

# 16th March

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the first oil mill under the **National Mission for Edible Oils - Oil Palm** (NMEO-OP) in which of the following states?

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Assam
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Mizoram

**Answer: C. Arunachal Pradesh**

Q2) Recently, the **Directorate General of Foreign Trade** (DGFT) has partnered which of the following companies under its '**District as Export Hubs**' initiative, to make MSMEs export-ready in 76 districts across India?

- A. Delhivery
- B. DHL
- C. Porter
- D. India Post

**Answer: B. DHL**

Q3) The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) partners have announced to provide how much amount in initial grant funding for the **IPEF Catalytic Capital Fund** under the Pillar III Clean Economy Agreement?

- A. \$10 million
- B. \$33 million
- C. \$15 million
- D. \$40 million

**Answer: B. \$33 million**

Q4) Recently, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has released the compilation "**A decade of Science & technology Panorama for Aatmanirbhar Bharat**". It has been prepared by which of the following organizations?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- C. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- D. Office of Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India (OPSA)

**Answer: D. Office of Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India (OPSA)**

Q5) Recently, the Ministry of Minority Affairs has approved the "**Centre of Gurumukhi script**" at which of the following colleges in the University of Delhi?

- A. Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College and Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College

- B. Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce
- C. Mata Sundri College for Women
- D. Hansraj College

**Answer: A. Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College and Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College**

**More Information**

● Recently, Union Minister **Smriti Irani** has launched a **comprehensive skill development, leadership and entrepreneurship promotion** and education program for the **Sikh community**, on the occasion of **Sikh New Year (14th March, 2024)**

○ This program was approved under **the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs**

○ It is a **central sector scheme**, which focuses on the **skill, entrepreneurship and leadership training** of minority and artisan communities

○ The initiatives are being implemented through **Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC)**

○ This program will target **10,000 youth and women**

○ The **total expenditure** on the program shall be approximately **Rs 100 Crores**.

○ It seeks to provide **modern skills training in employment-oriented job roles**, promote **Sikh artisans** such as **Sikligars** and other groups who are practicing **traditional arts & craft forms**,

○ foster **women leadership and entrepreneurship**, and education for school dropouts.

○ To formalize this partnership, the **Ministry of Minority Affairs** will implement the **program through a MoU with societies/ educational institutions** nominated/ registered **under the DSGMC**, which is **already operating 4 colleges in Delhi University**;

1. Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College

2. Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College

3. Mata Sundri College of Women

4. Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce and

○ **12 branches of Guru Harkishan Public Schools**, and 1 ITI (Industrial Training Institute).

● **Centre for Advanced studies in Buddhist Studies**

○ Recently, **Ministry of Minority Affairs** has approved the proposal from the **University of Delhi** for establishment of the **‘Centre for Advanced studies in Buddhist Studies’** at the University at an estimated cost of **Rs. 35 crore** under its scheme **“Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram” (PMJVK)** and **“Buddhist Development Plan” (BDP)**.

● **Central Institute of Himalayan Culture Studies**

○ Also, the **Ministry of Minority Affairs** has approved a project for Infrastructural Development at the **Central Institute of Himalayan Culture Studies (CIHCS)** at an estimated cost of **Rs. 40 Crore**

○ This has been approved under its schemes viz. **‘Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram’** and **‘Buddhist Development Plan’**

○ The objective is to **develop CIHCS** into a **knowledge partner** with respect to the matters relating to the **Buddhist Development Plan** in the **Himalayan and North-Eastern Bharat**

Q6) Recently, who amongst the following has appointed **Gyanesh Kumar** and **Sukhbir Singh Sandhu** as the new Election Commissioners in the Election Commission of India?

- A. Prime Minister of India
- B. President of India
- C. Chief Election Commissioner
- D. Chief Justice of India

**Answer: B. President of India**

Q7) Recently, the **High level Committee on Simultaneous Elections** has submitted its report to the President of India Droupadi Murmu. It was chaired by who amongst the following?

- A. Ram Nath Kovind
- B. Amit Shah
- C. N.K. Singh
- D. Dr Subhash C. Kashyap

**Answer: A. Ram Nath Kovind**

Q8) Recently, Union Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the digital **Criminal Case Management System** (CCMS). It is developed by which of the following organizations?

