

1st January

Q1) The 1st edition of the Joint Military Exercise ‘**Desert Cyclone 2024**’ will be held between **India** and which of the following countries in Rajasthan?

- A. USA
- B. United Arab Emirates
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

Answer: B. United Arab Emirates

Q2) Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the **Lata Mangeshkar Chowk** in which of the following cities?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Ayodhya
- D. New Delhi

Answer: C. Ayodhya

Q3) Recently, who amongst the following has won the **2023 World Blitz Chess Championship** (Open Category), held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan?

- A. Magnus Carlsen
- B. Daniil Dubov
- C. Vladislav Artemiev
- D. Anish Giri

Answer: A. Magnus Carlsen

● **Valentina Gunina** (Russia - Played as FIDE player) has won the **Women’s 2023 World Blitz Chess Championship**

Q4) Recently, **D. Gukesh** and **Koneru Humpy** have qualified for their respective **Candidates Tournaments 2024**. It will be held in which of the following countries?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. Canada
- C. Singapore
- D. India

Answer: B. Canada

Q5) Recently, which of the following countries has launched the **X-37B robot spaceplane**?

- A. Russia
- B. Israel
- C. USA
- D. Japan

Answer: C. USA

Q6) Recently, which of the following countries has launched “**The Shenlong**” (Divine Dragon) robot spaceplane?

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. North Korea

Answer: A. China

Q7) Which of the following missions of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch the **XPoSat** (X-ray Polarimeter Satellite) Satellite?

- A. PSLV-C58
- B. GSLV-Mk III
- C. SSLV-B16
- D. SLV-XL II

Answer: A. PSLV-C58

Q8) Recently, which of the following ministries has declared the **Tehreek-e-Hurriyat**, Jammu and Kashmir (TeH) as an 'Unlawful Association' under the **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act** (UAPA)?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Defence
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of External Affairs

Answer: C. Ministry of Home Affairs

Q9) Recently, which of the following countries has formally **rejected** the invitation to **join BRICS**?

- A. Iran
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Egypt
- D. Argentina

Answer: D. Argentina

Q10) Recently which of the following states has launched the third phase of the **Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana** (BSKY)?

- A. Odisha
- B. Telangana
- C. Jharkhand
- D. West Bengal

Answer: A. Odisha

Q11) Recently, PM Narendra Modi visited the home of **Meera Manjhi** in Ayodhya, who is the 10th crore beneficiary of the **Ujjwala Yojana**. Which of the following is the nodal ministry for the Ujjwala Yojana?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Answer: D. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Q12) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the **Chairman** of the **16th Finance Commission**?

- A. N.K. Singh
- B. Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey
- C. Dr Arvind Panagariya
- D. Dr Arvind Subramanian

Answer: C. Dr Arvind Panagariya

Q13) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the **2023 Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar**?

- A. Humayun Ahmed

- B. Shirshendhu Mukyopadhyaya
- C. Amitav Ghosh
- D. Samaresh Basu

Answer: B. Shirshendhu Mukyopadhyaya

Q14) The 1st edition of the **FIH Hockey5s World Cup 2024** (Men's and Women's) will be held in which of the following countries?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. United Arab Emirates
- C. Oman
- D. Qatar

Answer: C. Oman

Q15) Recently, who amongst the following has won the **girls' under-19 title** at the **2023 Scottish Junior Open** squash held in Edinburgh, Scotland?

- A. Joshna Chinappa
- B. Dipika Pallikal
- C. Tanvi Khanna
- D. Anahat Singh

Answer: D. Anahat Singh

Q16) Recently, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated the **13th National Street Food Festival 2023** in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Varanasi
- D. Bhopal

Answer: A. New Delhi

Q17) Recently, which of the following states has announced to celebrate **January 15** as the **state sports day** to celebrate the birth anniversary of wrestler Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav?

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

Answer: B. Maharashtra

Q18) Recently, the Andhra Pradesh government has increased the upper limit of financial assistance under **YSR Arogya**

Sri scheme from **₹5 lakh** to how much amount?

- A. ₹10 lakh
- B. ₹15 lakh
- C. ₹20 lakh
- D. ₹25 lakh

Answer: D. ₹25 lakh

2nd January

Q1) Recently, which of the following state governments has announced to provide **pension benefits** to tribals and Dalits on reaching the age of **50 years**?

- A. Odisha

- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Jharkhand

Answer: D. Jharkhand

Q2) Recently, 'Gole Mela' festival was organized at Jagannath temple in Jammu and Kashmir. It is in which of the following districts?

- A. Anantnag
- B. Pulwama
- C. Jammu
- D. Udhampur

Answer: D. Udhampur

Q3) Recently, which of the following state governments has announced to provide subsidized domestic gas cylinders at Rs 450 to poor families?

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

Answer: B. Rajasthan

Q4) Recently, Felix Tshisekedi has been re-elected as the president of which of the following countries?

- A. Democratic Republic of Congo
- B. Nigeria
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Somalia

Answer: A. Democratic Republic of Congo

Q5) Recently, the drug named Vezoza (fezolinetant) has been approved in United Kingdom. It is used for which of the following?

- A. Cervical Cancer
- B. Menopause
- C. Malaria
- D. Typhoid

Answer: B. Menopause

Q6) Recently, which of the following banks has launched 'eSvarna', India's first Corporate Credit Card on RuPay network?

- A. State Bank of India (SBI)
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. IndusInd Bank
- D. ICICI Bank

Answer: C. IndusInd Bank

Q7) Recently, the Allahabad High Court has allowed the survey of the Shahi Idgah Mosque Complex. It is in which of the following districts in Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Lucknow
- C. Meerut

D. Mathura

Answer: D. Mathura

Q8) Recently, an unique prehistoric rock art drawings were discovered in the **Andriamanelo Cave**. It is in which of the following countries?

A. Madagascar

B. Seychelles

C. Maldives

D. Sri Lanka

Answer: A. Madagascar

Q9) Recently, a new species named “**Calotes wangi**” has been discovered. It is a type of which of the following?

A. Butterfly

B. Frog

C. Lizard

D. Snake

Answer: C. Lizard

Q10) Recently, the West Bengal government has declared '**Banglar Mati Banglar Jal**' as the State Song. It is written by who amongst the following?

A. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

B. Rabindranath Tagore

C. Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay

D. Sukumar Ray

Answer: B. Rabindranath Tagore

● The **West Bengal government** has also declared '**Poila Boisakh**', the **first day of the Bengali New Year**, as the **State Day**

Q11) Recently, “**zombie deer disease**” has spread rapidly among wildlife in parts of the United States. Zombie deer disease is known as which of the following?

A. Anthrax

B. Foot and Mouth Disease

C. Chronic Wasting Disease

D. Brucellosis

Answer: C. Chronic Wasting Disease

Q12) Recently, which of the following states has created a Guinness **World Record** for the most people performing **Surya Namaskar** simultaneously at 108 venues?

A. Rajasthan

B. Uttarakhand

C. Gujarat

D. Tamil Nadu

Answer: C. Gujarat

Q13) Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated first all-girls Sainik School “**Samvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School**” at which of the following places?

A. New Delhi

- B. Baramati, Pune
- C. Vrindavan, Mathura
- D. Jagatpura, Jaipur

Answer: C. Vrindavan, Mathura

Q14) According to the recent information by the Ministry of finance, which of the following states is the **highest** recipient under the **Scheme for Special Assistance to States for capital expenditure/Investment**?

- A. Punjab
- B. Telangana
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Uttar Pradesh

Answer: D. Uttar Pradesh

Q15) According to the recently released statistics regarding **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri — Jan Arogya Yojana**, total how many **Ayushman Cards** have been created till December 2023?

- A. 28.45 Crore
- B. 18.35 Crore
- C. 78.89 Crore
- D. 58.50 Crore

Answer: A. 28.45 Crore

Q16) Recently, Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) celebrated its **66th Foundation Day** on which of the following days?

- A. 1st January, 2024
- B. 2nd January, 2024
- C. 31st December, 2023
- D. 30th December, 2023

Answer: A. 1st January, 2024

Q17) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **27th National Youth Festival 2024** in which of the following cities?

- A. Ranchi
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Thiruvananthapuram
- D. Nashik

Answer: D. Nashik

Q18) Recently, **Queen Margrethe II** has announced to abdicate the throne. She is the queen of which of the following countries?

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

Answer: C. Denmark

3rd January

Q1) Recently, the **tenth phase** of **Sagar Parikrama** has been launched from which of the following

places?

- A. Kochi Port
- B. Chennai Port
- C. Mumbai Port
- D. Kolkata Port

Answer: B. Chennai Port

Q2) Recently, which of the following states has issued the notification to give scheduled tribe (ST) status to **Hattee**

community of **Trans-Giri area** of **Sirmaur district**

?

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

Answer: A. Himachal Pradesh

Q3) Recently, **Muhammad Yunus** has been convicted for violating Bangladesh's labour laws. He was awarded the **Nobel**

Peace prize in which of the following years?

- A. 2003
- B. 2004
- C. 2005
- D. 2006

Answer: D. 2006

Q4) **Matarbari port**

, recently seen in news, is the first deep-sea port of which of the following countries?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

Answer: C. Bangladesh

Q5) Recently, renaming of Kalahandi University to **Maa Manikeswari University** has been approved. It is in which of the following states?

