

## CURRENT AFFAIRS: JANUARY 2025

1. **Where is India's first glass bridge over sea constructed?**

- a) Chennai
- b) Goa
- c) Kanyakumari
- d) Leh

Ans: C

**Solution:** Kanyakumari, India's first Glass Sea Bridge in Kanyakumari is now open to visitors! Connecting the Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Thiruvalluvar Statue.

India highest glass bridge at Atal Rohtang Tunnel – Himachal Pradesh

2. **Who become the youngest female to scale the highest peaks on each of 7 continents of world?**

- a) Santosh Yadav
- b) Bachendri Pal
- c) Malavath Purna
- d) Kaamy Karthikeyan

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Ans: D

**Solution:** Kaamya Karthikeyan, a 17-year-old from Mumbai, India, has become the youngest female to scale the highest peaks on each of the seven continents of the world.

Highest peaks of other continents:

Mt Kilimanjaro-Africa

Mt Elbrus-Europe

Mt Kosciuszko-Australia

Mt Aconcagua-South America

Mt Denali-North America

Mt Everest-Asia

3. **With reference to BHARATPOL portal, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It aims to modernize India's approach to tackling transnational crimes.
- 2. It has been developed by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 3. It allows all Indian law enforcement agencies to connect with Interpol.

**Which of the following statements are correct?**

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 1 & 2
- c) Only 2 & 3
- d) 1, 2 & 3

Ans: D

**Solution:** BHARATPOL Portal: Developed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the portal allows central and state agencies to connect with the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) for real-time information sharing, replacing the previous system where only the CBI had this access.

**4. When was ISRO established and who is its current Chairman?**

- a) 1962, Dr. V Narayanan
- b) 1965, Dr. VK Saraswat
- c) 1963, Dr. Samir V Kamat
- d) 1962, Dr. D. K. Sunil

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Ans: D, Dr. V Narayanan

**Solution:** 1962 Dr. V Narayanan

The Indian National Committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR) was founded in 1962 under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) with Vikram Sarabhai as its chairperson which in 1969 became ISRO. Dr. V. Narayanan, Distinguished Scientist (Apex Grade), assumed the charge of Secretary, Department of Space, Chairman, Space Commission and Chairman, ISRO on the afternoon of 13th January, 2025.

**5. Where was the Bharat Mobility Global Expo launched?**

- a) Goa
- b) Bengaluru
- c) Chennai
- d) New Delhi

Ans: D

**Solution:** Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 was held at three places. The main auto show was in Bharat Mandapam, commercial vehicles were at the Great India Exposition Mart whereas components were present at Yashobhoomi.

**6. Which one of the following is the objective of “Sanchar Saathi Portal?”**

- a) It provides a user-friendly interface for telecom professionals to engage in forums, discussions, and share best practices, promoting knowledge-sharing within the industry.
- b) Its purpose is to empower citizens by providing information about mobile connections issued in their name, enabling them to disconnect unnecessary connections, block or trace lost mobile phones, and verify the authenticity of devices when purchasing new or used mobile phones.
- c) It plays a pivotal role in promoting transparency and efficiency in the telecom sector by offering a centralized hub for regulatory compliance, licensing, and policy updates.
- d) It acts as a catalyst for fostering collaboration between government agencies, industry players, and other stakeholders to collectively address challenges and opportunities in the telecom sector.

Answer: B

**Solution**– Sanchar Saathi Portal is a citizen-centric initiative of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) in India. It aims to empower mobile subscribers, strengthen their security, and increase awareness about citizen-centric initiatives of the government. The Sanchar Saathi Portal is designed to empower citizens by allowing them to know the mobile connections issued in their name, disconnect unnecessary connections, block/trace lost mobile phones, and check the genuineness of devices while buying new/old mobile phones.

**7. What is the full form of SVAMITVA, a scheme launched by Gol for providing legal ownership documents to property owners in rural India?**

- a) Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technique in Village Areas
- b) Survey of Villages Abadi and Master with Improved Technology in Village Areas
- c) Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas
- d) Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Important Technology in Village Areas

Ans: D

**Solution:** Launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on National Panchayati Raj Day, April 24, 2020, the SVAMITVA Scheme aims to drive the economic transformation of rural India by providing property owners in village Abadi areas with a "Record of Rights." Utilizing advanced drone and GIS technology for land demarcation.

**8. Which country has developed the world's most powerful Hydrogen train engine with 1200Hp capacity?**

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

Ans: A

**Solution:** India developed the world's most powerful hydrogen-powered train engine with a capacity of 1,200 horsepower. The engine was developed using indigenous technology and is a significant step towards India's transition to green transportation.

**9. Which country has joined the core membership of the BRICS group recently?**

- a) Brazil
- b) Nigeria
- c) Pakistan
- d) Indonesia

Ans: D

**Solution:** Indonesia joins BRICS group of emerging economies. Indonesia joins Russia, China and others in the group, which is viewed as a counterweight to the West. Indonesia has formally joined the BRICS group, a bloc of emerging economies featuring Russia, China and others that is viewed as a counterweight to the West. BRICS Formed in 2009 and in Rio De Janeiro Summit 2025 = Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**10 Sonamarg Z-morh tunnel connect which two places?**

- a) Gagangir and Sonmarg
- b) Jammu and Srinagar
- c) Leh and Srinagar
- d) Nimmu and Nyoma

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Ans: A

**Solution:** The Sonamarg Tunnel (Hindi: सोनमर्ग सुरंग) is a 6.5-kilometre-long (4.0 mi) road tunnel connecting Gagangir and Sonamarg, in the Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir, India. It carries two lanes of National Highway 1.