- A. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)
- B. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- C. National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- D. Intelligence Bureau (IB)

**Answer: C. National Investigation Agency (NIA)**

Q9) Recently, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has organized a Geo-heritage walk at the “**Pandavula Gutta**”. It is in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: B. Telangana**

Q10) Recently, **Phool Dei festival** was celebrated in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: C. Uttarakhand**

Q11) Recently, which of the following teams has won the **Ranji Trophy 2023-24 season** (Cricket)?

- A. Vidarbha
- B. Saurashtra
- C. Bengal
- D. Mumbai

**Answer: D. Mumbai**

Q12) Recently, joint naval drill “**Marine Security Belt 2024**” was held between which of the following countries?

- A. India, Oman and Iran
- B. Pakistan, China and Oman
- C. Iran, China and Russia
- D. USA, United Arab Emirates and Oman

**Answer: C. Iran, China and Russia**

Q13) Recently, which of the following states has announced to purchase **2.5 acres** of **land in Jammu and Kashmir** to build a tourist facility for tourists and officials?

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

**Answer: B. Maharashtra**

Q14) Recently, the Maharashtra state cabinet has approved the renaming of which of the following districts as “Ahilyanagar”?

- A. Beed
- B. Chandrapur
- C. Latur
- D. Ahmednagar

**Answer: D. Ahmednagar**

### **More Information**

● Recently, the **Maharashtra Cabinet** has approved the **renaming of eight Mumbai railway stations** that bear names dating back to the **British colonial era**.

● The **proposal has been sent** to the **Ministry of Railways**

1. **Curry Road** will be renamed to **Lalbaug**
2. **Sandhurst Road** will be renamed to **Dongri**
3. **Marine Lines** will be renamed to **Mumbadevi**.
4. **Cotton Green** will be renamed to **Kalachowki**
5. **Charni Road** will be renamed to **Girgaon**
6. **Dockyard Road** will be renamed to **Mazgaon**
7. **King Circle** will be renamed to **Tirthakar Parshivnath**.
8. **Mumbai Central** will be renamed to **Nana Jagannath Shankarsheth**

Q15) Recently, Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has released a book “Israel War Diary”. It is written by who amongst the following?

- A. Sudhir Chaudhary
- B. Anjana Om Kashyap
- C. Vishal Pandey
- D. Chitra Tripathi

**Answer: C. Vishal Pandey**

Q16) Recently, the **54<sup>th</sup> session** of the **Codex Committee on Food Hygiene** (CCFH) was held in which of the following cities?

- A. New York, USA
- B. Muscat, Oman
- C. Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- D. Nairobi, Kenya

**Answer: D. Nairobi, Kenya**

Q17) Recently, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced the project for development of **New Generation Launch Vehicle** (NGLV). What is the name of the project?

- A. Project Vayu
- B. Project Agni
- C. Project Aakash
- D. Project Soorya

**Answer: D. Project Soorya**

Q18) Recently, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has launched a pilot program in which of the following cities to provide **cashless treatment** to the **victims of road accidents** caused by the use of motor vehicles?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pune
- C. Mumbai
- D. Chandigarh

**Answer: D. Chandigarh**

### **Important Days**

- **World Kidney Day:** It is celebrated on **second Thursday of March** every year. **In 2024**, it is observed on **14 March, 2024**. It is a global campaign that **raises awareness** about the **importance of kidneys** and reduces the impact of kidney disease and **related health problems**.
  - **Theme:** Kidney Health for All – Advancing equitable access to care and optimal medication practice
  
- **International Day of Action for Rivers:** It is celebrated on **14 March** every year. The day aims to draw attention to the **threats faced by rivers** and the **critical role they play in our lives**
  - **Theme:** Water for All
  
- **World Rotaract Day:** It is celebrated on **13 March** every year. It is celebrated annually to **recognize the services** provided by **Rotaractors worldwide**.
  - The day is celebrated together with a **week-long program** of **World Rotaract Week** from **March 11-17, 2024**
  - **Theme:** Celebrating Rotaract
  
- **International Day of Mathematics:** It is celebrated on **March 14** every year. It is also known as **Pi Day**.
  - **Pi** is one of the **most widely known mathematical constants** and it is rounded to **3.14**, that is why it is observed on **March 14**
  - **Theme:** Playing With Math
- **International Day to Combat Islamophobia:** It is observed on **15 March** every year.
  - The UN **defines Islamophobia** as a **form of racism** that views **Islamic tradition, culture, and religion** as a threat to Western values
  - The date, **March 15**, was chosen as it is the anniversary of the **Christchurch mosque shootings** ( **New Zealand**), in which **51 people were killed** during **Friday prayer**.

