

CURRENT AFFAIRS: JANUARY 2024

Q.1 Where was India's first all-girls Sainik School inaugurated in January 2024?

- a) Lucknow, UP
- b) Siliguri, West Bengal
- c) Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh
- d) Jaipur, Rajasthan

Correct Answer: C

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated Samvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School at Vrindavan in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh on January 01, 2024. The first all-girls Sainik School, with a strength of approx. 870 students, has been inaugurated under the initiative of establishing 100 new Sainik Schools in partnership mode with NGOs/Private/State Government Schools in all State/Union Territories, of which 42 have been set up. These are in addition to the existing 33 Sainik Schools already functioning under the erstwhile pattern.

Q. 2 Which Smart city in India is developing green corridor system for timely organ donation and transplantation?

- a) Surat, Gujarat
- b) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- c) Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- d) Panipat, Haryana

Correct answer: C

Raipur Smart City in Chhattisgarh is charting new territory with plans to establish a dedicated green corridor aimed at optimising organ donation and transplantation processes. This visionary project seeks to streamline organ transportation, ensuring swift and efficient access for crucial transplant procedures.

Q. 3 The Guinness World Record of mass Surya Namaskar was set at _____.

- a) Rukmini Devi Temple, Dwarka
- b) Somnath Temple, Saurashtra
- c) Modhera Sun Temple, Mahesana
- d) Dwarkadhish Temple, Dwarka

Correct answer: C Modhera Surya Mandir establishes a world record for a synchronized Surya Namaskar session, illuminated by the first sunrise of 2024

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel and Minister of State for Sports Shri Harsh Sanghavi joined the state-level Surya Namaskar competition.

Q.4 _____ is a digitation initiative launched in Kerala to provide government services on a mobile platform.

- a) K- Services
- b) K-Digital
- c) K-Smart
- d) Kerala-eGov

Correct answer: C

The Kerala Government on Monday launched K-SMART (Kerala Solutions for Managing Administrative Reformation and Transformation), which will bring all services of the three-tier local self-government institutions on a unified digital platform.

Q.5 Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission in January 2024?

- a) Rajiv Kumar
- b) Arun Patel
- c) Amitabh Kant
- d) Dr Arvind Panagariya

Correct answer: D

The Government of India, with the approval of the President of India, has constituted the Sixteenth Finance Commission, in pursuance to Article 280(1) of the Constitution.

Dr Arvind Panagariya, former Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, and Professor, Columbia University will be the Chairman. Members of the Sixteenth Finance Commission would be notified separately. Shri Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey has been appointed as Secretary to the Commission.

Q. 6 A joint military Exercise 'Desert Cyclone 2024' between India and UAE will be held in _____.

- a) Abu Dhabi
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Sahara Desert
- d) Gujarat

Correct answer: B

The UAE Land Forces contingent comprising 45 personnel arrived in India to participate in the 1st edition of the India - UAE Joint Military Exercise ' Desert Cyclone '. The Exercise is scheduled to be conducted in Mahajan, Rajasthan from 2nd to 15th January 2024

Q. 7 Which community in Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh has been granted ST (Scheduled Tribe) status?

- a) Jaunsar Bawar
- b) Hattee
- c) Kolis
- d) Dongri

Correct answer: B

The state government has finally issued notification to give Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to the Hattee community of Trans-Giri area of Sirmour district.

Q. 8 Who was honoured with the M.S. Swaminathan Award for contribution in Agronomy?

- a) Chaudhary Charan Singh
- b) Prof B R Kamboj
- c) Smriti Irani

d) Bhupendra Singh Hooda

Correct answer: B

Prof. B.R. Kamboj, Vice Chancellor of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, has been awarded the M.S. Swaminathan Award for his work as a scientist and extension specialist in agronomy.

Q. 9 Who has been nominated as the chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services by the National Legal Services Authority?

- a) Justice Amitav Ghosh
- b) Justice B.R. Gavai
- c) Justice Hima Kohli
- d) Justice M Katju

Correct answer: B

Justice B.R. Gavai has been nominated the new Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC). He replaces Justice Sanjiv Khanna, the top court's senior-most judge after the Chief Justice of India.

Q. 10 Which Indian company produced ISCC-Plus certified chemically recycled polymers for the first time?

- a) Adani Group
- b) Jio Chemicals
- c) Aarti Drugs
- d) Reliance Industries Limited

Correct answer: D

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has become the first Indian company to utilize chemical recycling to produce International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC)-Plus certified polymers named CircuRepol for PP and CircuRelene for PE.

The chemical recycling process transforms various plastic waste types into pyrolysis oil, which is then utilized for high-quality circular polymer production using continuous catalytic pyrolysis technology instead of the traditional thermal route.

Q. 11 Which state government has recently commissioned the Rahat Vani Centre to serve as the early warning centre for disasters?

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

Correct answer: A

The RVC's function would be to prepare and predict warnings, timely delivery of relief so that compensation to employees could be streamlined.

The RVC will be Setup at Lalbagh area in Lucknow, with a team of six personnel.

It will coordinate with India Meteorological Department (IMD), Lucknow; Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune; ISRO's National remote sensing applications; Indian Institute of Information Technology, Lucknow; National Disaster

Q. 12. What is the theme of the Startup Expo in Kathua?

- a) Emerging Startup Trends in North India
- b) Startup and their importance
- c) Self Dependency
- d) Vasudev Kutumbhkumb

Correct answer: A

Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated a Mega StartUp Expo under the theme "Emerging StartUp Trends in North India" tomorrow at Kathua, the border town sharing its boundaries with Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, in the august presence of Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space and Vice President CSIR.

Q. 13 What is the full form of SMART program launched by CCRAS and NCISM?

- a) Simple method for Ayurveda Referral and Training
- b) Scope for Medical and Research Training
- c) Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research among Teaching professionals
- d) Strategic Management for Ayurvedic Research and Training

Correct answer: C

The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) along with National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) has launched 'SMART 2.0' (Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research among Teaching professionals) program to promote robust clinical studies in priority areas of Ayurveda with Ayurveda academic institutions/hospitals across the country through mutual collaboration.

Q. 14 _____, a space-tech startup has announced the successful space qualification of its P-30 satellite platform.

- a) Pixel Labs
- b) Space X
- c) Skyroot Aerospace
- d) Dhruva Space

Correct answer: D

Hyderabad-based space tech startup Dhruva Space has declared space-qualification of its P-30 satellite platform successful. The platform was launched as part of the 'Launching Expeditions for Aspiring Payloads - Technology Demonstrator' (LEAP-TD) mission onboard the Indian Space Research Organisation's (Isro) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C58) POEM-3 mission on January 1 from the First Launch Pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota.

Q. 15 What is the insurance cover under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme?

- a) 10 Lakh
- b) 6 Lakh
- c) 3 Lakh
- d) 5 Lakh

Correct answer: D

Ayushman Bharat Yojana is the world's largest health insurance scheme that provides a health insurance cover of Rs 5 lacs to each Indian family who is eligible. The scheme caters to nearly 50 crore beneficiaries and provides them access to tertiary and secondary care hospitalization, which is 40% of the Indian poor and vulnerable families

Q. 16 What is the theme of the World Braille Day 2024?

- a) "Empowering through Inclusion and Diversity"
- b) "Access to Information for Everyone"
- c) "Inclusive growth for All"
- d) "Creating a World Accessible to All"

Correct answer: A

The theme for World Braille Day 2024, "Empowering Through Inclusion and Diversity," underscores the commitment to creating a world where individuals with visual impairments are not only recognized but fully included in all aspects of society. It emphasizes the transformative power of embracing diversity within the visually impaired community and advocates for an inclusive environment that enables everyone, regardless of their abilities, to thrive and contribute meaningfully.

Q. 17. Which two organization will establish the Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru?

- a) Aarti Drugs and Thermo Fisher Scientific
- b) Thermo Fisher Scientific and Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms
- c) IISc Bengaluru and IIT Bombay
- d) Biocon and Reliance Chemicals Ltd

Correct answer: B

The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) and Thermo Fisher Scientific, supplier of analytical instruments, life sciences solutions, specialty diagnostics, laboratory, pharmaceutical and biotechnology services, on Wednesday announced a partnership to establish a Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru.

Q. 18 ISRO will launch India's next generation heavy communication satellite, GSAT-20 using launch vehicle _____.

- a) New Space India Limited, Bahuballi
- b) Space X, Falcon-9
- c) Skyrocket India, Armour
- d) Arianespace, Ariane-6

Correct answer: B

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is all set to launch its GSAT-20 heavy communications satellite using SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket, marking a historic move. This marks the first time the Indian space agency will be using the Falcon-9 heavy-lift launcher that may take off from Florida on a mission specifically for India.

Q. 19. Who authored the book "Ram Mandir Rashtra Mandir Ek Sajhi Virast"?

- a) Arif Mohammad Khan
- b) Narendra Damodar Modi
- c) Parveen Togadia
- d) Govind Giri Maharaj

Correct answer: A

“Ram Mandir, Rashtra Mandir – Ek Saajhi Virasat: Kuchh Ansuni Baten”, book Co-authored by Geeta Singh and Arif Khan Bharti, with a foreword by RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat. The book release witnessed the presence of dignitaries, including Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan, RSS National Executive Member Indresh Kumar, VHP National President Alok Kumar, and Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra (Trust) Ayodhya Treasurer Govind Dev.