### 11 What is India Rank in road network globally?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

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Ans: B

**Solution:** India boasts the WORLD'S 2ND LARGEST ROAD NETWORK. India has the second biggest road network in the world at 63,72,614 km Approx. Out of this, 70% of the roads are paved and 30% of the roads are unpaved. Kerala has the highest road density in India, while the union territory of Chandigarh has the highest road density in India overall.

### 12 Which country will host the prestigious FIDE Chess World Cup 2025?

- a) India
- b) USA
- c) UK
- d) France

Ans: A

**Solution:** India will host the 2025 FIDE Chess World Cup from October 31 to November 27. This will be India's first major international chess tournament since the 2022 Chennai Chess Olympiad.

### 13 Who has been awarded Kirti Chakra for bravery posthumously on 26 Jan 25?

- a) Major Manjit
- b) Naik Dilwar Khan
- c) Capt Vikram Batra
- d) Lt Col Mahesh Suri

Ans: B

**Solution:** Major Manjit Kumar of the Punjab Regiment and with 22 Rashtriya Rifles (RR), and Naik Dilwar Khan from the Artillery Regiment and with 28 RR (posthumously) were awarded the Kirti Chakra for counter-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir

**14. What was the theme of the Republic Day 2025?**

- a) Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas
- b) Develop Villages Develop India
- c) Indian and Its Culture
- d) Vasudeva Kutumbakam

Ans: A

**Solution:** The theme of India's 76th Republic Day in 2025 was "Swarnim Bharat – Virasat aur Vikas" which translates to "Golden India – Heritage and Development". The theme highlighted India's cultural heritage and its progress in various sectors

Best state Tableau: UP and Marching contingent: J&K Rifle contingent

**15 Where was the India's first girls' school opened?**

- a) Hisar, Haryana
- b) Bhidewada, Pune
- c) Barrackpore, Kolkata
- d) Sabarmati, Gujarat

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Ans: B

**Soluton:** India's first school for girls was started at Bhide Wada in Pune on 1st Jan. 1848 by Savitribai Phule.

- Satyashodhak Samaj = 1873 (Jyotirao Phule)
- The Gulamgiri book was written by Jyotirao Phule.

**16. When was the Kumbh been inscribed on UNESCO's Representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?**

- a) 2017
- b) 2018
- c) 2019
- d) 2024

Ans: A

**Solution:** The Kumbh Mela was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2017. (2017). Next Kumbh will be held in Nashik (2027)

**17. Flamingo Festival is celebrated in which Indian state?**

- a) Punjab

- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans: C

**Solution:** Andhra Pradesh. The festival celebrated the rich biodiversity of the region, particularly in Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, with a focus on the magnificent flamingos that migrate there.

**18. Parashuram Kund mela 2025 also known as Kumbh of North east is celebrated in which state?**

- a) Punjab
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Arunachal Pradesh.

Answer: D

**Solution:** The Parshuram Kund Mela is celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh, India. It is also known as the "Kumbh of the Northeast".

**19. The Kagyed Dance festival is traditionally celebrated in which state?**

- a) Sikkim
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: A

**Solution:** Kagyed dance is dedicated to Guru Padmasambhava representing Buddhist mythology. Kagyed dance, a customary dance festival, celebrated annually in Sikkim falls on the 28th and 29th day of the tenth month according to Tibetan calendar, which according to English calendar falls in the month of December. Art 371(F) of the Indian Constitution provides special provisions for Sikkim.

**20. The Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal Canal Project (PKC-ERCP) is initiative aimed at enhancing irrigation in which Indian state?**

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

Ans: C

**Solution:** Rajasthan. The Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal Canal Project (PKC-ERCP) is aimed at enhancing irrigation in the state of Rajasthan, India; specifically targeting the eastern regions of the state by channelling surplus water from the Chambal River basin for irrigation, drinking, and

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industrial use. This project will impact 23 districts and is crucial for providing water for irrigation, drinking, and industrial use.

**21. What is the full form of the PARTH Yojana launched in Madhya Pradesh?**

- a) Public and Road Transport Highway
- b) Police And Recruitment Training & Hunar
- c) Police Army Recruitment Training & Hunar
- d) None of these

Ans: PARTH = Police Army Recruitment Training & Hunar

**Solution:** The PARTH Yojana (Police Army Recruitment Training & Hunar) is a pioneering initiative launched in Madhya Pradesh. This scheme aims to provide pre recruitment training to young people who aspire to join the Indian Army, Police, and Paramilitary forces.

**22. Which state has launched the Bima Sakhi Yojana?**

- a) Goa
- b) Kerala
- c) West Bengal
- d) Haryana

Ans: A

**Solution:** Bima Sakhi Yojana has been launched by CM Pramod Sawant in Goa to empower women by providing them with opportunities to become LIC insurance agents.