## 17th March

Q1) According to the recently released Human Development Report 2023-24 titled “Breaking the gridlock Reimagining cooperation in a polarized world”, what is the rank of **India** in the **Human Development Index (HDI)** in **2022**?

- A. 133<sup>rd</sup>
- B. 134<sup>th</sup>
- C. 135<sup>th</sup>
- D. 136<sup>th</sup>

**Answer: B. 134<sup>th</sup>**

- **Top Ranked Countries**
- **Bottom Ranked Countries**

Q2) Recently, which of the following organizations has signed a MoU with the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) for the **credit assistance** program for **Jan Aushadhi Kendras**?

- A. State Bank of India (SBI)
- B. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- C. World Bank
- D. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

**Answer: D. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**

Q3) Recently, the Ministry of Defence has signed a contract of ₹200 crore with which of the following companies for anti-drone system “**Vajra Sentinel System**”?

- A. ideaForge
- B. EyeROV
- C. Bing Bang Boom Solutions
- D. Asteria Aerospace

**Answer: C. Bing Bang Boom Solutions**

#### **More Information**

- Recently, third **25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug, “Bajrang”** was launched at M/s **Shoft Shipyard Pvt Ltd, Bharuch, Gujarat**.
- **Contract for construction and delivery of three 25T BP Tug** was concluded with M/s **Shoft Shipyard Pvt Ltd (M/s SSPL)**
- These Tugs are being built under the **classification rules of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)**.

Q4) Recently, which of the following ministries signed a MoU with **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)**, South Asia, to set up a Gender Impact Lab and act as a knowledge partner on inclusive development through BRAC’s Graduation Approach?

- A. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Rural Development

**Answer: D. Ministry of Rural Development**

#### **More Information**

- Recently, **Ministry of Rural Development** has signed a Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Bharat Financial Inclusion Limited (BFIL)** to support the **livelihood intervention of DAY-NRLM** by syncing their activities in livestock and fisheries development.
- As part of the MoU, in initial phase a **centralized Project Monitoring Unit (PMU)** will be established to support **DAY-NRLM at national level** and
- **State PMU in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Bihar** will be developed.
- The PMU will **comprise specialists from livestock, Market Linkage** etc.
- BFIL will also strengthen the **Pashu Sakhis (last mile extension workers at village)** developed under **DAY-NRLM** to provide **basic healthcare support to animals**.

Q5) Recently, which of the following companies has won the bid to develop a **200 MW** capacity **Solar Power Project** to be set up in the 1,125 MW RE Park of Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited (GSECL) at **Khavda in Kachchh district** of Gujarat?

- A. NTPC Limited
- B. NHPC Limited
- C. REC Limited
- D. ReNew Power

**Answer: B. NHPC Limited**

**More Information**

● Recently, **SJVN Green Energy Limited** (SGEL) has received Letter of Intent (LOI) from **Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited** (GUVNL) for execution of **200 MW Solar Project** in **GUVNL Phase–XXIII**.

○ **SJVN Green Energy Limited** had earlier bagged the **200 MW Solar Project** through **tariff based competitive bidding** at a tariff of **Rs. 2.66 per unit** on **Build Own and Operate (BOO)** basis

○ The **tentative cost** of construction and development of this project is **Rs. 1,100 crores**.

○ The project is to be developed at the **Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited (GSECL) Solar Park** at **Khavda in Kachchh district** of Gujarat.

○ The **Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)** will be executed with **GUVNL** after adoption of tariff by **GERC**.

○ The Project will be **commissioned within** a period of **18 months** from the **date of signing** of the **PPA**.

○ The project is expected to generate **508.40 million units of energy** in the **first year** after commissioning and

○ The **cumulative energy generation** over a period of **25 years** is projected to be about **11,698.16 million units**.

○ The commissioning of this project is expected to **reduce 5,73,210 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions**.

Q6) Recently, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has launched ‘**ETHANOL 100**’ at 183 retail outlets of which of the following companies?

A. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)

B. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

C. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)

D. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

**Answer: A. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)**

Q7) Recently, the Ministry of Defence signed a contract with which of the following companies for **Mid Life Upgrade (MLU)** of **25 Dornier Aircraft** along with associated equipment for the Indian Navy at a cost of Rs.2,890 crore?