Q. 20 Who was the Chief Guest at the 10th edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit held in Gandhinagar from Jan 10 to 12 Jan 2024?

- a) President Ramaphosa, Zimbabwe
- b) President Joe Biden
- c) Prime Minister Petr Fiala of Czech Republic
- d) President Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan of the UAE

Correct answer: C

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Q. 21. “Sriangam-The Resplendent Kingdom of Rangaraja” book was released by whom?

- a) The Hindu Group of Publications
- b) Times of India Group
- c) Nitin Gadkari
- d) Ravi Rajan Murthy

Correct answer: A

The Hindu Group of Publications has launched a coffee-table book, ‘Srirangam — The Resplendent Kingdom of Rangaraja.’ Marking the release, the iconic volume was placed in front of Namperumal, the Utsava deity of Sri Ranganathaswamy temple, on the auspicious day of Vaikunta Ekadasi.

Q. 22. Where was the All-India Conference of Director Generals and Inspector General of Police 2023 held?

- a) Jaipur
- b) Leh, Ladakh
- c) Kolkata
- d) Jaipur

Correct answer: D

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the All-India Conference of Director Generals/ Inspector Generals of Police 2023 at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur on 6th-7th January, 2024.

The three days Conference, was held from January 5th to 7th, 2024, discussed a wide range of policing and internal security issues including Cyber Crime, Technology in Policing, Counter Terrorism challenges, Left Wing Extremism, Prison Reforms, among others.

Q. 23 A bullock Cart race was held on the 265th birth anniversary of _____ in Tamil Nadu.

- a) Dheeran Chinnamalai
- b) Puli Thevar
- c) Veerapandiya Kattabomman
- d) VO Chidambaram Pillai

Correct answer: C The village of Vaippar near Vlathikulam in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi district celebrated the 265th birth anniversary of Veerapandiya Kattabomman by organizing bullock cart races. Veerapandiya Kattabomman, also known as the Great warrior, bravely fought against the British regime in the 17th century AD. He was born in Panchalankurichi.

Q. 24 _____ is a photocatalyst developed by the IISER Bhopal that can break down chemical warfare agents like Mustard Gas.

- a) UC -Au-POP
- b) PU-OCA-u
- c) UC-POP-Au
- d) None of these

Correct answer: C

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal (IISER Bhopal) Researchers have developed an effective photocatalyst, a substance that absorbs a wide range of solar energy and light to quicken chemical processes in laboratories and industries.

This new, sustainable development contributes to harnessing a renewable energy source for detoxifying harmful substances such as chemical warfare agents. Chemical warfare agents include mustard gas simulants like '2-chloroethyl ethyl sulfide' (CEES) and nerve agents, which are highly poisonous chemicals that affect a person's nervous system.

Q. 25 Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2023 for the identification and nurturing of budding and young talent was won by _____.

- a) Chaudhary Devi Lal university
- b) IIT, Mumbai
- c) Jain Deemed to be University, Bengaluru
- d) Jadavpur university, Kolkata

Correct answer: C

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar ((RKPP) 2023. Odisha Mining Corporate Limited has been awarded in the category of Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility. Jain Deemed to be University, Bengaluru has been awarded for identifying and nurturing budding and young talent.

Q. 26 Which organisation has been awarded the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2023 for Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility?

- a) Wipro

- b) Tata Sons Pvt Ltd
- c) NALCO
- d) Odisha Mining Corporate Limited

Correct answer: D

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Q. 27 _____ is an experimental learning programme has been launched by the ministry of Education to develop the leadership qualities in students?

- a) SANKRITI
- b) e-LEARNING
- c) QUALECT
- d) PRERNA

Correct answer: D

The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India has launched 'Prerana: An Experiential Learning programme', it aims to empower students with leadership qualities, as per the official announcement.

As per the officials, Prerana is driven with an aim to integrate principles of Indian education system and the philosophy of value-based education which is a cornerstone of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Q. 28 Where was the 16th edition of the India International Jewellery Trade Show(IJS) 2024 being held?

- a) Pragati Maidan, Delhi
- b) Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai
- c) India Expo Centre & Mart , Greater Noida
- d) Mahatma Gandhi Convention & Exhibition centre, Ahmedabad

Correct answer: B

The 16th edition of the India International Jewellery Trade Show features 1,500 exhibitors, 3,000 stalls, and covers a vast 1.25 lakh square meters of exhibition area. The exhibition is held at JIO World Convention Centre, BKC from January 4th to 7th and at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon from January 5th to 8th

Q.29 _____, is an insurance scheme is being offered for free enrolment to overseas students from Andhra Pradesh?

- a) Mukhya Mantri Sahayta Yojna
- b) Jeevan Suraksha Scheme
- c) Pravasandhra Bharosa Bima
- d) Krishak Bandhu Yojna

Correct answer: C

the Andhra Pradesh government is now offering free enrollment in the Pravasandhra Bharosa Bima (PBB) insurance scheme to overseas students from the state until January 15, 2024.

Q. 30 Black Nunia Rice has recently received GI (Geographical Indication) tag, belong to which state?

- a) Haryana
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) West Bengal

Correct answer: D

As a part of the National GI Drive Mission, West Bengal has acquired a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for some products which include Sundarban honey, Black Nunia rice from Jalpaiguri district and Tangail, Gorod and Kadiyal sarees.

Q. 31 Which state got first rank in recording the highest entry rate on the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) platform?

- a) Kerala
- b) Goa
- c) Tripura
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Correct answer: D

Uttar Pradesh has consistently ranked first for the third consecutive year in recording the highest entry rate on the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) platform, conceptualized by the Supreme Court's e-committee and implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) is an initiative of the e-Committee to enable seamless transfer of data and information among different pillars of the criminal justice system, like courts, police, jails and forensic science laboratories, from one platform.

Q. 32 With reference to National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission(NSCEM), consider the following statement:

- 1. It aims to eliminate Sickle Cell Anaemia by 2047.**
- 2. Mission targets screening approximately 7.0 crore people under 40 years age in the next 3 years.**
- 3. It is a chronic single-gene disorder.**

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 & 2 only
- c) 1, 2& 3
- d) None of the above

The National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Program, introduced in the Union Budget 2023, focuses on addressing the significant health challenges posed by sickle cell disease, particularly among tribal populations of the country. Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a chronic single gene disorder causing a debilitating systemic syndrome characterized by chronic

anemia, acute painful episodes, organ infarction and chronic organ damage and by a significant reduction in life expectancy. Implemented in 17 high-focus states across the country, this program aims to improve the care and prospects of all sickle cell disease patients while reducing the prevalence of the disease. The 17 states are- Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar, and Uttarakhand.

The program is executed in a mission mode as part of the National Health Mission (NHM), aims to eliminate sickle cell genetic transmission by the year 2047, showing a long-term commitment to eradicating the disease.

Over a period of three years, spanning from the fiscal year 2023-24 to 2025-26, the program targets screening approximately 7.0 crore people. This ambitious goal highlights the program's dedication to reaching a large portion of the population, promoting early diagnosis and intervention.

Q. 33 Which country has declared Snow Leopard as its national animal?

- a) Kazakhstan
- b) Turkmenistan
- c) Kyrgyzstan
- d) France

Kyrgyzstan, a country nestled in the heart of Central Asia, has officially declared the snow leopard as its national symbol, signifying a profound commitment to conservation and ecological balance. President Sadyr Zhaparov, through a signed decree, emphasized the snow leopard's role not only as a symbol of natural wealth and cultural prosperity but also as a vital indicator of the stability and health of the mountain ecosystems that cover a substantial portion of the global territory.

Q. 34 Recently, ISRO has generated power using _____ and _____ in its orbital platform, PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM).

- a) Oxygen and Hydrogen
- b) Oxygen and Neon
- c) Hydrogen and Sulphur
- d) Chlorine and Oxygen

Correct answer: A

The Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre/ISRO conducted the triumphant test, assessing a 100 W class Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cell based Power System (FCPS) within its orbital platform POEM3. This experimental system was launched aboard the PSLV-C58 on January 1.

"The objective of the experiment was to assess Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel cell operation in space and to collect data to facilitate the design of systems for future missions," stated ISRO in an official release.

In the POEM, an impressive 180 W of power was generated from Hydrogen and Oxygen gases stored in high-pressure vessels. ISRO highlighted that this trial yielded an abundance of valuable data on the performance of various static and dynamic systems constituting the power system, shedding light on the underlying physics at work.

Q. 35 Who has been named the Purity Athlete for the year 2023?

- a) Roger Federer
- b) Lionel Messi
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) Mathew Wade

Correct answer: C

In an online poll hosted by Pubity Sports, the subsidiary channel of Pubity, 16 exceptional athletes from diverse sports, including luminaries such as Virat Kohli, Lionel Messi, Novak Djokovic, Pat Cummins, LeBron James, Erling Haaland, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Max Verstappen, were pitted against each other in a knockout format for public voting. The competition culminated in a final voting between Virat Kohli and Lionel Messi.