**23. Which of the state has launched the programme Gunotsav 2025?**

- a) Goa
- b) Kerala
- c) West Bengal
- d) Assam

Ans: D

**Solution:** The state of Assam launched the Gunotsav 2025 program. Gunotsav is an annual initiative that aims to improve the quality of education in the state.

**24. Which state topped the first-ever Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025 released by NITI Aayog?**

- a) Goa
- b) Odisha
- c) West Bengal
- d) Assam

Ans: B

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**Solution:** Odisha topped the first-ever Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025, released by NITI Aayog. Odisha scored 67.8 on the index, which is the highest score of all the states.

**24 Which state has lunched the Subhadra Yojana recently?**

- a) Goa
- b) West Bengal
- c) Odisha
- d) Assam

Ans: C

**Solution:** The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched 'SUBHADRA', the flagship Scheme of Government of Odisha, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha today. It is the largest, single women-centric scheme and is expected to cover more than 1 crore women.

**25. Which state launched the Shahid Madho Singh, Haath Kharcha Scheme?**

- a) Goa
- b) West Bengal
- c) Assam
- d) Odisha

Ans: D

**Solution:** Shahid Madho Singh, Haath Kharcha Scheme was launched by Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi at the Adivasi Mela in Bhubaneswar to promote educational continuity among tribal students.

**26. Which city has been declared as the World's most polluted city in January 2025?**

- a) Byrnihat
- b) Lahore
- c) Hanoi
- d) Begusarai

Ans: C

**Solution:** In January 2025, DD News reported that Hanoi was declared the world's most polluted city. India's most Polluted city is Byrnihat, Meghalaya and Cleanest city of India is Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

**27. Donald Trump has withdrawn the United States from which of the following organisation?**

- a) WHO (World Health Organization)
- b) UNO (United Nation Organization)
- c) NATO
- d) QUAD

Ans: A

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**Solution:** The United States noticed its withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2020 due to the organization's mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**28. Which country is the world's largest emitter of carbon dioxide?**

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

Ans: A

**Solution:** China is the world's largest emitter of carbon dioxide, accounting for 35% of global emissions in 2023.

**29. Who has been conferred with Sangita Kalanidhi title 2024?**

- a) TM. Krishna
- b) Sowmya
- c) Palghat R. Ragu
- d) TK Murthy

Ans: A

**Solution:** TM Krishna Received Prestigious Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2024. Thodur Madabusi Krishna, a renowned Carnatic classical vocalist, has been awarded the Sangita Kalanidhi award by the Madras Music Academy. This is the highest accolade in the field of Carnatic Music.

**31. Who has been conferred with Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award at Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival 2025?**

- a) Aamir Khan
- b) Sai Paranjpye
- c) Prabhu Deva
- d) Raj Kumar

Ans: B

**Solution:** Sai Paranjpye will receive the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award at the Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival (AIFF) 2025. The AIFF's 10th edition was held at Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar from January 15 to 19, 2025.

**32. Which of the following player has not been conferred with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awards 2024?**

- a) Gukesh Dommaraju
- b) Harmanpreet Singh
- c) Praveen Kumar
- d) Pankaj Advani

Ans: D

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**Solution:** Manu Bhaker, D Gukesh, Harmanpreet Singh, and Praveen Kumar have been named recipients of the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, India's highest sporting honor. The award celebrates their outstanding contributions to Indian sports.

**33. Who has been awarded with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award 2025 at the West Bengal Film Journalists' Association (WBFJA) annual awards ceremony?**

- a) Deepika Padukone
- b) Aparna Sen
- c) Adity Roy Kapoor
- d) Amrita Sen

Ans: B

**Solution:** Aparna Sen was awarded the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2025 West Bengal Film Journalists' Association (WBFJA) annual awards ceremony. The award was given to Sen for her contributions to Indian cinema.

**34. Who among the following did not receive the Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award (PBSA) for the year 2025?**

- a) Dr. Syed Anwar Khursheed
- b) Dr. Marialena Joan Fernandes
- c) Dr. Jaishankar
- d) Soukthavy Chowdhury

Ans: C

**Solution:** The Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award (PBSA) for 2025 was given to 27 people from different countries. The award recognizes their contributions in various fields, including education, community service, science, and medicine.

**35. Which IAF officer has been awarded with the Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) for his exceptional contributions during anti-piracy operations in the Arabian Sea?**

- a) Wing Commander Akshay Saxena
- b) Wing Commander Abhinandan
- c) Wing Commander Amit Jain
- d) None of the above

Ans: A

**Solution:** Wing Commander Akshay Saxena was tasked with a mission in support of operation Sankalp aimed at coercing 35 pirates onboard a merchant ship to surrender and ensure the safe evacuation of 17 crew members.

**36. Which team won their first Pro Kabaddi League season-11 title by defeating Patna Pirates?**

- a) Puneri Paltan
- b) Haryana Steelers
- c) Jaipur Pink Panthers

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d) Bengal Warriors

Ans: B

**Solution:** The Haryana Steelers claimed their first-ever Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) title with a commanding 32-23 victory over the Patna Pirates in the Season 11 Final.