A. Boeing

B. Lockheed Martin

C. Dassault Aviation

D. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

**Answer: D. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**

Q8) Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the “**Nausena Bhawan**”, the newly-constructed Headquarters of the Indian Navy, at which of the following places?

A. Ambala Cantonment

B. Delhi Cantonment

C. Ahmedabad Cantonment

D. Dehradun Cantonment

**Answer: B. Delhi Cantonment**

Q9) Recently, **Numaligarh Refinery Limited** (NRL) has opened its first overseas liaison office in which of the following cities?

- A. Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- B. Muscat, Oman
- C. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- D. Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Answer: D. Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Q10) Recently who amongst the following has been appointed as the **Chairman** of the **Prasar Bharati**?

- A. Navneet Kumar Sehgal
- B. A Surya Prakash
- C. Sanjay Jaju
- D. Gaurav Dwivedi

**Answer: A. Navneet Kumar Sehgal**

### **More Information**

- Recently, Union Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur** has launched **Prasar Bharti - Shared Audio Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination** (PB-SHABD), a news sharing service from **Prasar Bharati**
  - **PB SHABD platform** has been designed to **provide daily news feeds** in video, audio, text, photo and other formats **to the subscribers** from **media landscape**.
  - PB-SHABD will serve as a **single-point source of news content** for **smaller news organisations lacking extensive networks**.
  - PB-SHABD service is **offered free for the first year**, providing **news stories in major Indian languages** across **fifty categories**, to news **organisations registered** with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
  - The Minister also launched the **revamped websites** of **DD News and Akashvani News** and **revamped News on Air app** would provide users seamless experience and better user engagement.

Q11) Recently, the Supreme Court has stopped the attempt to withdraw the 1998 notification that established the **Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary**. It is in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: C. Assam**

Q12) Recently, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh has approved the expansion of the **National Cadet Corps** (NCC) with the addition of three lakh cadet vacancies. The NCC will now have a sanctioned strength of total how many cadets?

- A. 10 lakh
- B. 20 lakh
- C. 30 lakh
- D. 40 lakh

**Answer: B. 20 lakh**

Q13) Recently, which of the following organizations has released the report “**Global Methane Tracker 2024**”?

- A. World Bank
- B. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- C. International Energy Agency (IEA)
  - D. International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- Answer: C. International Energy Agency (IEA)**

Q14) Recently, **Tata Motors** has signed a MoU with which of the following states to invest around **₹9,000 crore** to build a vehicle manufacturing facility?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Haryana
- D. Tamil Nadu

**Answer: D. Tamil Nadu**

Q15) Recently, **India's first indoor athletics centre** has been inaugurated at which of the following stadiums?

- A. Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
- B. Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi
- C. Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi

**Answer: A. Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar**

Q16) Recently, the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) has announced a new policy to attract investments from **global Electric Vehicle (EV) manufacturers**. What is the Minimum Investment required under the scheme?

- A. Rs 4150 Crore (USD 500 Million)
- B. Rs 8300 Crore (USD 1000 Million)
- C. Rs 12,450 Crore (USD 1500 Million)
- D. Rs 16,600 Crore (USD 2000 Million)

**Answer: A. Rs 4150 Crore (USD 500 Million)**

Q17) Recently, who amongst the following have been awarded the **Chameli Devi Jain Award** for Outstanding Woman Media Person 2024?

- A. Rana Ayyub and Shaili Chopra
- B. Nidhi Razdan and Anubha Bhonsle
- C. Seema Chishti and Sagarika Ghose
- D. Greeshma Kuthar and Ritika Chopra

**Answer: D. Greeshma Kuthar and Ritika Chopra**

Q18) Recently, the Ministry of Home Affairs has announced the celebration of '**Hyderabad Liberation Day**' every year on which of the following days?

- A. 17<sup>th</sup> June
- B. 17<sup>th</sup> July
- C. 17<sup>th</sup> August
- D. 17<sup>th</sup> September

**Answer: D. 17<sup>th</sup> September**

## 18th March

Q1) Recently, who amongst the following has been announced as the **National Icon in the PwD**

category by the Election Commission of India (ECI)?

- A. Sheetal Devi
- B. Sumit Antil
- C. Deepa Malik
- D. Avani Lekhara

**Answer: A. Sheetal Devi**

Q2) Recently, the tenth edition of the Joint Military Exercise “LAMITIYE-2024” has commenced between India and which of the following countries?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Morocco
- C. Egypt
- D. Seychelles

**Answer: D. Seychelles**

Q3) Recently, which of the following ministries has conducted the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) as part of the ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society) initiative - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram?

