been named as the 'City of Music'.

Q.3. Rashid Khan passed away Who was he?

- A. Classical Dancer
- B. Classical Singer
- C. Economist
- D. Film Actor

Answer: B. Classical Singer

- Renowned classical singer Ustad Rashid Khan has passed away in Kolkata.
- He was awarded Padma Shri in 2006 and Padma Bhushan in 2022.
- Rashid Khan was a singer of Rampur-Saharsa Gharana.

Q.4. How many Lok Sabha MPs have been awarded the 'Sansad Ratna Award'?

- A. 10
- B. 15
- C. 05
- D. 12

Answer: C. 05

- This year five Lok Sabha MPs have been selected for the Sansad Ratna Award.
- A jury led by Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal has selected these MPs.
- Those MPs whose work is excellent in Parliament are selected for this award.
- This award was started on the advice of former President APJ Abdul Kalam (2002 2007).

Parliamentarian honored with Sansad Ratna

Parliamentarian Name	Party
Sukant Majumdar	BJP
Shrikant Eknath Shinde	Shiv Sena
Sudhir Gupta	BJP
Ramsingh Kolhe	NCP
Kuldeep Rai Sharma	Congress

Sansad Maharatna Award

Member of parliament	Party	State
N K Premachandran	RSP	Kerala
Adhir Ranjan Chaudhary	Indian National Congress	West Bengal
Vidyut Baran Mahato	BJP	Jharkhand
Heena Vijaykumar Gavit	BJP	Maharashtra

Major awards and honors of 2023

Award Name	Winner
Miss Diva Universe Beauty Pageant 2023 Title	Shweta Sharda (Chandigarh)
13th Swaminathan Award 2023	Dr. Surinder Sehgal
Lokmanya Tilak Award	PM Narendra Modi
George Ledley Award	Economist Raj Chetty
Annie Award	Prof. Thalappil Pradeep
Pen Printer Award 2023	Michael Rosen
UK-India Award	MC Mary Kom
Order of the Nile (Egypt) Award	PM Narendra Modi
European Essay Award	Arundhati Roy

Major awards and honors of 2023

Award Name	Winner
Gandhi Peace Prize 2021	Geeta Press (Gorakhpur)
Governor of the Year Award	Shaktikanta Das
Dutch Nobel Prize	Professor Joita Gupta
Iqbal Masih Award 2023	Lalitha Natarajan
4th National Water Awards 2022	Ganjam District (Orissa)
International Booker Prize 2023 (Novel-Time Shelter)	Jogospadinov
Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award 2022	Jayant Narlikar

Q.5. Where was the first meeting of Inland Waterways Development Council held?

- A. Chennai
- B. Bangalore
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kolkata

Answer: D. Kolkata



- The first edition of Inland Waterways Development Council is held in Kolkata
- Chairman: Union Minister for Shipping and Waterways Sarvananda Sonowal
- Organized by: Inland Waterways Authority of India
- Objective: To increase the capacity of inland waterways of the country.
- A commitment of Rs 45,000 crore has been made in the meeting for the development of river cruise tourism.
- The target is to increase the passenger capacity of cruise tourism traffic from 2 lakh to 15 lakh by 2047.

Major conferences

Conference Name	Held Place
COP 28 Summit	Dubai (UAE)
World Investment Conference	New Delhi
Hamfest 2023	Ahmedabad
Global Buddhist Summit 2023	New Delhi
G20 Summit 2023	New Delhi, India
7th International Dharma-Dhamma Conference	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
BRICS Summit 2023	Jahasavarga, South Africa
G-7 Summit 2023	Japan
43rd ASEAN Summit 2023	Indonesia

Q.6. The International Purple Festival 2024 has organized AR in which state?

- A. Assam
- B. Goa
- C. Bihar
- D. Sikkim

Answer: B. Goa

- A. Assam: Bijli Utsav 2023
- B. Bihar: Thawe Festival
- D. Sikkim: Munchkin Festival
- International Purple Festival 2024 begins in Goa on 8 January
- It will be organized in Goa from 8 to 13 January 2024
- Goa Chief Minister Pramod Savit was the chief guest
- The objective is to showcase the talents of persons with disabilities through attractive performances in music, dance and entertainment.



Major Festivals of 2023

Festival Name	State
Lavender Festival	Jammu Kashmir
Urban Climate Film Festival	Kolkata
Monlam Chenmo Festival	Leh
Maghi Mela Festival	Punjab
Khajuraho Dance Festival	Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh)
Taj Mahotsav	Agra
Yashang Utsav	Manipur

Q.7. Who has written the book 'Four Stars of Destiny'?

- A. Amitav Ghosh
- B. General Manoj Mukund Naravane
- C. Ruskin Bond
- D. Swapnil Pandey

Answer: B. General Manoj Mukund Naravane

- A. Amitav Ghosh: Smoke and Ashes
- C. Ruskin Bond: The Golden Years
- D. Swapnil Pandey: Balidan: Stories of India's Greatest Para Special Forces Operatives
- General MM Naravane has served as the 28th Army Chief.
- In this book, he has mentioned many important moments while being the Army Chief.
- These also include Ladakh standoff
- At that time there was a violent clash between the soldiers of India and China in Galvan.

Top books of 2023 and their authors

Books Name	Author Name
Elon Musk	Walter Isaacson
Nothing but the truth	Rishabh Shah
Monsoon: A Poem of Love and Longing	Abhay Kumar
How Prime Ministers decide	Neerja Chaudhary
Krishna The Seventh Sense	A. Of. Bhattacharya
India Rising Memorial of a Scientist	R Chidambaram and Suresh Gangotra
Bajpayee: An Ascent of the Hindu Right 1924-1977	Abhishek Chaudhary



Q.8. Which country has launched a desalination programme in Lakshadweep?

- A. Japan
- B. Israel
- C. Indonesia
- D. Sri Lanka

Answer: B. Israel

- Israel has announced that it is going to launch desalination program in Lakshadweep on 9 January 2024
- Israel's move is likely to boost tourism in Lakshadweep
- Due to the oceanic location of Lakshadweep, there is a lot of problem of fresh drinking water here.
- Israel has the technology to convert salt water of the sea into fresh water which is called desalination.

About Israel:

- Capital: Jerusalem
- President: Isaac Herzog
- Prime Minister-Benjamin Netanyahu
- Israel is a Jewish country
- Hanukkah festival has recently been celebrated by the Jews
- India had launched Operation Ajay to evacuate Indians from the Israel-Hamas war.

About Lakshadweep:

- Capital: Kannur
- Administrator: Praful Patel
- Lakshadweep is the smallest among all the union territories.
- It is located in the Arabian Sea in the west direction, about 400 km away from the Indian mainland.
- Lakshadweep is the only Mangrove island of India

Q.9. Gabriel Attal has become the Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Luxembourg
- B. New Zealand
- C. Poland
- D. France

Answer: D. France

- Luc Frieden: Prime Minister of Luxembourg

- Christopher Luxon: Prime Minister of New Zealand
- Donald Tusk: Prime Minister of Poland
- Gabriel Atal will be the next Prime Minister of France
- 34 year old Gabriel Atal is the youngest Prime Minister of France
- President Emmanuel Macron has decided to make him the Prime Minister.
- Gabriel Atal has replaced Elizabeth Bourne
- Gabriel Atal was the Education Minister till now
- They come from the LGBTQ community

About France:

- Capital: Paris
- Currency: The Euro
- President: Emmanuel Macron
- French President Emmanuel Macron will be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations 2024 on January 26.

Recent International Appointments

Country Name	Person Name
Nigeria's new President	Bola Ahmed Tinubu
President of Madagascar	Andrey Rajoelina
President of Argentina	Javier Milei
President of Singapore	Tharman Shanmugaratnam
President of the Democratic Republic of Congo	Felix Tshisekedi
Emir of Kuwait	Sheikh Mishal al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah
President of Egypt	Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
The new President of the Czech Republic	Patryk Paviš
New President of Nepal	Ramchandra Poudel

Q.10. 'Yogyashri' scheme has been launched in which state?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Telangana
- D. West Bengal

Answer: D. West Bengal

- West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has launched a new social welfare scheme "Yogyashri"



- In this scheme, free training will be given to SC and ST students preparing for competitive examinations.

Major schemes of states

Schemes Name	State Name
Abua Housing Scheme	Jharkhand
Ladli Behan Yojana	Madhya Pradesh
Griha Lakshmi Yojana	Karnataka
Mission Shakti Scooter Scheme	Odisha
Chief Minister Lok Sevak Arogya Yojana	Assam
Chief Minister Minority Entrepreneur Scheme	Bihar
Chief Minister Construction Workers Pension Assistance Scheme	Chhattisgarh
Chief Minister Ladli Brahm Awas Yojana	Madhya Pradesh



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11th January 2024

Q1. Which region, known for producing the world's costliest spice, saffron, is facing a severe crisis due to the encroachment of cement factories?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Punjab
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Kashmir

Answer: D

Explanation:

The saffron fields of Kashmir, renowned for producing the world's costliest spice, are in crisis due to the encroachment of cement factories, leading to a significant decline in cultivation in the last 20 years.

Q2. Which institution collaborated with Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) for joint research projects, academic activities, and addressing scientific issues?

- a) PGIMER Chandigarh
- b) AIIMS Delhi
- c) JIPMER Puducherry
- d) NIMHANS Bengaluru

Answer: B

Explanation:

AFMS and AIIMS Delhi signed an MOU for collaboration in research, academic activities, and addressing scientific issues, aiming to explore joint research projects and educational activities.

Q3. On which date is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day observed annually?

- a) January 11
- b) February 14
- c) March 8
- d) April 22

Answer: A

Explanation:



National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed annually on January 11, highlighting the imperative to address the global crisis of human trafficking and work towards ending the suffering of victims.

Q4. How many countries jointly lead the world's most powerful passport ranking, offering visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 194 destinations?

- a) Four
- b) Five
- c) Six
- d) Seven

Answer: C

Explanation:

France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and Spain collectively top the global passport ranking, providing unprecedented visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 194 destinations, marking a historic milestone.

Q5. What is the name of the first indigenous medium-altitude long-endurance (MALE) drone recently acquired by the Indian Navy?

- a) SkyGuardian
- b) Drishti 10 Starliner
- c) Falcon Eye
- d) Aero Hawk

Answer: B

Explanation:

The Indian Navy has recently acquired the Drishti 10 Starliner unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), the first indigenous medium-altitude long-endurance (MALE) drone, marking a significant enhancement in intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities.

Q6. How often does the proposed rollover plan allow each State and Union Territory to present their tableaux in the Republic Day parade?

- a) Once a Year
- b) Once in Two Years
- c) Once in Three Years
- d) Once in Four Years

Answer: C

Explanation:

The Defence Ministry's proposed plan suggests a rotational cycle, allowing each State and Union Territory to showcase their tableaux once every three years.

Q7. Which sports category did Divyakriti Singh receive the Arjuna Award for, making her the first woman from Rajasthan to achieve this honour?

- a) Equestrian Sports
- b) Badminton
- c) Athletics
- d) Shooting

Answer: A

Explanation:

Divyakriti Singh was honoured with the Arjuna Award for her achievements in Equestrian Sports, marking a historic moment for Indian sports, especially as the first woman from Rajasthan to receive this accolade.

Q8. Who inaugurated 'Indus Food 2024' in Greater Noida?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Amit Shah
- c) Piyush Goyal
- d) Sushma Swaraj

Answer: C

Explanation:

Piyush Goyal. He is the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles, and he inaugurated the event.

Q9. What does **ASEAN** stand for?

- a) Asian Southeast Economic Agreement
- b) Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- c) Alliance for South East Asia Networking
- d) Asian States Economic Association Network

Answer: B

Explanation:

Association of Southeast Asian Nations. ASEAN is a regional intergovernmental organization comprising ten Southeast Asian countries.

Q10. What has the Indian Army declared 2024 as, emphasizing its commitment to utilizing technology?

- a) Year of Technology Absorption
- b) Year of Modernization
- c) Year of Cybersecurity
- d) Year of Infrastructure Enhancement

Answer: A

Explanation:

The Indian Army has declared 2024 as the 'Year of Technology Absorption,' reflecting its dedication to leveraging technology.

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12th January 2024**Q1. Who launched the “Ramlala Darshan” scheme?**

- (a) Indian Railways
- (b) Chhattisgarh Tourism Board
- (c) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- (d) Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai

Ans.(d)

Explanation:

The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister announced the scheme during a cabinet meeting.

Q2. Where is the Atpadi Conservation Reserve located?

- (a) Eastern Maharashtra
- (b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- (c) Sangli, Maharashtra
- (d) Western Ghats, Karnataka

Ans.(c)

Explanation:

The Maharashtra government has established a crucial new wildlife habitat in Sangli district, aptly named the Atpadi Conservation Reserve

Q3. The acronym “NABARD” stands for:

- (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- (b) National Advisory Board for Agricultural Resources and Development
- (c) New Age Banking and Agricultural Reform Department
- (d) National Asset Bank for Agricultural Resource Development

Ans.(a)

Explanation:

NABARD stands for National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development. It focuses on the development of the rural economy by providing financial and developmental support to agriculture and allied sectors.

Q4. By how much is the global unemployment rate expected to rise in 2024, according to the ILO?

- (a) 0.1%
- (b) 0.2%
- (c) 0.3%
- (d) 0.5%

Ans.(a)

Explanation:

The global unemployment rate will reach 5.2% in 2024, compared to 5.1% in 2023. This translates to a 0.1% increase.

Q5. Who will inaugurate the 27th National Youth Festival in Nashik, Maharashtra, on January 12th, 2024?

- (a) President of India
- (b) Chief Minister of Maharashtra
- (c) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- (d) Union Minister for Youth Affairs

Ans.(c)

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 27th National Youth Festival in Nashik, Maharashtra, on January 12th, 2024. The theme of the festival is "MYBharat-ViksitBharat@2047 – By the Youth, For the Youth."

Q6. What was the total amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections in December 2023?

- (a) ₹1,49,507 crore
- (b) ₹1,64,882 crore
- (c) ₹1,67,929 crore
- (d) ₹1,6-lakh crore



Ans.(b)

Explanation:

December 2023 witnessed robust Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections in India, reaching ₹1,64,882 crore, showcasing a 10.28% increase from the previous year.

Q7. Who initiated the collaboration between India, Mauritius, and Bangladesh in polar research?

- (a) The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (India)
- (b) The Colombo Security Conclave
- (c) The Indian Ocean Expedition
- (d) Individual scientists from each country

Ans.(b)

Explanation:

The Colombo Security Conclave served as the platform for initiating and fostering scientific partnerships among member nations, leading to collaborative efforts in polar research.

Q8. By what initiative is the Peregrine-1 mission conducted?

- (a) Apollo Program
- (b) CLPS Initiative
- (c) Artemis Progra
- (d) Starship Project

Ans.(b)

Explanation:

The Peregrine-1 mission is conducted under NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) initiative.

Q9. Who launched the PAiSA dashboard and PM SVANidhi portal for street vendors?

- (a) Prime Minister of India
- (b) Finance Minister of India
- (c) Union Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs and Petroleum & Natural Gas

(d) Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

Ans.(c)

Explanation:

Union Minister Hardeep S. Puri launched PAiSA Dashboard & PM SVANidhi Portal to empower street vendors and ensure transparency. PAiSA Dashboard provides real-time updates on PM SVANidhi Mission, while PM SVANidhi Portal offers data and insights on the scheme's implementation.

Q10. Who will present the Union Budget 2024 on February 1st?

(a) The President of India

(b) The Prime Minister of India

(c) The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India

(d) The Finance Minister of India (Nirmala Sitharaman)

Ans.(e)

Explanation:

The Finance Minister holds the responsibility of presenting the Union Budget to Parliament.

Q11. What was the year-on-year growth in UPI transaction value in December?

(a) 42%

(b) 54%

(c) 7%

(d) 40%

Ans.(a)

Explanation:

42%, as the UPI transaction value saw a substantial 42% increase compared to the same month last year.

Q12. Which group of countries currently shares the top spot in the Henley Passport Index, with visa-free access to 194 destinations?

(a) France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and Spain

(b) Finland, Sweden, South Korea

(c) Austria, Denmark, Ireland, and Netherlands

(d) Belgium, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, and United Kingdom

Ans.(a)

Explanation:

In a significant development, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and Spain share the top spot in the quarterly ranking of the world's most powerful passports.

Q13. What does the abbreviation 'CRR' represent in the context of Indian banking?

(a) Capital Reconstruction Reserve

(b) Credit Rating Ratio

(c) Cash Reserve Ratio

(d) Central Regulatory Restriction

Ans.(c)

Explanation:

Cash Reserve Ratio. CRR is the portion of a bank's deposits that must be kept in reserve with the central bank, and it helps in controlling inflation and stabilizing the economy.

Q14. How many countries can Indian passport holders access visa-free in 2024?

(a) 194

(b) 193

(c) 192

(d) 62

Ans.(d)

Explanation:

India secures the 80th position, with visa-free access to 62 countries.

Q15. Who is the first woman from Rajasthan to receive the prestigious Arjuna Award for exceptional contribution to equestrian sports?

- (a) Priya Gupta
- (b) Divyakriti Singh
- (c) Geeta Yadav
- (d) Rani Singh

Ans.(b)

Explanation:

In a historic moment for Indian sports, the accomplished equestrian athlete, Divyakriti Singh, has been conferred with the prestigious Arjuna Award, making her the first woman from Rajasthan to achieve this honour.



13th January 2024

1. Which Indian state is known for the culinary tradition of 'Kai Chutney' made using red weaver ants and has recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

- a) Odisha
- b) Kerala
- c) Gujarat
- d) Assam

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The culinary tradition of 'Kai Chutney' using red weaver ants in the Mayurbhanj district of Odisha has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

2. What field of achievement did Savita Kanswal excel in, leading to her posthumous recognition with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award?

- a) Marine Biology
- b) Mountaineer
- c) Astrophysics
- d) Classical Dance

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Savita Kanswal, a courageous resident of Lothru village in Uttarkashi, was honoured with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award for her outstanding accomplishments as a mountaineer. She made history by conquering both Mount Everest and Mount Makalu in just 16 days, showcasing exceptional physical prowess and unwavering determination at the age of 25.