Ultimately, the 35-year-old cricketer, Virat Kohli, emerged victorious by securing a resounding 78% of the votes, clinching the prestigious title of Pubity Athlete of the Year for 2023. This recognition underscores Kohli's popularity and the significant impact he has made in the world of sports.

Q. 36 'Gunotsav 2024' is launched by Government of Assam to

- a) To promote social harmony and brotherhood
- b) To assess the growth in Khadi related programs
- c) To evaluate the performance of students in government schools
- d) To conduct the teacher training programs

Correct answer: C

Assam Government launches 'Gunotsav 2024' a comprehensive state-wide assessment aimed at evaluating the performance of approximately 40 lakh students of 43,498 government schools spread across 35 districts.

Q. 37 Which of following statement is true about ERNET?

1. It is an integrated web portal for domain registration.
2. It is launched by Gol for Industrial institutions
3. It is launched by MeitY for Educational Institutions
4. ERNET stand for Education and Research Network

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 1 & 2
- c) Only 1, 2 & 3
- d) Only 1, 3 & 4

Correct answer: D

Education and Research Network (ERNET) is an autonomous scientific society of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. ERNET has made a significant contribution to the emergence of networking in the country. It practically brought the Internet to India and has built up national capabilities in the area of net-working, especially in protocol software engineering. It is the first internet service in India. It has not only succeeded in building a large network that provides various facilities to the intellectual segment of Indian

society—the research and education community, it has over the years become a trendsetter in the field of networking.

Q. 38 Which Indian city has been nominated for accreditation as international wetland cities?

- a) Kolkata
- b) Kochi
- c) Chennai
- d) Indore

Correct answer: D

India has submitted nominations of three cities - Indore, Bhopal and Udaipur - for Wetland City Accreditation (WCA) under the Ramsar Convention, an intergovernmental treaty that provides a framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

Q. 39 Which product Arunachal Pradesh has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

- a) Wancho Wooden Craft
- b) Kai Chutney
- c) Black Rice
- d) Kandhmal Haladi

Correct answer: A

Recently, three items of Arunachal Pradesh have received the prestigious Geographical Indication tag. These are adi kekir (ginger), handmade carpets by Tibetan settlers and wooden items made by Wancho community. Wancho wooden craft items are unique as they feature human heads- tobacco pipes with head-shaped bowls and drinking mugs with carrying heads.

Q. 40 Kai Chutney has received GI tag in January 2024 belongs to _____.

- a) Kerala
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Odisha
- d) Mizoram

Correct answer: C

The Similipal kai chutney, made with red weaver ants by the tribal people of Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, received a geographical indication (GI) tag on January 2nd, 2024.

Q. 41 Where were the first-of-its-kind multi-sports beach games organised?

- a) Kochi
- b) Daman and Diu
- c) Lakshadweep
- d) Port Blair

Correct answer: B

An unprecedented chapter in India's sporting history unfolded with the Beach Games 2024 hosted at Ghoghala Beach, Diu from January 4 to January 11, 2024. More than 1,300 players from 28 States and Union Territories participated in the first-of-its-kind multi-sports beach games in the country.

Q. 42 Who become the first Lady DGP of Maharashtra Police?

- a) Kiran Bedi
- b) Sonia Malik
- c) Smriti Mandhana
- d) Rashmi Shukla

Correct answer: D

Senior IPS officer Rashmi Shukla on Thursday became Maharashtra's first woman Director General of Police (DGP). The state home department issued the order for her appointment.

Q. 43 According to Avtar Group's Top cities for women in India, which city emerged as the best city for women?

- a) Indore
- b) Kolkata
- c) Bhopal
- d) Chennai

Correct answer: D

In terms of inclusivity and conduciveness to working women in 2023, Chennai has been identified as the top Indian city, according to findings from the diversity, equity, and inclusivity consultant Avtar Group's Top Cities for Women in India (TCWI) 2023. Both categories covered by the study, which included 49 cities in the million-plus population category and 64 cities in the less than a million-population category, were topped by cities in Tamil Nadu.

Q. 44 Which category has the highest number of complaints against women in 2023 as per the data released by NCW (National Commission for Women)?

Right to dignity (harassment other than domestic violence)

- a. Sexual violence
- b. Domestic violence
- c. Dowry harassment
- d. Molestation

Correct answer: A

The highest number of complaints were received in the right to dignity category that involves harassment other than domestic violence and it stood at 8,540, according to The National Commission for Women data. This was followed by 6,274 complaints of domestic violence.

Q. 45 The primary objective of MOU between India and USAID is to assist Indian Railway sector to achieve net-zero carbon emission by the year _____.

- a) 2047
- b) 2030
- c) 2035
- d) 2031

Correct answer: B

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today was apprised of signing of Memorandum of Understanding between India and United States for International Development/India (USAID/India) on June 14, 2023 for supporting Indian Railways to achieve Mission Net Zero Carbon Emission by 2030.

The MoU provides a platform for Indian Railways to interact and share the latest developments and knowledge in the railway sector. The MoU facilitates utility modernization, advanced energy solutions and systems, regional energy and market integration and private sector participation and engagement, training and seminars/workshops focusing on specific technology areas like Renewable Energy, energy efficiency and other interactions for knowledge sharing.

Q. 46 Which three states/UTs have achieved 100% coverage under the Jal Jeevan Mission according to the data released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti?

- a) Goa, Haryana, Ladakh
- b) Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Puducherry
- c) Goa, Andaman and Nicobar, Puducherry
- d) Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry

Correct answer: C

Three States – Goa, Telangana and Haryana and three UTs – A&N Islands, D&N Haveli & Daman & Diu and Puducherry have provided 100% tap water coverage.

Q. 47 _____ is an initiative launched by the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for the women representatives of Panchayati Raj Institution and Urban local bodies in New Delhi?

- a) Women Development Forum
- b) Panchayat se Parliament Tak
- c) Sadak Se Sansad Tak
- d) Nari Shakti Vandan Forum

Correct Answer: B

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said here on Friday that the country needs to bridge the gap in gender equality to accelerate economic growth. He was inaugurating 'Panchayat Se Parliament Tak' a programme for women representatives of Panchayati Raj institutions and local bodies in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan.

Q. 48 Who has been Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Olympic Association?

- a) PT Usha
- b) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
- c) Brijbhushan Singh
- d) Raghuram Iyer

Correct answer: D

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced the appointment of Mr. Raghuram Iyer as the Chief Executive Officer following a meticulous selection process conducted by the Nomination Committee.

Q. 49 International Purple Fest 2024 was hosted in _____.

- a) Male, Maldives
- b) Istanbul, Turkey
- c) New York, USA
- d) Goa, India

Correct answer: D

International Purple Fest – Goa 2024, set to unfold its vibrant celebration of inclusivity and empowerment until January 13. Organized by the State Commissioner’s Office for Persons with Disabilities, in collaboration with the Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Goa, and supported by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, the grand inauguration is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. at D.B. Grounds, Campal, Panaji.

Q. 50 The Srimandir Paikrama Project aims to improve _____.

- a) The Kashi Vishwanath Temple
- b) The Rama Temple, Ayodhya
- c) The Puri Jagannath Temple
- d) The Sun Temple, Konark

Correct answer: C

The Srimandir Paikrama Project (Srimandir Heritage Corridor Project) is the most important aspect of the ambitious plan of the Odisha Government to transform the pilgrim town of Puri into a World Heritage City. It was unveiled in December, 2019. The project has been undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs 331.28 crore.

Q. 51 Which film was awarded as the “Best Picture- Drama” at the 81st Golden Globe Awards 2024?

- a) Oppenheimer
- b) Animal
- c) Barbie
- d) Sam Manekshaw

Correct answer: A

“Oppenheimer” reigned at the 81st Golden Globe Awards on Sunday just as it once loomed large at the summer box office. The sprawling examination of J. Robert Oppenheimer and the creation of the atomic bomb racked up five wins, the most of any movie, including the prize for best motion picture drama. “Poor Things,” a feminist reimagining of the Frankenstein tale, was named best motion picture, musical or comedy, one of two victories for the post-modern film.

Q. 52 Who become first British Sikh woman to claim the record for the fastest solo ski across Antarctica?

- a) Harmandeep Kaur
- b) Anmol Sandhu
- c) Harpreet Chandi
- d) Harbansh Kaur Caroline

Correct answer: C

British Sikh Army medic Harpreet Chandi, known as Polar Preet, claims to have become the fastest woman to ski solo across Antarctica, covering 1,130 km in 31 days, 13 hours, and 19 minutes. The Guinness World Records will need to verify the claim. Chandi previously became the first woman of colour to complete a solo and unsupported 700-mile Antarctic journey to the South Pole in 2021.

Q. 53 “Modi: Energising a Green Future” book published by _____ in collaboration with Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation.

- a) Danpat Rai & Sons Publishers

- b) Panguin Random House
- c) Pentagon Press
- d) Harper Collins Publishers

Correct answer: C

To support the India's bold commitment to a green future The book 'Modi: Energising a Green Future' was officially launched today by Union Minister Bhupender Singh Yadav. This book was published by Pentagon Press in association with the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation, This book is a compendium of insights contributed by distinguished decision-makers and eminent experts from India and abroad.