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

Answer: B. Odisha

Q6) Recently, cultural exchange and tourism cooperation initiative between **Lam Dong Province** and **Leh, Ladakh**

, themed "Ladakh Unveiled" was officially inaugurated in Da Lat. Da Lat and Lam Dong Province are in which of the following countries?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Singapore
- C. Laos
- D. Cambodia

Answer: A. Vietnam

Q7) Recently, which of the following states has launched the **K-SMART initiative**

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- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Goa
- D. Rajasthan

Answer: A. Kerala

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Q8) Recently, which of the following states has been ranked **first** in recording the highest entry rate on the **Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System** (ICJS) platform?

- A. Bihar
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

Answer: D. Uttar Pradesh

Q9) The **Mumbai Trans Harbour Link** (MTHL) will be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi. What is the total length of the bridge?

- A. 16.5 Km
- B. 18.9 Km
- C. 21.8 Km
- D. 29.3 Km

Answer: C. 21.8 Km

Q10) Recently, which of the following states has announced the launch of **Mukhyamantri Gram Gadi Yojana**?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Odisha
- D. Rajasthan

Answer: B. Jharkhand

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Q11) Recently, the **82nd Annual Indian History Congress 2023** was held at which of the following institutions?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi
- B. Kakatiya University, Warangal
- C. Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi
- D. Savitribai Phule Pune University

Answer: B. Kakatiya University, Warangal

Q12) Recently, who amongst the following has officially assumed the charge of the **Official Spokesperson** for the **Ministry of External Affairs**?

- A. Randhir Jaiswal
- B. Indra Mani Pandey
- C. Sibi George
- D. Arindam Bagchi

Answer: A. Randhir Jaiswal

Q13) Recently, the performance-linked incentive (**PLI**

) scheme for **automobile** and **auto components** industries has been extended by one year. What is the total outlay under the scheme?

- A. Rs 29,870 crore
- B. Rs 25,938 crore
- C. Rs 15,876 crore
- D. Rs 21,438 crore

Answer: B. Rs 25,938 crore

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Q14) Recently seen in news, **Mittayi scheme**, which provides support to those suffering from **Type 1 diabetes**, was

launched by which of the following states?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Kerala

Answer: D. Kerala

Q15) Recently, **Beatrice Chebet** has created the **women's 5km world record**. She is from which of the following countries?

- A. Uganda
- B. Kenya
- C. South Sudan
- D. United Kingdom

Answer: B. Kenya

Q16) Recently, Reliance Power has signed an agreement to sell its 1,200 MW **Kalai II hydroelectric project** for Rs 128.39 crore to THDC India Limited. It is in which of the following states?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Himachal Pradesh

Answer: C. Arunachal Pradesh

Q17) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**) of

the **Power Grid Corporation** of India Limited?

- A. Gurdeep Singh
- B. Ravindra Kumar Tyagi
- C. Sreekant Kandikuppa
- D. Parminder Chopra

Answer: B. Ravindra Kumar Tyagi

Q18) Recently, Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik has laid the foundation stone for the Rs 6,225 crore **Bhubaneswar Metro Rail project**

. What will be its total length in the 1st phase?

- A. 22 Km
- B. 24 Km
- C. 26 Km

D. 28 Km

Answer: C. 26 Km

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4th January

Q1) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi attended the 38th Convocation Ceremony of **Bharathidasan University**. It is in which of the following cities of Tamil Nadu?

A. Chennai

B. Thanjavur

C. Madurai

D. Tiruchirappalli

Answer: D. Tiruchirappalli

Q2) Recently, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Demonstration Fast Reactor Fuel Reprocessing Plant (DFRP) at **Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research** (IGCAR). It is located in which of the following places?

A. Kalpakkam

B. Kudankulam

C. Madurai

D. Erode

Answer: A. Kalpakkam

Q3) Recently, the North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC) has

announced that it is establishing **Ashtlaxmi Haat & Experience Centre** in which of the following cities?

A. Shillong

B. Kohima

C. Itanagar

D. Guwahati

Answer: D. Guwahati

• The NEHHDC is also setting up an **ERI silk spinning plant** at **Integrated Textile Park, Mushalpur, Baksa** (Assam) with a Project cost **₹14.92 crore**

Q4) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the first **woman president** of the **European Investment Bank**?

A. Janet Yellen

B. Kate Raworth

C. Nadia Calvino

D. Ursula Gertrud von der Leyen

Answer: C. Nadia Calvino

Q5) Recently, which of the following companies has become the first **Indian e-scooter** (e2W) company to get eligible for the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme?

A. Hero MotoCorp

B. TVS Motor

C. Bajaj Auto

D. Ola Electric

Answer: D. Ola Electric

Q6) Recently, which of the following countries has officially assumed the **chairmanship** of the **BRICS** on January 1, 2024?

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. India
- D. South Africa

Answer: A. Russia

- **Motto:** Strengthening Multilateralism for Equitable Global Development and Security
- Also, on January 1, 2024, **Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia,** and the **United Arab Emirates** officially joined the BRICS bloc

Q7) Recently, which of the following has become the first Union Territory to implement the **PM Vishwakarma Yojana**?

- A. Puducherry
- B. Ladakh
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Chandigarh

Answer: C. Jammu and Kashmir

Q8) Recently, who amongst the following has become the **first woman** with **\$100 billion wealth**?

- A. Francoise Bettencourt Meyers
- B. Alice Walton
- C. Julia Koch
- D. Jacqueline Mars

Answer: A. Francoise Bettencourt Meyers

Q9) Recently, Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated the state's first **floating air-conditioned restaurant** in which of the following cities?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Lucknow
- C. Ayodhya
- D. Prayagraj

Answer: D. Prayagraj

Q10) Recently, **REC Limited** has signed a MoU with which of the following companies to finance infrastructure projects worth up to **₹35,000 crore** over the next five years?

- A. NTPC Limited
- B. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- C. IREDA
- D. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

Answer: B. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

Q11) Recently, which of the following countries has built its first domestic cruise ship "**Adora Magic City**"?

- A. Singapore
- B. China
- C. Maldives
- D. Sri Lanka

Answer: B. China

Q12) Recently, which of the following countries has officially declared the **Snow Leopard** (*Panthera uncia*) as its **national symbol**?

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Mongolia
- D. Kyrgyzstan

Answer: D. Kyrgyzstan

Q13) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Kochi-Lakshadweep islands submarine optical fiber connection** (KLI-SOFC) project in Kavaratti, Lakshadweep. What is the total link distance of the project?

- A. 1,868 kilometres
- B. 2,156 kilometres
- C. 1,598 kilometres
- D. 3,512 kilometres

Answer: A. 1,868 kilometres

Q14) Recently, Punjab government has bought the **Goindwal Sahib Thermal Power Plant** for Rs 1,080 crore. What is its total capacity?

- A. 840-MW
- B. 920-MW
- C. 710-MW
- D. 540-MW

Answer: D. 540-MW

Q15) Recently, **KABIL** (Khanij Bidesh India Ltd) has announced an investment of ₹211 crore (\$25.712 million) for exploration stage activities in five lithium blocks located in the **Fiambala area** of which of the following countries?

- A. Argentina
- B. Bolivia
- C. Chile
- D. Australia

Answer: A. Argentina

Q16) Recently, which of the following organizations has launched the portal called '**National Single Window System** (NSWS)' for the import of **medical devices**?

- A. National Medical Commission (NMC)
- B. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- C. Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)
- D. Indian Medical Association (IMA)

Answer: C. Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)

Q17) Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed how much percentage **dividend pay-out ratio** for healthy banks whose **net NPA is zero**?

- A. 35%
- B. 40%

- C. 45%
- D. 50%

Answer: D. 50%

Q18) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book “**Maha Kavithai**”?

- A. Ashokamitran
- B. Vairamuthu
- C. Jeyamohan
- D. Perumal Murugan

Answer: B. Vairamuthu

Obituaries

- Indian-American legal scholar, **Professor Ved Prakash Nanda** has passed away. He was aged 90 years
 - He was serving as a **John Evans Distinguished University Professor**
 - He was awarded the **Padma Bhushan** award in **2018** in the field of Literature and Education.
- Former **Indian football** player **Prabir Majumdar** has passed away at the age of 77.
 - He was a member of the Indian team in the **1974 Asian Games**.
 - He was a part of **East Bengal** and **Eastern Railways**, besides also representing Bengal in the **Santosh Trophy**.
- Renowned **sculptor Dr Uttam Pacharne** has passed away at the age of 67
 - He was appointed **Chairman** of the **Lalit Kala Akademi** (2018) for a 3-year term, was the **President** of **Bombay Art Society** and other bodies in various capacities.

Important Days

- **Global Family Day**: It is celebrated on **1st January** every year
 - **Theme**: Embracing Diversity, Strengthening Families
- **International Mind-Body Wellness Day**: It is celebrated on **3rd January** every year. It celebrates the harmonious coexistence of physical and mental health.
 - **Theme**: Holistic Wellness: Mind, Body, and Soul

5th January

Q1) Recently, the Government of **India** has approved how much amount to formally become the member of the **Square Kilometre Array Observatory** (SKAO)?

- A. Rs 1,250 crore
- B. Rs 2,550 crore
- C. Rs 3,750 crore
- D. Rs 4,950 crore

Answer: A. Rs 1,250 crore

Q2) **Section 106 (2)** of the **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita** (BNS), recently seen in news, provides for maximum imprisonment for how many years in hit-and-run road accident cases?

- A. 5 years
- B. 7 years
- C. 10 years
- D. 8 years

Answer: C. 10 years

Q3) Recently, which of the following security forces has launched the Grievance Redressal Portal "**Awaam Se, Awaam Ke Liye**"?