First Tournament - 2014

Pro Kabaddi League 2023 winner team - Puneri Paltan

**37. Which team won the 78th edition of the Santosh Trophy by defeating Kerala in the final?**

- a) West Bengal
- b) Vidarbha
- c) Karnataka
- d) Haryana

Ans: A

**Solution:** The most successful team in the history of the Santosh Trophy, West Bengal added one more to its collection by defeating Kerala in the final of the 78th edition of the Santosh Trophy. It was the 33rd Santosh Trophy for the Bengal team.

**38. Karnataka clinched their fifth Vijay Hazare Trophy 2024-25 title by defeating which team?**

- a) Haryana
- b) Saurashtra
- c) Vidarbha
- d) Kerala

Ans: C

**Solution:** Karnataka won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2024-25 by defeating Vidarbha by 36 runs in the final at Kotambi Stadium, Vadodara, on January 19, 2025. This marks Karnataka's fifth title in the history of the tournament. Karnataka posted 348/6 in 50 overs and successfully defended the total despite a strong fight from Vidarbha. First Vijay Hazare Trophy -2007 (winner Saurashtra)

**39. The first Kho Kho World Cup 2025, held in New Delhi was won by which team?**

- a) India
- b) Nepal
- c) Bhutan
- d) China

Ans: A

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**Solution:** The Kho Kho World Cup 2025 concluded in New Delhi with India claiming the men's and women's titles after beating Nepal in both finals. • Mascots = Tejas (Blue) and Tara (Orange). The first rule book of Kho-kho was written by Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

**40. Which among the following pair is wrong?**

- a) ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2024- Arshdeep Singh
- b) ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2024 - Jasprit Bumrah
- c) ICC Women T20I Cricketer of the year 2024 - Smriti Mandhana
- d) ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2024- Varun Chakravarthy

Ans: D

Solution:

ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2024- Arshdeep Singh

ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2024 - Jasprit Bumrah

ICC Women T20I Cricketer of the year 2024 - Smriti Mandhana

Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy (ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year)-Jasprit Bumrah

**41. Jannik Sinner defended his Australian Open women's single title in 2025 by defeating which player?**

- a) Alexander Zverev
- b) Serena Williams
- c) Maira Sharapova
- d) Aryna Sabalenka

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Ans: A

**Solution:** Jannik Sinner vs Alexander Zverev, Australian Open 2025 Final Highlights: World No. 1 Jannik Sinner showcased his dominance on Sunday, retaining his Australian Open crown with a commanding 6-3, 7-6(4), 6-3 victory over World No. 2 Alexander Zverev in Melbourne.

**42. Which team won the inaugural Women's Hockey India League in 2025?**

- a) Rarh Bengal Tigers
- b) Soorma Hockey club
- c) Tamil Nadu Dragons
- d) Odisha Warriors

Ans: D

**Solution:** The Odisha Warriors won the inaugural Women's Hockey India League (2024-25) by defeating Soorma HC 2-1 in the final.

**43. Which team won the ICC Women's Championship trophy for the 2022-2025 cycle?**

- a) Australia

- b) Indina
- c) England
- d) South Africa

Ans: A

**Solution:** Australia were presented with the ICC Women's Championship trophy after they won the prestigious 10-team competition that provided a pathway to the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025.

ICC Women's Championship started = 2014

**44. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?**

- a) Bhuvnesh Kumar
- b) Sanjay Nayar
- c) Lt Gen JS Sidana
- d) Monica Jasuja

Ans: A

**Solution:** Bhuvnesh Kumar is the new CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). He took charge of the position in February 2025. Some facts about UIDAI:

- Established = 2009
- Aadhar digit = 12
- GST digit = 15

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**45. Who has been elected as the president of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI)?**

- a) PT Usha
- b) PR Srijesh
- c) Neeraj Chopra
- d) Bahadur Singh Sagoo

Ans: D

**Solution:** Bahadur Singh Sagoo was elected as the new president of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) in January 2025. Sagoo is a former athlete who won a gold medal in shot put at the 2002 Asian Games. He also competed in the 2000 and 2004 Olympics.

Vice President -Anju Bobby George

AFI formed -1946

**46. Which of the following is the 6th and final submarine of the first batch of six Kalvari-class submarines for the Indian Navy?**

- a) INS Talwar
- b) INS Vagsheer

- c) INS Sindhurakshak
- d) INS Vikrant

Ans: B

**Solution:** INS Vaghsheer (S26) is the sixth and final submarine of the first batch of six Kalvari-class submarines for the Indian Navy. It was commissioned into the Indian Navy on January 15, 2025. It's a powerful diesel-electric attack submarine designed for stealth and underwater warfare.

**47. Which of the following advanced Battlefield Surveillance System launched by India Army to boost Army's reconnaissance capabilities?**

- a) SANJAY
- b) NAAG
- c) PRAHAAR
- d) BRAHMOSS

Ans: A

**Solution:** SANJAY System. The defence minister recently launched SANJAY, an advanced Battlefield Surveillance System (BSS), to enhance the Indian Army's surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.

**48. Where is the Eastern India's first and India's sixth Astronomical Observatory has been inaugurated by the Department of Science and technology?**

- a) Sikkim
- b) Manipur
- c) Assam
- d) West Bengal

Ans: D

**Solution:** Eastern India's first astronomical observatory inaugurated by Satyendra Nath Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences in Garpanchkot hills of Purulia district of West Bengal, which is the sixth astronomical observatory in the country and named after Satyendra Nath Bose.