Q. 54 Which ministry/organisation has organised festival "Kala Utsav"?

- a) Ministry of Tourism and Sahitya Academy
- b) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- c) Ministry of Education and National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
- d) Sahitya Kala Academy

Correct answer: C

The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) are organising the Kala Utsav 2023 from 9-12 January 2024 at National Bal Bhavan and the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi.

Q. 55 Which cricketer received the Arjuna Award, 2023, following an outstanding performance in ODI World cup 2023?

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Mohammed Shami
- c) Rohit Sharma
- d) Ravindra Jadeja

Correct answer: B

26 sportspersons received the Arjuna Award on January 9, 2024 from Droupadi Murmu, the President of India. The list mostly features athletes from the Asian Games 2023 where India made history by winning over 100 medals in a single edition of the event.

Only one cricketer, Mohammed Shami, was bestowed with the award after he finished as the leading wicket-taker of World Cup 2023.

Q. 56 Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas is celebrated to _____.

- a) Celebrate the return of Lala Lajpat Rai to India from South Africa
- b) Marks the anniversary of India being declared republic
- c) Honour the achievements of the Indian diaspora
- d) Commemorates Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel's birth anniversary

Correct answer: C

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD), also known as Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Day, is celebrated on January 9 to mark the contribution and achievements of the overseas Indian community to

the development of India. The day also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest Pravasi, from South Africa to India in 1915, who led India's freedom struggle and changed the lives of Indians forever.

Q. 57 Which countries participated in Military Exercise Sea Dragon-24?

- a) India, Japan, North Korea, Australia, and the US.
- b) India, Japan, South Korea, Austria, and the US.
- c) India, Japan, South Korea, Canada, and the US.
- d) India, Japan, South Korea, Australia, and the US.

Correct answer: D

Sea Dragon-24 is an elite multinational maritime exercise that encourages professional exchanges and teamwork among participating navies. Participating countries: India, Japan, South Korea, Australia, and the US.

Q. 58 Who has been conferred with Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023?

- a) Chirag Chandrashekhkar Shetty and Rankireddy Satwik Sai Raj
- b) KL Rahul and Rohit Sharma
- c) Ojas Parvin Deotale and Ms Aditi Gopichand Swami
- d) Mohammed Shami and Dikasha Dagar

Correct answer: A

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023

S. No.	Name of the sportsperson*	Discipline
1.	Shri Chirag Chandrashekhkar Shetty	Badminton
2.	Shri Rankireddy Satwik Sai Raj	Badminton

Q. 59 Who become the youngest Prime Minister of France?

- a) Gabriel Attal
- b) Ludovic Marin
- c) Emanuel Macron
- d) Greta Thunburg

Gabriel Attal, the 34-year-old French education minister, has been named the country's new prime minister, a history-making appointment by President Emmanuel Macron as he looks to jumpstart his government's flagging popularity.

Q. 60 What is the name of the programme launched by the DRDO for indigenous assault rifle for Indian Army?

- a) Ugram
- b) Project 75
- c) Kaveri
- d) Tejas

Correct answer: A

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has launched an indigenous assault rifle named 'Ugram', intended to meet the operational requirements of armed forces, paramilitary, and state police entities.

The rifle, with a calibre of 7.62 x 51 mm, has been designed, developed, and manufactured in collaboration with a private industry partner.

Q. 61 Which company has launched the initiative “AI Odyssey” with aim to skill one lakh developers in India using AI tech and tools?

- a) Wipro
- b) Apple
- c) Affle
- d) Microsoft

Correct answer: D

Microsoft announced the launch of an initiative “AI Odyssey” that aims to skill 100,000 developers in India in the latest AI technologies and tools. The program offers comprehensive learning experience that helps developers acquire and demonstrate the relevant skills needed to execute critical projects using AI technologies that align with business goals and outcomes.

Q. 62 Malkangiri Airport is recently inaugurated in which state?

- a) Punjab
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Odisha

Correct answer: D

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated an airport in the state’s southernmost district of Malkangiri, which was once a Maoist hotbed.

Q. 63 Indian Railway has implemented AI for crowd control at _____ for the upcoming Magh Mela.

- a) Varanasi
- b) Prayagraj
- c) Kurukshetra
- d) Indore

Correct answer: B

The railway will ensure crowd control management at stations in Prayagraj through AI (Artificial Intelligence) during the upcoming Magh Mela. This will also will act as a rehearsal for Maha Kumbh 2025.

Q. 64 Which country has recently passed a bill to ban the eating and selling of dog meat with aim to end a centuries-old practice?

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) North Korea
- d) South Korea

Correct answer: D

South Korea's parliament on Tuesday passed a landmark ban on production and sales of dog meat, as public calls for a prohibition have grown sharply over concerns about animal rights and the country's international image.

Q. 65 Which organisation has developed a classification series International Classification of Diseases (ICDs) to classify diseases internationally?

- a) World Health Organisation
- b) International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
- c) Centre of Disease Control and Prevention
- d) International Centre for Disease Control

Correct answer: A

The International Classification of Diseases (ICD) is a globally used medical classification used in epidemiology, health management and for clinical purposes. The ICD is maintained by the World Health Organization (WHO), which is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations System.

Q. 66 Who has received the Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar 2023?

- a) Aravind Adiga
- b) Devdutt Pattanaik
- c) Shrishendhu Mukyopadhyaya
- d) Abhijit Banerjee

Correct answer: C

Bengali writer and novelist Shirshendhu Mukyopadhyaya has been selected for the Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar 2023, the national award instituted in the memory of the late Kannada poet Kuvempu.

Q. 67 Which state topped the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023 in the categories of cleanliness?

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

Correct answer: C

The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu conferred Swachh Survekshan awards 2023 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi hosted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). 13 awardees received felicitations under categories of Clean Cities, Cleanest Cantonment, SafaiMitra Suraksha, Ganga Towns and Best Performing State were given away. This year the cleanest city award showcased joint winners. Port city Surat bagged the top honours, alongside Indore, who had conquered the top spot alone for 6 consecutive years. In the category of cities with a population of less than 1 lakh, Sasvad, Patan and Lonavala secured the top three spots. Mhow Cantonment Board in Madhya Pradesh was adjudged the Cleanest Cantonment Board. Varanasi and Prayagraj won the top two awards amongst the Cleanest Ganga Towns. Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh won the top three awards for Best Performing State. Chandigarh walked away with the award for the Best Safaimitra Surakshit Sheher. 110 awards were bestowed during the ceremony.

Q. 68 Who become the first Indian woman to receive the Arjun Award in Equestrian?

- a) Divyakriti Singh
- b) Suhas Nayse
- c) Anjum Chopra
- d) Rani Rampal

Correct answer: A

President Droupadi Murmu presented the coveted award to her at a glittering ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Tuesday, marking a crowning glory for the Asian Games Gold medallist in equestrian sports - the only woman to achieve the honour.

Q. 69 Which city has got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the renowned Hanuman Garhi Besan Ladoo?

- a) Varanasi
- b) Ayodhya
- c) Haridwar
- d) Dehradun

Correct answer: B

The beloved besan ladoos of Hanuman Garhi. Renowned for their exceptional flavour, these delectable treats formally applied for and were granted a Geographical Indication (GI) designation. The primary objective of this tag is to safeguard the distinctive identity and legacy of the dish, in this case, the Hanuman Garhi Ladoos, ensuring their exclusivity to the region. Obtaining a GI tag ensures that these ladoos are officially recognized as originating from Ayodhya and possess the unique qualities associated with that specific region.

Q. 70 _____ is a special purpose vehicle established by the government of Tamil Nadu for the preservation and restoration of coastal ecosystem?

- a) Tamil Nadu Coastal Mission
- b) Tamil Nadu Environment Protection Group
- c) Tamil Nadu Blue Carbon Agency
- d) Tamil Nadu Coastal Eco System Restoration

Correct answer: C

The Tamil Nadu State government launched its fourth ambitious climate change mitigation mission called "Tamil Nadu Sustainably Harnessing Ocean Resources and Blue Economy (TN-SHORE), also known as Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission. With assistance from the World Bank, the State would be pumping in a whopping Rs 1,675 crore over the next five years to arrest sea erosion, reduce marine pollution and conserve marine biodiversity. The government will set up a special purpose vehicle "Tamil Nadu Blue Carbon Agency" to ensure dedicated and focused attention on overseeing the preservation and restoration of targeted coastal ecosystems, including mangroves, seagrass and salt marshes. This initiative will not only enhance ecosystem services but will also create a framework for trading carbon credits.

Q. 71 Which state's Road Transport Corporation has launched first of its kind doorstep pickup of cargo parcels?

- a) Haryana State Roadways Corporation
- b) Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
- c) Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation
- d) Telangana State Road Transport Corporation

Correct answer: C

Andhra Pradesh Public Transport Department Vice-Chairman and Managing Director Ch Dwaraka Tirumala Rao said the APSRTC launched its own doorstep cargo pickup service in Vijayawada city on Wednesday on a pilot basis.