- A. Border Security Force (BSF)
- B. Uttar Pradesh Police
- C. Jammu and Kashmir Police
- D. Indian Army

Answer: C. Jammu and Kashmir Police

Q4) Recently, a wax statue of **Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar** has been installed in **Jaipur Wax Museum**. It is located at which of the following places?

- A. Nahargarh Fort
- B. Ameer Fort
- C. Jaigarh Fort
- D. Barmer Fort

Answer: A. Nahargarh Fort

Q5) Recently, which of the following has become the first European country to issue **digital Schengen visas**?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Belgium
- D. Denmark

Answer: B. France

Q6) According to the recent report by Ciricum, which of the following airports in India has secured **2nd rank** in the global airports as well as large airports categories in 2023 in terms of **operational performance** and **punctuality**?

- A. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad
- B. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- C. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Airport, Kolkata
- D. Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi

Answer: A. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad

Q7) Recently, **Aatmanirbhar Bharat Utsav 2024** has been inaugurated in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Bhopal
- D. Hyderabad

Answer: A. New Delhi

Q8) Recently, which of the following organizations has declared **2024** as the '**Year of Human Resource Development and Discipline**'?

- A. REC Limited
- B. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- C. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- D. NTPC Limited

Answer: C. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)

Q9) Recently, at least 95 people have been killed and 211 injured in the **two bomb blasts** in **Kerman city**. It is in which of the following countries?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Iran
- D. Iraq

Answer: C. Iran

Q10) Recently, PM Narendra Modi was presented with a coffee table book titled “**Srirangam – The Resplendent Kingdom of Rangaraja**”. It has been published by which of the following?

- A. Rupa Publications
- B. Penguin Random House India
- C. Amazon Westland
- D. The Hindu Group of Publications

Answer: D. The Hindu Group of Publications

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Q11) Recently, NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) has announced to launch **GSAT-20 satellite** (GSAT-N2) on which of the following launch vehicles?

- A. LVM-III
- B. Ariane-5
- C. PSLV-XL
- D. Falcon 9

Answer: D. Falcon 9

Q12) Recently, **ArcelorMittal** has partnered with which of the following institutions to develop **Hyperloop** technologies?

- A. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- B. Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru
- C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay

Answer: C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras

Q13) Recently, **three cubs** are born to the **Namibian cheetah** at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. What is the name of this Namibian cheetah?

- A. Aasha
- B. Kiran
- C. Durga
- D. Laxmi

Answer: A. Aasha

Q14) Recently, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed an agreement with which of the following organizations to develop a “**Green Cover Index**”?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)
- C. Google Maps
- D. National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad

Answer: D. National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad

Q15) Recently, an all-girls band from north east participated in the National Cadet Corps (NCC) **Republic Day Camp 2024** for the first time. It was held in which of the following cities?

- A. Hyderabad

- B. New Delhi
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. Chennai

Answer: B. New Delhi

Q16) Recently, the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) and which of the following organizations has launched 'SMART 2.0' (Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research among Teaching professionals) program?

- A. Baidyanath
- B. National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM)
- C. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- D. Ayurveda Medical Association of India

Answer: B. National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM)

Q17) Recently, who amongst the following has officially assumed the charge of **vice chief** of the **naval staff** (Indian Navy)?

- A. Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar
- B. Vice Admiral Sanjay J Singh
- C. Vice Admiral Vennam Srinivas
- D. Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi

Answer: D. Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi

Q18) Recently, which of the following state governments has launched the 'Gunotsav 2024' for assessment of students' performance?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Bihar

Answer: B. Assam

6th January

Q1) Recently, **Adi Kekir**, **handmade carpets** by Tibetan settlers and **Wancho** wooden craft have received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from which of the following states?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

Answer: C. Arunachal Pradesh

Q2) Recently, **Lanjia Saura painting** has received the GI Tag from which of the following states?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Odisha
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. West Bengal

Answer: B. Odisha

● **Seven products from Odisha have the Geographical Indication (GI) tag**

1. Lanjia Saura painting
2. Dungaria Kondh embroidered shawl

3. Dhenkanal Magji (food)
4. Similipal Kai Chutney
5. Nayagarh Kanteimundi Brinjal
6. Koraput Kalajeera Rice
7. Khajudi Guda (jaggery)

Q3) Recently, the Secretary to the President of India, Shri Rajesh Verma presented 'Ballam' - the **President's Bodyguard Lance** - to the Ambassador of which of the following countries?

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. Oman
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Egypt

Answer: D. Egypt

Q4) Recently, India has nominated which of the following cities for the **Wetland City Accreditation** (WCA) scheme under the Ramsar Convention?

- A. New Delhi, Bengaluru and Hyderabad
- B. Lucknow, Varanasi and Kanpur
- C. Indore, Bhopal and Udaipur
- D. Bhubaneshwar, Chennai and Chandigarh

Answer: C. Indore, Bhopal and Udaipur

Q5) The 1st edition of the "**Uttar Purvi Mahotsav 2024**" will be held in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Ayodhya

Answer: A. New Delhi

● **Theme:** अष्ट लक्ष्मी की पहचान, विकसित भारत की शान।

Q6) Recently, Department of School Education & Literacy has launched the '**Prerana: An Experiential Learning program.**' Prerana program will run from a Vernacular School in which of the following cities?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Chennai
- C. Vadnagar
- D. Kochi

Answer: C. Vadnagar

Q7) Recently, the Government of India has extended the deadline for the completion of **Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I** to which of the following years?

- A. 2025-26
- B. 2026-27
- C. 2027-28
- D. 2028-29

Answer: C. 2027-28

Q8) Recently, it was informed that more than 1 crore people have been screened for Sickle Cell Disease under the **National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission**. It aims to eliminate sickle cell anemia from India by which of the following years?

- A. 2030
- B. 2035
- C. 2047
- D. 2025

Answer: C. 2047

Q9) Recently, the **Chandubi Festival** was celebrated in which of the following states?

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Manipur
- C. Mizoram
- D. Assam

Answer: D. Assam

Q10) Recently, which of the following has become the first state in India to **map all 784 accident black spots** using Mappls app of MapMyIndia?

- A. Punjab
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Haryana
- D. Maharashtra

Answer: A. Punjab

Q11) Recently, a rare **10th Century inscription** written in Kannada and Sanskrit has been discovered on the premises of **Mahadeva temple at Cacoda** in Goa. It is about which of the following dynasties?

- A. Satavahanas
- B. Mauryas
- C. Rashtrakutas
- D. Kadambas

Answer: D. Kadambas

Q12) Recently, Sundarban honey, **Black Nunia rice** and Tangail, Gorod and Kadiyal sarees have received the GI Tag from which of the following states?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. West Bengal
- C. Assam
- D. Chhattisgarh

Answer: B. West Bengal

Recent GI Tags

- **Gujarat's Kachchi Desi Kharek**

- “**Kachchi Kharek**” is product of **date palm** harvested at **Khalal** (fresh stage), which are **bold, crisp** and **sweet**.

- The **colour** of the fruit ranges from **yellow to red** and mixed colour variant of **yellow, red and green**.

- Kachchi Kharek is cultivated under **hot arid zones** of Gujarat in **Kachchh district of Gujarat**.

- **Jammu Kashmir's Ramban Anardana**

- **Ramban Anardana**, locally referred to as “**Dhruni**” is an important **fruit tree growing wild** in hilly tracts and forests of Jammu and Kashmir State between **1000-2500 mean sea level**.

○ The **Anardana (Punica granatum)** is a **fruit-bearing deciduous shrub** or small tree growing between **5 and 8 m (16–26 ft) tall**.

○ **Ramban Anardana** is a **large evergreen shrub** and its flowers are collected from the hills **Ramban, Doda, Rajauri, Udhampur, Reasi districts** hilly area in Jammu region every year

Q13) Recently, India's first-ever multi-sport beach games “**Diu Beach Games 2024**” was inaugurated. It will be held at which of the following beaches?

- A. Palolem Beach
- B. Khukri Beach
- C. Ghogla Beach
- D. Chakratirth Beach

Answer: C. Ghogla Beach

Q14) Dr S Jaishankar will represent India at the **19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit 2024** in Kampala. It is in which of the following countries?

- A. Ghana
- B. Uganda
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Tanzania

Answer: B. Uganda

● **Theme:** Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence

Q15) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the first woman **Director General of Police (DGP) of Maharashtra Police**?

- A. Nina Singh
- B. Rashmi Shukla
- C. Shiva Chauhan
- D. B Sandhya

Answer: B. Rashmi Shukla

Q16) Recently, which of the following countries has signed a long-term agreement for the export of **10,000 MW** power to **India** in the next 10 years?

- A. Nepal
- B. Bhutan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Myanmar

Answer: A. Nepal

Q17) **World Braille Day** is observed on which of the following days every year?

- A. 1st January
- B. 2nd January
- C. 3rd January
- D. 4th January

Answer: D. 4th January

● **Theme:** Empowering Through Inclusion and Diversity

Q18) Recently, which of the following space companies has launched the first **Starlink satellites** with **direct-to-cell capabilities**?

- A. Pixxel
- B. SpaceX
- C. Blue Origin
- D. Skyroot Aerospace

Answer: B. SpaceX

7th January

Q1) Recently, which of the following has been awarded the **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2023** in the “Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility” category?

- A. NTPC Limited
- B. Jain Deemed to be University, Bengaluru
- C. Odisha Mining Corporation Limited
- D. University of Delhi

Answer: C. Odisha Mining Corporation Limited

Q2) Recently, Union Cooperation minister Amit Shah has launched the "**e-samridhi portal**" for the procurement of which of the following crops?