3. Which city set a world record with the longest solar light line installation?

- a) Ayodhya
- b) Mathura
- c) Varanasi



d) Haridwar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Ayodhya achieved a world record with the longest solar light line installation, connecting Ghats from Guptar Ghat to Jhunki Ghat and extending to Nayaghat. This initiative by the Ayodhya administration precedes the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony and aims to seamlessly link previously segmented ghats.

4. Where did the International Camel Festival recently kick-off, showcasing a celebration of folk culture with traditional songs, dances, and decorated camels?

- a) Jaipur, Uttar Pradesh
- b) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- c) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- d) Bikaner, Rajasthan

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The International Camel Festival commenced with fervour in the culturally rich district of Bikaner, Rajasthan. The festival featured a Heritage Walk, vibrant traditional attire, and captivating performances by local folk artists, offering a glimpse into the rich cultural tapestry of the region.

5. Tata Consumer Products recently acquired a 100% stake in which company for ₹5,100 crore?

- a) Capital Foods
- b) Flavor Fusion Co
- c) Culinary Delights Ltd
- d) Gourmet Essentials

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Tata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL) successfully acquired a 100% stake in Capital Foods, the company famous for brands like 'Ching's Secret' and 'Smith & Jones,' for ₹5,100 crore. The strategic acquisition is phased, with an initial 75% equity shareholding and the remaining 25% to be acquired over the next three years.

6. Which country has collaborated with major UPI apps for real-time remittances, allowing Indians to receive funds directly into their bank accounts through the UPI-PayNow linkage?

- a) United States
- b) United Kingdom
- c) Singapore
- d) Australia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The groundbreaking UPI-PayNow linkage, announced by the NPCI, has opened avenues for real-time remittances from Singapore to India. Major UPI and bank apps, such as SBI, Axis, ICICI, BHIM, PhonePe, and Paytm, have been enabled for this service. This collaboration marks a significant advancement in facilitating instant, secure, and cost-effective cross-border transactions between India and Singapore.

7. Which bank has launched the Green Rupee Term Deposit (SGRTD) to gather funds for supporting environmentally friendly projects in India?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) State Bank of India
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) RBL Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The State Bank of India (SBI), the largest bank in the country, introduced the SBI Green Rupee Term Deposit (SGRTD) to accumulate funds dedicated to environmentally-friendly projects. This initiative aligns with the government's goal of achieving net carbon neutrality by 2070, contributing to the development of a green finance ecosystem in India.

8. Where did the joint exercise 'Sahyog Kaijin' between the Indian and Japanese Coast Guards take place?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Kochi
- c) Chennai
- d) Vishakhapatnam

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The Indian and Japanese Coast Guards successfully conducted the joint exercise 'Sahyog Kaijin' off the coast of Chennai. This collaborative effort, initiated on January 8, aimed at enhancing interoperability and sharing best practices in maritime law enforcement, search and rescue operations, and pollution response at sea.

9. In an innovative method devised by scientists at Stanford University, what material is utilized to create a highly absorbent alternative to cotton, wood pulp, and chemical absorbents in sanitary napkins?

- a) Bamboo fibers
- b) Hemp leaves
- c) Jute fibers
- d) Sisal leaves

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Scientists at Stanford University have developed an eco-friendly method using sisal leaves to create a highly absorbent material. This sustainable alternative has a higher absorption capacity than traditional materials like cotton and wood pulp, and cultivating sisal requires less water compared to cotton.

10. In a recent diplomatic move, which country signed a historic security agreement with Ukraine, emphasizing its vital role in Ukraine's safety and cementing a strong alliance?

- a) United Kingdom
- b) United States
- c) Germany
- d) France

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak signed an unprecedented security agreement in Kyiv, highlighting its importance for Ukraine's safety and symbolizing a robust alliance with the

United Kingdom. The accord, effective until Ukraine joins NATO, represents a strategic commitment between the two nations.

11. Who is the first woman to win the Best Environment Officer Award in the sugar industry?

- a) Radhika Gupta
- b) Deepa Bhandare
- c) Sneha Sharma
- d) Anjali Deshmukh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Deepa Bhandare has made history by becoming the first woman in the sugar industry to receive the Best Environment Officer Award, as recognized by Vasantdada Sugar Institute Chairman Sharad Pawar. This remarkable achievement stands out in a traditionally male-dominated sector.

12. Which Indian state recently unveiled the 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme to provide unemployment assistance to graduates and diploma holders?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) West Bengal
- c) Karnataka
- d) Telangana

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah introduced the 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme in Shivamogga, Karnataka, as the fifth and final poll guarantee of the Congress party. The initiative aims to assist unemployed graduates and diploma holders who completed their degrees during the academic year 2022-23 by providing Rs 3,000 per month to degree holders and Rs 1,500 per month to diploma holders not pursuing higher studies.

13. What is the name of the missile that DRDO successfully tested, showcasing its capability to intercept high-speed unmanned aerial targets at very low altitudes?

- a) BRAHMOS-II
- b) TRISHUL

- c) NAG
- d) AKASH-NG

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) achieved a significant milestone with the successful flight test of the New Generation AKASH (AKASH-NG) missile at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha. The test demonstrated the system's capability to intercept high-speed unmanned aerial targets at very low altitudes.

14. With which institution has Hyundai Motor India Ltd partnered to establish a 'Hydrogen Innovation Valley' in Tamil Nadu?

- a) IIM Bangalore
- b) IIT Madras
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) IIT Kharagpur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Hyundai Motor India Ltd has partnered with IIT Madras to establish a 'Hydrogen Innovation Valley' in Tamil Nadu. The collaboration involves a grant of INR 100 crore (over \$12 million) from Hyundai for the dedicated hydrogen initiative, and the agreement was exchanged between Unsoo Kim, CEO of Hyundai Motor India, and V. Kamakoti, Director of IIT Madras.

15. Which company recently achieved a significant milestone in space exploration and national security by successfully launching an H-IIA rocket carrying Japan's Information-Gathering Satellite "Optical-8"?

- a) SpaceX
- b) Skyroot Aerospace
- c) Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
- d) Vector Space Systems

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries marked a key development in Japan's aerospace capabilities and strategic surveillance with the successful

launch of an H-IIA rocket carrying Japan's Information-Gathering Satellite "Optical-8".

16. In which city is Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurating the Research Institute of Homoeopathy?

- a) Kolkata
- b) Jaipur
- c) Pune
- d) Guwahati

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Sarbananda Sonowal is set to inaugurate the Research Institute of Homoeopathy in Guwahati and lay the foundation stone for the permanent campus of the Regional Research Institute for Homoeopathy and Integrated Ayush Wellness Centre at Azara. The project, sanctioned at Rs. 53.89 crores, aims to provide a permanent facility for the institute that originated as a Clinical Research Unit of Homeopathy in 1984.

17. What institution developed the 'Work4Food' concept for food delivery agents?

- a) IIT Delhi
- b) IIT Guwahati
- c) IIT Indore
- d) IIT Hyderabad

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

'Work4Food' was developed by IIT Delhi to ensure government-mandated minimum wage compensations for delivery workers. The concept, presented at the International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, aims to minimize unnecessary travel among delivery agents, potentially curbing air pollution from vehicular emissions.

18. What is India's rank in the 2024 Henley Passport Index?

- a) 75th
- b) 60th
- c) 90th
- d) 80th

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

India ranks 80th in the 2024 Henley Passport Index, indicating it provides visa-free access to 62 destinations. This position reflects the country's standing in global travel freedom, showcasing its passport's level of acceptance worldwide.

19. Who recently achieved the historic milestone of becoming the first bowler to take 150 wickets in T20 Internationals?

- a) Trent Boult
- b) Tim Southee
- c) Mitchell Starc
- d) Jasprit Bumrah

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Tim Southee, New Zealand's veteran pace bowler, made history by becoming the first bowler to reach the milestone of 150 wickets in T20 Internationals. This achievement was accomplished during a T20 match against Pakistan, where New Zealand secured a convincing victory.

20. In which country was a State of Emergency declared due to riots triggered by a pay dispute?

- a) Papua New Guinea
- b) Fiji
- c) Solomon Islands
- d) Vanuatu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Papua New Guinea declared a State of Emergency following riots sparked by a pay dispute, leading to 16 fatalities and widespread lawlessness. Prime Minister James Marape took action, suspending top officials and initiating a review, while military personnel stand by to control further unrest. The government denies imposing new taxes on police and promises to address the pay shortfall.

14th January 2024

1. Which Indian states are associated with the traditional folk performance, Gangireddu Melam, performed during the Sankranti harvest festival?

- a) Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh
- b) Telangana and Andhra Pradesh
- c) Maharashtra and Punjab
- d) Tamil Nadu and Kerala

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Gangireddu Melam, a traditional folk performance, is associated with the Sankranti harvest festival in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The performance features bulls adorned with colourful flowers and garments, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the region.

2. Which Indian state launched the 'Paying Guest' scheme to boost tourism experiences?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Karnataka
- d) Rajasthan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The 'Paying Guest' scheme, launched under 'Navya Ayodhya,' aims to boost tourism in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. The initiative encourages locals to offer homestays, showcasing Awadhi culinary heritage, creating jobs, and boosting income. The scheme anticipates a surge in visitors, fostering community involvement and economic growth.

3. Which country scientists researched the impact of wind turbines on the activity of forest bats?

- a) Germany
- b) United States
- c) Japan
- d) China



Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Scientists from Germany conducted a study on the impact of wind turbines on forest bats' activity. The research focused on three foraging groups of bats and highlighted a significant decline in the activity of narrow-space foraging bats, particularly reliant on forest habitat, as wind speeds increased near operational wind turbines.

4. Which country did India sign the Bilateral Haj Agreement 2024 with, emphasizing the well-being of pilgrims and exploring ways for women's participation without a male guardian?

- a) Qatar
- b) Kuwait
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Oman

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

India and Saudi Arabia signed the Bilateral Haj Agreement 2024, prioritizing the well-being of pilgrims. The agreement underscores India's commitment to inclusivity, exploring ways for women's participation without a male guardian. Smriti Irani and Saudi Minister of Haj Dr Tawfiq bin presided over the signing, acknowledging the importance of enhanced medical facilities for pilgrims' well-being.

5. In which country is the 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit scheduled to take place?

- a) Nigeria
- b) Uganda
- c) Kenya
- d) Tanzania

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

S. Jaishankar is set to visit Uganda for the 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit from January 15-20, 2024. The summit, involving 120 developing countries, aims to discuss global cooperation, solidarity, and common goals in politics, economics, and culture. India aims to strengthen

ties with African nations, focusing on sustainable development, digital partnerships, and health infrastructure collaboration.

6. What is the acronym for NASA's robotic lunar rover set to explore the Moon's South Pole?

- a) LUMAR
- b) VIPER
- c) SOLARIS
- d) MOONEX

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

VIPER, short for Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover, is NASA's groundbreaking mission designed to analyze lunar ice, map resources, and navigate the challenging terrain of the Moon's South Pole.

7. Who has recently assumed the role of the Secretary General of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)?

- a) Indra Mani Pandey
- b) Tenzin Lekphell
- c) M Shahidul Islam
- d) Sumith Nakandala

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Indra Mani Pandey has taken over as the Secretary General of BIMSTEC, succeeding Tenzin Lekphell, and will hold the position for a three-year term. In his inaugural address in Dhaka, Pandey expressed his commitment to realizing the collective vision of BIMSTEC.

8. In which Indian state was the new Atpadi Conservation Reserve declared?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Gujarat
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Maharashtra declared the Atpadi Conservation Reserve in Sangli district to protect the habitat of wolves, deer, foxes, and civets. This initiative aims to link the Maini Conservation Area with the Maldhok Bird Sanctuary, preserving biodiversity.

9. In which sport did Rhythm Sangwan secure India's 16th quota place for the 2024 Paris Olympics?

- a) Archery
- b) Swimming
- c) Gymnastics
- d) Shooting

Answer: Option D**Explanation:**

Rhythm Sangwan earned India's 16th quota place for the 2024 Paris Olympics in the sport of Shooting by winning a bronze medal in the 25m sports pistol category at the Asian Olympic Qualifiers in Jakarta. This achievement ensures India's largest-ever shooting contingent at the Olympics.

10. What percentage of stake did LIC's board approve acquiring in a company promoted by the National Housing Bank (NHB) for residential mortgage-backed securities?

- a) 5%
- b) 7%
- c) 10%
- d) 15%

Answer: Option C**Explanation:**

LIC's board approved acquiring a 10% stake in a company promoted by the National Housing Bank (NHB) for residential mortgage-backed securities through equity contribution in one or more tranches.

11. In which country did the Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft arrive for Exercise Sea Dragon 24?

- a) UAE

- b) United States of America
- c) United Kingdom
- d) Australia

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft arrived in Guam, United States of America, for Exercise Sea Dragon 24, signalling its participation in the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise led by the US Navy.

12. Which ministry is responsible for the Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) scheme?

- a) Ministry of MSME
- b) Ministry of Environment
- c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- d) Ministry of Finance

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) scheme is implemented by the Ministry of MSME, focusing on improving the quality of products in the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector to meet global standards.

13. Where was 'Indus Food 2024' inaugurated by Union Minister Piyush Goyal?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Bengaluru
- c) Ahmedabad
- d) Noida

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated 'Indus Food 2024' at India Exposition Mart, Greater Noida, highlighting the vibrant food industry of India and its global potential.

14. In collaboration with India, which country signed an agreement for the joint development of a small satellite set to be launched by ISRO in early 2024?

- a) Maldives
- b) Seychelles
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Mauritius

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

India and Mauritius signed an agreement for a Rs 20 crore small satellite project, set to be launched by ISRO in early 2024. This collaboration ensures continued support for ISRO's ground tracking station in Mauritius and signals potential for future bilateral space projects.

15. Where did Union Minister Gadkari launch 12 National Highway projects totaling 105 km and worth ₹1464 Crore in January 2024?

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Karnataka
- d) Maharashtra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Union Minister Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation for 12 National Highway projects in Kerala, totalling 105 km and valued at over ₹1464 Crore. The projects aim to enhance road connectivity in the region and were inaugurated in the presence of Union MoS V. Muraleedharan, Kerala PWD Minister P. A. Mohammed Riyas, MP Rajmohan Unnithan, and other officials in Kasargod.

16. In which state is the Paradip fishing harbour situated?

- a) Odisha
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Gujarat
- d) Kerala

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Paradip fishing harbour project, inaugurated by Parshottam Rupala, is located in the state of Odisha. The initiative, with a Central Government approval of Rs 108.91 Crore, focuses on the modernization and upgrade of

the Paradip Fishing Harbour, aiming to improve conditions for fishermen and create new employment opportunities.

17. On which date is World Typing Day observed to encourage people to express themselves via written communication?

- a) January 8
- b) March 15
- c) October 5
- d) December 20

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

World Typing Day is celebrated on January 8th, originating in Malaysia in 2011. The day commemorates the 2011 Malaysian Speed Typing Contest, emphasizing the importance of typing skills and written communication.

18. In which Indian state will Wings India 2024, the country's most significant civil aviation event, be held?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Delhi
- c) Telangana
- d) Karnataka

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Wings India 2024, the major civil aviation event, will take place at Hyderabad's Begumpet Airport in Telangana from January 18 to 21. The event is jointly organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA) and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Indian Industry (FICCI), featuring cutting-edge aviation technology and machinery.

19. Whose upcoming book, "Four Stars to Destiny," provides undisclosed details of high-level decision-making during the 2020 China Border Crisis?

- a) J.J.Singh
- b) Surendra Nath
- c) MM Naravane
- d) Vijay Kumar Singh

Answer: Option C



Explanation:

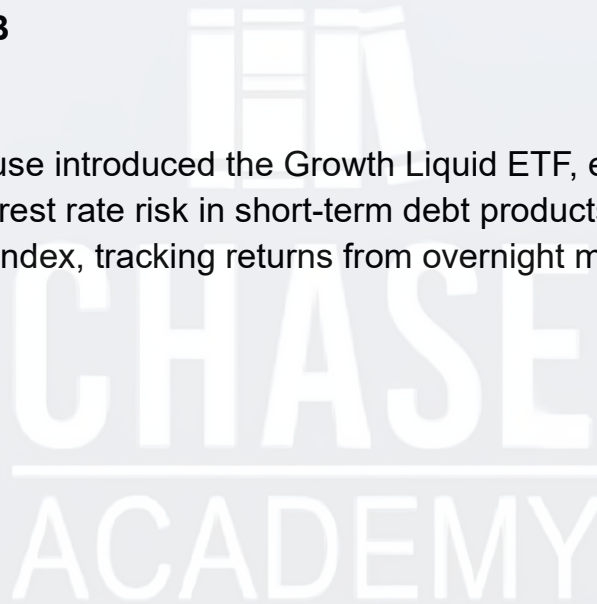
Gen MM Naravane's book, "Four Stars to Destiny," offers insights into decision-making during the 2020 China Border Crisis. The book includes details on communication with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during the PLA mobilization at Rechin La pass in Eastern Ladakh, and Gen Naravane recalls the operational response decided during the LAC standoff with China.

20. Which financial institution launched India's first Growth Liquid exchange-traded fund?

- a) Groww
- b) Zerodha Fund House
- c) HDFC Mutual Fund
- d) ICICI Prudential

Answer: Option B**Explanation:**

Zerodha Fund House introduced the Growth Liquid ETF, emphasizing low credit risk and interest rate risk in short-term debt products. The fund mirrors the Nifty 1D Rate Index, tracking returns from overnight market lending.



15th January 2024

1. Which missile system was flagged off for delivery to the Indian Air Force?

- a) BrahMos
- b) Agni
- c) Astra
- d) Nirbhay

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Union Minister Ajay Bhatt flagged off the Astra air-to-air missiles, developed by DRDO and manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited. With a remarkable beyond visual range (BVR) capability exceeding 100 kilometres, the Astra Missile showcases India's technological prowess. This significant step not only advances the Indian Air Force's capabilities but also underscores India's strides toward self-reliance in cutting-edge defence technology.

2. Which species, assessed for the first time on the IUCN Red List on January 15, 2024, is categorized as "Vulnerable" due to an estimated population of 2,275-3,792 mature adults facing ongoing decline?

- a) Snow Leopard
- b) Himalayan Wolf
- c) Red Panda
- d) Bengal Tiger

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Himalayan Wolf, newly assessed on the IUCN Red List, confronts threats leading to an ongoing decline in its population.