Q. 72 Where is longest sea-bridge Atal Setu located?

- a) Chennai
- b) Mumbai
- c) New Delhi
- d) Srinagar

Correct answer: B

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu in Navi Mumbai today. Shri Modi took a walkthrough of the photo gallery and a showcase model of Atal Setu.

MTHL Atal Setu has been constructed at the cost of more than Rs 17,840 crores and is about a 21.8 km long 6-lane bridge having about 16.5 km length over the sea and about 5.5 km on the land.

Q. 73 With which country India has announced the Green Fuels Alliance to advance sustainable energy solutions?

- a) Denmark
- b) Norway
- c) Finland
- d) Sweden

Correct answer: A

Denmark has announced its Green Fuels Alliance India (GFAI) initiative to boost collaborative efforts between the two countries in the sustainable energy solutions sector and advance their joint global goal towards carbon neutrality.

Q. 74 In which city the “Wings India 2024” event will be organised?

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Kochi
- c) Bangalore
- d) Bhopal

Correct answer: A

Wings India 2024 scheduled to take place from 18th to 21st January 2024 in Hyderabad, Wings India 2024, is expected to be Asia's largest event on Civil Aviation on Commercial, General and Business Aviation. This event will bring together various stakeholders and participants from all over the world from the aviation industry to promote collaboration, showcase innovations and explore business opportunities.

Q. 75 Where will be the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee session -2024 organised?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Nasik
- d) Lucknow

Correct answer: A

In a momentous development, India is poised to preside over and host the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)'s World Heritage Committee in New Delhi from July 21 to 31 this year, as announced by Mr. Vishal V Sharma, the Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO.

Q. 76 Bharati research station is located in which region of Antarctica?

- a) Byrd Station
- b) Larsemann Hills
- c) Mcmillan Station
- d) GreenLand

Correct answer: B

Bharati Research Station is located in the Larsemann Hills, an Antarctic Specially Managed Area, between Thala Fjord and Quilty Bay, at 69.24° S, 76.11° E. It is approximately 35 m above the sea level and about 50 m from the seashore. Bharati consists of one multi-purpose building, a satellite camp and a number of smaller container mod- ules.

Q. 77 What is the name of financial product introduced by State Bank of India to help SHG women entrepreneurs in rural India?

- a) UGRAM
- b) SVYAM SIDDHA
- c) SAKHI
- d) NARI SHAKTI

Correct answer: B

The Rural Development Ministry and State Bank of India have joined forces to launch Syam Siddha, a specialized financial product designed to empower women entrepreneurs in rural self-help groups. This initiative aims to simplify loan applications, reduce documentation requirements, and enhance access to formal finance for these women.

Q. 78 _____ is a digital platform launched through which volunteers can register for National Youth Festival activities?

- a) MY Bharat
- b) Youth Group
- c) Volunteer Munch
- d) National Youth Morcha

Correct answer: A

PM inaugurated 27th National Youth Festival in Nashik, Maharashtra. Volunteers for the 27th National Youth Festival activities are registered through the digital platform known as MY Bharat.

Q. 79 Which media organisation won the media rights for covering FIH (International Hockey Federation) events from 2023 to 2027?

- a) ESPN
- b) Viacom 18
- c) Ten Sports
- d) Hot Star

Correct answer: B

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has signed a major media rights agreement with Viacom18. This agreement runs for a four-year cycle (2023-2027) and includes all FIH events, except the FIH Nations Cup.

Q. 80 What is India's rank in 2024 Henley Passport Index?

- a) 70th
- b) 89th
- c) 80th
- d) 47th

Correct answer: C

The Henley Passport Index 2024, India's passport was ranked at the 80th spot, up five places from 2022. However, the number of visa-free destinations has jumped from 57 to 62 this year.

Japan and Singapore have continued to top the list for five years now

South Korea, Sweden and Finland rose one spot to take joint second place, with access to 193 countries. Austria, Denmark, Ireland and the Netherlands shared third place, allowing travel to 192 places.

Q. 81 Where is the World's longest line of solar powered street lights installed?

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

Correct answer: B

The Yogi Adityanath government is eyeing a world record of installing the longest line of solar-powered street lights in the temple town of Ayodhya.

Currently, the record is held by Malham, Saudi Arabia, which was created in December 2021 after 468 solar lights were lined up in a series over a stretch of 9.7km.

Q. 82 Recently DRDO tested Akash missile, it is a _____.

- a) Surface to Surface Missile
- b) Air to Air Missile
- c) Anti-Tank Missile
- d) Surface to Air Missile

Correct answer: D

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a successful flight-test of the New Generation AKASH (AKASH-NG) missile from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha at 1030 hrs on January 12, 2024.

The new generation Akash surface-to-air missile system, capable of intercepting hostile aircraft, helicopters, and drones at a range of 30 km, is now ready for user trials before its induction into the armed forces.

Q. 83 What is the name of the next-generation electric ferry launched by GRSE in West Bengal?

- a) Solar Rider
- b) Dheu
- c) Tarang
- d) Voyager

Correct answer: B

Defence PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd launched a "next "next-generation" electric ferry with a 150-passenger capacity for the West Bengal government, an official said on Friday. Holding the prospect of replacing diesel-engine run ferries with green platforms that use only battery and solar power, the launch of the electric ferry, christened 'Dheu' (wave) signals opportunities in zero-emission water transport.

Q. 84 What is the official slogan of 9th Asian Winter games?

- a) Dream of winter, Love among Asia
- b) Dream of Love among Asians
- c) Love for winter among Asians
- d) Dream, Sports and Play

Correct answer: A

The 9th Asian Winter Games organizers unveiled on Thursday its slogan, emblem and mascots at a ceremony in Harbin, capital city of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, where the event is set to take place in 2025.

The organizers announced that the official slogan is "Dream of Winter, Love among Asia" and presented adorable tiger mascots "Binbin" and "Nini" as well as the official emblem, which is the fusion of a short-track speed skater figure, a lilac flower and dancing ribbons.

Q. 85 Where will the 12th edition of the Naval exercise scheduled to be held?

- a) Kochi
- b) Chennai
- c) Visakhapatnam
- d) Kolkata

Correct answer: C

MILAN, a biennial multilateral naval exercise, was initiated by the Indian Navy in 1995. Initially, it was aligned with India's 'Look East Policy.' However, as India's international engagement evolved with the 'Act East policy' and the 'Security And Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)' initiative by Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi, MILAN opened its door to participation from Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs). MILAN 24 will coincide with India G20 Presidency and the conduct of the exercise would yet again realise the 'G20 theme Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Scheduled from 19 – 27 Feb 24 at/ off Visakhapatnam, MILAN 24 is likely to witness the largest-ever participation to date with invites being extended to over 50 countries.

Q. 86 Who has the written the book 'Inspirations for Graphic Design from India?'

- a) Arbindo Chattopadhyay
- b) Chetan Bhagat
- c) Maghfoor Ahmad Ajazi
- d) Jaya Jaitly

Correct answer: D

Jaya Jaitly's latest book is a departure from what came before — from textile, craft and all things handmade. Instead, it's a deep dive into design thinking. *Inspirations for Graphic Design from India*, co-authored with professor Dimple Bahl of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) and published by Arthshila Trust, advocates an overhaul of design education in India by recognising indigenous sources.

Q. 87 What is the theme of the National Road Safety Week 2024?

- a) Sadak Suraksha, Asli Suraksha
- b) Sadak Suraksha- Jeevan Raksha
- c) Jeevan ki Parvah, Parivaar ki Parvah
- d) Be a Road safety hero

Correct answer: D

Road Safety Week is observed during the third week of November each year. In 2024, mark your calendars for November 19th to November 25th. This period provides a platform for communities and organizations to engage in initiatives aimed at enhancing road safety.

The National Road Safety Week 2024 theme, "Be a road safety hero," acknowledges those enhancing road safety and aiding post-crash. It emphasizes universal participation in ensuring safer journeys.

Q. 88 Which bank has launched the State Green Rupee Term Deposit?

- a) State Bank of India
- b) Punjab National Bank
- c) State Bank of Maharashtra
- d) Bandhan Bank

Correct answer: A

State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest Bank has launched a special fixed deposit (FD) scheme. SBI Green Rupee Term Deposit (SGRTD) has been launched to mobilise funds to support environment-friendly initiatives and projects, thereby fostering the growth of a green finance ecosystem in India, as per the release shared by the bank.

Q. 89 Where is the first international Kite Festival taking place in Delhi?

- a) Lal Kila
- b) Baansera
- c) Connaught Place
- d) Chandni Chowk

Correct answer: B

Experience the joy of kite flying at the Patang Utsav, an international kite festival held at **Baansera**, Delhi's first bamboo-themed park.

Q. 90 What is the main purpose of 'Report Fish Disease' mobile app launched by National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases?

- a) To provide information about best fishing methods
- b) Online Fish selling app
- c) To strengthen India's aquaculture industry by facilitating disease reporting
- d) To promote fishing industry

Correct answer: C

With the launch of 'Report Fish Disease' App, NSPAAD was able to meet the national and international obligations through transparent reporting. The app will be a central platform for connecting and will integrate fish farmers, field-level officers and fish health experts seamlessly.