- A. Sugarcane
- B. Tur Dal
- C. Cotton
- D. Jute

Answer: B. Tur Dal

Q3) Recently, **Sheikh Mohammed Sabah al-Salem al-Sabah** has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- A. Kuwait
- B. Qatar
- C. Oman
- D. United Arab Emirates

Answer: A. Kuwait

Q4) Recently, **Adidas** has announced to set up its first and only **global capacity centre (GCC)** in Asia outside China in which of the following cities?

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Mumbai
- C. Kolkata
- D. Chennai

Answer: D. Chennai

Q5) Recently, Union Minister Piyush Goyal has inaugurated the **16th India International Jewellery Show (IJS) Signature 2024** in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Surat
- D. Mumbai

Answer: D. Mumbai

Q6) Recently, the second Test match between **India and South Africa** in January 2024 was the **shortest Test match** in the history of cricket. It was held at which of the following places?

- A. Centurion
- B. Cape Town
- C. Johannesburg
- D. Durban

Answer: B. Cape Town

Q7) Recently, the Union Cabinet Chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the “**PRITHvi VIgyan (PRITHVI)**” scheme of the Ministry of Earth Sciences. It will be implemented during which of the following periods?

- A. 2020-2025
- B. 2021-2026
- C. 2022-2027
- D. 2023-2028

Answer: B. 2021-2026

● **The PRITHvi VIgyan (PRITHVI) scheme encompasses five ongoing sub-schemes**

1. “Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems & Services (**ACROSS**)”
2. “Ocean Services, Modelling Application, Resources and Technology (**O-SMART**)”,
3. “Polar Science and Cryosphere Research (**PACER**)”,
4. “Seismology and Geosciences (**SAGE**)”
5. “Research, Education, Training and Outreach (**REACHOUT**)”.

Q8) Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the MoU signed between Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) and which of the following organizations for cooperation on the development of a **Joint Small Satellite**?

- A. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- B. United Arab Emirates Space Agency
- C. Nepalese Space Research Organization
- D. Mauritius Research and Innovation Council

Answer: D. Mauritius Research and Innovation Council

Q9) Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the signing of MoU between India and which of the following organizations for supporting **Indian Railways** to achieve Mission Net Zero Carbon Emission by 2030 under the **South Asia Regional Energy Partnership** (SAREP) initiative?

- A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B. World Bank
- C. United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- D. Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA)

Answer: C. United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Q10) Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the signing of MoU between the **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas**, Government of India and the Ministry of Natural Resources of which of the following countries for cooperation in the **hydrocarbon sector**?

- A. Venezuela
- B. United Arab Emirates
- C. Guyana
- D. Saudi Arabia

Answer: C. Guyana

Recent Union Cabinet Approvals

- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to declare Ayodhya Airport as an International Airport and naming it as “**Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhyadham**”.
- The airport’s name pays homage to **Maharishi Valmiki**, the sage who composed the **epic Ramayana**

Q11) **Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024** will be held in which of the following cities?

- A. Greater Noida
- B. Mumbai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. New Delhi

Answer: D. New Delhi

- **Theme:** Beyond Boundaries – Co-creating Future Automotive Value Chain

Q12) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book '**Sanskriti ke Ayaam**'?

- A. Krishna Sobti
- B. Amar Goswami
- C. Dr Manorama Mishra
- D. Dr Sampath Rai

Answer: C. Dr Manorama Mishra

Q13) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD and CEO) of the **National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL)**?

- A. Dinesh Kumar Khara
- B. Shanti Lal Jain
- C. Narayan Seshadri
- D. P Santhosh

Answer: D. P Santhosh

Recent Appointments

- **Shashi Singh** has been elected as **the president** of the **All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA, Mumbai)**, the apex body for rubber industries in India, for **2023-24**
- Also, **Zafar Ahmed** has been elected as the **senior vice-president** and **Indra Parekh** as the **vice president** of the AIRIA
- Senior IAS Officer **Vikas Sheel** has been appointed as **Executive Director (India)** for three years at the **Asian Development Bank**
- He is a **1994-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS)** officer of **Chhattisgarh cadre**

Q14) Recently which of the following state governments has announced to implement **Rani Durgavati Anna Protsahan Yojana**?

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

Answer: D. Madhya Pradesh

Q15) Recently, the **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** has successfully used '**REJUPAVE**' technology to build high-altitude bituminous road sections at the **Sela tunnel** and **LGG-Damteng-Yangste (LDY)** in Arunachal Pradesh. These have been constructed under which of the following projects?

- A. Project VARTAK

- B. Project HIMANK
- C. Project UDAYAK
- D. Project DANTAK

Answer: A. Project VARTAK

Q16) Recently, who amongst the following has been nominated as the **Chairman** of the **Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC)**?

- A. Justice Sanjay Kaul
- B. Justice Sanjeev Khanna
- C. Justice Hima Kohli
- D. Justice BR Gavai

Answer: D. Justice BR Gavai

Q17) Recently, which of the following companies has collaborated with DigitalBridge Group for the formation of an independent company named **Articul8 AI**?

- A. Meta
- B. Amazon
- C. Intel
- D. Nvidia

Answer: C. Intel

Q18) The second edition of the “**InvenTiv 2024**” will be hosted by which of the following organizations?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi
- C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras

Answer: A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad

8th January

Q1) Recently, which of the following has been awarded the **best police station** in 2023 at the 58th DGsP/IGsP Conference 2024, Jaipur?

- A. Rajendranagar Police Station
- B. Sherghari Police Station
- C. Serampore Police Station
- D. Sadar Bazar Police Station

Answer: A. Rajendranagar Police Station

Q2) Recently, 100 winners have been selected at the national level in the third edition of **Project ‘Veer Gatha’**. It is a joint initiative of Ministry of Defence and which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Education
- D. Ministry of Finance

Answer: C. Ministry of Education

Q3) According to the recently released First Advance Estimates of National Income for FY 2023-24 by the National Statistical Office (NSO), what is the estimated **real GDP growth** during **2023-24**?

- A. 8.9%
- B. 7.3%

C. 7.2%

D. 6.7%

Answer: B. 7.3%

Q4) Recently, 'Panchayat Se Parliament Tak' programme was held at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi. It was organised by the Institute of Constitutional Parliamentary Studies (ICPS) in coordination with which of the following organizations?

A. National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

B. National Commission for Women

C. NITI Aayog

D. National Commission for Minorities

Answer: B. National Commission for Women

Q5) What is the name of the Humanoid robot which has been recently unveiled by Google DeepMind and Stanford University?

A. Optimus

B. Mika

C. Sophia

D. Mobile ALOHA

Answer: D. Mobile ALOHA

Q6) Recently, Aditya-L1 has arrived at its destination, "L1", the first Sun-Earth Lagrangian point on which of the following dates?

A. 5th January, 2024

B. 6th January, 2024

C. 7th January, 2024

D. 4th January, 2024

Answer: B. 6th January, 2024

Q7) Recently, Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated India's 1st Healthy & Hygienic Food Street, 'PRASADAM,' in which of the following cities?

A. Ujjain

B. Bhopal

C. Indore

D. Pune

Answer: A. Ujjain

Q8) Recently, India has signed the Bilateral Haj Agreement 2024 with which of the following countries?

A. United Arab Emirates

B. Oman

C. Qatar

D. Saudi Arabia

Answer: D. Saudi Arabia

Q9) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the Permanent Representative of India to the World Trade Organization (WTO), Geneva?

A. Tanu Singh

B. Smita Sarangi

C. M Balaji

D. Senthil Pandian C

Answer: D. Senthil Pandian C

Q10) Recently, the US has reached an agreement to extend its military presence at the **Al Udeid Air Base** for 10 years with which of the following countries?

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. Oman
- C. Qatar
- D. Kuwait

Answer: C. Qatar

Q11) Recently, **ERNET India's** new integrated **web portal** for educational institutes has been launched. ERNET India is an autonomous scientific body under which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Finance

Answer: B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Q12) Recently, the **Palace of Aigai** has been reopened after 16-year and €20 million renovation project. It is in which of the following countries?

- A. Italy
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Austria
- D. Greece

Answer: D. Greece

Q13) Recently, **Tropical Cyclone Alvaro** made landfall in which of the following countries?

- A. Australia
- B. Oman
- C. Maldives
- D. Madagascar

Answer: D. Madagascar

Q14) Recently, who amongst the following has been honoured with the **14th Dr M.S. Swaminathan Award for Leadership in Agriculture?**

- A. Prof. B.R. Kamboj
- B. Dr GS Khush
- C. Prof. Rattan Lal
- D. Dr Surinder Sehgal

Answer: A. Prof. B.R. Kamboj

Q15) Recently, which of the following countries has **banned its citizens** from travelling to **Russia or Ukraine** for employment?

- A. China
- B. Mongolia
- C. Nepal
- D. Myanmar

Answer: C. Nepal

Q16) Recently, which of the following countries has declared a **moratorium** on **foreign research ships** entering its waters for a year?

- A. Maldives
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Philippines

Answer: B. Sri Lanka

Q17) Recently, which of the following schemes has won the **1st prize** in the Innovation Sandbox presentation at the second annual “**Public Policy Dialogues**” Conclave 2024 of the Bharti Institute of Public Policy (BIPP), Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad?

- A. Ujjwala Scheme
- B. PM Jan Dhan Yojana
- C. Jal Jeevan Yojana
- D. SVAMITVA Scheme

Answer: D. SVAMITVA Scheme

Q18) Recently, the foundation stone for the project on modernisation and upgradation of **Paradip Fishing Harbour** has been laid. It is in which of the following states?