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**49 What is the name of the India first human underwater submersible mission as part of the Deep Ocean Mission?**

- a) Samudrayaan
- b) Samudra Prahari
- c) Jal Vinashak
- d) Matsya6000

Ans: A

**Solution:** Samudrayaan mission launched in 2021 under DOM. This is India's flagship crewed expedition to reach a depth of 6,000 m in the Central Indian Ocean. The mission will utilize

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Matsya6000, a deep-ocean submersible designed for a three-member crew. Construction: Made from titanium alloy to endure pressures up to 6,000 bar.marking a significant step in its scientific and technological advancement.

50. **When is the World Braille Day celebrated worldwide?**

- a) 5 Jan
- b) 4 Jan
- c) Jan
- d) 21 Jan

Ans: B

**Solution:** World Braille Day is celebrated on January 4th every year. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018. It aims to promote Braille literacy and emphasize the right of individuals with visual impairments to access information, education, and culture on an equal basis with others.

51. **When is the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas celebrated?**

- a) 9 Jan
- b) 26 Jan
- c) 31 Jan
- d) 23 Jan

Ans: A

**Solution:** Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on January 9th every year. It is a day to recognize the contributions of the Indian diaspora and their role in India's development.

Theme = Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat

First celebrated in 2003

52. **When is the National Youth Day celebrated?**

- a) 17 Jan
- b) 19 Jan
- c) 21 Jan
- d) Jan

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Answer: D

**Solution:** The National Youth Day or Rashtriya Yuva Divas is celebrated on 12th January every year in commemoration of the great spiritual leader, philosopher and thinker Swami Vivekananda, whose unwavering belief in potential of youth continues to resonate deeply with young citizens of the country.

Theme = Youth Empowerment for Nation Building

53. **When is the National Startup Day celebrated?**

- a) 16 Jan

- b) Jan
- c) 18 Jan
- d) 20 Jan

Ans: A

**Solution:** National Startup Day is observed annually on January 16th to honor the entrepreneurial spirit that powers India's innovation economy. Instituted by Shri Narendra Modi, the day recognizes startups' pivotal role in advancing the nation's economic and social development.

Theme = Startup India@2047 - Unfolding the Bharat Story

**54. What was the theme of the World Leprosy Day celebrated on 28 Jan 2025?**

- a) "UNITE, ACT, ELIMINATE LEPROSY"
- b) LEPROSY STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION
- c) LEPROSY AND IT ELIMINATION
- d) LEPROSY 'A CURSE TO SOCIETY'

Ans: A

**Solution:** The theme of World Leprosy Day 2025 was "Unite. Act. Eliminate.". The theme was a call to action to raise awareness, highlight challenges, and inspire action to eliminate leprosy.

**55. Who released the book titled Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh: Through the ages?**

- a) Shri Narendra Modi
- b) Shri Omar Abdullah
- c) Shri Jitendra Singh
- d) Shri Amit Shah

Ans: D

**Solution:** Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, released the book 'Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Through the Ages: A Visual Narrative of Continuities and Linkages' in New Delhi

**56. Who wrote the book "How India Scaled Mt G20: The inside story of the G20 presidency"?**

- a) Amitabh Kant
- b) KV Kamath
- c) Piyush Goyal
- d) Nitin Gadkari

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Ans: A

**Solution:** How India Scaled Mt G20, Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa, offers a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the intense negotiations, strategic manoeuvring, and backroom diplomacy that defined India's presidency



**57. Who wrote the book “The World after Gaza” that explores the historical and political context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, particularly focusing on the 2014 Gaza War?**

- a) Pankaj Mishra
- b) Amitabh Kant
- c) Dr. Jaishankar
- d) Sushma Swaraj

Answer: A

**Solution:** Indian public intellectual Pankaj Mishra takes on these questions in a new book, *The World After Gaza*.

**58. Who has been declared as the world's best male javelin thrower of 2024 in a US athletics magazine?**

- a) Sumit Antil
- b) Neeraj Chopra
- c) Sundar Singh Gurjar
- d) Devendra Jhajharia

Ans: B

**Solution:** Tokyo Olympics gold medallist Neeraj Chopra of India has been named the best javelin thrower of the 2024 by the respected American magazine *Track and Field News*. Anderson Peters of Grenada was ranked second by the magazine.

**59. What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2025?**

- a) 84<sup>th</sup>
- b) 81<sup>st</sup>
- c) 85<sup>th</sup>
- d) 90<sup>th</sup>

Ans: C

**Solution:** In the latest Henley Passport Index 2025, India's rank has dropped to 85<sup>th</sup>, down from 80<sup>th</sup> in 2024 giving its holders visa free access to 57 countries. India's ranking showed fluctuations over the years, with its highest being 71<sup>st</sup> in 2006 and lowest 90<sup>th</sup> in 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions. Top country - Singapore.