Q. 91 Which airport won the World's Best Airport title for 2023?

- a) Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
- b) Changi Airport, Singapore
- c) Dubai International Airport, UAE
- d) Chubu Centrair International Airport, Japan

Correct answer: B

A light-filled, green haven that brands itself as a "destination in itself," Singapore's Changi Airport has reclaimed its spot at the top of Skytrax's annual ranking of the world's best airports.

Skytrax, a UK-based airline and airport review and ranking site, compiles its list by surveying travellers from across the world and asking them to rate the entire airport experience – from check-in to departures and everything in between.

Q. 91 The most polluted city in India for the year 2023 is _____?

- a) Meerut
- b) Ghaziabad
- c) Byrnihat
- d) Cuddalore

Correct answer: C

Byrnihat in Meghalaya topped the list of most polluted cities in India in 2023, closely followed by Begusarai in Bihar and Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh, according to a report released.

Q. 92 Where is the Atpadi Conservation Reserve located?

- a) Nasik
- b) Nagpur
- c) Balasore
- d) Sangli

Correct answer: D

The Maharashtra government has declared a new wildlife habitat for the 'canid' wild dogs family in Sangli, as 'Atpadi Conservation Reserve', which is among the smallest at 9.48 sq.kms.

The new reserve in the lush green western Maharashtra will help preserve the habitat of wolves, jackals, foxes and hyenas in the area, besides other mammals like deers, civets, rabbits and more that abound in the region.

Q. 93 Which city hosted the World Tamil Diaspora celebration?

- a) Chennai
- b) Ooty
- c) Coimbatore
- d) Tiruchirappalli

Correct answer: A

Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Udhayanidhi Stalin inaugurated the World Tamil Diaspora Day celebrations in Chennai on January 11, 2024. This event, spanning two days, was a significant gathering that brought together Tamils from about 58 countries, highlighting the global presence and cultural unity of the Tamil community.

Q. 94 What was the theme of the 54th World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2024?

- a) Save Environment, Save Earth
- b) Technology Governs the Future Growth
- c) Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
- d) Rebuilding Trust

Correct answer: D

The theme of the 54th World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, scheduled from January 15-19, 2024, is "Rebuilding Trust."

The World Economic Forum (WEF) is an international non-governmental organization founded on January 24, 1971, by German engineer Klaus Schwab.

Its mission is to "improve the state of the world" by engaging leaders from various sectors, including business, politics, academia, and civil society, to shape global, regional, and industry agendas.

Q. 95 Newly-built Jallikattu stadium is located in which city?

- a) Cuddalore
- b) Tiruchirappalli
- c) Madurai
- d) Chennai

Correct answer: C

The new Jallikattu stadium being built near Alanganallur in Madurai district, is named after former chief minister of the state and late DMK leader M Karunanidhi.

Q. 96 Which of the following animal has been added to the IUCN 'Vulnerable' species list?

- a) Himalayan Wolf
- b) Snow Tiger
- c) Polar Bear
- d) None of these

Correct answer: A

The Himalayan Wolf (*Canis lupus chanco*), a prominent lupine predator found across the Himalayas the taxonomic status of which was a puzzle till late, has been assessed for the first time in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s Red List. And the news is bad. The animal has been categorised as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List. The assessment was done on June 27, 2023.

Q. 97 Which National Highway is constructed using Steel Slag material for the first time in India?

- a) NH-66 Mumbai-Goa

- b) NH-22 Ambala-Kolkata
- c) NH-48 Mumbai-Kalyani
- d) NH-44 Delhi-Lahore

Correct answer: A

Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member (S&T), NITI AAYOG inaugurated India's First National Highway Steel Slag Road section on NH- 66 Mumbai-Goa National Highway today. Dr Saraswat said that the Steel Slag Road Technology, developed by CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI) is transforming the waste of steel industries into wealth and is helping the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to build stronger and ecofriendly national highways in the country.

Q. 98 Indian Army Day is celebrated to commemorate the day when General _____ took over the command of the Army from the British General Sir Francis Butcher.

- a) KM Cariappa
- b) Sam Manekshaw
- c) Bipin Rawat
- d) General Pran Nath Thapar

Correct answer: A

Every year, 15 January is commemorated as "Army Day" to remember the occasion when General (later Field Marshal) KM Cariappa took over the command of the Indian Army from General Sir FRR Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief in 1949 and became the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of Independent India.

Q. 99 What is the name of the 25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug, recently launched for the purpose of Assistance by Titagarh Rail System Ltd, Kolkata?

- a) Bhisma
- b) Arjuna
- c) Ravana
- d) Bajrangi

Correct answer: A

25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug, Bhisma was launched by Cmde S Sreekumar, Warship Production Superintendent (Kolkata) on 14 Jan 24 at M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd (M/s TRSL), Kolkata.

The availability of Tugs will provide impetus to Operational commitments of **IN** by facilitating assistance to Naval ships and submarines during berthing and un-berthing, turning and manoeuvring in confined waters. The Tugs will also provide afloat firefighting assistance to ships alongside, at anchorage and will also have capability to conduct limited Search and Rescue Operations.

Q. 100 Operation _____ launched by Government of Kerala to tackle the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

- a) AMRUT
- b) AMRITH
- c) ANTIBIOTIC CONTROL PROGRAM
- d) PRAHAR

Correct answer: B

The Kerala Drug Control Department recently launched Operation Amrith (Antimicrobial Resistance Intervention for Total Health) to prevent the overuse of antibiotics in the state. The aim is to conduct surprise raids in pharmacies to detect over-the-counter (OTC) sales of antibiotics without a doctor's prescription.

Q. 101 What is the name of programme launched by Himachal Pradesh Government for the purpose “to encourage individuals and organisations to adopt a school and contribute collectively for improvement of government schools”?

- a) School Chalo: No one left Behind
- b) MY School My Pride
- c) Apna Vidyalaya
- d) PEHAL

Correct answer: C

With an objective to create a synergistic partnership between public representatives, administrative leaders, and skilled professionals to contribute collectively for the improvement of government schools, 'Apna Vidyalaya': The Himachal School Adoption Programme (HSAP) has been initiated by the Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu led government in the State.

Q. 102 Who has been elected as the new president of Taiwan?

- a) Ko Wen-ki
- b) William Lai
- c) Hsiao Bi-khim
- d) Lai Ching-te

Correct answer: D

Taiwan has elected as its president Lai Ching-te, once a scrappy advocate for Taiwanese independence, now a key proponent of the Democratic Progressive Party's efforts to maintain peace with Beijing while repelling its aggression.

Q. 103 _____, is a scheme launched by Karnataka govt to provide financial assistance to unemployed graduated and diploma holders.

- a) Yuva Dhan
- b) Bhavisya Nidhi
- c) Yuva Nidhi
- d) Berojgari Bhatta

Correct answer: C

The Karnataka Government launched the Yuva Nidhi Scheme in Karnataka to benefit the unemployed young. Under this scheme, the government will provide financial assistance to the educated unemployed youth in the state.

Q. 104 Dr Prabha Atre belong to _____ music lineage?

- a) Kirana Gharana
- b) Patiala Gharana
- c) Jodhpur Gharana
- d) Mewar Gharana

Correct answer: A

Prabha Atre was an internationally acclaimed Hindustani classical vocalist.

She belonged to the Kirana Gharana, one of the prominent lineages of classical music in India. Atre was known as "Swarayoginee" among the music community. She received three Padma awards for her contributions to classical music.

Q. 105 Which Indian regional style did Munawwar Rana embrace in his poetry?

- a) Persian and Sindhi
- b) Hindi and Arabic
- c) Awadhi and Urdu
- d) Punjabi and Sanskrit

Correct answer: C

Urdu poet, who passed away on January 14, 2024, is remembered for his innovative poetic approach that seamlessly integrated Urdu and Awadhi, steering clear of Persian and Arabic influences. This deliberate linguistic choice not only defined his distinctive style but also rendered his verses more inclusive, resonating with a diverse audience across India.

Q. 106 Who wrote the book 'Pranab My Father: A Daughter Remembers'?

- a) Pranab Mukherjee
- b) Prabha Mukherjee
- c) Sharmistha Mukherjee
- d) Prabha Majumdar

Correct answer: C

Former President Pranab Mukherjee's daughter, Sharmistha Mukherjee, has revealed insights into her father's political journey through her book titled "Pranab My Father: A Daughter Remembers." The book, launched on the occasion of Mukherjee's birth anniversary, offers a glimpse into his experiences, relationships, and perspectives on various political events.

Q. 107 Which Indian player achieved the historic feat to win a stage at the Dakar Rally?

- a) Karthikeyan Narain
- b) Harith Noah
- c) Ajay KM
- d) Sandesh Chandhok

Correct answer: B

The 2024 Dakar Rally has something special each day and stage 8 saw the first-ever Indian to take a stage win — Harith Noah. Riding for TVS Sherco in the Rally 2 class, Noah has been showing consistent performance and stage 8 saw him take the stage win in his class. In the overall rankings, Noah is in 13th place, while in his class, the Indian rider is currently third, with a little over 8 minutes separating him and the leader.