- A. Odisha
- B. West Bengal
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu

Answer: A. Odisha

9th January

Q1) Recently, **Mukhtar Babayev** has been named as the president-designate for the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP29). **COP29** will be held in which of the following countries?

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Armenia
- C. Azerbaijan
- D. Turkiye

Answer: C. Azerbaijan

Q2) Recently, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal chaired the inaugural '**Inland Waterways Development Council**' meeting in **Kolkata** on which of the following vessels?

- A. MV Ganga Queen
- B. Antara Ganga Vilas
- C. Oberoi Vrinda MV Cruise
- D. MV Mahabaahu Cruise

Answer: A. MV Ganga Queen

Q3) Recently, which of the following organizations has successfully tested **10 Ah Silicon-Graphite-anode** based high energy density **Li-ion cells**?

- A. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- B. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

D. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Answer: A. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)

Q4) Recently, the **International Purple Fest – 2024** was inaugurated in which of the following states?

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Goa

Answer: D. Goa

Q5) Recently, after 40 years, rhinos have returned to stay at **Laokhowa** and **Burachapori wildlife sanctuaries**. They are in which of the following states?

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

Answer: C. Assam

Q6) Recently, which of the following companies has started **first crude oil** production from its deep-sea project in the

Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin block **KG-DWN-98/2**

?

- A. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- B. Vedanta
- C. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- D. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)

Answer: C. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

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Q7) Recently, the Indian Air Force has successfully conducted the **First night landing** at the **Kargil Advanced Landing Ground** with which of the following aircrafts?

- A. HAL Tejas
- B. MiG 21
- C. Dassault Rafale
- D. C-130J Super Hercules

Answer: D. C-130J Super Hercules

Q8) Buddhists will celebrate **Mahayana New Year** on which of the following days in 2024?

- A. 22nd January
- B. 23rd January
- C. 24th January
- D. 25th January

Answer: D. 25th January

Q9) Recently, NHPC Limited has announced an investment of ₹4,000 crore in the proposed **750 MW Kuppam Pumped Hydro Storage Project**. It is in which of the following states?

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

Answer: D. Gujarat

Q10) Recently, **Jallikattu**, the traditional bull-taming sport, has started in which of the following states?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Andhra Pradesh

Answer: C. Tamil Nadu

Q11) Recently, which of the following has won the “**Best film – drama**” award at the **81st Golden Globe Awards 2024**?

- A. Barbie
- B. Poor Things
- C. The Boy and the Heron
- D. Oppenheimer

Answer: D. Oppenheimer

● **Award Winners: 81st Golden Globe Awards 2024**

- **Best film – drama:** Oppenheimer
- **Best female actor in a film – drama:** Lily Gladstone, Killers of the Flower Moon
- **Best male actor in a film – drama:** Cillian Murphy, Oppenheimer
- **Best director in a film:** Christopher Nolan, Oppenheimer
- **Best animated film:** The Boy and the Heron
- **Best performance in stand-up comedy on TV:** Ricky Gervais, Ricky Gervais Armageddon
- **Cinematic and box office achievement:** Barbie
- **Best film – musical or comedy:** Poor Things
- **Best male actor in a film – musical or comedy:** Paul Giamatti, The Holdovers
- **Best female actor in a film – musical or comedy:** Emma Stone, Poor Things
- **Best TV series – drama:** Succession
- **Best TV series – musical or comedy:** The Bear
- **Best original song in a film:** What Was I Made For? by Billie Eilish and Finneas (Barbie)
- **Best non-English language film:** Anatomy of a Fall

Q12) Recently, which of the following organizations has imposed **sanctions** on the world's biggest diamond mining company **Alrosa** and its chief executive officer Pavel Marinychev?

- A. African Union
- B. European Union
- C. Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- D. Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

Answer: B. European Union

Q13) Recently, **North Atlantic Treaty Organization's** (NATO) Support and Procurement Agency has announced a **\$5.5 billion** contract to support a coalition of Allies, to procure which of the following missiles?

- A. Minuteman I Missile
- B. Patriot Missile
- C. Agni V Missile
- D. Iron Dome Missile

Answer: B. Patriot Missile

Q14) Recently, **Succes Masra** has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- A. Chad
- B. Nigeria
- C. Tanzania
- D. Somalia

Answer: A. Chad

Q15) Recently, the **Indian Olympic Association** (IOA) has appointed who amongst the following as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?

- A. Raghuram Iyer
- B. Kalyan Chaubey
- C. Dinesh Chhabra
- D. Hemant Sharma

Answer: A. Raghuram Iyer

Q16) Recently, **India's oldest bear** in captivity, a male sloth bear, has died. What was his name?

- A. Gulabo
- B. Bablu
- C. Shera
- D. Shaktiman

Answer: B. Bablu

Q17) Recently, IG Drones has been awarded a contract to survey the Personalized Rapid Transit Corridor (PRT) of the **India's first Neo Metro Project** in which of the following cities?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Uttarakhand

Answer: D. Uttarakhand

Q18) "**Zosurabalpin**", recently seen in news, is a type of which of the following?

- A. Bacteria
- B. Antibiotic
- C. Fish
- D. Virus

Answer: B. Antibiotic

10th January

Q1) Recently, which of the following states has launched India's first app-based 100% electric and decentralized bike taxi services '**Baayu**'?

- A. Assam
- B. West Bengal
- C. Gujarat
- D. Maharashtra

Answer: A. Assam

Q2) **Kyaukphyu deep sea port** is a proposed infrastructure project in which of the following countries?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Singapore

D. Myanmar

Answer: D. Myanmar

Q3) Recently, which of the following countries has won the **2024 United Cup** tennis tournament?

A. Australia

B. USA

C. Germany

D. Poland

Answer: C. Germany

Q4) Recently, which of the following organizations has sold **\$5 Billion** Dual Tranche 3- and 10-Year **Global Benchmark Bonds**?

A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)

B. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

C. New Development Bank (NDB)

D. European Investment Bank (EIB)

Answer: A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Q5) Recently, Union Minister Piyush Goyal has inaugurated the 7th edition of the mega food show '**Indus Food 2024**' in which of the following cities?

A. Mumbai

B. Gandhinagar

C. Greater Noida

D. Faridabad

Answer: C. Greater Noida

Q6) Recently, Union Minister **Amit Shah** chaired the '**National PACS Mega Conclave**' on 'Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra'. It was held in which of the following cities?

A. Kolkata

B. Kochi

C. Hyderabad

D. New Delhi

Answer: D. New Delhi

● **Motto:** "Sahakar – se – Samridhhi"

Q7) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has launched the '**Swachh Mandir**' (Clean Temple) **campaign**. It will be held during which of the following days?

A. 10th January – 22nd January

B. 12th January – 22nd January

C. 14th January – 22nd January

D. 16th January – 22nd January

Answer: C. 14th January – 22nd January

Q8) Recently, who amongst the following has created a Guinness World Record for **singing** in **140 languages** in 9 hours in a concert?

A. S. Janaki

B. Vinod Rathod

C. Suchetha Satish

D. Zubeen Garg

Answer: C. Suchetha Satish

Q9) Recently, which of the following companies has launched “**AI Odyssey**” initiative?

A. Meta

B. Amazon

C. Microsoft

D. Google

Answer: C. Microsoft

Q10) Recently, a **31-metre-long, single-span U-girder** was successfully cast for the first time in India for which of the following projects?

A. Bengaluru Sub-Urban Railway Project

B. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)

C. Neo Metro Project, Uttarakhand

D. Bhubaneswar Metro Project

Answer: A. Bengaluru Sub-Urban Railway Project

Q11) Recently, **Sheikh Hasina** has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

A. Oman

B. Bangladesh

C. Nepal

D. Sri Lanka

Answer: B. Bangladesh

Q12) **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas** is celebrated on which of the following days every year?

A. 8th January

B. 9th January

C. 10th January

D. 11th January

Answer: B. 9th January

Q13) According to the recently released Avtar Group’s **Top Cities for Women in India 2023**, which of the following cities has secured the 1st rank in the million plus category?

A. Chennai

B. Bengaluru

C. Pune

D. Mumbai

Answer: A. Chennai

Q14) Recently, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the **National Kala Utsav 2023-24** in which of the following cities?

A. Bhopal

B. New Delhi

C. Shimla

D. Jaipur

Answer: B. New Delhi

Q15) The 9th edition of the **India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023** will be held in which of the following cities?

- A. Greater Noida
- B. Lucknow
- C. Gurugram
- D. Faridabad

Answer: D. Faridabad

- **Theme:** Science and Technology Public Outreach in Amrit Kaal

Q16) Recently, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala has launched the **Sagar Parikrama Yatra Phase-XI** in which of the following states?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Odisha
- D. West Bengal

Answer: C. Odisha

Q17) Recently, it was informed that **Indian Railways** has achieved total how much **Route Kilometres electrification** in the calendar year 2023?

- A. 6,577 KM
- B. 61,508 KM
- C. 65,556 KM
- D. 21,801 KM

Answer: A. 6,577 KM

Q18) Recently, which of the following countries has announced the **Green Fuels Alliance India (GFAI)** initiative?

- A. Denmark
- B. Netherlands
- C. Germany
- D. France

Answer: A. Denmark

11th January

Q1) Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the **minimum capital** requirement for **small finance banks** (SFBs) to how much amount?