**60. What is the name of India's first electric air taxi unveiled by Sarla Aviation?**

- a) Shunya
- b) Shivam
- c) Shakhsam
- d) Vayuvarta

Ans: A

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**Solution:** Sarla Aviation unveiled 'Shunya', a groundbreaking electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft set to revolutionize urban transportation. This innovative aircraft aims to revolutionize urban transportation by offering fast, efficient, and eco-friendly travel options.

**61. What is India's rank in the Global Firepower Index 2025?**

- a) 7<sup>th</sup>
- b) 4<sup>th</sup>
- c) 5<sup>th</sup>
- d) 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ans: B

**Solution:** India retains its place as the fourth most powerful military in the world, reflecting its growing defence capabilities. This index is topped by USA.

**62. Which of the following can be threats to the biodiversity of a geographical area?**

1. Global warming
2. Fragmentation of habitat
3. Invasion of alien species
4. Promotion of vegetarianism

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (a)

**63. In which of the following ways Biodiversity forms the basis for human existence:**

1. Soil formation
2. Prevention of soil erosion
3. Recycling of waste
4. Pollination of crops

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (d)

**64. Which of the following electrical appliances are labelled with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency Star Label?**

1. Ceiling fans
2. Electric geysers
3. Tubular fluorescent lamps

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (d)

**65. Palar River, recently in news due to the environmental impact of tanneries belongs to which state?**

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) West Bengal
- c) Karnataka
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans: A

**Solution:** The Palar River, currently in the news due to severe pollution caused by tanneries, is located in the state of Tamil Nadu. Explanation: The primary issue is the discharge of untreated effluents from tanneries in the Vellore district of Tamil Nadu, significantly polluting the Palar River.

**66. Which country has recently abolished the Birthright citizenship act?**

- a) UK
- b) India
- c) USA
- d) Canada

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Answer: C

**Solution:** The president of the United States, Donald Trump signed a host of executive orders, including a move to end [birthright citizenship](#) as part of his hardline anti-immigration agenda.

**Q 67. What is the name of the 100<sup>th</sup> mission launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?**

- a) NVS-02

- b) Aryabhata
- c) NAVIC
- d) GSLV-F15

Ans: A

**Solution:** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has achieved the milestone of successfully launching its 100th satellite NVS-02 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The mission involved the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F15), which carried the NVS-02 satellite into orbit. This satellite is the second in the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) series, designed to provide precise navigation services across India and surrounding regions.

**68. The Nagoba Jatara, an important tribal festival celebrated by the Mesram clan of Adivasi Gonds belongs to which state?**

- a) Odisha
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Telangana

Ans: D

**Solution:** The Nagoba Jatara, an important tribal festival celebrated by the Mesram clan of Adivasi Gonds in Keslapur village, Telangana. This eight-day event started on January 28 and is regarded as the second largest Adivasi fair in India.

**69. What percentage of total payments accounted for the United Payments Interface (UPI)?**

- a) 75%
- b) 83%
- c) 34%
- d) 80%

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Ans: B

**Solution:** The United Payments Interface (UPI) has fundamentally transformed India's digital payment landscape. By the end of 2024, UPI accounted for 83% of the total payment volume in India. This is increase from 34% in 2019.

**70 Which national park has witnessed an elephant after an absence of 12 years?**

- a) Namdapha National Park
- b) Ranthambore National Park
- c) Kanha National Park
- d) Jim Corbett National Park

Ans: A

**Solution:** Namdapha National Park have sparked renewed interest in wildlife conservation. An adult male elephant was recorded in the park after a 12-year absence.

**71. Etikoppaka Bommalu is a traditional wooden toy craft belongs to which Indian state?**

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

Ans: B

**Solution:** Etikoppaka Bommalu is a traditional wooden toy craft from Andhra Pradesh was recently showcased during the 76th Republic Day parade, these toys represent a blend of cultural heritage and sustainable artistry.

**72. Where is the Surajpur wetland located?**

- a) Greater Noida
- b) Prayagraj
- c) Kolkata
- d) Bahadurgarh

Ans: A

**Solution:** Surajpur wetland located in Greater Noida, is facing environmental threats. The primary concern is the discharge of polluted wastewater into its channels. The Greater Noida Authority has initiated a project aimed at protecting and conserving this vital ecosystem.

**73. Which Indian cities becomes the first from the country to be accredited as Wetland Cities under the Ramsar Convention?**

- a) Indore and Jaipur
- b) Goa and Udaipur
- c) Indore and Udaipur
- d) Pinjore and Udaipur

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Ans: C

**Solution:** India has recently celebrated achievement with Indore and Udaipur becoming the first cities from the country to be accredited as Wetland Cities under the Ramsar Convention.

**74. Which become the first Indian state to implement The Uniform Civil Code (UCC)?**

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Kerala

Ans: C

**Solution:** The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) was implemented in Uttarakhand on January 27, 2025. It makes Uttarakhand as the first state in India to enact the UCC post-independence.

**75 Libia Lobo Sardesai, a prominent figure in the Goan liberation movement, was recently honoured with which award?**

- a) Padma Shri
- b) Padma Vibushan
- c) Padma Bhushan
- d) None of these

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Ans: A

**Solution:** Libia Lobo Sardesai, a prominent figure in the Goan liberation movement, was recently honoured with the Padma Shri (4th highest civilian award). This recognition celebrates her contributions to Goa's fight for freedom from Portuguese colonial rule.