3. In the recent allocation of ₹540 crore for pucca homes under the PMAY-G, who is the primary beneficiary group?

- a) Tribal Group
- b) Urban Dwellers
- c) Farmers
- d) Government Employees



Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The ₹540 crore allocation under PMAY-G, part of the PM-JANMAN package, is directed towards uplifting Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), benefiting one lakh tribal families for the comprehensive development of their habitations.

4. In which country is the location of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project?

- a) USA
- b) Japan
- c) China
- d) India

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project is situated on Mauna Kea, an inactive volcano in Hawaii, USA. With a 30-meter diameter primary mirror, it is the world's most advanced ground-based observatory for optical, near-infrared, and mid-infrared observations. Collaboratively developed by institutions from the USA, Japan, China, Canada, and India, TMT incorporates innovations in precision control, segmented mirror design, and adaptive optics, showcasing global collaboration in advancing astronomical research.

5. Which state secured the overall championship in the inaugural Diu Beach Games 2024?

- a) Goa
- b) Gujarat
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Kerala

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh emerged as the overall champion at the first-ever Diu Beach Games 2024. The landlocked state showcased remarkable talent with a total of 18 medals, including 7 golds, in a competition that featured 1404 young athletes from 28 states and Union Territories. This victory underscores

Madhya Pradesh's prowess in sports and its ability to excel even in beach games despite being a landlocked state.

6. Which state is home to Pench Tiger Reserve, marked as India's first Dark Sky Park and the fifth in Asia?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Rajasthan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Pench Tiger Reserve, located in Maharashtra, has achieved distinction as India's inaugural Dark Sky Park, ranking fifth in Asia. Acknowledging the importance of preserving the night sky, the reserve has implemented measures like a night observatory and replaced lights in nearby villages to mitigate light pollution, aligning with global efforts to protect this invaluable natural resource.

7. On which date is Indian Army Day celebrated every year?

- a) January 14
- b) January 15
- c) February 1
- d) March 10

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Indian Army Day is observed on January 15 each year, with 2024's celebration falling on Monday, January 15. Signifying a historic event, it commemorates the appointment of General K.M. Cariappa as the first Indian chief of the Indian Army in 1949, succeeding the British. The theme for Indian Army Day 2024 is "In Service of the Nation," emphasizing their commitment to serving and protecting the country.

8. In which city was the 25T Bollard Pull Tug named 'Bhishm' launched, as part of the "Make in India" initiative?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Kochi
- c) Kolkata

d) Visakhapatnam

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

'Bhishm' and the series of six tugs were successfully constructed at Titagarh Rail Systems, Kolkata, marking a significant achievement for the "Make in India" initiative. Aligned with the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" vision, these tugs adhere to the classification rules of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) and are designed to enhance naval operations, including berthing, un-berthing, manoeuvring, and firefighting.

9. Which country is set to become the world's largest producer of lentils during the 2023-24 crop years?

- a) Australia
- b) Russia
- c) Cannada
- d) India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

India is on track to become the leading global producer of lentils in the 2023-24 crop years due to expanded cultivation. Known as 'Dal' after processing, lentils are a valuable human food source. Major lentil cultivation states in India include Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan, showcasing the country's significant contribution to global lentil production.

10. Which city's Lieutenant Governor approved 24x7 operations for 32 establishments?

- a) Andaman and Nicobar Island
- b) Puducherry
- c) Ladakh
- d) Delhi

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Delhi's Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena's recent decision to greenlight 24x7 operations for 32 establishments, under the Delhi Shops and Establishment Act, 1954, reflects the city's commitment to economic dynamism. The

approved establishments span diverse categories such as departmental stores, cosmetic shops, and sweets shops, with a focus on ensuring safety measures for women employees working during nighttime.

11. Which National Highway witnessed the inauguration of the first steel slag road, converting steel industry waste into a resource for construction?

- a) NH-44 Delhi-Jaipur
- b) NH-66 Mumbai-Goa
- c) NH-30 Kolkata-Patna
- d) NH-22 Chandigarh-Manali

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The maiden National Highway Steel Slag Road was inaugurated on NH-66 Mumbai-Goa. Developed by CSIR-CRRI, this innovation utilizes steel industry waste to contribute to the construction of eco-friendly and robust national highways, aligning with NHAI's efforts to enhance infrastructure sustainability.

12. Where is the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting scheduled to take place in 2024?

- a) Davos
- b) Geneva
- c) Zurich
- d) Basel

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting, themed 'Rebuilding Trust,' will convene in Davos, Switzerland from January 15-19, with the presence of Indian leaders Smriti Irani, Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Hardeep Puri, engaging in discussions on climate change, conflicts, and misinformation.

13. Under the Sadbhavana scheme, which village in the Poonch district has been adopted by the Army as a model village?

- a) Balakote
- b) Pir Panjal
- c) Datote
- d) Topa Pir

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The Army's adoption of Topa Pir village as a model village under the Sadbhavana scheme comes in response to the December 2023 incident where a video of alleged civilian torture went viral. This initiative is part of efforts to engage with the local population in the Pir Panjal Valley, aiming to rebuild trust and foster positive relations after the unfortunate incident that sparked significant public outrage and criticism.

14. Who has been elected as the president in Taiwan's historic election?

- a) Hou Yu-ih
- b) William Lai Ching-te
- c) Han Kuo-yu
- d) Ko Wen-je

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

In a historic election, Taiwanese voters have chosen William Lai Ching-te, a pro-sovereignty candidate, as their president. Lai secured an unprecedented third consecutive term for the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), defeating his conservative rival, Hou Yu-ih of the Kuomintang (KMT), by over 900,000 votes.

15. Which country has formally requested India to withdraw military personnel by March 15, 2024?

- a) China
- b) India
- c) Maldives
- d) Pakistan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu's request for India's troop withdrawal by March 15, along with his pro-China stance, indicates a potential shift in Maldives' foreign policy, causing concerns in India.

16th January 2024**1. Who is leading the first human trials for the Nipah virus vaccine?**

- a) Harvard Scientists
- b) Massachusetts Institute of Technology Researchers
- c) Stanford University Team
- d) Oxford Scientists

Answer: Option D**Explanation:**

Oxford Scientists, under the leadership of the Oxford Vaccine Group, are spearheading the first human trials for the Nipah virus vaccine, a crucial advancement in addressing the virus's impact in Asian countries, including India.

2. What is the primary objective of Operation AMRITH launched by Kerala's Drug Control Department?

- a) Curb the overuse of antibiotics
- b) Improve sanitation and hygiene practices
- c) Increase public awareness about healthcare scams
- d) Enhance access to primary healthcare services

Answer: Option A**Explanation:**

Operation AMRITH, initiated by Kerala's Drug Control Department, focuses on combating antimicrobial resistance by curbing the overuse of antibiotics through surprise raids in pharmacies and monitoring over-the-counter sales without a doctor's prescription.

3. Which Indian state leads in poverty reduction, with 5.94 crore people escaping multidimensional poverty according to the NITI Aayog report?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option B**Explanation:**

According to the NITI Aayog report, Uttar Pradesh has shown remarkable progress in poverty reduction, with 5.94 crore people successfully moving out of multidimensional poverty from 2013-14 to 2022-23. The NITI Aayog report reveals a significant achievement in India's fight against poverty, with 24.82 crore individuals escaping multidimensional poverty from 2013-14 to 2022-23.

4. Which state has recently obtained a geographical indication (GI) tag for its indigenous variety of dates known as Kachchhi Kharek?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Haryana
- d) Gujarat

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Kachchhi Kharek, the historic date variety from Kutch, Gujarat, has received the second fruit-related geographical indication (GI) tag in the state, acknowledging its cultivation roots dating back 400-500 years.

5. Where is the inauguration ceremony of the 'Samavesha' project by I-STEM scheduled to take place?

- a) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- b) Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research
- d) Office of Principal Scientific Advisor

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The inauguration ceremony of 'Samavesha' by I-STEM (The Indian Science, Technology, and Engineering Facilities Map) is scheduled to take place at the prestigious Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru. The project aims to revolutionize research collaboration in India by facilitating easier access to scientific facilities and laboratories.

6. In which city did the joint excavation by the Indian Institute of Technology (Kharagpur) and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) reveal evidence of cultural continuity dating back to 800 BCE?

- a) Vadnagar
- b) Palanpur

- c) Valsad
- d) Bhuj

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The excavation in Vadnagar, Gujarat, provides evidence of cultural continuity from 800 BCE, challenging the notion of a "Dark Age." The settlement, with influences from various religions, spans seven cultural stages, showcasing the city's rich history up to the present day.

7. Who assumed the charge of Director General Naval Operations (DGNO) in the Indian Navy?

- a) Vice Admiral Abhay Kumar
- b) Vice Admiral Shardul Sharma
- c) Vice Admiral AN Pramod
- d) Vice Admiral Satpura Singh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Vice Admiral AN Pramod, with demonstrated leadership at Naval Air Station, Utkrosh, and commanding IN ships Abhay, Shardul, and Satpura, took charge as Director General Naval Operations, contributing significantly to the Indian Navy's operational capabilities.

8. Which country is connected to the Indian Navy through the inaugural 'Ex-Ayutthaya' naval exercise?

- a) Cambodia
- b) Indonesia
- c) Thailand
- d) Vietnam

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The 'Ex-Ayutthaya' naval exercise marks a historic collaboration between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy, symbolizing a strong connection between the ancient cities of Ayodhya in India and Ayutthaya in Thailand. This initiative highlights shared historical narratives and deep cultural ties, reinforcing the enduring relationship between the two nations.

9. Where is the ICC Under 19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 scheduled to take place?

- a) India
- b) Australia
- c) South Africa
- d) England

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The ICC Under 19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 is scheduled to be held in South Africa. The tournament, starting on January 19, 2024, and concluding on February 11, 2024, will see 16 teams participating in 48 matches. Various cities and stadiums across South Africa will host the matches, offering diverse playing conditions and atmospheres.

10. Who inaugurated the 5th Meghalaya Games?

- a) Droupadi Murmu
- b) Anurag Thakur
- c) Anurag Thakur
- d) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Droupadi Murmu, the President of India, inaugurated the 5th Meghalaya Games in Tura, emphasizing the North East's vast potential for sports and athlete development. The event, accommodating nearly 3000 athletes across 23 disciplines, holds historical significance as it marks the first instance of the President inaugurating the games and introducing traditional indigenous games into its lineup.

11. Which bank has introduced the SmartFin digital Supply Chain Finance platform in collaboration with Veefin Solutions?

- a) Canara Bank
- b) Yes Bank
- c) Federal Bank
- d) IndusInd Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:



Yes Bank's introduction of SmartFin, a digital Supply Chain Finance platform with Veefin Solutions, highlights its commitment to supporting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and advancing innovation in working capital management. This strategic move reflects Yes Bank's dedication to enhancing digital offerings and reinforcing its role in fostering MSME support.

12. When is National Startup Day 2024 celebrated?

- a) January 11
- b) January 10
- c) January 20
- d) January 16

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

January 16 was proclaimed as National Startup Day 2024 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, signifying India's commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

13. Where is the new campus of the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics (NACIN) being inaugurated?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Telangana

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The inauguration of NACIN's new campus in Palasamudram, Andhra Pradesh, by the Prime Minister on January 16, signifies a crucial advancement in the region's educational infrastructure. The 500-acre campus is dedicated to training officials in indirect taxation and narcotics control administration at the national level.

14. In which Indian state does the Soliga tribe, known for their traditional honey collection practices, reside?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Karnataka
- c) Kerala
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Soliga tribe in Karnataka, specifically in the Cauvery Basin, employs traditional honey collection methods using vines and bamboo ropes. The book "Forgotten Trails: Foraging Wild Edibles" highlights their reliance on honey from the Western Ghats and underscores the significance of preserving their traditional foraging knowledge.

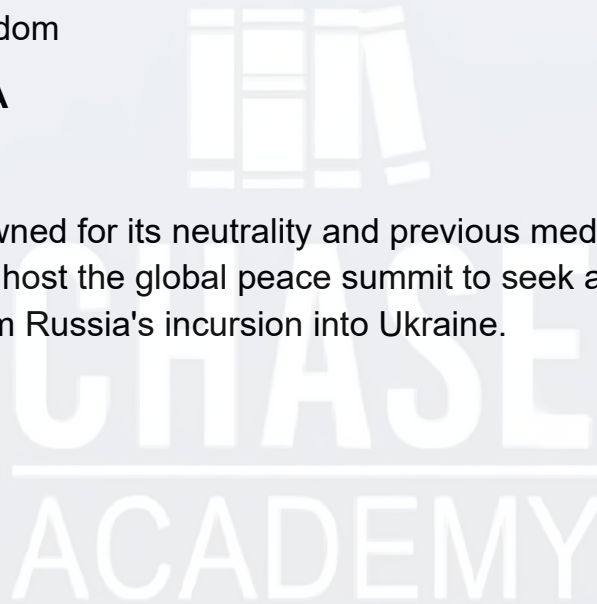
15. Which country has agreed to host the global peace summit aimed at resolving the conflict initiated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

- a) Switzerland
- b) France
- c) Germany
- d) United Kingdom

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Switzerland, renowned for its neutrality and previous mediation roles, will facilitate talks and host the global peace summit to seek a resolution for the conflict arising from Russia's incursion into Ukraine.



17th January 2024

1. Who achieved a historic milestone by defeating World Champion Ding Liren and surpassing Viswanathan Anand to become India's No.1 Chess Player?

- a) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
- b) Gukesh D
- c) Arjun Erigaisi
- d) P. Harikrishna

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa, the 18-year-old chess prodigy from Chennai, secured a monumental victory by outplaying World Champion Ding Liren in Wijk aan Zee during the 2024 Tata Steel Chess Tournament. This remarkable feat elevated Praggnanandhaa to the position of India's top-ranked chess player, surpassing the legendary Viswanathan Anand.

2. Which bank has formed a digital co-lending partnership with Clix Capital on the Yubi Co.lend Platform for lending to India's MSME sector?

- a) Karnataka Bank
- b) Indian Overseas Bank
- c) IndusInd Bank
- d) Federal Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Karnataka Bank and Clix Capital have collaborated digitally on the Yubi Co.lend Platform to adhere to RBI guidelines, with a specific focus on supporting India's vital MSME sector, contributing to the country's GDP and employment growth.

3. Where is Pixxel's state-of-the-art spacecraft manufacturing facility, MegaPixxel, located?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Delhi
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Hyderabad

Answer: Option C



Explanation:

Pixxel's MegaPixxel, a cutting-edge spacecraft manufacturing facility, is located in Bengaluru. The inauguration of this 30,000 sq ft facility on January 15 marks a significant milestone for the Bengaluru-based space tech startup, promising to revolutionize satellite production capabilities in India.

4. On which date was Thiruvalluvar Day celebrated in 2024?

- a) January 14
- b) January 15
- c) January 16
- d) January 17

Answer: Option C**Explanation:**

Thiruvalluvar Day is celebrated on January 16 as part of Pongal to honour the Tamil sage for his significant contributions to literature, particularly as the author of the Tirukkural—a collection of couplets on ethics. Thiruvalluvar is believed to have lived in Mylapore, which is now part of Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

5. Which region has become the third-largest for Foreign Portfolio Investments (FPIs) in India, surpassing Mauritius?

- a) Luxembourg
- b) Mauritius
- c) United States
- d) United Kingdom

Answer: Option A**Explanation:**

Luxembourg has emerged as the third-largest region for FPIs in India, exceeding Mauritius, with its Assets Under Custody (AUC) growing by 30% to ₹4.85 lakh crore. Globally, Luxembourg's equity assets are now second only to the United States, attributed to strengthened India-Europe ties and collaborations, including those with GIFT City.

6. In the 2024 Global Firepower Military Strength Rankings, which position did India claim?

- a) Fifth
- b) Second
- c) Fourth



d) Sixth

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

In the 2024 Global Firepower Military Strength Rankings, India secured the fourth position, reflecting a comprehensive assessment of military capabilities worldwide. The rankings consider factors such as troop numbers, military equipment, financial stability, geographic location, and available resources to provide a nuanced perspective on global military strength.

7. In which Indian state was the ceremonial distribution of ration cards for over 40 lakh people under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) launched?

- a) Assam
- b) Bihar
- c) Odisha
- d) Maharashtra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the distribution of ration cards for over 40 lakh people in Guwahati, Assam, under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). Each beneficiary is entitled to receive 5 kgs of rice every month free of cost during "Anna Sewa Saptah."

8. Which state government partnered with IndoSpace for a Rs 2000 crore investment in industrial real estate?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharashtra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

IndoSpace reaffirmed its commitment to Tamil Nadu's economic growth by signing a significant Rs 2000 crore Memorandum of Understanding during the Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet 2024, attended by key dignitaries, including the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, and Union Minister of Commerce and Industry.

9. In which Indian state will the world's first health tech and life sciences-focused Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) be established?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Telangana
- c) Haryana
- d) Karnataka

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Telangana government, in collaboration with the World Economic Forum (WEF), is establishing the 19th Centre of the WEF's Fourth Industrial Revolution Network (4IR) in Hyderabad. This thematic centre, focusing on health tech and life sciences, reflects a strategic partnership aimed at advancing healthcare technology and enhancing lifestyles.

10. According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) ranking, which states emerged as the 'best performers' in fostering a robust startup ecosystem?

- a) Kerala and Tamil Nadu
- b) Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh
- c) Gujarat and Karnataka
- d) Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Gujarat and Karnataka were ranked as the 'best performers' in fostering a robust startup ecosystem, according to the DPIIT ranking. Additionally, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Himachal Pradesh were also distinguished as top performers in creating a conducive environment for budding entrepreneurs.

11. In India, the windfall tax on petroleum crude was reduced to how many rupees per tonne, as mentioned in the recent government notification?

- a) Rs.2,000
- b) Rs.1,200
- c) Rs.1,700
- d) Rs.2,300

Answer: Option C



Explanation:

The windfall tax on petroleum crude in India was reduced to 1,700 rupees per tonne from the previous 2,300 rupees per tonne, as indicated by a recent government notification. Windfall taxes are designed to address profits resulting from external events, such as energy price rises due to factors like the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

12. In which Indian state does the traditional bull-taming festival "Jallikattu" take place?

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option D**Explanation:**

Tamil Nadu, known for its cultural richness, initiated the Jallikattu competition in the village of Avaniyapuram, marking a significant highlight of the Pongal harvest festival celebrated in the second week of January. The three-day event, with Avaniyapuram hosting the first day, Palamedu on the second day, and Alanganallur on the third, showcases the traditional bull-taming sport's excitement.