- A. Rs. 100 crore
- B. Rs. 200 crore
- C. Rs. 300 crore
- D. Rs. 400 crore

Answer: B. Rs. 200 crore

Q2) Recently, which of the following states has introduced a free training module "**Yogyasree**" for the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Chhattisgarh

- C. Jharkhand
- D. Bihar

Answer: A. West Bengal

Q3) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **India's largest Global Trade show** in which of the following cities?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Jaipur
- D. Hyderabad

Answer: B. Gandhinagar

Q4) Recently, which of the following space agencies has successfully tested an innovative 3D Printed propulsion system called the "**Rotating Detonation Rocket Engine**" (RDRE)?

- A. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- B. European Space Agency
- C. China National Space Administration (CNSA)
- D. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Answer: D. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Q5) Recently, **Gabriel Attal** has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- A. Germany
- B. Netherlands
- C. France
- D. Austria

Answer: C. France

Q6) Recently, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), USA has ordered the temporary suspension of all **737 MAX 9 airplanes**. It is manufactured by which of the following companies?

- A. Airbus
- B. Embraer
- C. Lockheed Martin
- D. Boeing

Answer: D. Boeing

Q7) Recently, Researchers at which of the following institutions has developed the "**Work4Food**" algorithm?

- A. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- D. Delhi Technological University (DTU)

Answer: B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi

Q8) Recently, which of the following countries has unveiled its plans to connect Calgary and Edmonton with a train "**FluxJet**", which will run at the speed of 621 miles (more than 999 kilometres per hour)?

- A. USA
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Argentina

D. Canada

Answer: D. Canada

Q9) What is the brand name of the environmental label provided under the **Indian Forest & Wood Certification Scheme**?

A. PRAMAAN

B. PUSHTI

C. VRIKSHA

D. SWEEKAR

Answer: A. PRAMAAN

Q10) Recently, the Ministry of Defense has signed a contract of Rs 473 crore with Jupiter Wagons Limited for the acquisition of 697 **bogie open military (BOM) wagons**. BOM wagons have been designed by which of the following organizations?

A. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) B. Integral Coach Factory, Chennai

C. Research Design and Standard Organisation (RDSO), Lucknow

D. BEML Limited

Answer: C. Research Design and Standard Organisation (RDSO), Lucknow

Q11) Recently, researchers from which of the following institutions in India have examined the existence of high-frequency **plasma waves** in the **Martian plasma environment** by using of the data from the MAVEN spacecraft of NASA?

A. Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru

B. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai

C. Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru

D. Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Mumbai

Answer: D. Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Mumbai

Q12) Recently, which of the following special forces of the Indian Navy has rescued all the crew members of the hijacked Liberian-flagged vessel **MV Lila Norfolk**?

A. MARCOS

B. COBRA

C. GARUD

D. GHATAK

Answer: A. MARCOS

Q13) Recently, which of the following state governments has renamed “Indira Rasoi Yojana” to “**Shree Annapurna Rasoi Yojana**”?

A. Madhya Pradesh

B. Chhattisgarh

C. Telangana

D. Rajasthan

Answer: D. Rajasthan

Q14) Recently, which of the following state governments has launched the “**College Fagathansi Mission**”?

A. Sikkim

B. Manipur

- C. Assam
- D. Mizoram

Answer: B. Manipur

Q15) What is the name of the **indigenous assault rifle** which has been recently developed by Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) in collaboration with a private firm Dvipa Armour India Ltd?

- A. Sangram
- B. Shivaji
- C. Chandra
- D. Ugram

Answer: D. Ugram

Q16) Recently, the Indian Navy's P8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft has landed at Guam to participate in the **Exercise Sea Dragon 24**. This exercise is conducted by which of the following countries?

- A. South Korea
- B. Canada
- C. USA
- D. Japan

Answer: C. USA

Q17) Recently who amongst the following has become the first woman to be honoured with the **Arjuna Award** for **equestrian sports**?

- A. Divyakriti Singh
- B. Aditi Swami
- C. Parul Chaudhary
- D. R Vaishali

Answer: A. Divyakriti Singh

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2022

1. **Land Adventure:** Late Savita Kanswal (posthumously)
2. **Water Adventure:** Tulsi Chaitanya Mothukuri
3. **Air Adventure:** Master Warrant Officer Anshu Kumar Tiwari
4. **Lifetime achievement in Land Adventure:** Parveen Singh

Q18) India will chair and host UNESCO's **World Heritage Committee 46th session** in which of the following cities from July 21 to 31, 2024?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. New Delhi
- D. Hyderabad

Answer: C. New Delhi

Obituaries

- Hindustani classical musician **Ustad Rashid Khan**, has passed away. He was **55**.
 - He was awarded the **Padma Shri** and **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2006** and the **Padma Bhushan** in **2022**
 - He belonged to the **Rampur-Sahaswan Gharana**, which is closely related to the **Gwalior gharana**

- Recently, Hindi and Bhojpuri poet, lyricist and litterateur **Pandit Hariram Dwivedi** has passed away. He was **87**.
- He has written famous **poetry collections** like **Anganaiya** and **Jeevandayini Ganga**
- He has been awarded many awards like **Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman, Sahitya Bhushan, Sahitya Saraswat, Rahul Sankrityayan**.
- Recently, Brazilian football player and coach **Mario Zagallo**, has passed away aged 92
- Zagallo holds the record for **most World Cup titles** in general, with **four titles in total**.
- He also holds the record for **World Cup Finals** with **six participations**
- He was the **first person** to win the **FIFA World Cup** as both a **manager** and as a **player**, winning the competition in **1958** and **1962** as a **player** and in **1970** as **manager**.
- In addition, he won the **1994 FIFA World Cup** as **assistant manager**.
- Also, he was the **first of three men**, along with **Germany's Franz Beckenbauer** and **France's Didier Deschamps** to have won the **World Cup** as a **player** and as a **manager**, and the **only one** who had done it **more than twice**
- **In 1992**, Zagallo received the **FIFA Order of Merit**, the **highest honour** awarded by FIFA, for his contributions to football
- He was the **last surviving Brazilian player** who participated in the **1958 World Cup final**.
- Recently, German football player **Franz Beckenbauer** has passed away at aged 78.
- Beckenbauer was captain of the **West Germany** team that won the **World Cup in 1974** and he later led them to the title as a **manager** once again in **1990**.
- He is **one of just three men** to have **won the World Cup** as both **player and manager**.
- He also won the **European Championship** with **West Germany** in **1972**.

12th January

Q1) Recently which of the following has become the fifth country to participate in the **Lunar Gateway Station** alongside the USA, Japan, Canada and the European Union?

- A. India
- B. United Arab Emirates
- C. China
- D. Russia

Answer: B. United Arab Emirates

Q2) Recently, it was informed that Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch the Proba-3 mission in September 2024. **Proba-3 mission** is by which of the following space agencies?

- A. European Space Agency (ESA)
- B. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- C. Japan Aerospace and Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- D. Canadian Space Agency

Answer: A. European Space Agency (ESA)

Q3) **Wings India 2024** will be held at Begumpet Airport in which of the following cities?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Ranchi
- D. Ahmedabad

Answer: B. Hyderabad

● **Theme:** “Connecting India to the World in Amrit Kaal: Setting the Stage for Indian Civil Aviation@2047”

Q4) Recently, **IIM Kozhikode** Laboratory for Innovation Venturing and Entrepreneurship (LIVE) has launched “**FINN X**” in collaboration with which of the following organizations?

- A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- C. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- D. International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA)

Answer: D. International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA)

Q5) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book “**Anger Management: The Troubled Diplomatic Relationship between India and Pakistan**”?

- A. Anupama Singh
- B. Geetika Srivastava
- C. Ajay Bisaria
- D. Gautam Bambawale

Answer: C. Ajay Bisaria

Q6) “**30 Doradus B**”, recently seen in news, is a type of which of the following?

- A. Dwarf Planet
- B. Galaxy
- C. Supernova Remnant
- D. Star

Answer: C. Supernova Remnant

Q7) Recently, which of the following countries has designated **China**, North Korea, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and other countries as '**Countries of Particular Concern** for having engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom'?

- A. Japan
- B. USA
- C. India
- D. United Kingdom

Answer: B. USA

Q8) According to the recently released **Global Economic Prospects January 2024** report by the World Bank, what will be India's GDP Growth rate in FY2024-25?

- A. 6.4%
- B. 6.7%
- C. 6.9%
- D. 7.3%

Answer: A. 6.4%

Q9) Recently, which of the following companies has delivered the first “**Orca**” Extra Large Uncrewed Undersea Vehicle (XLUUV) to the **US Navy**?

- A. Airbus
- B. Lockheed martin
- C. Dassault
- D. Boeing

Answer: D. Boeing

Q10) Recently, **Tshering Tobgay** has been elected as the Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- A. Myanmar
- B. Bhutan
- C. Cambodia
- D. Laos

Answer: B. Bhutan

Q11) Recently, terminologies defining diseases in ayurveda, unani and siddha systems of medicine have been included in the **International Classification of Diseases (ICD 11) 11th revision**. ICD 11 is maintained by which of the following organizations?

- A. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- B. World Health Organization (WHO)
- C. Ministry of Ayush
- D. World Bank

Answer: B. World Health Organization (WHO)

Q12) Recently, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar has flagged off the India's first indigenously manufactured **Drishti 10 'Starliner'** Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV). It has been manufactured by which of the following companies?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- C. Bharat Forge
- D. Adani Defence and Aerospace

Answer: D. Adani Defence and Aerospace

Q13) Recently, it was informed that a new campus of **IIT Madras** would be started at which of the following places?

- A. Singapore
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Kandy, Sri Lanka
- D. Bangkok, Thailand

Answer: C. Kandy, Sri Lanka

Q14) The **2024 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers (Women)** will be held in which of the following cities in India?