**76. Which country is declared as malaria free by WHO?**

- a) Kenya
- b) Georgia
- c) South Africa
- d) Sudan

Ans: B

**Solution:** Georgia was officially certified malaria-free by the World Health Organization (WHO). This achievement marks milestone for the country and the WHO European region.

**77. Which city has been declared as the second capital of Assam by its Chief Minister?**

- a) Dibrugarh
- b) Jorhat
- c) Dhubri
- d) Kokrajhar

Ans: A

**Solution:** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that Dibrugarh would be upgraded to a full-fledged city and serve as the second capital of Assam.

**78. The Sinhtoo dance, a traditional folk dance of the Hatti community. To which state does this community belongs to?**

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Himachal Pradesh

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Ans: D

**Solution:** The Sinhtoo dance, a traditional folk dance of the Hatti community from the Giri region of Sirmaur district of Himachal Pradesh has been selected for the 76th Republic Day parade in Delhi. This marks the first time the Sinhtoo will be showcased at such a prestigious national event.

**79. What was the theme of National Voters' Day ?**

- a) Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure
- b) Every Vote matters
- c) Vote is my birthright
- d) My Vote is my weapon

Ans: A

**Solution:** National Voters' Day(NVD) is celebrated annually on 25th January in India. The 15th edition in 2025 follows the successful Lok Sabha Elections of 2024. This year marks milestone as the total electorate approaches 100 crores. The event marks the importance of voter participation and celebrates the Election Commission of India's 75 years of service. Theme for 2025 – Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure.

**80. Where was the first case of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) reported?**

- a) Mysore
- b) Pune
- c) Travancore
- d) Delhi

Ans: B

**Solution:** Pune has reported increase in Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) cases, with 59 individuals diagnosed, including 12 requiring ventilator support.

**90. Vishwamitri River is located in which city?**

- a) Vadodara
- b) Ghaziabad
- c) Lucknow
- d) Begusarai

Ans: A

**Solution:** Vishwamitri River in Vadodara, is undergoing flood mitigation project due to severe flooding in previous years.

**91. Vaigai River, recently in news due to extreme pollution levels is located in which state?**

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Gujarat
- c) West Bengal

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d) Karnataka

Ans: A

**Solution:** The Madras High Court has recently mandated local authorities in five districts of Tamil Nadu to devise a comprehensive action plan to combat pollution in the Vaigai River.

**92. What is the full form of PVTGs for which the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) initiative was launched?**

- a) Practical Vulnerable Technical Gadgets
- b) Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups
- c) Particularity Volatile Tribal Gangs
- d) Particularly Variable Technical groups

Ans: B

**Solution:** PVTG stands for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups. The Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) initiative was launched to improve the socio-economic status of PVTGs.

**93. What is the name of the India's first tactical quasi-ballistic missile showcased at the Republic Day parade on 26 January 2025?**

- a) Agni
- b) Pralay
- c) Prahaar
- d) BrahMos

Ans: B

**Solution:** Pralay is a short-range quasi-ballistic missile with a range of 150-500 km. It is designed for surface-to-surface operations. It can carry warheads weighing between 350-700 kg. Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), it is tailored for India's defence needs.

**94 Which state has launched the KaWaCHaM system aims to enhance disaster preparedness and response?**

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

Ans: A

**Solution:** The Kerala Warnings, Crisis and Hazard Management System (KaWaCHaM) is set to be launched by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. This initiative aims to enhance disaster preparedness and response in Kerala, utilising advanced technology for timely alerts regarding extreme weather events.

**95. Where is the Philadelphi Corridor located?**



- a) Gaza-Egypt border
- b) Gaza-Israel Border
- c) USA-Mexico Border
- d) USA- Canada Border

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Ans: A

**Solution:** The Philadelphi Corridor an important strip of land along the Gaza-Egypt border. It serves as link for Gaza, particularly for Hamas, amidst ongoing conflicts and ceasefire negotiations.



**96. What is the other name of Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark-III?**

- a) Dhruv
- b) Tejas
- c) Shamsheer
- d) Naag

Ans: A

**Solution:** The Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark-III is also known as the Dhruv Mk III. It is an indigenously designed, developed, and manufactured (IDDM) helicopter.

**97. What is the sex ratio of Haryana as of 2024?**

- a) 941
- b) 910
- c) 935
- d) 921

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Ans: B

**Solution:** Haryana reported a concerning drop in its sex ratio at birth, reaching an eight-year low of 910 girls for every 1,000 boys.

**98. The Toda tribe, an ancient Dravidian ethnic group, resides at which place in India?**

- a) Aravali Hills, Haryana
- b) Nagpur Plateau, Jharkhand
- c) Nilgiris Hills, Tamil Nadu
- d) Himalayas, Uttarakhand

Ans: C

**Solution:** Toda people are a Dravidian ethnic group whose homeland is the Nilgiri Hills, located in the northwestern part of Tamil Nadu, a mountainous massif rising from the plains of southern India to over 2,600 m (8,500 ft) above sea level.