13. Whose birth anniversary does Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti, also known as Prakash Utsav, commemorate?

- a) Guru Nanak
- b) Guru Arjan
- c) Guru Har Rai
- d) Guru Gobind Singh

Answer: Option D**Explanation:**

Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti, celebrated as Prakash Utsav, honours the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth and last Sikh Guru. Sikh communities worldwide celebrate this significant day with joy, remembering Guru Gobind Singh's exceptional leadership and teachings, particularly his ascension to Guruship at the age of nine.

14. Which Indian state government introduced the Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyaan (MMUA) scheme for empowering rural women entrepreneurs?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Assam
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Maharashtra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyaan (MMUA) scheme was introduced by the Assam government, aiming to provide financial support and empower rural women entrepreneurs, particularly those associated with self-help groups. The scheme focuses on transforming these women into "rural micro-entrepreneurs" with a target annual income of Rs 1 lakh per member.

15. What is the theme of the ninth chapter of 'Capsule on Science, Technology and Applied Research' (CAPSTER) inaugurated by Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan at the Military Institute of Technology (MIT), Pune?

- a) Advancements in Cybersecurity
- b) Aerospace Innovations
- c) Nanotechnology in Defense
- d) Artificial Intelligence Transforming Warfare

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The theme for CAPSTER-9 is 'Artificial Intelligence: Transforming Warfare,' focusing on the integration and impact of artificial intelligence in modern military operations.

18th January 2024

1. Which country's startup, Betavolt, unveiled a nuclear battery claiming 50 years of maintenance-free power generation?

- a) United States
- b) Russia
- c) China
- d) Japan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

China Betavolt has introduced a revolutionary nuclear battery, challenging norms with its miniaturized atomic energy. The battery, designed to provide 50 years of maintenance-free power generation, integrates 63 isotopes into a coin-sized module and has versatile applications in aerospace, AI equipment, medical devices, and more. With safety measures and addressing radiation concerns, Betavolt aims to redefine the possibilities of nuclear technology.

2. What organization recently removed Aadhaar from the list of acceptable documents for proof of date of birth?

- a) Employee's Provident Fund Organization
- b) National Identification Bureau of India
- c) Social Security and Pension Organization
- d) Labour Welfare Board

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Employee's Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) decided to exclude Aadhaar as proof of date of birth for correction and updates starting January 16, 2024. This action complies with the directive from the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and aligns with the Aadhaar Act, 2016, which does not recognize Aadhaar as a valid proof of date of birth.

3. In which Indian state was the first-ever confirmed sighting of the rare Tibetan Brown Bear recorded?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Sikkim
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Himachal Pradesh



Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The historic sighting of the rare Tibetan Brown Bear in the high altitudes of North Sikkim is a remarkable achievement for India's wildlife conservation. Joint efforts by the Sikkim Forest Department and WWF-India led to this discovery, highlighting the ecological richness of Sikkim and adding to the country's diverse mammal population.

4. According to the 2024 Global 500 IT Services Ranking by Brand Finance, which company is rated as the second most valuable IT services brand in the world?

- a) Tata Consultancy Services
- b) IBM
- c) Accenture
- d) Infosys

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) achieved a significant milestone by being rated the second most valuable IT services brand globally in the 2024 Global 500 IT Services Ranking by Brand Finance. With a brand value surge to \$19.2 billion, TCS demonstrates industry leadership, innovation commitment, and global recognition. Accenture holds the top position as the world's most valuable IT services brand, with a brand value of USD 40.5 billion.

5. Which company has secured a monumental contract valued between ₹10,000 to ₹15,000 crore for the electrification segment of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project?

- a) Rural Electrification Corporation
- b) Larsen & Toubro
- c) NTPC Limited
- d) Adani Infrastructure

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

L&T (Larsen & Toubro) Construction's railways strategic business group has successfully secured a substantial contract for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed rail project. The contract, valued between ₹10,000 to ₹15,000 crore,

involves the construction of 508 km of electrification works. This strategic win reinforces L&T's position in the infrastructure sector.

6. Which language has the Government of India decided to include as one of the nine classical languages under the New Education Policy?

- a) Urdu
- b) Arabic
- c) Farsi
- d) Turkish

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The Government of India, under the New Education Policy, has decided to include Farsi (Persian) as one of the nine classical languages, emphasizing cultural ties and connections between Iran and India.

7. In which city did Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia, inaugurate Wings India 2024, Asia's largest aviation expo?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Delhi
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Bangalore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated Wings India 2024, Asia's largest aviation expo, at Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad. This event signifies a major milestone in the Indian aviation sector, showcasing its growth and future potential.

8. In which location did Union Fisheries Minister Parshottam Rupala launch an artificial reef project to boost the fish population and promote sustainable fishing?

- a) Veraval, Gujarat
- b) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- c) Puri, Odisha
- d) Vizhinjam, Kerala

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Union Fisheries Minister Parshottam Rupala inaugurated the artificial reef project in Vizhinjam, Kerala, with the aim of doubling the income of fishermen, enhancing fish stocks, and contributing to the economic well-being of the local fishing community.

9. What is the primary objective of NHAI's 'One Vehicle, One FASTag' initiative?

- a) To prevent the use of a single FASTag for multiple vehicles
- b) To reduce overall toll charges for vehicle owners
- c) To create a unified toll system across India
- d) To promote the use of electronic payments

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

NHAI's 'One Vehicle, One FASTag' initiative is strategically designed to prevent the prevalent practice of using a single FASTag for multiple vehicles or linking multiple FASTags to a specific vehicle. The aim is to ensure individual accountability and efficient toll collection at Toll Plazas.

10. Who benefits from ISRO's second-generation 'Distress Alert Transmitter' (DAT-SG), enabling real-time acknowledgements through enhanced satellite communication at sea?

- a) Naval Pilots
- b) Farmers
- c) Merchant sailors
- d) Fishermen

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The advanced 'Distress Alert Transmitter' (DAT-SG) by ISRO is a crucial tool for fishermen at sea, allowing them to send emergency messages and receive real-time acknowledgements, thereby revolutionizing maritime safety. With over 20,000 units currently in use, the DAT-SG has proven to be a reliable and effective tool for fishermen in distress.

11. Which Indian institute has partnered with Altair to inaugurate the eMobility Simulation Lab, becoming a hub for advanced research and training in the field of eMobility?

- a) IIT Delhi
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIT Kanpur
- d) IIT Madras

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

IIT Madras and Altair collaboratively launched the eMobility Simulation Lab, situated in the Department of Engineering Design at IIT Madras. Supported by Altair's financial backing, the lab is equipped with state-of-the-art products and tools, fostering advanced research and training in eMobility domains.

12. Which city recently became the first in India to develop a 3D urban spatial digital twin?

- a) Gandhinagar
- b) New Delhi
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Varanasi

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Varanasi has achieved the milestone of being the first city in India to develop a 3D urban spatial digital twin, utilizing advanced LiDAR technology to create a comprehensive digital map covering 160 square kilometres. The digital twin integrates with the Kashi Integrated Command and Control Centre for enhanced operational efficiency.

13. With which group did Foxconn forge a partnership to establish a chip packaging and testing facility in India?

- a) SiliconCraft Corporation
- b) HCL Group
- c) Tata Group
- d) Reliance Industries

Answer: Option B

Explanation:



Foxconn, in collaboration with HCL Group, is establishing a chip packaging and testing facility in India. The partnership involves a \$37.2 million investment by Foxconn Hon Hai Technology India Mega Development for a 40% stake, while the remaining stake is held by HCL Group.

14. What is the name of the mobile application launched for transparent monitoring of the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) fund flow?

- a) e-Pragati
- b) e-myScheme
- c) e-Taal
- d) e-Sakshi

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The MPLADS e-SAKSHI Mobile Application, known as e-Sakshi, is designed to facilitate transparent monitoring of the fund flow under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for the year 2023. The SAKSHI portal enables centralized and state agencies, district authorities, and MPs to monitor MPLADS progress, fund status, and work details, contributing to increased transparency.

15. Who won the individual gold medal in the men's 25m centre fire pistol event at the 2024 Asian Shooting Championship in Jakarta?

- a) Muad Al Balushi
- b) Anang Yulianto
- c) Pankaj Yadav
- d) Yogesh Singh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Yogesh Singh excelled in the Asia Olympic Qualifiers in Jakarta, securing individual gold in the men's 25m centre fire pistol and leading the Indian team to victory in the team category. His exceptional marksmanship and leadership contributed significantly to India's success in the shooting competition.

16. Who has recently been appointed as the Chief Staff Officer (Operations) at the Eastern Naval Command?

- a) Rear Admiral Anurag Kumar

- b) Rear Admiral Shantanu Jha
- c) Rear Admiral Sanjay Patel
- d) Rear Admiral Meera Kapoor

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Rear Admiral Shantanu Jha has assumed the role of Chief Staff Officer (Operations) at the Eastern Naval Command. He is a recipient of the Nausena Medal and previously served as a Commodore in (Strategy, Concepts & Transformation) at Naval Headquarters. His diverse background includes a Master's degree in Defence Studies and experience as a Naval Attaché.

17. In which city was the 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace inaugurated?

- a) Kolkata
- b) Mumbai
- c) New Delhi
- d) Bangalore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Vice President Dhankhar inaugurated the 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace in New Delhi, emphasizing Buddha's wisdom as a transformative roadmap for inner peace, compassion, and non-violence amidst universal challenges.

18. Which Indian state is hosting the 9th edition of the Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival (PPHF)?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Rajasthan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The 9th edition of the Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival (PPHF) is set to take place at Seijosa in the Pakke Kessang district of Arunachal Pradesh from January 18-20, 2024. Initiated in 2015, the festival aims to celebrate the Nyishi tribal group's significant role in conserving hornbills within the Pakke Tiger Reserve

(PTR). The event focuses on recognizing the Nyishi tribe's contributions to hornbill conservation, generating alternative sources of income for the region, and raising awareness about PTR and its wonders across India.

19. Who is poised to make history as the first ICC-appointed female neutral umpire in a bilateral series?

- a) Claire Taylor
- b) Charlotte Edwards
- c) Sue Redfern
- d) Belinda Clark

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Sue Redfern from England is set to become the first ICC-appointed female neutral umpire, marking a significant stride toward gender inclusivity in cricket officiating. This historic moment is scheduled to take place during the upcoming WT20I between Australia and South Africa.

20. Which state recently launched the Mahtari Vandana Yojana 2024, offering monthly economic assistance of ₹1000 to women?

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Rajasthan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Chhattisgarh has introduced the Mahtari Vandana Yojana 2024, providing monthly economic assistance of ₹1000 to women, with a total annual aid of ₹12,000, aimed at empowering them through financial support.

19th January 2024

1. Where was India's first Graphene Centre and Centre of Excellence (CoE) in IoT Sensors inaugurated?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Bengaluru
- c) Kerala
- d) Delhi

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

MeitY Secretary S Krishnan inaugurated the India Innovation Centre for Graphene (IICG) and a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Intelligent Internet of Things (IIoT) Sensors in Kerala. The Digital University Kerala and CMET, Thrissur, play crucial roles as technical partners in establishing these pioneering centres.

2. In which Indian state did the traditional buffalo fights, known as Moh-Juj, make a comeback after a hiatus of nine years, during the Magh Bihu festival in mid-January 2024?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Punjab
- c) Odisha
- d) Assam

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Moh-Juj, the traditional buffalo fights, made a triumphant return in Assam during the Magh Bihu festival in mid-January 2024 after a hiatus of nine years. This cultural resurgence in Assam reflects the revival of an age-old tradition, and the Assam Government's approval, along with strict Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), ensures a balanced approach between cultural preservation and animal welfare.

3. Who recently became the first Indian since 1989 to defeat a seeded player at a Grand Slam?

- a) Sumit Nagal
- b) Ramesh Krishnan
- c) Mukund Sasikumar



d) Manish Sureshkumar

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Sumit Nagal achieved this historic feat by defeating Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik in the opening round of the Australian Open, ending an 11-major drought for Indian representation in the singles main draw. The Indian tennis sensation became the first player from the country to knock out a seeded opponent at a Grand slam since 1989, a feat he achieved after registering a straight-sets victory over Alexander Bublik in Melbourne

4. In which city is the world's tallest statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, named the 'Statue of Social Justice,' set to be unveiled?

- a) Vijayawada
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Chennai
- d) Bengaluru

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The world's tallest statue of Dr B.R. Ambedkar, known as the 'Statue of Social Justice,' with a height of 206 feet, is set to be unveiled in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. This colossal structure is a tribute to Dr. Ambedkar's national legacy and is one of the top 50 tallest statues globally.

5. Which digital payment platform app has partnered with NPCI to extend UPI payments globally?

- a) Paytm
- b) Google Pay
- c) PhonePe
- d) Amazon Pay

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Google Pay has collaborated with NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) to extend UPI payments globally. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two entities aims to enhance the usage of UPI payments for Indian travellers outside their homeland, providing a seamless and convenient transaction experience through Google Pay.

6. Who is set to receive the 'Assam Baibhav' award, Assam's highest civilian honor, on February 10th, for significant contributions to the field of justice and jurisprudence?

- a) Ranjan Gogoi
- b) Sharad Arvind Bobde
- c) N. V. Ramana
- d) Uday Umesh Lalit

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Ranjan Gogoi, former Chief Justice of India and current Rajya Sabha MP, will be honoured with the prestigious 'Assam Baibhav' award, recognizing his notable contributions to the field of justice and jurisprudence. The award ceremony is scheduled for February 10th.

7. Which bank has launched a mobile banking app called 'Money2India (Canada)' to facilitate 24/7 fund transfers to India?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) State Bank of India
- d) ICICI Bank

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The 'Money2India (Canada)' app is a distinctive offering from ICICI Bank Canada, specifically designed to streamline cross-border fund transfers to India for Canadian customers. It enables 24/7 transactions without requiring an account with ICICI Bank Canada, providing a user-friendly and accessible platform.

8. In 2023, which company claimed the top spot as the best-selling smartphone series, surpassing Samsung for the first time since 2010?

- a) Samsung
- b) Apple
- c) Xiaomi
- d) Vivo

Answer: Option B

Explanation:



In 2023, Apple Inc.'s iPhone outpaced Samsung, securing the title of the best-selling smartphone series globally, marking the first time since 2010 that Samsung conceded the top spot in the smartphone market. Apple's sustained success was attributed to aggressive offers and a focus on premium devices.

9. Which country recently conducted a test of its underwater nuclear weapons system?

- a) China
- b) Russia
- c) Iran
- d) North Korea

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

North Korea conducted the test of its underwater nuclear weapons system, named "Haeil-5-23," as a strategic response to joint military drills by South Korea, the United States, and Japan. This move is perceived as a protest against the regional military exercises.

10. Where did the Prime Minister inaugurate Boeing's global engineering and technology centre campus?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Chennai
- c) Kochi
- d) Bengaluru

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The inauguration took place in Devanahalli, Bengaluru, where Boeing's Rs 1,600 crore BIETC campus is located. This campus, positioned at Hightech Defence and Aerospace Park, stands as Boeing's most substantial investment globally, outside the United States.

11. Which state in India celebrates Kokborok Day as a significant cultural event?

- a) Tripura
- b) Assam
- c) Manipur
- d) Mizoram

Answer: Option

Explanation: A

Kokborok Day is celebrated annually on January 19th in Tripura, India. The occasion marks the 46th anniversary of Kokborok's recognition as an official language of the state alongside Bengali and English. The celebration highlights the rich linguistic and cultural heritage of the Tripuri people, who consider Kokborok, also known as Tripuri or Tiprakoka, as their native language. This language belongs to the Sino-Tibetan family, closely related to Bodo, Dimasa, and Kachari spoken in Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, and Meghalaya.

12. Which Indian bank is actively pursuing expansion into Singapore by applying for a banking license?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) IndusInd Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector lender, is seeking to expand into Singapore and has submitted a banking license application to the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS). The specifics of the license type are currently undisclosed.

13. In collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which government has launched the initiative of establishing "green rooms" in Ukraine for effective communication between law enforcement officers and child survivors or witnesses of crime?

- a) Sweden
- b) Denmark
- c) Norway
- d) Finland

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Government of Denmark, in collaboration with the UNDP, has launched the innovative initiative of establishing "green rooms" in Ukraine. These

specially designed spaces within police facilities prioritize the well-being and rights of child survivors during investigative processes.

14. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?

- a) Imtiaz Ismail Parray
- b) V.K. Singh
- c) Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- d) Archana Ramasundram

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Daljit Singh Chaudhary, a 1990-batch IPS officer from the Uttar Pradesh cadre, has been named the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, with the appointment extending up to November 30, 2025.

15. Which exchange retained its position as the world's largest exchange in 2023, particularly in the global derivative exchange?

- a) Bombay Stock Exchange
- b) National Stock Exchange
- c) New York Stock Exchange
- d) London Stock Exchange

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) maintained its dominance as the world's largest exchange in the global derivative segment for the fifth consecutive year in 2023, reaffirming its top position according to statistics from the Futures Industry Association (FIA).

20th January 2024

1. Which Indian state has launched the 'My School-My Pride' campaign as part of the 'Apna Vidyalay' program for transforming education in government schools?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Punjab

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Himachal Pradesh's 'My School-My Pride' initiative, aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020, aims to enhance the quality of education in government schools. The campaign encourages active participation from individuals and organizations to adopt schools, contributing to students' growth through activities such as career counselling, remedial teaching, exam coaching, and community support services.

2. Which Indian state has secured investment worth Rs 3.53 lakh crore at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Gujarat
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Maharashtra

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Maharashtra has made a significant breakthrough in attracting investments at the WEF in Davos, securing commitments worth Rs 3.53 lakh crore across various sectors. This move is expected to create numerous job opportunities and contribute to the state's ambitious goal of becoming a USD 1 trillion economy.