- A. Bhubaneshwar
- B. New Delhi
- C. Ranchi
- D. Kolkata

Answer: C. Ranchi

Q15) Recently, which of the following organizations in India has signed a Letter of Arrangement with **Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL) (United Kingdom)** for defence collaboration in research and development?

- A. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- C. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- D. Directorate of Naval Design, Indian Navy

Answer: A. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Q16) What is the rank of **India** in the recently released **2024 Henley Passport Index**?

- A. 60th
- B. 70th
- C. 80th
- D. 90th

Answer: C. 80th

Q17) Recently, which of the following vessels has embarked on its journey from Cape Town to Antarctica for the **43rd Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (ISEA)**?

- A. MV Chem Pluto
- B. MV Lila Norfolk
- C. MV Vasilii Golovnin
- D. MV Ruen

Answer: C. MV Vasilii Golovnin

Q18) Recently, Mukesh Ambani has announced that Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) will set up **India's first carbon fibre facility** at **Hazira**. It is in which of the following states?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. West Bengal
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Gujarat

Answer: D. Gujarat

Important Days

- **World Hindi Day:** It is celebrated on **10th January** every year. The day marks the commemoration of the **first time Hindi was spoken** in the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** in **1949**.

- The **first World Hindi Conference** was held in **Nagpur, Maharashtra**, in **1975**, and was inaugurated by then-Prime Minister **Indira Gandhi**

- **World Hindi Day** was **first observed** in **2006**, under the leadership of then-Prime Minister **Dr Manmohan Singh**

- **Theme:** Hindi – Bridging Traditional Knowledge and Artificial Intelligence.

- **World Day of War Orphans:** It is observed on **January 6th** each year. The day aims to raise awareness about

the **challenges faced by children** who have been orphaned due to **war, invasions, and military conflicts**

- **Theme:** Orphan Lives Matter

13th January

Q1) Recently, which of the following state governments has announced to launch the '**Shri Ramlala Darshan scheme**'?

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

Answer: B. Chhattisgarh

Q2) Recently, the Maharashtra government has declared a new Conservation Reserve '**Atpadi Conservation Reserve**'. It is in which of the following districts?

- A. Nagpur
- B. Wardha

- C. Nashik
- D. Sangli

Answer: D. Sangli

Q3) Recently which of the following organizations has developed a “RS2” heat-tolerant Covid-19 vaccine?

- A. Bharat Biotech
- B. Serum Institute of India (SII)
- C. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- D. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai

Answer: C. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

Q4) Total how many Member of Parliament (MPs) will be awarded the **Sansad Ratna Awards 2024**?

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 7
- D. 9

Answer: B. 5

● **Sansad Ratna Awards 2024**

○ **Five Lok Sabha Members** will be awarded –

1. Sudhir Gupta (BJP, Madhya Pradesh)
2. Dr Shrikanth Eknath Shinde (Shiv Sena, Maharashtra)
3. Dr Sukanta Majumdar (BJP, West Bengal)
4. Kuldeep Rai Sharma (Congress, Andaman and Nicobar Islands)
5. Dr Amol Ramsingh Kolhe (NCP, Maharashtra).

● **Sansad Maha Ratna Awards for the 17th Lok Sabha**

1. NK Premachandran (Revolutionary Socialist Party, Kerala)
2. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury (Indian National Congress, West Bengal)
3. Bidyut Baran Mahato (BJP, Jharkhand)
4. Dr. Heena Vijayakumar Gavit (BJP, Maharashtra).

● **Sansad Maha Ratna Awards to Parliamentary Committees for the 17th Lok Sabha**

1. The **Agriculture Committee** chaired by P C Gaddi Gowdar (BJP, Karnataka),
2. The **Finance Committee** chaired by Jayant Sinha (BJP, Jharkhand)
3. The **Transport and Tourism Committee** presently chaired by Vijayasai Reddy (YSR Congress, Andhra Pradesh) and formerly chaired by T G Venkatesh (BJP, Andhra Pradesh)

● **“Sansad Utkrisht Mana Ratna” Award**

- Also, Recognising the continued consistent top performance of **Supriya Sule** (NCP, Maharashtra), **Shrirang Appa Barne** (Shiv Sena, Maharashtra), and **Bhartruhari Mahtab** (BJD, Odisha), the **Sansad Maha Ratna Awardees** of the previous **16th Lok Sabha**;
- The Jury Committee has decided to honour them for their '**Exemplary Performance**' in the **17th Lok Sabha as well**".

Q5) Recently which of the following countries has launched its first commercial mission to land on the Moon “**the Peregrine Mission - 1**”?

- A. USA
- B. United Kingdom
- C. France
- D. China

Answer: A. USA

Q6) Recently, Union Minister Shri Parshottam Rupala has launched the **Sagar Parikrama Phase-XII** in which of the following states?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu

Answer: A. West Bengal

Q7) Recently, refreshed **PAiSA Portal** Dashboard and the **PM SVANidhi** Mission Monitoring Portal have been launched by which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- C. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D. Ministry of Cooperation

Answer: C. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Q8) According to the recently released “**World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2024**” by the International Labour Organization (ILO), what will be global unemployment rate in 2024?

- A. 5.9%
- B. 5.2%
- C. 5.5%
- D. 5.7%

Answer: B. 5.2%

Q9) Recently, the Odisha government has signed an MoU with the **National Dairy Development Board** (NDDB) for establishing a good manufacturing practice (GMP) facility for production of **anthrax** and **ENT vaccines** in which of the following districts?

- A. Balasore
- B. Cuttack
- C. Malkangiri
- D. Ganjam

Answer: D. Ganjam

Q10) Which of the following organizations is organizing the **Startup India Innovation Week 2024** from January 10–18, 2024?

- A. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- D. Invest India

Answer: A. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

Q11) Recently, **Maldives** has elevated its bilateral ties to a **comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership** and signed 20 key agreements with which of the following countries?

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. India
- D. Sri Lanka

Answer: A. China

Q12) Recently, researchers from which of the following institutions have developed 'Electronic Soil' (eSoil), which can speed up the growth of plants in Hydroponic spaces?

- A. Oxford University, United Kingdom
- B. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru,
- C. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA
- D. Linkopin University, Sweden

Answer: D. Linkopin University, Sweden

Q13) Recently, which of the following countries has brought a case to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) against the Israel committing genocide against the Palestinians in Gaza?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Iran
- C. South Africa
- D. Egypt

Answer: C. South Africa

Q14) Recently, which of the following countries has launched its "Einstein Probe" satellite mission?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. USA
- D. Canada

Answer: B. China

Q15) Recently, Hanuman Garhi Besan Laddoo from which of the following states has received the GI Tag?

- A. Bihar
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

Answer: C. Uttar Pradesh

Q16) Recently, "Binbin" and "Nini" have been unveiled as the mascots for the 9th Asian Winter Games 2025 Harbin, China. The mascots are inspired by which of the following animals?

- A. Snow Leopard
- B. Siberian Tiger
- C. Red Panda
- D. Giant Panda

Answer: B. Siberian Tiger

● **Official slogan** - "Dream of Winter Love among Asia"

● **Emblem Name:** Breakthrough – It is a combination of a **short track speed skater**, a **lilac flower**, and **dancing ribbons**.

● The mascots and emblem were **created** by the team from the **Academy of Arts & Design at Tsinghua University**.

Q17) Recently, which of the following state governments has launched the 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme to provide unemployment assistance to graduates and diploma holders in the state?

- A. Telangana
- B. Kerala
- C. Andhra Pradesh

D. Karnataka

Answer: D. Karnataka

Q18) Recently, **XRISM (X-ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission)** satellite has provided the first images of the X-ray cosmos. It is led by which of the following space agencies?

A. ROSCOSMOS

B. China National Space Administration (CNSA)

C. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

D. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Answer: C. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Important Days

● **National Youth Day:** It is celebrated in India every year on **January 12** to honour the teachings and ideals of **Swami Vivekananda** who was born on **January 12, 1863, in Kolkata**

○ On the occasion, PM **Shri Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **27th National Youth Festival 2024** at **Nashik, Maharashtra**

○ **Theme:** MYBharat - ViksitBharat@2047- By the Youth, For the Youth (*Yuva ke liye, yuva ke dwara*)

● **National Road Safety Week:** It is being celebrated from **January 11–17, 2024** in India. The **Ministry of Road**

Transport and Highways is organizing the event

○ **Theme:** Be a Road Safety Hero

Obituaries

● Recently, famous Kannada, Tulu writer and folklorist **Prof Amrutha Someshwara** has passed away aged 88

○ He worked extensively for the development of the **Tulu language** and literature and carried out extensive research works on **Yakshagana, Tulu folk** and **Bhootharadhane**.

● **Basdeo Panday**, a former **prime minister** of **Trinidad and Tobago** and the **first person of Indian descent** and first Hindu to hold that position, has passed away. He was **90**.

○ In **2005**, he was awarded the **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman** by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs

14th January

Q1) Recently, which of the following cities has received the “**Best Safaimitra Surakshit Sheher**” award at the Swachh Survekshan awards 2023?

A. New Delhi

B. Indore

C. Surat

D. Chandigarh

Answer: D. Chandigarh

● **Cleanest Cities (More than 1 Lakh)**

● **Cleanest Cities (Less than 1 Lakh)**

● **Cleanest Cantonment Boards**

● **Cleanest Ganga Towns**

● **Best Performing States**

Q2) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi performed darshan and puja in the **Kala Ram Mandir**. It is in which of the following cities?