Q. 108 _____ has been designated as India's first Dark Sky Park.

- a) Simplifal Reserve
- b) Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
- c) Pench Tiger Reserve
- d) Panna Tiger Reserve

Correct answer: C

Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Maharashtra has earned the title of the first Dark Sky Park in India. The Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra has been designated as India's first Dark Sky Park and the fifth in Asia, protecting the night sky and preventing light pollution.

Q. 109 Who became the first active-duty Air Force officer to win the title of Miss America 2024?

- a) Madison Marsh
- b) Ellie Bridges
- c) Steve Santner
- d) Cally Rodrigues

Correct answer: A

Madison Marsh became the first active-duty Air Force officer to be crowned Miss America when she flew ahead of the competition during the illustrious pageant Sunday night.

Q. 110 Which Military exercise was conducted between Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy?

- (a) EX-Safed Sagar
- (b) Ex-Yudhabhyasa
- (c) Ex-Ayutthaya
- (d) Ex-Maitri

Correct answer: C

The Indo-Thai Bilateral Exercise is being named as 'Ex-Ayutthaya', which literally translates to 'The Invincible One' or 'Unconquerable', and symbolises the significance of two of the oldest cities Ayodhya in India and Ayutthaya in Thailand, the historic legacies, rich cultural ties and shared historical narratives dating back to several centuries.

Q. 110 Which Indian firm became the first to obtain ISO 27001: 2022 certification?

- (a) Hindustan Unilever
- (b) Mahindra and Mahindra
- (c) Tata Consultancy Services
- (d) Haldia Petrochemicals

Correct answer: D

Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd (HPL) on Wednesday became the first ISO 27001:2022 certified petrochemical organisation in the industry by BSI (British Standards Institution), a renowned certification body. As part of its digital transformation journey, HPL has prioritized digitising and optimising its processes, placing people at the core of its approach.

Q. 111 What is the full form of GIFT city?

- (a) Gujarat International Financial Tec-City
- (b) Gandhinagar International Fuel Technology City
- (c) Gujarat International Financial Tec-City
- (d) Gujarat International Fuel Transporter City

Correct answer: C

Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) is a central business district under construction in the Gandhinagar district in Gujarat, India. It is India's first operational greenfield

smart city and international financial services centre, which the Government of Gujarat promoted as a greenfield project.

Q. 112 Where was the oldest piece of fossilized skin discovered?

- (a) Antarctica
- (b) Texas
- (c) Ohio
- (d) Oklahoma

Correct answer: D

A skin fossil smaller than a fingernail is making big waves for the information it may give about the development of vertebrates. The sample was discovered in Oklahoma's Richards Spur (USA), a vast limestone cave system. While these caves are rife with fossils, finding fossilized skin is quite rare. And this fossil, which is described in Current Biology, is at least 21 million years older than previously discovered skin fossils.

Q. 113 Who become the first ICC-appointed woman neutral umpire for bilateral series?

- (a) Mithali Raj
- (b) Harmanpreet Kaur
- (c) Sue Redfern
- (d) Betty Wilson

Correct answer: C

Sue Redfern will become the first International Cricket Council-appointed female neutral umpire to stand in a bilateral series as she has been named for the upcoming ICC Women's Championship and T20I fixtures between Australia and South Africa.

Q. 114 Which joint exercise was organised between India and Japan Coast Guards in January 2024?

- (a) Sahyog Kaijin
- (b) Sahyog JapInd
- (c) Ex-Malabar
- (d) Ex-Wild Elephant

Correct answer: A

The Coast Guards of India and Japan held a joint exercise of responding in real-time, rescuing the crew of a distressed vessel off the coast of Chennai on Friday. The joint exercise code-named 'Sahyog Kaijin' on the Bay of Bengal saw the ICGS Shaurya and JCGS Yashima, equipped with advanced equipment, rush swiftly to rescue the crew of MT Matsyadristi and MV Anveshika involved in a simulated collision that resulted in a fire onboard the MT Matsyadristi as well as a crude oil slick.

Q. 115 “An Uncommon Love: The Early Life of Sudha and Narayana Murthy” was authored by _____.

- (a) Sudha Murthy
- (b) Narayana Murthy
- (c) Chetan Bhagat
- (d) Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

Correct answer: D

The book "An Uncommon Love: The Early Life of Sudha and Narayana Murthy," authored by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. The book offers an intimate view into the lives of one of India's most respected couples, Sudha and Narayana Murthy, the co-founders of Infosys. The biography details their early life, love story, and the foundational years of Infosys.

Q. 116 Who won the 2024 FIFA Best Men's player award?

- (a) Lionel Messi
- (b) Kylian Mbappe
- (c) Harry Kane
- (d) Cristiano Ronaldo

Correct answer: A

Lionel Messi, Erling Haaland and Kylian Mbappe were shortlisted for The Best FIFA Men's Player at the ceremony in London.

Lionel Messi has been named as the best men's footballer in the world for 2023 at The Best FIFA Football Awards at a ceremony in London.

Q. 117 "Kachchi Kharek" has been awarded GI tag. To which state does it belong?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Sikkim

Correct answer: C

Kachchi Kharek, an indigenous date of Kutch, becomes the second fruit from Gujarat to receive a GI tag from the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks (CGPDT) of India.

A GI tag is a form of intellectual property that identifies a product as originating from a specific geographic location, with qualities, reputation, or characteristics attributable to that origin.

It helps protect and promote products associated with a particular region, ensuring their uniqueness and preventing unauthorized use of the name.

Q. 118 Which country launched 'EcoMark' green accreditation framework for MSMEs at the World Economic Forum annual Meeting in Davos?

- (a) USA
- (b) Germany
- (c) UAE
- (d) Saudi Arabia

Correct answer: C

The UAE has announced plans to develop the first ever sustainability accreditation framework explicitly for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). EcoMark Global Accreditation has been designed to boost the competitiveness of MSMEs in the global green economy by streamlining and standardizing the regulatory processes surrounding sustainability benchmarking around the world.

The EcoMark certification, which is based on ISO standards and digitally enabled, will include a full suite of resources to help MSMEs attain EcoMark status, covering document requirement guidelines and a roadmap to progress from basic to advanced levels of sustainability, and a

standardized application process and complete eligibility criterion for accreditors in the participating countries. The framework will be overseen by a central body headquartered in the UAE.

Q. 119 Who authored the book “Fertilising the Future: Bharat’s March Towards Fertilizer Self-Sufficiency”?

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankar
- (b) Dr Harshvardhan Singh
- (c) M.S. Swaminathan
- (d) Mansukh Mandaviya

Correct answer: D

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar released the book 'Fertilising the Future: Bharat's March Towards Fertilizer Self-Sufficiency' written by Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya. Dr. Mandaviya said that the Hindi version of the book is titled 'Urvarak-Atmanirbharta ki Raah.' Dr. Mandaviya further added, the book delineates the journey of making India self-reliant in the fertilizer sector under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Q. 120 IIT Madras has partnered with _____ to launch eMobility lab for future technology.

- (a) Altair
- (b) Tata Technologies
- (c) Vedanta Ltd
- (d) Varroc Engineering

Correct answer: A

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has partnered with Altair, a global technology company providing solutions in simulation, high-performance computing (HPC) and Artificial Intelligence (AI), to launch an eMobility Simulation Lab.

Q. 121 “Moh-Juj”, a traditional buffalo fight belongs to which state?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Assam
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Uttarakhand

Correct answer: B

The traditional buffalo fight, popularly known as ‘Moh-Juj’, was organised after a gap of nine years at Ahatguri as part of the ‘Magh Bihu’ celebration in Assam’s Morigaon district.

Q. 122 Which state has launched the “Mahatari Vandana Yojana 2024” scheme to provide financial help to women?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Karnataka

Correct answer: A

The state of Chhattisgarh, inspired by the successful implementation of the 'Aarthik Sarkari Ladli Bahna Yojana' organized by the Madhya Pradesh government, has recently launched a new scheme known as Mahtari Vandana Yojana 2024. Under this initiative, the government aims to provide economic assistance of one thousand rupees to women every month, amounting to a total annual financial aid of 12,000 rupees.

Q. 123 Who received the Assam's highest civilian Award "Assam Baibhav 2024"?

- (a) Tarun Gogoi
- (b) Ratan Tata
- (c) Narayan Murthy
- (d) Ranjan Gogoi

Correct answer: D

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the highest state civilian awards 'Assam Baibhav' for 2024, conferred upon former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India, Ranjan Gogoi.

Q. 124 Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival belongs to which state?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Sikkim

Correct answer: C

The 9th Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival (PPHF) will be held from January 18-20, 2024 in Arunachal Pradesh. Declared a state festival, it centers around wildlife conservation, especially hornbills found in the Pakke Tiger Reserve.

Q. 125 Which app has been launched by the central government to monitor the MPLAD funds flow?

- (a) eSakshi
- (b) eWallet
- (c) eTracker
- (d) eSuraksha

Correct answer: A

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, launched a new app to track the fund flow under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme-2023. The new eSakshi app will provide an interface to capture the "entire MPLAD scheme cycle, providing convenience and accessibility like never before.