3. At which country's World Heritage Sites are the solar power stations being inaugurated?

- a) Argentina
- b) Brazil
- c) China



d) Egypt

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Solar power stations were inaugurated at Egyptian World Heritage Sites, contributing to a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and aligning with global sustainability goals, particularly Sustainable Development Goals 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) and 13 (Climate Action).

4. Which country launched the "Alliance for Global Good-Gender Equity and Equality" at the World Economic Forum?

- a) India
- b) France
- c) United States
- d) Brazil

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

India introduced the "Alliance for Global Good-Gender Equity and Equality" at the World Economic Forum, with support from influential entities such as the World Economic Forum (WEF), Invest India, and industry leaders. The initiative is in line with India's commitment to women-led development, originating from the G20 Leaders' Declaration.

5. Which institute hosted the 2nd edition of 'InvenTiv' inaugurated by Shri Pradhan?

- a) IIT Bombay
- b) IIT Delhi
- c) IIT Kanpur
- d) IIT Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The 2nd edition of 'InvenTiv' was inaugurated by Shri Pradhan at IIT Hyderabad, showcasing 120 groundbreaking projects from 53 future-focused institutes and engaging 2000 industry stakeholders. The initiative envisions 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047, promoting new-age innovators and entrepreneurs for a transformed India.

6. Which group is the primary target beneficiary of the Assam government's Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan (MMUA)?

- a) Urban women
- b) Tribal Communities
- c) Rural women
- d) Senior Citizens

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The "Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan" in Assam focuses on transforming rural women into "Rural Micro-Entrepreneurs" with a ₹1 lakh annual income target. Eligible applicants in the inaugural phase will receive a grant of ₹10,000 in the first year, with tailored child limitations for diverse participation.

7. Where is the G-77 Third South Summit being held?

- a) Argentina
- b) Brazil
- c) China
- d) Uganda

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

V Muraleedharan is representing India at the G-77 Third South Summit in Kampala, Uganda, where leaders from 134 Member States are convening to enhance cooperation. The summit's theme, "Leaving No One Behind," aligns with India's vision of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - the World is one Family.

8. Which two airports were jointly awarded the 'Best Airport of the Year' at the Wings India Awards 2024?

- a) Mumbai and Chennai
- b) Bengaluru and Delhi
- c) Hyderabad and Kolkata
- d) Jaipur and Kochi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:



The 'Best Airport of the Year' award at the Wings India Awards 2024 was jointly given to Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport and Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, recognizing their outstanding contributions to the aviation industry.

9. The Union Cabinet approved memoranda with the Netherlands, Dominican Republic, and Ecuador for cooperation in which field?

- a) Environmental Conservation
- b) Educational Technology
- c) Medical Products Regulation
- d) Space Exploration

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The approved memoranda with the Netherlands, Dominican Republic, and Ecuador focus on cooperation in the field of medical products regulation, as outlined in the Memorandum of Intent (MoI) or Letter of Intent (LOI) signed with the Netherlands and the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the Dominican Republic and Ecuador.

10. Where was the first office space at the World Trade Centre inaugurated, with Union Minister Amit Shah leading the inauguration?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Hyderabad

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The first office space at the World Trade Centre Nauroji Nagar was inaugurated in New Delhi by Union Minister Amit Shah. The Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) office, spanning 41,000 sqft and valued at approximately Rs 165 crore, showcases state-of-the-art infrastructure in the heart of the capital.

11. Which company has secured the title sponsorship of the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the next five years?

- a) Vivo
- b) Tata

- c) Dream11
- d) Jio

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Tata Group, through Tata Sons Private Limited, strategically utilized its Right to Match card to retain the title sponsorship of the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the seasons spanning 2024 to 2028. This decision follows their earlier replacement of Vivo as the IPL title sponsor for the 2022 and 2023 seasons, solidifying an extended and prominent association with the cricket league.

12. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of PepsiCo India?

- a) Ahmed El Sheikh
- b) Indra Nooyi
- c) Jagrut Kotecha
- d) Pawan Kumar Goenka

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Jagrut Kotecha, currently the Chief Commercial Officer for PepsiCo in Africa, Middle East, and South Asia (AMESA), has been appointed as the new CEO of PepsiCo India, succeeding Ahmed El Sheikh. The strategic realignment is set to take effect in March 2024.

13. Who is the author of the novel "Conversations with Aurangzeb," which is a unique blend of historical narrative and satirical commentary?

- a) Nandini Krishnan
- b) Shah Jahan
- c) Charu Nivedita
- d) Amish Tripathi

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

"Conversations with Aurangzeb" is a novel by the Tamil literary icon Charu Nivedita, skillfully translated into English by Nandini Krishnan. The book offers readers a distinctive combination of historical narrative and satirical commentary, providing a fresh perspective on both historical and contemporary themes.

14. Which country has recently secured the position of the First Vice Chair in the FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Brazil
- d) Australia

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

India's election as the First Vice Chair of the FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management after 57 years is a significant achievement, underlining its active engagement in international fisheries management. With over 28 million inland and marine fishers, India holds a prominent position in the global fishing community.

15. What does the recently signed MoU between the National Farmers' Welfare Programme Implementation Society, IndiaAI, and Wadhvani Foundation focus on advancing?

- a) Organic Farming
- b) Sustainable Agriculture
- c) AI-driven digital agriculture
- d) Traditional Farming Practices

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The MoU aims to propel India to the forefront of AI-driven digital agriculture, emphasizing the collaboration between the National Farmers' Welfare Programme Implementation Society, IndiaAI (Digital India Corporation), and the Wadhvani Foundation in formulating and executing a robust AI strategy.

21th January 2024

1. Which company was recognized for its outstanding cargo services at the Wings India Awards?

- a) Blue Dart Aviation
- b) SpiceXpress
- c) Skyways Air Services
- d) Delhivery

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Skyways Air Services has been lauded for its exceptional cargo services, earning the prestigious Best Cargo Services Award at the Wings India Awards. This achievement highlights their dedication to providing high-quality air cargo services within the aviation industry.

2. Which Indian firm achieved the first ISO 27001:2022 certification?

- a) Haldia Petrochemicals
- b) Indian Oil Corporation
- c) Reliance Industries Limited
- d) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Haldia Petrochemicals (HPL) has become India's first ISO 27001:2022 certified firm, demonstrating its commitment to a secure digital environment. The certification highlights HPL's prowess in safeguarding sensitive information and ensuring data integrity as part of its digital transformation efforts.

3. What type of device has Northwestern University in Illinois developed that harnesses soil microbes for energy?

- a) Solar panels
- b) Fuel cell
- c) Wind turbine
- d) Nuclear reactor

Answer: Option B

Explanation:



Northwestern University's breakthrough fuel cell, resembling the size of a book, utilizes soil microbes for perpetual energy generation. It is specifically designed for powering underground sensors in green infrastructure and precision agriculture, providing a sustainable alternative to traditional batteries by eliminating toxic leakage and reducing dependence on conflict-affected supply chains.

4. What is the main objective of Operation Sarvashakti launched by the Indian Army?

- a) Eliminate terrorists
- b) Counter cyber threats
- c) Provide humanitarian aid
- d) Enhance diplomatic relations

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Operation Sarvashakti is launched by the Indian Army with the primary goal of eliminate terrorists in the Rajouri and Poonch areas of J&K, employing a large-scale operation reminiscent of 2003's Sarpvinash to counter ambushes on Indian troops.

5. INOX Air Products signed an MoU with which Indian state government for a \$3 Billion Green Ammonia Plant?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Gujarat
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Maharashtra

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

INOX Air Products inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Maharashtra government for a \$3 billion Green Ammonia Plant. The project, with a planned outlay of \$3 billion, aims to be commissioned within 3 to 5 years and is designed to produce 500,000 MTPA (metric tons per annum) of liquid ammonia.

6. In which Indian state is the pit head green field Thermal Power Project, awarded to Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) by NLC India Ltd, located?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Puducherry
- d) Odisha

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The EPC contract for a 2,400 MW Thermal Power Project at Jharsuguda district in Odisha has been awarded to BHEL by NLC India Ltd. The project, based on Ultra Super Critical Technology, aims to supply power to Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Kerala, and Puducherry, with coal linkage from NLCIL mines in Jharsuguda and Sambalpur districts.

7. In which city was the 9th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) inaugurated?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Faridabad
- c) Secunderabad
- d) Bengaluru

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The India International Science Festival's ninth edition commenced in Faridabad, Haryana, celebrating a decade of India's notable achievements in science, technology, and space. Union Minister Jitendra Singh highlighted milestones such as Chandrayaan-3's lunar landing, successful COVID-19 vaccine administration, and the Arima Mission. The festival aimed to foster public engagement with science and technology.

8. Which Indian state has initiated a caste-based census, becoming the second state after Bihar to undertake this exercise?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Karnataka

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Andhra Pradesh is set to become the second state in India, after Bihar, to conduct a caste-based census. The state government aims to complete the census by January 28, 2024, with the entire exercise conducted through village and ward secretariat staff.

9. Who recently became the first Indian to achieve a stage victory at the Dakar Rally?

- a) Aravind KP
- b) C. S. Santosh
- c) Harith Noah
- d) Aishwarya Pissay

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Harith Noah, riding for Sherco TVS Rally Factory and hailing from Kerala, made history by securing a stage victory in Stage 8 of the Dakar Rally. His remarkable performance marks a significant milestone for Indian representation in this prestigious event.

10. Which organization received the esteemed 'Plaque' under the 'Financial Services Sector (Other than Banking and Insurance)' category at the ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting?

- a) PFC Limited
- b) REC Limited
- c) NABARD
- d) SIDBI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

REC Limited received the prestigious ICAI award for financial reporting, securing the 'Plaque' under the 'Financial Services Sector (Other than Banking and Insurance)' category at the ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The recognition from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) highlights REC Limited's excellence in financial reporting for the year 2022-23.

11. Which organization surpassed the State Bank of India (SBI) to become the most valuable Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) with a market capitalization of ₹5.8 Lakh Crore?

- a) ONGC
- b) BHEL
- c) LIC
- d) IOCL

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) achieved a significant milestone by surpassing the State Bank of India (SBI) in market capitalization. With LIC's share price rising over 2% to reach 52-week highs of ₹919.45, its market cap exceeded ₹5.8 Lakh Crore, making it the most valuable PSU. The article explores LIC's impressive comeback, its journey since listing, and the contributing factors to its remarkable revival.

12. Who assumed the position of Commandant at the Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala?

- a) Vice Admiral Ajay Sharma
- b) Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty
- c) Vice Admiral Khanjar Singh
- d) Vice Admiral Shivalik

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty, a seasoned professional in 'Gunnery and Missiles,' took over as Commandant at the Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, in January 2024. His distinguished career includes commanding key vessels such as INS Ajay, INS Khanjar, and INS Shivalik, showcasing his expertise and leadership in naval operations.

13. In collaboration with the European Union (EU), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has allocated grants exceeding US\$420,000 for initiatives related to deforestation, food security, and climate change in which country?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Fiji
- c) Papua New Guinea
- d) Solomon Islands

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The UNDP and EU have allocated grants exceeding US\$420,000 to address deforestation, enhance food security, and tackle climate change impacts in Papua New Guinea, benefitting communities across six districts in Enga Province.

14. Which conglomerate has announced a Rs 50,000 crore investment for a 1 GW hyperscale data centre in Maharashtra?

- a) Adani Group
- b) Reliance Industries
- c) Tata Group
- d) Infosys

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Adani Group, through Adani Enterprises Ltd, revealed plans to invest Rs 50,000 crore in a 1 GW hyperscale data centre in Maharashtra, aiming to create 20,000 jobs.

15. How many countries and territories have been awarded the 'malaria-free' certification by the World Health Organization (WHO) till now?

- a) 43 countries and 1 territory
- b) 15 countries and 2 territories
- c) 30 countries and 3 territories
- d) 50 countries and 5 territories

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

WHO has awarded the 'malaria-free' certification to 43 countries and 1 territory, recognizing their sustained efforts in interrupting nationwide malaria transmission for at least 3 consecutive years and maintaining a robust surveillance and response system. Recently, Cabo Verde has joined this list, becoming the third country in the WHO African region to be declared malaria-free. In the Southeast Asian Region, Maldives (2015) and Sri Lanka (2016) have achieved the status of being certified malaria-free by WHO.

22nd January 2024

1. In the Indian Constitution, which article outlines the government's annual financial statement, commonly referred to as the budget?

- a) Article 112
- b) Article 150
- c) Article 200
- d) Article 110

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The government's annual financial statement, known as the budget, is outlined in the Indian Constitution's Article 112, which refers to it as the 'Annual Financial Statement'.

2. In which city did Mansukh Mandaviya lay the foundation stone for a Cancer Hospital and Research Center, initiated by Shree Khodaldham Trust?

- a) Nashik
- b) Rajkot
- c) Surat
- d) Lucknow

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The foundation stone for the Cancer Hospital and Research Center was laid in Rajkot by Mansukh Mandaviya, under the initiative of Shree Khodaldham Trust. This development aligns with the Prime Minister's recognition of Gujarat's exceptional healthcare progress, emphasizing the establishment of 30 new cancer hospitals in the past nine years and the state's growing prominence as a major medical hub with expanded facilities for comprehensive cancer patient care.

3. Which country landed the spacecraft 'Slim' on the Moon, becoming the fifth country to do so?

- a) South Korea
- b) China
- c) Japan
- d) India



Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Japan's Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) accomplished the historic landing of SLIM on the moon, securing its place among the limited group of nations, including the United States, the Soviet Union, India, and China, that have achieved lunar surface landings.

4. Which electricity distribution company from Uttar Pradesh secured an A+ rating in the recent Consumer Service Rating of Discoms (CSR) report?

- a) BSES Rajdhani Power Limited
- b) BSES Yamuna Power Limited
- c) Noida Power Company Limited
- d) Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Noida Power Company Limited (NPCL) in Uttar Pradesh achieved an A+ rating in the CSR report, alongside BSES Rajdhani, BSES Yamuna, and Tata Power from Delhi Distribution, highlighting their dedication to exceptional customer service and operational excellence in the electricity distribution sector. This recognition underscores the collective efforts of these companies to enhance service quality for consumers in the region.

5. With which country did India sign an MoU on digital public infrastructure collaboration, focusing on sharing successful digital initiatives, capacity-building, and best practices for mutual digital transformation benefits?

- a) Cuba
- b) Brazil
- c) Mexico
- d) Argentina

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Cuba to collaborate on digital public infrastructure, emphasizing the sharing of successful digital

initiatives, capacity-building, and best practices for mutual digital transformation benefits.

6. Where did Union Ayush Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone for the 'Ayush Diksha Centre'?

- a) Bhubaneswar
- b) Delhi
- c) Guwahati
- d) Chennai

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated 'Ayush Diksha,' a pioneering centre at the Central Ayurveda Research Institute in Bhubaneswar. The centre aims to advance human resources in Ayush, focusing on Ayurveda professionals, and promoting collaboration with national institutes for research and development.

7. In which city were five new galleries inaugurated at the 'Salar Jung Museum'?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Delhi
- c) Kolkata
- d) Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The inauguration ceremony took place in Hyderabad at the 'Salar Jung Museum,' introducing five new galleries with an extensive assortment of artifacts, spanning sculptures, Bidriware objects, antique lamps, bronze statues, and marble sculptures, enriching the cultural landscape of the city. These galleries include 40 sculptures from the 2nd century B.C., 300 unique objects in the Bidriware Gallery, 180 antique objects in the Lamp and Chandelier Gallery, 100 bronze statues in the European Bronze Gallery, and 50 marble sculptures in the European Marble Gallery.

8. Where does the 'Gole Mela' festival take place?

- a) Udhampur
- b) Jaipur
- c) Varanasi

d) Ujjain

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The 'Gole Mela' festival unfolds at the Jagannath Temple in Udhampur, creating a platform for communal celebration that fosters unity among diverse cultures and communities. The event features religious rituals, prayers, and joyful family revelry, making it a significant cultural gathering.

9. Who secured a bronze medal at the Grand Prix De France Henri Deglane wrestling tournament in Nice, France?

- a) Sushil Kumar
- b) Bajrang Punia
- c) Ravi Kumar Dahiya
- d) Deepak Punia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Tokyo Olympic silver medallist Ravi Kumar Dahiya made a triumphant return to wrestling, securing a bronze at the Grand Prix De France Henri Deglane tournament in Nice, France, after overcoming injuries that had sidelined him during the entire 2023 season.

10. Who has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DCB Bank?

- a) Murali M. Natrajan
- b) Praveen Achuthan Kutty
- c) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- d) Nasser Munjee

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Praveen Achuthan Kutty has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to serve as the Managing Director and CEO of DCB Bank, with the official confirmation signalling a three-year tenure starting from April 29, 2024.

11. When is the Foundation Day celebrated for Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya in 2024?

- a) January 15

- b) January 18
- c) January 20
- d) January 21

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

On January 21, 2024, Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya commemorate their 52nd statehood anniversary, contributing to India's cultural diversity. Statehood Day celebrations across the three states include cultural programs and traditional performances, fostering a sense of pride in their unique history and enriching the nation's identity.

12. Which company successfully launched the Ax-3 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) with the first Turkish astronaut onboard?

- a) NASA
- b) SpaceX
- c) CNSA
- d) European Space Agency

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

SpaceX, using its Falcon 9 rocket, successfully launched the Ax-3 mission to the ISS with the Crew Dragon capsule "Freedom," marking the first all-European commercial astronaut mission, including Turkey's inaugural astronaut, Alper Gezeravci.

13. Which region's rich traditions are specifically highlighted and preserved at the Mamani Ethnic Food Festival in Purig?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Sikkim
- d) Ladakh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The Mamani Ethnic Food Festival in Purig is dedicated to preserving and reviving the rich traditions of Ladakh's culture, making it a triumphant celebration of culinary diversity and community unity in the Ladakh region.

14. Where was the 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit held?

- a) Uganda
- b) India
- c) Egypt
- d) Indonesia

Answer: Option A**Explanation:**

The 19th NAM Summit was held in Kampala, Uganda, bringing together over 120 developing nations to discuss and emphasize 'Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence.' India, as a founding member, actively participated, supporting Uganda's theme and reaffirming its commitment to NAM's principles.

15. Who secured her first women's singles title at the India Open, defeating Chen Yu Fei in a dominant straight-game victory?