A. Pune

B. Mumbai

C. Nashik

D. Nagpur

Answer: C. Nashik

Q3) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the **underground road tunnel** connecting Eastern Freeway's **Orange Gate to Marine Drive** in Navi Mumbai. What will be its total length?

A. 21.8 KM

B. 9.2 KM

C. 14.9 KM

D. 5.5 KM

Answer: B. 9.2 KM

Q4) Recently, Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the permanent campus of **National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research** (NIPER) in which of the following cities of North East region?

A. Guwahati

B. Aizawl

C. Kohima

D. Shillong

Answer: A. Guwahati

Q5) Recently, which of the following High courts has allowed the **Kateel Durgaparameshwari Prasadita Yakshagana Mandali** to resume all-night shows?

A. Madras High Court

B. Kerala High Court

C. Bombay High Court

D. Karnataka High Court

Answer: D. Karnataka High Court

Q6) Recently, the **Mulya Pravah 2.0 guidelines** have been issued by which of the following organizations?

A. NITI Aayog

B. University Grants Commission (UGC)

C. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

D. National Medical Commission (NMC)

Answer: B. University Grants Commission (UGC)

Q7) Recently, which of the following organizations has launched the **ANUBHAV Awards Scheme 2024**?

A. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

B. Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

C. NITI Aayog

D. Prime Minister's Office (PMO)

Answer: B. Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

Q8) In terms of weightage, what is the rank of **India** in the **MSCI Emerging Markets index**?

A. 1st

B. 2nd

C. 3rd

D. 4th

Answer: B. 2nd

Q9) Recently, **Malkangiri Airport** has been inaugurated in which of the following states?

- A. Odisha
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Rajasthan

Answer: A. Odisha

Q10) Recently, which of the following state governments has launched the "**Lakshpati Baideo**" scheme (Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan)?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Assam

Answer: D. Assam

Q11) Recently, which of the following countries has launched the **IGS-Optical 8** (Information Gathering Satellite) optical reconnaissance satellite?

- A. South Korea
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Russia

Answer: C. Japan

Q12) Recently, joint exercise '**Sahyog Kaijin 2024**' was held between **India** and which of the following countries off the coast of Chennai?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Singapore
- C. Japan
- D. South Korea

Answer: C. Japan

Q13) Recently, the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras; Guidance Tamil Nadu and which of the following companies have signed a MoU to establish a **Hydrogen Valley Innovation Hub** in Chennai?

- A. Honda Motor India
- B. Ola Electric
- C. Hyundai Motor India
- D. Bajaj Auto

Answer: C. Hyundai Motor India

Q14) Recently, which of the following has been recognized as **India's first Dark Sky Park**?

- A. Simlipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha
- B. Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand
- C. Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra
- D. Pakke Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: C. Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra

Q15) Recently, which of the following organizations has announced to provide a **\$500-million loan** to **Gujarat** government for development of rural roads?

- A. New Development Bank (NDB)
- B. World Bank
- C. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- D. World Economic Forum (WEF)

Answer: A. New Development Bank (NDB)

Q16) Recently, who amongst the following has become the first bowler to take **150 wickets** in Men's **T20 International cricket**?

- A. Tim Southee
- B. Shakib Al Hasan
- C. Rashid Khan
- D. Ish Sodhi

Answer: A. Tim Southee

Q17) Recently, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has 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. It is a type of which of the following missiles?

- A. surface-to-air Missile
- B. surface-to-surface Missile
- C. air-to-air Missile
- D. air-to-surface Missile

Answer: A. surface-to-air Missile

Q18) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book "**An Uncommon Love: The Early Life of Sudha and Narayana Murthy**"?

- A. Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- B. Shobhaa De
- C. Devaki Jain
- D. Shrabani Basu

Answer: A. Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

More Information

- Recently, Union Minister **Bhupender Yadav** has released a new book "**Modi: Energising A Green Future**".
 - It is published by **Pentagon Press** in collaboration with the **Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation**.
 - The central theme of the book revolves around Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's vision and actions** for a **sustainable and eco-friendly future**.

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Q1) Recently, which of the following organizations has released the 19th edition of the **Global Risks Report 2024**?

- A. World Bank
- B. World Economic Forum (WEF)
- C. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D. UNESCO

Answer: B. World Economic Forum (WEF)

Q2) What is the name of the lounge which will be set up by **India** at the 54th annual World Economic Forum meeting in Davos (**Davos 2024**)?

- A. We Lead
- B. We Rise
- C. Shared Prosperity
- D. Our Future

Answer: A. We Lead

Q3) What is the name of the **50th aggregator**, which has been recently enlisted under the **One District One Product (ODOP)** programme?

- A. Baidyanath
- B. Forest Essentials
- C. Zandu Ayurveda
- D. Himalaya Wellness

Answer: B. Forest Essentials

Q4) Recently, **Dun & Bradstreet** in collaboration with which of the following has introduced the **IndianRailway Freight Activity (IRFA)** Index?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. IRCTC
- C. Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)
- D. Jupiter Wagons Limited

Answer: D. Jupiter Wagons Limited

Q5) Recently, which of the following companies has launched the **Gravity-1 rocket** from the mobile seaplatfrom in the Yellow Sea?

- A. SpaceX
- B. Galactic Energy
- C. Space Pioneer
- D. Orienspace

Answer: D. Orienspace

Q6) Recently, which of the following security forces has announced to observe **2024** as the “**Year of Technology Absorption**”?

- A. Indian Air Force (IAF)
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Army
- D. Indian Coast Guard (ICG)

Answer: C. Indian Army

Q7) Recently, it was informed that **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological** Park has the world’s largest number of snow leopards in captivity (14 in total with 7 males and 7 females). It is in which of the following states?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Assam

Answer: A. West Bengal

Q8) Recently, **I-STEM** (Indian Science, Technology, and Engineering facilities Map) has announced to organize the launch event of the 'Samavesha' project in which of the following institutions?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- B. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- C. Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru
- D. Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad

Answer: B. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

Q9) Recently, the **International Camel Festival 2024** has commenced in which of the following districts of Rajasthan?

- A. Jaisalmer
- B. Bikaner
- C. Sri Ganganagar
- D. Udaipur

Answer: B. Bikaner

Q10) Recently, which of the following companies has signed agreements to acquire 100% equity shares of **Capital Foods** (₹ 5,100 crore) and **Organic India** (₹1,900 crore)?

- A. ITC Limited
- B. Hindustan Unilever
- C. Nestle India
- D. Tata Consumer Products Limited

Answer: D. Tata Consumer Products Limited

Q11) Recently, classical singer **Prabha Atre** has passed away. She was awarded the **Padma Vibhushan** in which of the following years?

- A. 1990
- B. 2002
- C. 2022
- D. 2012

Answer: C. 2022

Q12) Recently, **Lai Ching-te** (William Lai) has been elected as the president of which of the following countries?

- A. Vietnam
- B. South Korea
- C. Taiwan (Republic of China)
- D. Myanmar

Answer: C. Taiwan (Republic of China)

Q13) Recently, which of the following states has launched "**Operation Amrith**" (Antimicrobial Resistance Intervention For Total Health)?

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Karnataka
- D. Goa

Answer: A. Kerala

Q14) Recently, the **Himalayan wolf** (Canis lupus chanco) has been listed as under which of the following categories in the **IUCN Red List**?

- A. Endangered
- B. Least Concern
- C. Vulnerable
- D. Critically Endangered

Answer: C. Vulnerable

Q15) Recently, the **14th Ministerial-level** meeting of the **India- United States Trade Policy Forum** (TPF) was held in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. New York
- D. Washington D.C.

Answer: A. New Delhi

Q16) Recently, Indian Navy Ships - **INS Cheetah**, **INS Guldar** and **INS Kumbhir** have been decommissioned. They were part of which of the following Indian Navy commands?

- A. Eastern Naval Command
- B. Southern Naval Command
- C. Western Naval Command
- D. Andaman & Nicobar Command

Answer: D. Andaman & Nicobar Command

Q17) Recently, **Frederik X** has been crowned as the King of which of the following countries?

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

Answer: C. Denmark

Q18) Recently, the Indian Army has adopted **Pir Topa village** of which of the following districts in Jammu and Kashmir as 'Model Village' under its 'Sadbhavana' initiative?

- A. Kathua
- B. Kishtwar
- C. Udhampur
- D. Poonch

Answer: D. Poonch

Important Appointments

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by PM Narendra Modi, has approved the re-appointment of **Michael Debabrata Patra** as **RBI's Deputy Governor** for **one more year**, with effect from January 15, 2024

- Patra was first appointed as a **Deputy Governor** in **January 2020** for a **three-year term**. He looks after the **monetary policy department** and is also a member of the rate-setting **Monetary Policy Committee** (MPC).

- The **three other Deputy Governors** of the bank are **M Rajeshwar Rao**, **T Rabi Sankar** and **Swaminathan Janakiraman**

- Ms. **Aruna Nayar**, Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS) Officer of **1987 Batch** and Level-16 empanelled IRMS officer has been appointed as **Secretary, Railway Board**

- Ms. Nayar is also the **first IRPS officer** to be **empanelled** in **IRMS in Level-16**.

- **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL)** has appointed, **Sanjiv Aggarwal** as its Chief Executive Officer & Managing
 - **NIIFL** is an **Government owned company** which maintains infrastructure investments funds for **international and Indian investors** anchored by the Government of India
 - NIIFL manages over **\$4.3 billion** of equity capital commitments across its three funds - **Master Fund, Fund of Funds, and Strategic Opportunities Fund.**