**99. What is the name of the multi-layer clothing system designed for extreme cold weather conditions in Himalayas?**

- a) HIMGUARD
- b) HIMKAVACH
- c) HIMMANAV
- d) SNOWKAVACH

Ans: B

**Solution:** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has made advancements in military clothing technology. The HIMKAVACH multi-layer clothing system has successfully passed user trials, demonstrating its effectiveness in extreme cold weather conditions.

**100. Where is the recently erupted volcano Mount Ibu located?**

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) Indonesia
- d) Colombia

Ans: C

**Solution:** Mount Ibu is located on Halmahera Island, North Maluku, Indonesia. Orange-level Volcano Observatory Notice for Aviation (VONA) issued, warning of potential aviation hazards due to ash. The volcano has shown fluctuating activity since June 2024, with over 70 eruptions on certain days.

**101. Who was the chief guest for the Republic Day?**

- a) Donald Trump, USA
- b) Emanuel Macro, France
- c) Prabowo Subianto, Indonesian
- d) Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh

Ans: C

**Solution:** Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto attended the India's Republic Day celebrations as the Chief Guest. This visit marks diplomatic engagement between Indonesia and India.

**102. What was the theme of the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav (2025)?**

- a) Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047
- b) Building a Resilient India for Viksit Bharat 2036

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- c) Gaon Badhe to Desh Badhe
- d) Ek Bharat Shresht Bharat

Ans: A

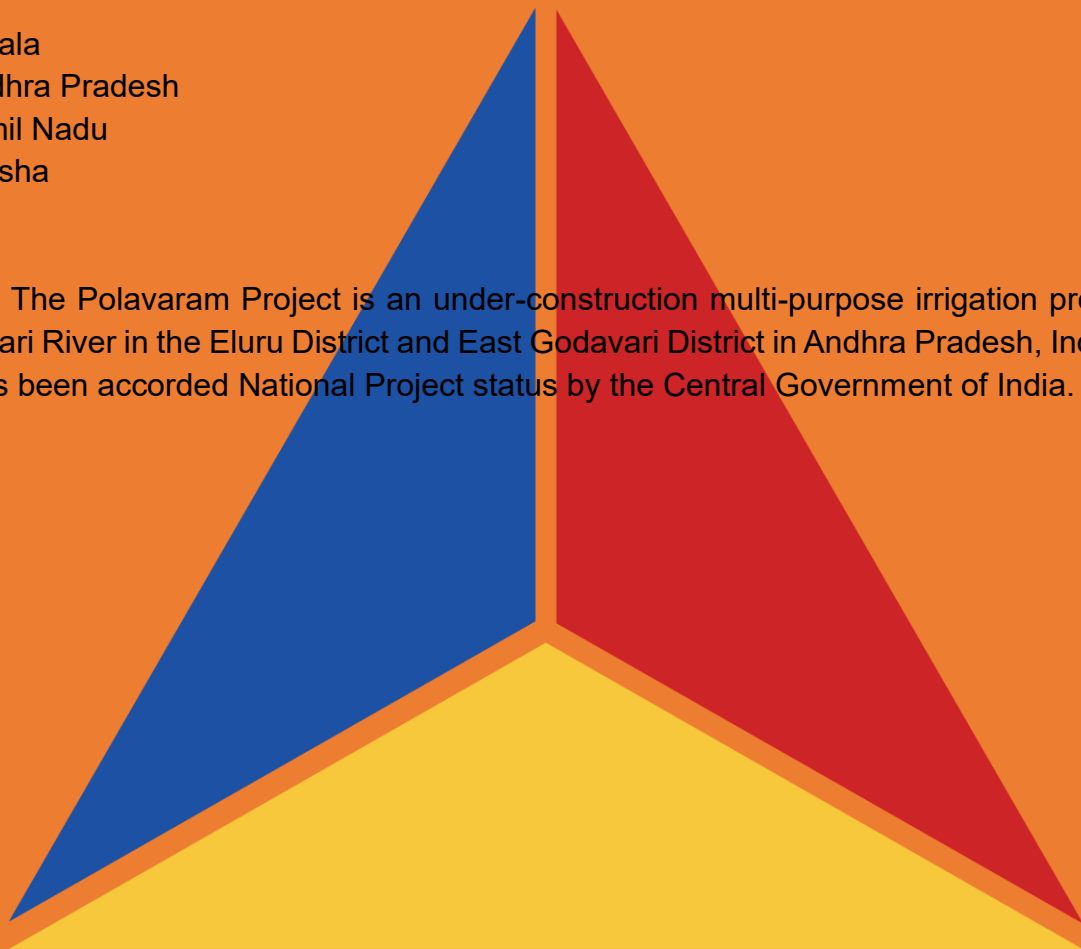
**Solution:** The Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 was held from 4th to 9th January with the theme 'Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047' and motto "गांव बढ़े, तो देश बढ़े". A total of 833 million people lived in rural areas, which was 68.84% of the total population. The remaining 31.2% of the population lived in urban areas. As per the 2011 census of India, the literacy rate in rural areas was 67.77%. This was lower than the literacy rate in urban areas, which was 84.11%.

**103. The Polavaram Project is multi-purpose irrigation initiative belongs to which state?**

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

Ans: B

**Solution:** The Polavaram Project is an under-construction multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in the Eluru District and East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh, India. The project has been accorded National Project status by the Central Government of India.



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