- a) Priyanshu Rajawat
- b) Tai Tzu Ying
- c) Prannoy H. S
- d) Kodai Naraoka

Answer: Option B**Explanation:**

Tai Tzu Ying clinched her maiden women's singles India Open title with a commanding straight-game victory over Chen Yu Fei, reaffirming her status as one of the game's greatest players.

23rd January 2024**1. What is the BHISHM Cube in Project Arogya Maitri?**

- a) Medical Research Facility
- b) Disaster Relief Shelter
- c) Mobile Hospital
- d) Medical Education

Answer: Option C**Explanation:**

The BHISHM Cube, part of Project Arogya Maitri, serves as a state-of-the-art indigenous Mobile Hospital, also referred to as the Aid Cube. Equipped with AI and data analytics, it ensures effective coordination, real-time monitoring, and efficient management of medical services in the field. This innovative solution played a crucial role in saving the life of Ramkrishna Srivastava during the 'Pran Pratishtha' event in Ayodhya.

 **Category :** Environment**2. Where has the 11th India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR commenced?**

- a) Punjab
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Rajasthan

Answer: Option C**Explanation:**

The KHANJAR exercise has started in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh. This location was chosen strategically, emphasizing the state's suitability for fostering collaboration and enhancing capabilities of the special forces in diverse terrains, such as built-up areas and mountainous terrain operations, as outlined in Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

 **Category :** Defence**3. Who is set to be posthumously awarded the 'Bharat Ratna'?**

- a) Kalyan Singh
- b) Mulayam Singh Yadav



- c) Hemananda Biswal
- d) Karpoori Thakur

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Karpoori Thakur, a prominent Gandhian socialist leader and former Bihar chief minister, is set to be posthumously awarded the 'Bharat Ratna' for his outstanding service. He served as the chief minister of Bihar during two terms, from December 1970 to June 1971 and from December 1977 to April 1979.

📌 **Category** : Awards and Honours

4. Which country concluded a groundbreaking free-trade agreement with India after 16 years of negotiations?

- a) Germany
- b) Switzerland
- c) France
- d) Japan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

After a 16-year negotiation saga, Switzerland successfully concluded a historic free-trade agreement with India, as announced by Swiss Economy Minister Guy Parmelin. The agreement is expected to create job opportunities in India, marking a significant milestone in bilateral ties.

📌 **Category** : International

5. Where is Synopsys' Chip Design Centre, which is set to be inaugurated by Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar?

- a) Delhi
- b) Bengaluru
- c) Noida
- d) Pune

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Synopsys' Chip Design Centre is located at DLF Tech Park in Noida. This inauguration in Noida aligns with the broader vision of "Design in India,"

reflecting the city's role in fostering the growth of fabless chip design and innovation within the country.

📌 **Category :** Technology

6. When is Parakram Diwas observed?

- a) January 23
- b) January 31
- c) January 1
- d) February 15

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Parakram Diwas is annually observed on January 23rd, commemorating the 127th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. This day pays tribute to Netaji's significant role in India's freedom struggle, emphasizing his indomitable spirit and contributions to the nation's independence. The celebrations, inaugurated by the Prime Minister, extend from January 23 to January 31, featuring a diverse blend of historical reflections and cultural expressions at the Red Fort.

📌 **Category :** Important Days

7. Which countries are participating in the 2nd edition of Exercise CYCLONE?

- a) India and Egypt
- b) India and USA
- c) Egypt and Iran
- d) India and Iran

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The 2nd edition of Exercise CYCLONE involves the participation of the Indian Army contingent and their counterparts from Egypt. The exercise, conducted in Egypt, aims to enhance cooperation and operational understanding between the special forces of India and Egypt in desert and semi-desert terrains, focusing on special operations.

📌 **Category :** Defence

8. What percentage of financial assistance is provided for the capital cost of solar rooftop projects under the National Rooftop Solar Scheme?

- a) 40%
- b) 30%
- c) 50%
- d) 20%

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The National Rooftop Solar Scheme extends significant support, offering 40% financial assistance for the capital cost of solar rooftop projects. This initiative, coupled with the 'Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana,' aims to foster self-reliance in energy and encourages widespread adoption of rooftop solar installations.

📌 **Category :** Finance

9. Which bank has achieved the milestone of being the first Indian bank to conduct an export finance transaction on RXIL Global IFSC Limited's International Trade Financing Services Platform (ITFS)?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) YES BANK
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) Axis Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

YES BANK has achieved a pioneering feat by being the first Indian bank to execute an export finance transaction on RXIL Global IFSC Limited's International Trade Financing Services Platform (ITFS). This collaboration signifies a significant advancement in digitization and cross-border business for YES BANK.

📌 **Category :** Banking

10. In which city was the 63rd Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB) Meeting held?

- a) Bhopal
- b) Jaipur
- c) Kolkata

d) Lucknow

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The 63rd Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB) Meeting convened in Bhopal, where the Geological Survey of India (GSI) unveiled its annual program for 2024-25. This program includes 392 Mineral Development projects, emphasizing the exploration of strategic and critical minerals like REE, Graphite, and Lithium. Additionally, 111 projects under Natural Hazard Studies/Public Good Geoscience aim to provide societal benefits, addressing state requests, disaster management, and fostering collaborations with universities and various authorities.

📌 **Category :** National

11. From 2026 onwards, which city will host the Spanish Formula 1 Grand Prix?

- a) Barcelona
- b) Valencia
- c) Madrid
- d) Seville

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Madrid is set to become the new host city for the Spanish Formula 1 Grand Prix, marking a significant shift from Barcelona, the event's previous host since 1991. The transition introduces a brand-new circuit to the world of Formula 1 for a period of 10 years, from 2026 to 2035.

📌 **Category :** Sports

12. Which company has received approval from the Odisha government for its Rs 40,000 Crore electric vehicle (EV) venture?

- a) Tata Group
- b) Mahindra Electric
- c) Bajaj Auto
- d) JSW Group

Answer: Option D

Explanation:



JSW Group has been granted approval by the Odisha government for its Rs 40,000 Crore electric vehicle (EV) venture. This marks a significant development in the state's industrial landscape, with the approved projects slated for establishment in the Cuttack and Paradip districts.

✦ **Category : Business**

13. Which fruit holds the title of the biggest fruit in the world as of January 2024?

- a) Watermelon
- b) Durian
- c) Pomelo
- d) Jackfruit

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The jackfruit, originating from India and widely cultivated in tropical regions globally, is recognized as the world's largest tree-borne fruit. With the ability to attain lengths of up to two feet and weigh an astonishing 40 pounds, the jackfruit continues to awe and contribute to the rich tapestry of global agriculture in 2024.

✦ **Category : Talkies**

14. Who is set to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the BCCI Awards?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar
- b) Ravi Shastri
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) Rahul Dravid

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Ravi Shastri, the former Indian head coach, is slated to be honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the BCCI Awards in Hyderabad, recognizing his significant contributions to Indian cricket.

✦ **Category : Sports**

15. Who inaugurated the 'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman' campaign?

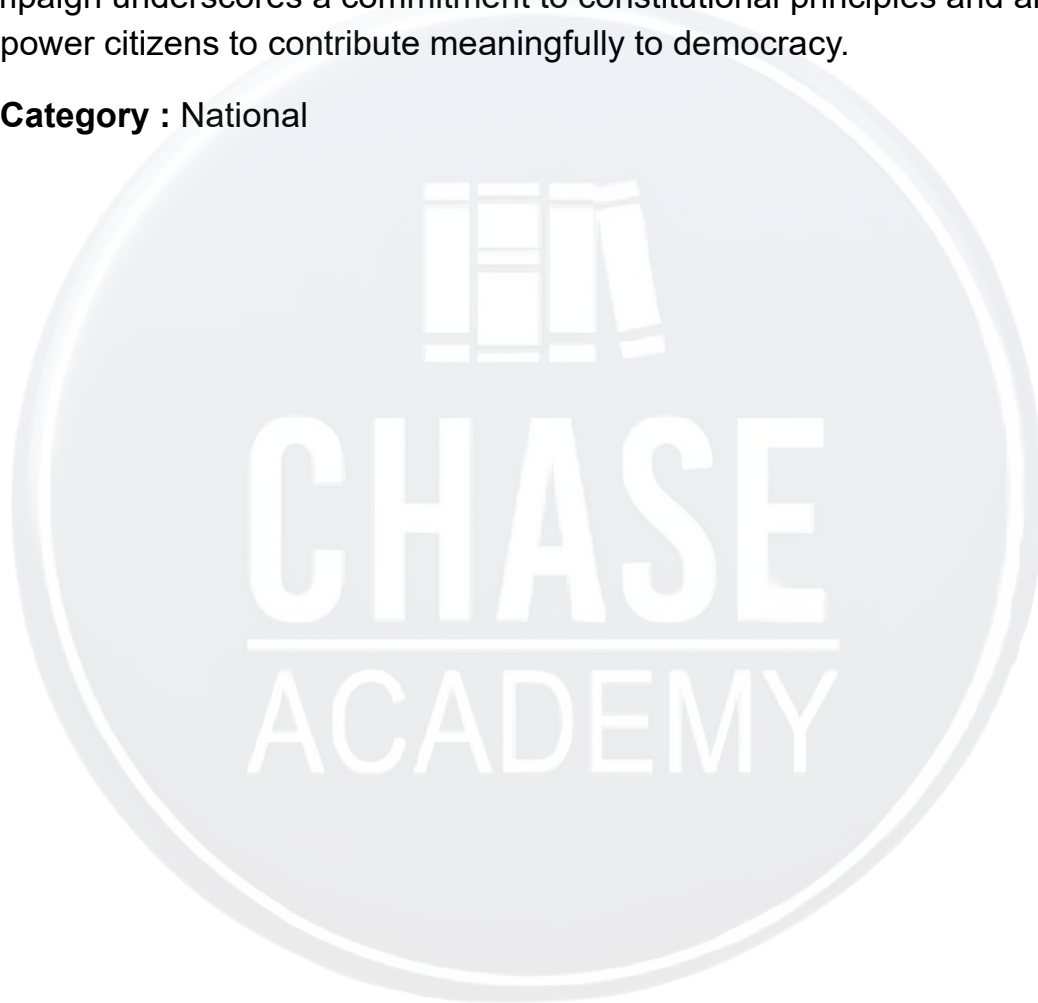
- a) Droupadi Murmu
- b) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- c) Ram Nath Kovind
- d) Sharad Arvind Bobde

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the 'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman' campaign, commemorating 75 years of Republic India. The campaign underscores a commitment to constitutional principles and aims to empower citizens to contribute meaningfully to democracy.

📌 **Category** : National



24th January 2024

1. Where was India's first locally produced aircraft passenger seat unveiled at Wings India 2024?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Bengaluru
- c) Delhi
- d) Chennai

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Timetooth, an engineering firm based in Bengaluru, presented India's inaugural self-made aircraft passenger seat at Wings India 2024. This development is noteworthy as it breaks the tradition of importing all aircraft seats used by India's registered air travel companies. The initiative, in collaboration with DGCA and Indian airlines, addresses the gap in the domestic market for aircraft seats.

📌 **Category : National**

2. Which institute has recently partnered with CEPI to enhance global responses to disease outbreaks and received a \$30 million investment to expand its manufacturing capacity?

- a) Bharat Biotech
- b) Pfizer
- c) Serum Institute
- d) Sinovac

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The Serum Institute of India (SII) has partnered with CEPI, with an investment of up to \$30 million to expand manufacturing capacity. This collaboration aims to enable swift production and equitable distribution of investigational vaccines during epidemics and pandemics, aligning with the ambitious 100 Days Mission for developing vaccines against infectious diseases.

📌 **Category : Science**



3.Which country recently acquired a significant number of domestically developed reconnaissance and combat drones, showcasing advancements in unmanned aerial vehicle technology?

- a) Russia
- b) China
- c) United States
- d) Iran

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Iran's recent acquisition of domestically produced reconnaissance and combat drones, including the Ababil-4, Ababil-5, Arash, Bavar, and Karrar, underscores its cutting-edge advancements in unmanned aerial vehicle technology, enhancing its defence capabilities.

 **Category : Defence**

4.What is the critically endangered bird species that the Supreme Court directed the Centre to address and take measures to save?

- a) MacQueen's bustard
- b) Lesser Florican
- c) Great Indian Bustard
- d) Bengal Florican

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The Supreme Court directed the Centre to address the conservation plans for the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard, which faces threats such as hunting, habitat destruction, and various human activities.

 **Category : Talkies**

5.When is National Girl Child Day observed annually in India?

- a) January 21
- b) February 5
- c) March 10
- d) January 24

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

National Girl Child Day is observed annually on January 24th in India. This day, initiated in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, emphasizes the importance of empowering girls and addressing the challenges they face in society.

📌 **Category : Important Days**

6.Which state is launching the Gruha Jyothi Scheme in February 2024?

- a) Telangana
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Telangana's Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy, is expediting the Gruha Jyothi Scheme, aiming for a February launch. This scheme promises significant relief by offering 200 units of free electricity to eligible individuals who have cleared their electricity bills for December 2023 and January 2024, with no arrears during this period as a prerequisite for availing the benefits.

📌 **Category : State**

7.In the global ranking of stock markets by market capitalization, where does India stand currently?

- a) 1st
- b) 2nd
- c) 4th
- d) 6th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

India's equity market, boasting a market capitalization of \$4.33 trillion, has secured the 4th position globally, surpassing Hong Kong's Hang Seng. This achievement highlights India's strong economic standing fueled by a growing retail investor base and stable fundamentals.

📌 **Category : Finance**

8.As of January 2024, which company holds the title of the most valuable brand in the world with a market value of \$299.3 billion?

- a) Apple
- b) Amazon
- c) Google
- d) Microsoft

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Amazon, with a market value of \$299.3 billion, is recognized as the most valuable brand in the world as of January 2024, showcasing its influence and diverse ventures in commerce, technology, and entertainment.

📌 **Category : Miscellaneous**

9.Which company's strategic move to acquire a substantial 38% stake in MG Motor India has received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

- a) Tata Group
- b) JSW Group
- c) Eicher Motors
- d) Mahindra Group

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

JSW Group's approved acquisition of a 38% stake in MG Motor India, facilitated through JSW Ventures Singapore, is a strategic move set to reshape the automotive industry's dynamics, marking a significant development in corporate transactions.

📌 **Category : Business**

10.Which country received 40,000 litres of Malathion from India to combat locusts?

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Iran
- c) Pakistan
- d) Nepal

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Indian government provided Afghanistan with 40,000 litres of Malathion, an eco-friendly pesticide, to combat the locust menace and address agricultural concerns in the region.

✏️ **Category : Environment**

11. Who was named as the captain of the ICC Men's ODI team of the year in the ICC Awards 2023?

- a) Eoin Morgan
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) Kane Williamson
- d) Steve Smith

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Rohit Sharma was named the captain of the ICC Men's ODI team of the year in the ICC Awards 2023, recognizing his outstanding performance in international cricket.

✏️ **Category : Sports**

12. Which small finance bank received Competition Commission of India (CCI) approval for its merger with AU Small Finance Bank?

- a) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- b) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- c) Fincare Small Finance Bank
- d) Jana Small Finance Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

AU Small Finance Bank received CCI approval for its merger with Fincare Small Finance Bank, a significant step announced on October 30, 2023, with the merger set to be effective from February 1, 2024, pending RBI approval.

✏️ **Category : Banking**

13. Who clinched the gold medal at the Asian Marathon Championships 2024 in Hong Kong, marking a historic moment for Indian athletics?

- a) Man Singh
- b) Huang Yongzheng
- c) Singh Kumar

d) Hong Li

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Man Singh, a 34-year-old marathon runner from India, secured the gold medal at the Asian Marathon Championships 2024 in Hong Kong with a remarkable personal best timing, highlighting India's growing prowess in long-distance running.

📌 **Category : Sports**

14. Which bank recently achieved the milestone of issuing 20 million active credit cards in India?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Axis Bank
- d) HDFC Bank

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, became the country's first lender to issue an impressive 20 million active credit cards, dominating a quarter of the overall card market. This milestone was achieved on January 16, marking a significant achievement for the bank.

📌 **Category : Banking**

15. When is the International Day of Education 2024 celebrated?

- a) January 24
- b) February 15
- c) March 8
- d) January 12

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The International Day of Education 2024 is celebrated on January 24th each year, emphasizing the transformative nature of education in promoting peace and understanding.

📌 **Category : Important Days**

25th January 2024

1. Who secured her first global table tennis title at WTT Feeder Corpus Christi 2024 in Texas, USA?

- a) Lily Zhang
- b) Serena Williams
- c) Simona Halep
- d) Sreeja Akula

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Sreeja Akula, the Indian table tennis player, achieved her maiden international title at the WTT Feeder Corpus Christi 2024 in Texas, USA, with a dominant performance in the women's singles final against world No. 46 Lily Zhang.

📌 **Category : Sports**

2. What is the name of the joint air exercise conducted by India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) over the Arabian Sea?

- a) Eagle Strike
- b) Aero Falcon
- c) Blue Thunder
- d) Desert Knight

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) conducted a major air exercise named 'Desert Knight' over the Arabian Sea, focusing on strengthening military cooperation and addressing regional security concerns.

📌 **Category : Defence**

3. Which country recently launched the world's first Malaria vaccine program for children?

- a) Ghana
- b) Nigeria
- c) Cameroon
- d) Kenya

Answer: Option C



Explanation:

Cameroon initiated the world's first Malaria vaccine program for children, targeting 2.5 lakh children over two years. The program aims to alleviate the significant burden of malaria in Africa, with Mosquirix, the first approved malaria vaccine in 2021, offering a 30% efficacy against the deadly Plasmodium parasite.

📌 **Category :** Environment

4.Which Indian Institute of Technology successfully organized 'Yuva Sangam Phase 3' as part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative by the Ministry of Education?

- a) IIT Bombay
- b) IIT Guwahati
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) IIT Kharagpur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

'Yuva Sangam Phase 3' was successfully organized by IIT Guwahati, serving as the nodal centre for Assam, as part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative by the Ministry of Education. The program aimed to connect youth across borders with active participation from 26 Higher Education Institutions in Maharashtra.

📌 **Category :** Education

5.How many languages does BharatGPT, India's first Large Language Model introduced by CoRover.ai, support in text modality?