Q. 126 Where is the "statue of Social Justice" was installed?

- (a) Vijayawada
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Guntur
- (d) Hindnagar

Correct answer: A

The Swaraj Maidan in the heart of Vijayawada will henceforth be known as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Swaraj Maidan. It is here that the Statue of Social Justice, the iconic 125-ft. statue (excluding the 85-ft. concrete pedestal) of the architect of the Constitution is installed.

Q. 127 Where was the 9th Tamil Nadu International Balloon Festival organised?

- (a) Pollachi
- (b) Coimbatore
- (c) Madurai
- (d) Chennai

Correct answer: A

9th Edition of Tamil Nadu International Balloon festival (TNIBF) is organized with support of the Department of Tourism Tamil Nadu scheduled from 12 - 16 Jan 2024 at Pollachi, Coimbatore Dist. Tamil Nadu.

Q. 128 Which Indian city is the first to create a 3D urban spatial digital twin?

- (a) Jaipur
- (b) Ayodhya
- (c) Varanasi
- (d) Bhopa

Correct answer: C

Varanasi is poised to become the nation's first city to develop 3D Urban Spatial Digital Twins for all its wards. Previously, this initiative was launched in Jaipur as a pilot project.

Q. 129 Who won the Balkan Athlete Award for the record eighth time?

- (a) Serena William
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Andre Russel
- (d) Roger Federal

Correct answer: B

Novak Djokovic was named the Best Balkan Athlete of the Year for a record eighth time.

Q. 130 Which IT service brand become the world's most valuable brand?

- (a) TCS
- (b) Accenture
- (c) HCL Tech
- (d) Tech Mahindra

Correct answer: B

Accenture is most valuable and strongest IT services brand, valued at US\$39.9 billion. Accenture (brand value up 10% to US\$39.9 billion) retains its position as the most valuable IT services brand in the world for the fifth consecutive year, according to a new report from leading brand valuation consultancy, Brand Finance.

Q. 131 Operation Sarvashakti was launched recently by _____?

- (a) Indian Air Force
- (b) Indian Army
- (c) Indian Navy

(d) Indian Coast Guard

Correct answer: B

The Indian Army will launched Operation Sarvashakti, an anti-terror campaign in Jammu and Kashmir's Pir Panjal Range, following a series of recent terror attacks in the Poonch and Rajouri regions.

Q. 132 Which stock exchange won the title of the world's largest derivative exchange in 2023?

- (a) The New York Exchange
- (b) Nasdaq
- (c) Hang Seng
- (d) National Stock Exchange of Indian Ltd

Correct answer: D

NSE Group (National Stock Exchange of India and NSE International Exchange) has once again emerged as the world's largest derivatives exchange group in calendar year 2023 by number of contracts traded based on statistics published by Futures Industry Association (FIA), a derivatives trade body.

Q. 133 According to the Global Firepower Ranking 2024, what is the rank of India?

- (a) 4th
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 7th

Correct answer: A

India has maintained its position as the 4th most powerful military globally in the latest 2024 Global Firepower rankings. India scored a Power Index of 0.1023 on a scale where 0.0000 is a "perfect" score.

Q. 134 Where is the presence of rare Tibetan Brown bear was confirmed by Wildlife officials?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Assam

Correct answer: C

Wildlife officials have the first-ever documented evidence of the Tibetan brown bear (*Ursus arctos pruinus*) inhabiting India following a sighting of the elusive subspecies in Sikkim. Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer Parveen Kaswan said the country is now officially home to five kinds of bears while announcing the rare discovery.

Q. 135 Which language has been included as one of the nine classical languages of India under the New Education Policy?

- (a) Malayalam
- (b) Kannada
- (c) Sanskrit
- (d) Farsi

Correct answer: D

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announced that the Indian government has decided to designate Farsi (Persian) as one of the nine classical languages in India under the New Education Policy.

Q. 136 Who has been appointed as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?

- (a) Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- (b) K Vijay Kumar
- (c) Archana Ramasundram
- (d) Manoj Pandey

Correct answer: A

The Centre on Friday appointed senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Daljit Singh Chaudhary as the director of general of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

Q. 137 Where will the Khelo India Youth Games 2024 be hosted?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Correct answer: D

The Khelo India Youth Games 2024 will start on January 19. It will be held in four cities in Tamil Nadu: Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Trichy.

Q. 138 Boeing has set up its largest campus outside USA in _____.

- (a) Awdi, Chennai
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Barrackpore

Correct answer: B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new Boeing India Engineering and Tech Spread across 43 acres, the Boeing India Engineering and Technology Centre (BIETC) campus was built using an investment of ₹1,600 crore.

The new campus is said to be Boeing's largest investment outside the United Statesnology Centre (BIETC) campus in Bengaluru.

Q. 139 Which bank has introduced 'Money2India (Canada)' mobile app?

- (a) SBI Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Federal Bank of India

Correct answer: B

ICICI Bank Canada, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ICICI Bank Limited, has introduced its latest mobile banking app, 'Money2India (Canada),' providing Canadian customers with a seamless platform for 24/7 fund transfers to any Indian bank without the necessity of opening an account with ICICI Bank Canada.

Q. 140 What was the theme of the G-77 Third summit held in Kampala, Uganda?

- (a) Development and Prosperity
- (b) Leaving No One Behind
- (c) One Earth One Target
- (d) Harmony and Brotherhood in World

Correct answer: B

Theme of Summit: "Leaving No One Behind". It is in line with India's vision of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, i.e., "the World is one Family".

Q. 141 How many children have been awarded Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024?

- (a) 15
- (b) 19
- (c) 22
- (d) 25

Correct answer: B

The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024 was declared, with the awards set to be presented by President Droupadi Murmu at a formal event at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on January 22.

This year, 19 children from various parts of the country have been recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. The Ministry of Women and Child Development revealed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will engage with the recipients on January 23. Additionally, these children will be featured in the Republic Day parade on January 26, 2024.

Q. 142 Which country was the theme country for the 47th International Kolkata Book Fair?

- (a) France
- (b) Canada
- (c) Australia
- (d) United Kingdom

Correct answer: D

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated the 47th edition of the International Kolkata Book Fair. The United Kingdom is the theme country for this year's fair, which has about 1,000 stalls and is scheduled to run from January 18 to January 31 at Salt Lake's Central Park here.

Q. 143 Who become the oldest to win the Dakkar Rally Title?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton
- (b) Sebastian Vettel
- (c) Carlos Sainz
- (d) Narayan Karthikeyan

Correct answer: C

Carlos Sainz Sr. extended his record as the oldest winner of the Dakar Rally at the age of 61 on Friday with his fourth victory in the car category and the first for Audi.

Q. 144 Which state has launched "Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan"?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Bihar

Correct answer: C

The Assam government recently launched a financial assistance scheme, the Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyaan (MMUA), with the aim of empowering rural women entrepreneurs. The program is designed to provide financial assistance to women who aspire to embark on their entrepreneurial journey independently, beyond their association with Self-Help Groups (SHGs). This initiative introduces unique conditions, focusing specifically on the number of eligible children for the beneficiaries.

Q. 145 Where was the world's largest lamp lit recently?

- (a) Ayodhya
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Mathu
- (d) Haridwar

Correct answer: A

The world's largest lamp has also been lit in Ayodhya. This lamp of approximately 300 feet diameter is made of 1008 tons of clay. Not only this, more than 21 thousand liters of oil will be used to keep this lamp lit continuously.

Q. 146 'Ayush Diksha' centre was recently inaugurated in which state?

- (a) Bhubaneswar
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Dehradun
- (d) Varanasi

Correct answer: A

Union Minister of Ayush and Ports Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of 'Ayush Diksha', a first-of-its-kind centre for the development of human resources for Ayush professionals at Bhubaneswar on Saturday. This state-of-the-art centre will be developed within the campus of Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Bhubaneswar.

Q. 147 Which state hosted Indian International Science Festival, 2023?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Haryana

Correct answer: D

The 9th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 is set to take place in Faridabad, Haryana, from January 17th to January 20th, 2024.

Q. 148 Which airport was awarded the 'Best Airport of the year' at the Wings India Awards 2024?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Kolkata

- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Ahmedabad

Correct answer: A

Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has bagged yet another title as the "Best Airport of the Year" at the Wings India Awards 2024, with Karnataka's Mangaluru International Airport winning the same within the under-five million passenger category.

Q. 149 _____ translated the Tamil novel "conversations with Aurangzeb" into English?

- (a) Charu Nivedita
- (b) Nandini Krishna
- (c) Ruskin Bond
- (d) Vikram Seth

Correct answer: B

"Conversations with Aurangzeb" is a novel by Tamil literary icon Charu Nivedita, translated into English by Nandini Krishnan. This book represents a unique fusion of historical narrative and satirical commentary, offering readers a fresh perspective on both historical and contemporary themes.

Q. 150 Which state initiated the 'My School -My Pride' campaign?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Nagaland

Correct answer: B

The state government of Himachal Pradesh has launched the "My School-My Pride" initiative, urging individuals and organizations to embrace a school of their preference. The campaign aims to facilitate career counselling, offer guidance, conduct additional or specialized classes for remedial teaching and yoga training.