- a) 22 languages
- b) 15 languages
- c) 16 languages
- d) 18 languages

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

BharatGPT, introduced by CoRover.ai, is India's first Large Language Model, supporting text modality in a remarkable 22 languages, addressing the linguistic diversity challenges prevalent in the country.

📌 **Category :** Technology

6.When is National Voters' Day celebrated in India?

- a) January 25

- b) February 14
- c) March 5
- d) January 10

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

National Voters' Day is observed on January 25 each year, commemorating the founding anniversary of the Election Commission of India in 1950. It aims to inspire voter engagement, emphasizing the significance of every vote in the world's largest democracy and was initiated in 2011 to address the apathy among new voters.

📌 **Category :** Important Days

7. Who has been formally appointed as a Supreme Court judge, becoming the third judge from the Dalit community in the apex court?

- a) BR Gavai
- b) CT Ravikumar
- c) Prasanna B Varale
- d) Nageshwaran Padhiar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Justice Prasanna B Varale, the current Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, has been formally appointed as a Supreme Court judge, marking his notable achievement as the senior-most High Court Judge from the Scheduled Caste and the only Chief Justice from a Scheduled Caste among the Chief Justices of High Courts across the country.

📌 **Category :** Awards and Honours

8. Which country is set to become a NATO member as its membership bid is approved by Turkey's parliament?

- a) Finland
- b) Denmark
- c) Norway
- d) Sweden

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Turkey's parliament voted 287-55 in favour of approving Sweden's NATO membership bid, paving the way for Sweden to join NATO. The development is welcomed by NATO Secretary-General Stoltenberg, anticipating Hungary's prompt ratification.

 **Category :** International

9. With which country did India recently sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of Information Technology (IT)?

- a) United Arab Emirates
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Oman
- d) Qatar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet, led by the Prime Minister, has approved the signing of a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Oman in the field of Information Technology (IT). The MoU aims to facilitate collaboration through mutual support, technology sharing, information exchange, and investments in IT.

 **Category :** Technology

10. In which Indian state is the world's first 'Black Tiger Safari' set to be established?

- a) Assam
- b) Odisha
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Jharkhand

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Odisha's Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik, has unveiled plans for the world's first 'black tiger safari' near the Similipal Tiger Reserve, aiming to showcase the rare melanistic tigers found in the Similipal National Park.

 **Category :** State

11. In which city did Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Health Minister, lay the foundation stone for the AIISH Satellite Centre?

- a) Kanpur
- b) Delhi

- c) Mumbai
- d) Hyderabad

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Health Minister, laid the foundation stone for the AIISH Satellite Centre in Kanpur, aligning with the Prime Minister's vision to establish AIISH institutes nationwide. The Minister emphasized the significance of providing specialized healthcare at the regional level to save time and resources for people.

📌 **Category :** National

12. In which Indian state is the second Very Low Frequency (VLF) communication station set to be established by 2027?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Telangana
- c) Odisha
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Telangana's Vikarabad district has been strategically chosen as the location for India's second Very Low Frequency (VLF) communication station, vital for naval communication with ships and submarines. The station is expected to be completed by 2027.

📌 **Category :** National

13. In which city did the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP) convene its 12th General Assembly?

- a) Bangkok
- b) Colombo
- c) New Delhi
- d) Kathmandu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP) was convened in New Delhi, reflecting India's commitment to the Buddhist legacy and

showcasing its proactive role in developing the Buddhist circuit and the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture.

✎ **Category :** International

14.Which organization signed a deal with the Indian government for the acquisition of 14 Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) for the Indian Coast Guard?

- a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- c) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai, entered into a contract with the Ministry of Defence for the procurement of 14 Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) to enhance the safety of global shipping lanes.

✎ **Category :** Defence

15.On which date is National Tourism Day 2024 observed?

- a) January 20
- b) January 25
- c) February 1
- d) February 10

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

National Tourism Day 2024 is observed on January 25th each year, emphasizing the significance of tourism for India's economy, and cultural heritage, and fostering awareness about its values.

✎ **Category :** Important Days

26th January 2024

1.Which organization, in collaboration with Lockheed Martin, recently unveiled the X-59 supersonic jet, capable of speeds up to 925 mph and designed to produce quieter sonic booms, redefining supersonic travel?

- a) Boeing
- b) Airbus
- c) NASA
- d) SpaceX

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

NASA, in collaboration with Lockheed Martin, unveiled the X-59 supersonic jet, a significant step in redefining supersonic travel with its capability of speeds up to 925 mph and quieter sonic booms.

📌 **Category** : Technology

2.In the initiative for green ammonia supply, ACME, an Indian Renewable Energy company, has forged a partnership with a company from which country, making it one of the world's largest agreements for green ammonia supply?

- a) Russia
- b) Japan
- c) United States
- d) Germany

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

ACME has partnered with Japan's IHI in a significant agreement for green ammonia supply, contributing to the India-Japan Clean Energy Partnership aimed at meeting global demand for sustainable energy sources.

📌 **Category** : Business

3.How many states and Union Territories participated in the Republic Day Parade Tableaux 2024?

- a) 15
- b) 17

- c) 28
- d) 22

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

17 states and Union Territories(16+1), including West Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, and Jammu & Kashmir, showcased their tableaux at Kartavya Path for the Republic Day parade.

📌 **Category** : Talkies

4.Which force did Sanwala Ram Vishnoi and Shishupal Singh, honoured with the President's Medal for Gallantry, belong to?

- a) Paramilitary
- b) Navy
- c) BSF
- d) Air Force

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Sanwala Ram Vishnoi and Shishupal Singh, both posthumous awardees of the President's Medal for Gallantry, served in the Border Security Force (BSF). They were recognized for their courageous peacekeeping roles in Congo in 2022, contributing to the force's commendable efforts in challenging situations.

📌 **Category** : Awards and Honours

5.In collaboration with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), which country has initiated a large-scale recruitment drive to send around 10,000 workers, mainly for construction activities, from the states of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana?

- a) Israel
- b) United States
- c) Canada
- d) Australia

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The governments of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, in collaboration with NSDC, are recruiting approximately 10,000 workers for construction activities in Israel, offering lucrative opportunities.

✎ **Category** : International

6.Which foreign military contingent participated in the Republic Day Parade 2024?

- a) Germany
- b) United Kingdom
- c) United States of America
- d) French

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The French marching squad, led by Captain Louis Noel, consisted of 6 Indian soldiers and 6 Nepalis from the French Foreign Legion, marking their participation in the Republic Day Parade 2024.

✎ **Category** : National

7.Which Indian oil and gas company received government approval to establish a subsidiary for green energy initiatives?

- a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- b) Reliance Industries Limited
- c) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- d) Adani Green Energy Limited

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has secured approval from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to establish 'ONGC Green Limited.' The subsidiary aims to focus on gas business and clean energy initiatives, including green hydrogen, renewable energy, and biofuels. ONGC plans to invest Rs 1 lakh crore to achieve 10 GW of renewable energy capacity and two million tonnes of green ammonia production by 2035.

✎ **Category** : Economy

8.Where was the 14th edition of the All India Police Commando Competition held?

- a) Chennai
- b) Visakhapatnam
- c) Bhubaneswar
- d) Tuticorin

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The 14th All India Police Commando Competition occurred at the A.P. Police Greyhounds training facility in Visakhapatnam. The event, inaugurated by Commissioner of Police A. Ravi Shankar, attracted elite commando forces from 16 states, including SOG from Odisha and Chhattisgarh, C-60 from Maharashtra, and paramilitary forces like BSF, CRPF, and Assam Rifles.

📌 **Category** : Places

9. In which category has Nisha Pahuja's film 'To Kill a Tiger' been nominated for the Oscars 2024?

- a) Best Feature Film
- b) Best International Film
- c) Best Short Film
- d) Best Documentary

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Nisha Pahuja's 'To Kill a Tiger' has earned an Oscars 2024 nomination in the Best Documentary category. The documentary centres around an Indian farmer's legal battle for justice after his daughter's brutal sexual assault, emphasizing the film's societal impact.

📌 **Category** : Awards and Honours

10. Who is the Chief Guest at Republic Day 2024?

- a) Emmanuel Macron
- b) Angela Merkel
- c) Boris Johnson
- d) Justin Trudeau

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

French President Emmanuel Macron is the Chief Guest at Republic Day 2024, marking the sixth occasion of a French leader gracing this prestigious annual event.

✎ **Category :** Awards and Honours



27th January 2024

1.Which institute's scholar won the 'Best Product Design' award at the Vishwakarma Awards 2023?

- a) IIT Bombay
- b) IIT Delhi
- c) IIT Kharagpur
- d) IIT Guwahati

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

An IIT Guwahati PhD scholar was honoured with the 'Best Product Design' award at Vishwakarma Awards 2023 for creating R-SAM-PRO, an IoT-enabled water quality monitoring device, notable for its affordability and integration of IoT technology.

📌 **Category** : Education

2.The Cabinet has approved the establishment of two coal gasification plants in collaboration with Coal India Limited (CIL), GAIL, and BHEL. In which states will these plants be set up?

- a) Jharkhand and Bihar
- b) Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh
- c) West Bengal and Odisha
- d) Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The Cabinet approved the setting up of two coal gasification plants in West Bengal and Odisha. These projects, conducted in collaboration with Coal India Limited (CIL), GAIL, and BHEL, aim to produce 100 metric tons by 2028-29, focusing on Natural Gas in West Bengal and Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate in Odisha.

📌 **Category** : National

3.Which company collaborated with Reliance Jio to establish a 5G Innovation Lab?

- a) Samsung

- b) OnePlus India
- c) Apple
- d) Xiaomi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

OnePlus India partnered with Reliance Jio to create a 5G Innovation Lab, focusing on testing and developing cutting-edge technologies for advancing connectivity and enhancing user experiences.

✂ **Category** : Technology

4.Which country's Parliament recently approved the 'Online Safety Bill,' facing opposition criticism over concerns about potential restrictions on freedom of speech?

- a) India
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Nepal
- d) Sri Lanka

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The Sri Lankan Parliament approved the 'Online Safety Bill,' securing 108 votes in favour and 62 against after a two-day debate. The bill leads to the establishment of the Online Safety Commission with the authority to make punitive rulings on offences.

✂ **Category** : National

5.When is National Geographic Day celebrated?

- a) January 27
- b) February 12
- c) March 5
- d) April 8

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

National Geographic Day is celebrated annually on January 27, marking the founding of the National Geographic Society in 1888 and honouring its contributions to geography, natural science, and exploration.

 **Category** : Important Days

6.Which country's parliament supported Sweden's attempt to join NATO?

- a) Spain
- b) Finland
- c) Turkey
- d) Ukraine

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Turkey's parliament supported Sweden's NATO membership, signalling a significant development in Sweden's attempt to join the alliance.

 **Category** : International

7.Where was the 3-day Kisan Mela, promoting medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) cultivation, inaugurated by Dr. Himanshu Pathak?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Dr Himanshu Pathak inaugurated the 3-day Kisan Mela in Anand, Gujarat, organized by ICAR-DMAPR, focusing on promoting medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) cultivation. The event witnessed the participation of more than 2000 farmers, including a significant number of women farmers, and the signing of two MoUs with M/s Vasu Research Centre and Healthcare, Vadodara.

 **Category** : Agriculture

8.Which international organization has initiated the largest military exercise, "Steadfast Defender 2024"?

- a) NATO
- b) UN
- c) EU
- d) ASEAN

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) has commenced Steadfast Defender 2024, its most extensive military exercise since the Cold War, involving over 90,000 troops, more than 50 ships, and various aircraft, with a focus on responding to potential aggression, particularly from Russia.

📌 **Category** : Defence

9. In which state did Vivek Bharadwaj inaugurate the national workshop on panchayat devolution?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Kerala
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Goa

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Vivek Bharadwaj inaugurated a two-day National Consultative Workshop on Devolution to Panchayats in Goa. The workshop, organized by the Indian Institute of Public Administration in collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, focuses on the potential of Panchayats in rural self-governance for building the country.

📌 **Category** : State

10. India recently strengthened its economic relations with which country through the approval of the Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) protocol?

- a) Haiti
- b) Dominica Republic
- c) Jamaica
- d) Trinidad and Tobago

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Cabinet approved the protocol for JETCO, strengthening economic relations between India and the Dominica Republic. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Department of Commerce, the

Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic. Currently, there is no bilateral institutional mechanism between India and the Dominican Republic on trade and commerce.

✏ **Category** : Economy



28th January 2024

1.Which bank recently raised Rs 5,000 crore through the issuance of 10-year infrastructure bonds?

- a) State Bank of India
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) Punjab National Bank
- d) Bank of Baroda

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Bank of Baroda successfully raised Rs 5,000 crore through the issuance of 10-year infrastructure bonds, receiving a robust response with 128 bids totalling Rs 14,950 crore against the targeted issue size of Rs 5,000 crore.

📌 **Category :** Banking

2.Which aerospace company is collaborating with Tata to establish a final assembly line for helicopters in India?

- a) Airbus
- b) Boeing
- c) Lockheed Martin
- d) Embraer

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Airbus and Tata are jointly working on establishing a helicopter manufacturing facility in India, emphasizing boosting indigenous manufacturing. This collaboration signifies Airbus's commitment to contributing to the country's aerospace sector growth, following their earlier establishment of a final assembly line for C295 military aircraft production in Gujarat.

📌 **Category :** Business

3.What is the name of Bhavish Aggarwal's AI start-up that recently achieved unicorn status?

- a) TechSphere
- b) Krutrim
- c) NeuralCraft



d) QuantumMind

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Bhavish Aggarwal's AI start-up, Krutrim, recently secured \$50 million in funding, attaining unicorn status with a valuation of \$1 billion. Positioned at the forefront of cutting-edge technology, Krutrim is poised to revolutionize the artificial intelligence industry.

📌 **Category** : Technology

4. Who recently became the oldest player to claim the No. 1 spot in the men's doubles rankings at the age of 43?

- a) Rohan Bopanna
- b) Leander Paes
- c) Mahesh Bhupathi
- d) Sania Mirza

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Rohan Bopanna, at the age of 43, achieved the milestone of becoming the oldest player to claim the No. 1 spot in the men's doubles rankings after his quarter-final victory at the 2024 Australian Open.

📌 **Category** : Sports

5. In which Indian state was the rare golden tiger recently spotted?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Assam
- d) Kerala

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The golden tiger, a rare Bengal tiger morph, was recently spotted in Kaziranga National Park in Assam, as showcased in a captivating video shared by the Assam Chief Minister's Office, highlighting the state's rich wildlife diversity.

📌 **Category** : State

6. When is International Customs Day observed?

- a) January 26
- b) February 15
- c) March 10
- d) January 28

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

International Customs Day is observed annually on January 26, recognizing and appreciating the crucial role played by customs agencies worldwide.

 **Category** : Important Days

7. Which company's subsidiary has recently secured the payment aggregator license from the RBI?

- a) Swiggy
- b) Uber Eats
- c) Zomato
- d) FoodPanda

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Zomato Payments Private Limited, a subsidiary of Zomato, secured the payment aggregator license from the Reserve Bank of India, aligning with Zomato's strategy to reduce external dependency on payment apps.

 **Category** : Business

8. In which city did the 63rd Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB) meeting take place?

- a) Jaipur
- b) Kolkata
- c) Lucknow
- d) Bhopal

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The 63rd Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB) meeting convened in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, under the chairmanship of Shri V.L. Kantha Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Mines.

 **Category** : National

9. In a recent development, which bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India for the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to acquire up to 9.99% aggregate holding?

Axis Bank

HDFC Bank

State Bank of India

ICICI Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India has approved Life Insurance Corporation of India's acquisition of up to 9.99% stake in HDFC Bank, the nation's largest private sector bank. The approval, subject to various conditions, mandates LIC to complete the major shareholding purchase by January 24, 2025.

 **Category** : Banking

10. On which date is the International Day of Clean Energy observed?

- a) January 15
- b) February 2
- c) January 26
- d) March 8

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The International Day of Clean Energy is observed on January 26, emphasizing the significance of renewable energy for a sustainable and environmentally friendly future.

 **Category** : Important Days

11. Which organization has been appointed as the nodal agency for the Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana, with plans to lend Rs 1,20,000 crore for the installation of rooftop solar panels?

- a) REC
- b) PFC
- c) NTPC
- d) NHPC

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

REC Ltd, a Maharatna power finance company, has been designated as the nodal agency for the Pradhan Mantri Suryoday Yojana. The initiative aims to install rooftop solar panels in one crore households, with REC Ltd set to lend Rs 1,20,000 crore for this ambitious project under the leadership of CMD Vivek Kumar Dewangan.

📌 **Category** : Business

12.Which maritime giant recently unveiled the world's largest container ship fueled by green methanol?

- a) CMA CGM
- b) Maersk
- c) Evergreen
- d) MSC

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Maersk, the maritime titan, revealed the Ane Maersk, the world's largest container ship fueled by green methanol sourced from green hydrogen, marking a significant stride towards eco-friendly maritime transportation.

📌 **Category** : Science

13.In which U.S. state did Kenneth Smith become the first person to undergo execution by nitrogen gas, departing from the prevalent lethal injection method?

- a) Texas
- b) California
- c) Florida
- d) Alabama

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Kenneth Smith, a convicted murderer, made history in Alabama as the first person in the United States to be executed by nitrogen gas, a departure from the conventional lethal injection method.

📌 **Category** : International



29th January 2024

1.What is the primary objective of the Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme?

- a) Boosting India's exports
- b) Supporting Domestic Industries
- c) Enhancing Import Regulations
- d) Promoting Foreign Investments

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme is designed to primarily focus on consistently boosting India's exports. The scheme adopts a strategic approach, targeting specific markets and products to enhance the overall competitiveness of Indian exports.

📌 **Category : Economy**

2.What is the primary consequence of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)?

- a) Cardiovascular Disease
- b) Liver Dysfunction
- c) Kidney Failure
- d) Lung Damage

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) can lead to gradual lung damage, making it a significant concern for individuals with this condition. While COPD is incurable, managing symptoms and adopting a healthier lifestyle can help improve the overall respiratory health of affected individuals.

📌 **Category : Science**

3.What is the name of the house journal launched by IREDA's Vigilance Department?

- a) Pahal
- b) Urja
- c) Pragati



d) Bijli

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) Vigilance Department launched 'Pahal' in January 2024, as a significant step toward transparency and the advancement of renewable energy initiatives. The journal serves as an insightful platform, reflecting IREDA's commitment to accountability, sustainability, and the promotion of renewable energy solutions in India.

📌 **Category : Environment**

4.What is the primary purpose of the INSAT-3DS satellite, being launched by ISRO?

- a) Astronomical observations and space exploration
- b) Weather forecasting and disaster management
- c) Communication and broadcasting services
- d) Navigation and geospatial mapping

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

INSAT-3DS, scheduled for launch by ISRO, holds a primary focus on improving weather forecasting and disaster management. This meteorological satellite is part of India's commitment to leveraging space technology for societal benefits. With design features based on the proven I-2k bus platform, INSAT-3DS aims to enhance India's capabilities in addressing weather-related challenges and disaster response.

📌 **Category : Technology**

5.On which date is Indian Newspaper Day observed each year?

- a) January 15
- b) February 5
- c) March 12
- d) January 28

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Indian Newspaper Day is observed annually on January 28th, commemorating the introduction of the first printed newspaper, Hicky's Bengal Gazette, by James Augustus Hicky in 1780. The day pays homage to India's journalistic heritage and reflects on the evolving role of newspapers in the digital age.

✏️ **Category : Important Days**

6.Which team clinched victory in the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s Women's World Cup, securing the title with a 7-2 win against India in the final?

- a) Norway
- b) Netherlands
- c) Australia
- d) Argentina

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Netherlands emerged triumphant in the FIH Hockey5s Women's World Cup, defeating India 7-2 in the final match in Muscat. India's attempts at a comeback fell short, and the Dutch team, led by their performance and an additional goal from Kalse, secured the championship.

✏️ **Category : Sports**

7.In which Indian state was the 4th Rusoma Orange Festival held in 2024?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) Nagaland
- d) Manipur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The 4th Rusoma Orange Festival celebrated in Nagaland's Kohima district attracted approximately 3400 attendees. Beyond the vibrant display of oranges, the event showcased the region's commitment to organic produce, community cohesion, and rural entrepreneurship, making it a significant cultural and economic gathering for Nagaland.

✏️ **Category : Art and Culture**

8.Which region has the highest life expectancy after the age of 60, with males exhibiting a life expectancy of 20.3 per cent and females of 23.0 per cent?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Assam

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Jammu and Kashmir stand out with the highest life expectancy after the age of 60, making it a leader in this demographic indicator between 2015-19.

📁 **Category : Places**

9.Which country is set to conduct the joint military exercise "Sada Tanseeq" with India?

- a) United States
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Oman
- d) Iran

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The joint military exercise, Sada Tanseeq, is the result of collaboration between India and Saudi Arabia, showcasing a significant boost in bilateral ties. The exercise involves the Royal Saudi Land Forces and a Battalion from the Brigade of the Guards (Mechanised Infantry) of the Indian Army.

📁 **Category : Defence**

10.Which institution did the Prime Minister inaugurate the Diamond Jubilee celebration for and launch technology initiatives?

- a) Supreme Court
- b) Parliament
- c) Delhi High Court
- d) Law University

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Prime Minister inaugurated the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Supreme Court, emphasizing citizen-centric tech initiatives like Digital Supreme Court Reports and Digital Courts 2.0. These advancements mark a significant step towards enhancing the efficiency and accessibility of legal processes within the Supreme Court, coinciding with its 75th year.

📌 **Category : Awards and Honours**

11. With which country did India sign the Defence Space Agreement during its Republic Day celebrations?

- a) Germany
- b) United States
- c) France
- d) Russia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The agreement, sealed by French Defence Minister Sebastien Locornu and India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, signifies a paradigm shift. It enhances collaboration, allowing joint development and deployment of military satellites, thereby strengthening offensive and defensive capabilities between India and France.

📌 **Category : International**

12. Who is credited with the discovery and development of India's first oral contraceptive pill 'Saheli'?

- a) Dr Rajesh Misra
- b) Dr Krishnaswamy
- c) Dr Nitya Anand
- d) Dr Sanjay Reddy

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Dr Nitya Anand, the individual behind the creation of India's first oral contraceptive pill 'Saheli,' passed away at 99 in Lucknow. His groundbreaking work in developing Saheli, a unique birth control pill without steroids or hormones, has left a lasting impact on reproductive health in India.

📌 **Category : Obituary**

13. How many times has Nitish Kumar been sworn in as the Chief Minister of Bihar, setting a record?

- a) 6th Time
- b) 7th Time
- c) 8th Time
- d) 9th Time

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Nitish Kumar took the oath as Bihar Chief Minister for the 9th time, aligning with the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, breaking ties with the 'Mahagathbandhan' in a significant political development.

📁 **Category : Persons**

14. What is the increased enrollment of females in Higher Education from 2014-15 to 2021-22, according to the AISHE Survey?

- a) 1.57 crore
- b) 1.85 crore
- c) 2.07 crore
- d) 2.35 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The enrollment of females in Higher Education increased from 1.57 crore in 2014-15 to 2.07 crore in 2021-22, as reported by the AISHE Survey released by the Ministry of Education.

📁 **Category : Education**

15. On which date is Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa's birth anniversary celebrated?

- a) January 15
- b) January 28
- c) February 5
- d) February 18

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa's birth anniversary is celebrated on January 28. He was the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army and played a crucial role in India's military transition to independence.

📌 **Category : Important Days**



30th January 2024

1.Which sport did Naorem Roshibina Devi excel in to be crowned the IWUF Female Athlete of the Year?

- a) Wushu
- b) Judo
- c) Taekwondo
- d) Karate

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Naorem Roshibina Devi, from Manipur, earned the title of IWUF Female Athlete of the Year in Wushu, highlighting her dominance in the sport and showcasing her achievements, including silver and bronze medals in the sanda category at the Asian Games.

📌 **Category** : Sports

2.Which Indian state has launched the 'LABHA' scheme, a 100% state-funded Minimum Support Price initiative for Minor Forest Produce (MFP)?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Karnataka
- d) Odisha

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Odisha, under the leadership of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, has launched the 'LABHA' scheme, a 100% state-funded Minimum Support Price initiative for Minor Forest Produce (MFP), empowering tribal primary collectors and integrating with Mission Shakti.

📌 **Category** : National

3.Where was India's Largest Electrolyser End Fuel Cell-based Green Hydrogen Pilot Project inaugurated by THDC India Limited on the 75th Republic Day?

- a) Varanasi



- b) Rishikesh
- c) Bhubaneswar
- d) Haridwar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

THDC India Limited launched the largest Green Hydrogen Pilot Project in Rishikesh on the 75th Republic Day, emphasizing its commitment to sustainable energy. The initiative, aligned with the "National Green Hydrogen Mission," showcases advancements in clean fuel technologies at the heart of India, in the city of Rishikesh.

📌 **Category** : Environment

4.Which state hosted the Fourth National Chilika Birds Festival?

- a) Odisha
- b) Bihar
- c) Kerala
- d) Maharashtra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Fourth National Chilika Birds Festival took place in Odisha, inaugurated by CM Naveen Patnaik. Celebrated against the scenic backdrop of Chilika Lake, the event featured a captivating 'Photo Exhibition' highlighting the diverse avian life of Chilika, making it a grand celebration for birders and enthusiasts across India.

📌 **Category** : Agriculture

5.What is the name of the recently introduced silicon-proven Artificial Intelligence (AI) chip by the Digital University Kerala?

- a) Silicon Edge
- b) Kerala AI Pro
- c) Kairali AI Chip
- d) TechSmart AI

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The Digital University Kerala has introduced the state's maiden silicon-proven Artificial Intelligence (AI) chip, named "Kairali AI Chip." This chip is designed to provide speed, power efficiency, and scalability for various applications, leveraging edge intelligence for high performance and low power consumption.

✏️ **Category** : Technology

6.What is the new name of Bank of Baroda's card subsidiary, formerly known as 'BOB Financial Solutions Limited'?

- a) Baroda Cards
- b) Financial Reimagined Limited
- c) BOBCARD Limited
- d) Baroda Financial Solutions

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Bank of Baroda's card subsidiary, 'BOB Financial Solutions Limited,' has been rebranded as 'BOBCARD Limited' with the tagline "Credit Reimagined," reflecting a strategic move to revolutionize credit experiences.

✏️ **Category** : Banking

7.With which country has Qatar finalized a 15-year LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) to bolster energy ties?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) India
- c) Pakistan
- d) Sri Lanka

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Qatar has secured a 15-year LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with Bangladesh, enhancing energy ties. The agreement involves Excelerate Energy procuring up to one million tons per annum (MTPA) of LNG from QatarEnergy, with deliveries commencing in January 2026.

✏️ **Category** : Business

8.Who has recently started his second term as the Prime Minister of Bhutan after the fourth free election?

- a) Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
- b) Tenzin Gyatso
- c) Sangay Wangchuk
- d) Tshering Tobgay

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Tshering Tobgay, leader of Bhutan's People's Democratic Party, has embarked on his second term as Prime Minister, facing challenges of economic recovery post-COVID-19 and maintaining regional ties.

📌 **Category** : International

9. On which date does India commemorate Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas?

- a) January 15
- b) January 30
- c) February 14
- d) March 5

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Martyrs' Day, also known as Shaheed Diwas, is observed in India on January 30th each year, marking the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and honouring

📌 **Category** : Important Days

10. Who secured a remarkable victory at the NBA's intercontinental super featherweight championship in the U.S.?

- a) Vikash Dahiya
- b) Dharmender
- c) Mandeep Jangra
- d) Akshay Chahal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Indian boxer Mandeep Jangra achieved a remarkable victory at the NBA's intercontinental super featherweight championship in the U.S., showcasing exceptional skill and transitioning from his previous weight class under the guidance of Roy Jones Jr.

✏️ **Category** : International

11. With which country's gas company has GAIL, the Indian gas firm, secured a 10-year LNG deal?

- a) Qatar
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Oman
- d) UAE

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

GAIL, India's leading gas company, has strengthened its LNG portfolio through a 10-year partnership with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) ADNOC Gas. The deal involves procuring 0.5 million tonnes of LNG annually, contributing significantly to meeting India's growing demand for natural gas.

✏️ **Category** : Business

12. Which automaker retained its position as the world's top-selling automaker in 2023?

- a) Toyota
- b) Honda
- c) Ford
- d) Volkswagen

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Toyota, the renowned Japanese automaker, maintained its position as the world's top-selling automaker in 2023, highlighting its continued dominance in the global automotive market and commitment to innovation and quality.

✏️ **Category** : Miscellaneous

13. From which country did the International Health Regulations National Focal Point (IHR NFP) alert the World Health Organization about a human case of Western Equine Encephalitis Virus (WEEV) infection?

- a) Brazil
- b) Argentina
- c) Mexico
- d) Chile

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The International Health Regulations National Focal Point (IHR NFP) in Argentina alerted the World Health Organization about a human case of Western Equine Encephalitis Virus (WEEV) infection, emphasizing the importance of health surveillance and response.

📌 **Category** : Science

14. On which date is World Leprosy Day marked in 2024?

- a) January 15
- b) January 22
- c) January 28
- d) February 5

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

World Leprosy Day is observed annually on the last Sunday of January. In 2024, it falls on January 28, highlighting the importance of raising awareness about leprosy, also known as Hansen's Disease, and understanding its impact.

📌 **Category** : Important Days

15. Who made a remarkable debut at the Cairo Shooting World Cup, securing the women's air rifle silver medal?

- a) Anna Janssen
- b) Sonam Maskar
- c) Nancy Mandhotra
- d) Maria Rodriguez

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Sonam Maskar, in a remarkable debut at the Cairo Shooting World Cup, clinched the women's air rifle silver medal, showcasing her potential as a rising star in the sport.

📌 **Category** : Sports

31st January 2024

1.Which country is the home country of the two-year-old Carter Dallas, who set the record as the youngest person to reach Mount Everest's base camp?

- a) Scotland
- b) Denmark
- c) Nepal
- d) England

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Carter Dallas, the two-year-old who set the record as the youngest person to reach Mount Everest's base camp, hails from Scotland. Accompanied by his parents on an extraordinary journey, Carter's achievement at an altitude of 17,598 feet above sea level captured global attention.

📌 **Category** : Persons

2.Where is the Khelo India Winter Games 2024 set to take place?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Ladakh
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Khelo India Winter Games 2024, a significant event in the Indian sports calendar, will mark its debut in the Union Territory of Ladakh as a host, alongside Jammu & Kashmir. The event is part of the Khelo India Mission, aimed at promoting Olympic sports and nurturing talent in India.

📌 **Category** : Sports

3.What is SARVATRA in the context of the Indian Army's defence capabilities?

- a) Special Operations Force
- b) Tactical Reconnaissance System
- c) Rapid Deployment Platform



d) Mobile Bridging System

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

SARVATRA is a cutting-edge Multispan Mobile Bridging System developed by Armament and Combat Engineering Systems (ACE) under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). It plays a crucial role in enhancing connectivity and logistical efficiency for the Indian Army, featuring a truck-mounted design for swift setup and robust construction using aluminium alloy.

📌 **Category :** Defence

4. In which Indian state did NTPC Green Energy Ltd (NGEL), a subsidiary of NTPC, sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) worth Rs 80,000 crore for pioneering green hydrogen projects?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Andra Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

NGEL, a subsidiary of NTPC, signed a Rs 80,000 crore MoU with the Maharashtra government to lead green hydrogen projects, aligning with the state's Green Investment Plan. The collaboration also includes the development of green ammonia, green methanol, pump hydro projects, and renewable energy projects.

📌 **Category :** Environment

5. In the field of brain-computer interfaces (BCIs), which neurotechnology company successfully implanted its first brain chip into a human being?

- a) Neuralink
- b) MindSync
- c) CerebroTech
- d) SynapticConnect

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Neuralink, co-founded by Elon Musk, has achieved a groundbreaking development by successfully implanting its first brain chip into a human being. This signifies a significant step forward in the field of brain-computer interfaces (BCIs), showcasing the potential for medical treatment and human enhancement.

📌 **Category** : Technology

6. Who leads the Sixteenth Finance Commission, which was constituted on December 31, 2023?

- a) Ajay Narayan Jha
- b) Annie George Mathew
- c) Arvind Panagariya
- d) Soumya Kanti Ghosh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Shri Arvind Panagariya, the former Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog, leads the Sixteenth Finance Commission, which was constituted on December 31, 2023. Other appointed members include Shri. Ajay Narayan Jha, Smt. Annie George Mathew, and Dr Soumya Kanti Ghosh, serve as Full-time and Part-time Members.

📌 **Category** : Finance

7. In the 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) assessment, where did India rank among 180 nations?

- a) 45th
- b) 93rd
- c) 120th
- d) 150th

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

India secured the 93rd position out of 180 countries in the 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), as per Transparency International's assessment of public sector integrity globally. The CPI evaluates nations based on perceived levels of public sector corruption, utilizing a scale from 0 to 100.

📌 **Category** : International

8. In which Indian state has the 'Sadak Surakhya Force' (SSF) been launched to enhance road safety, covering a 5,500 km stretch of national and state highways?

- a) Haryana
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Punjab

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The 'Sadak Surakhya Force' (SSF) has been launched in Punjab, covering a vast 5,500 km stretch of national and state highways, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. This initiative aims to enhance road safety, prevent accidents, and swiftly assist accident victims.

📌 **Category** : State

9. In which event did Rhythm Sangwan and Ujjwal Malik secure gold at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo?

- a) 10m air rifle mixed team
- b) 10m air pistol mixed team
- c) 50m rifle prone
- d) Skeet shooting

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Rhythm Sangwan and Ujjwal Malik secured gold for India in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, showcasing outstanding precision and synchronization in their performance.

📌 **Category** : Sports

10. Who authored the report titled "The Indian Economy: A Review" assessing India's economic trajectory over a decade?

- a) Krishnamurthy Subramanian
- b) Mr. Satyendra Kishore
- c) V Anantha Nageswaran
- d) Sh. S. Ramakrishnan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Explanation: The report titled "The Indian Economy: A Review" was authored by Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran and his team, providing a comprehensive analysis of India's economic journey over the past ten years. It aims to assess the state of the Indian economy and provide insights into its future outlook, emphasizing factors like domestic demand and supply-side measures.

📌 **Category :** Economy

11.By what percentage has the Indian government slashed the import duty on parts used for mobile phone manufacturing?

- a) 8%
- b) 12%
- c) 10%
- d) 15%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The import duty on mobile phone components has been reduced by 10%, from the earlier 15% to the current 10%, in a strategic move to boost the mobile phone manufacturing industry and align with broader objectives.

📌 **Category :** Economy

12.In which Indian state did the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF) launch the subsidized 'Bharat' brand of pulses, including chana dal, through 50 mobile vans to stabilize prices and curb food inflation?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Gujarat
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The NCCF launched the 'Bharat Dal' brand in Tamil Nadu, utilizing 50 mobile vans to sell pulses directly to customers at subsidized prices. The initiative aims to stabilize prices and curb food inflation, with plans to expand to 100 mobile outlets and include items like atta, rice, and moong dal.

📌 **Category** : State

13. On which date is International Zebra Day observed annually?

- a) January 31
- b) February 15
- c) March 22
- d) April 7

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

International Zebra Day is observed annually on January 31. This significant event aims to raise awareness about the conservation of zebras, emphasizing their importance in Africa's wildlife and ecosystem, while addressing the increasing vulnerabilities due to environmental degradation and human population growth.

📌 **Category** : Important Days

14. Which regional organization did the military regimes of Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger withdraw from, citing it as a threat and leading to strained relations?

- a) ECOWAS
- b) SADC
- c) ASEAN
- d) NAFTA

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The military regimes of Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger made a surprising announcement of their immediate withdrawal from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), citing the bloc as a threat. Despite being founding members in 1975, strained relations emerged due to recent coups, leading to their suspension and heavy sanctions for the overthrow of civilian governments.

📌 **Category** : International

15. In which Indian state was the previously reported Agasthyagama beddomii, the first species in the Agasthyagama genus, found?

- a) Karnataka

- b) Gujarat
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The previously reported *Agasthyagama beddomii*, the first species in the *Agasthyagama* genus, was found in the Sivagiri hills of Tamil Nadu. The recent discovery of *Agasthyagama edge*, a new diminutive lizard species, was made in the biodiverse forests of the Western Ghats at Kulamavu in Idukki.

📌 **Category** : Places