- A. Ministry of Cooperation
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D. Ministry of Women and Child Development

**Answer: B. Ministry of Education**

Q4) Recently which of the following Indian Navy ships has rescued the merchant vessel ship MV Ruen from the Somalian pirates in an anti-piracy operation?

- A. INS Kolkata
- B. INS Sumitra
- C. INS Virat
- D. INS Vikrant

**Answer: A. INS Kolkata**

Q5) Recently, who amongst the following has created the new national record in the men’s 10000 metre race?

- A. Kartik Kumar
- B. Avinash Sable
- C. Surendra Singh
- D. Gulveer Singh

**Answer: D. Gulveer Singh**

Q6) Till March 2024, total how many jails across India have been certified as ‘Eat Right Campus’, by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?

- A. 50
- B. 100
- C. 150
- D. 200

**Answer: B. 100**

Q7) Recently, the Indian Army raised its first Apache helicopter squadron “451 Aviation Squadron” at which of the following places?

- A. Bharuch, Gujarat

- B. Pune, Maharashtra
- C. Ambala, Punjab
- D. Jodhpur, Rajasthan

**Answer: D. Jodhpur, Rajasthan**

Q8) Recently, a **volcano** has erupted on the **Reykjanes Peninsula**. It is in which of the following countries?

- A. Iceland
- B. Indonesia
- C. Russia
- D. Italy

**Answer: A. Iceland**

Q9) Recently, which of the following states has launched India's first **Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) powered bus**?

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

**Answer: C. Maharashtra**

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the **PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award**?

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Azim Premji
- C. Uday Kotak
- D. Narayan Murty

**Answer: A. Ratan Tata**

Q11) Recently, which of the following teams has won the **Women's Premier League 2024**?

- A. Mumbai Indians
- B. Delhi Capitals
- C. Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)
- D. Gujarat Titans

**Answer: C. Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)**

#### **Award Winners: Women's Premier League 2024**

- **Orange Cap (Most Runs):** Ellyse Perry (Royal Challengers Bangalore) (347 runs)
- **Purple Cap (Most Wickets):** Shreyanka Patil (Royal Challengers Bangalore) (13 wickets)
- **Emerging Player of the Tournament:** Shreyanka Patil (Royal Challengers Bangalore)
- **WPL 2024 final Player of the Match:** Sophie Molineux (RCB)
- **WPL 2024 Player of the Tournament (Most Valuable Player):** Deepti Sharma (UP Warriorz')
- **Best catch of the season:** Mumbai Indians' Sajana Sajeevan
- **WPL 2024 Super Striker of the Season:** RCB's Georgia Wareham
- **WPL 2024 most sixes:** Delhi Capitals' Shafali Verma
- **Highest score in WPL 2024:** Harmanpreet Kaur (Mumbai Indians)
- **Fair Play Award -** Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)

Q12) Recently, which of the following state governments has decided to enter into a MoU with the Union Ministry of Education to implement the **PM Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI)** scheme?

- A. Odisha

- B. West Bengal
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

**Answer: C. Tamil Nadu**

Q13) Recently, which of the following companies has launched the third test flight of its “**Starship**” rocket?

- A. Gravity One
- B. Orion Space
- C. SpaceX
- D. Pixxel

**Answer: C. SpaceX**

Q14) Recently, who amongst the following has won the **Russian Presidential Elections 2024**?

- A. Vladimir Putin
- B. Vladislav Davankov
- C. Alexei Navalny
- D. Nikolai Kharitonov

**Answer: A. Vladimir Putin**

Q15) Recently, the bilateral tri-Service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise “**Tiger Triumph – 24**” has commenced between **India** and which of the following countries?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. USA
- C. Nepal
- D. Sri Lanka

**Answer: B. USA**

Q16) Recently, who amongst the following has been conferred the **Sangita Kalanidhi 2024** by The Music Academy, Chennai?

- A. Aruna Sairam
- B. T.M. Krishna
- C. Priya Sisters
- D. T.K. Murthy

**Answer: B. T.M. Krishna**

#### **Other Award Winners**

- **Professor Parassala Ravi** (V. Raveendran Nair) and **Geetha Raja** will be conferred with **Sangita Kala Acharya awards**
- **S Narasimhan** and **S Venkatesan**, known as **Thiruvaiyyaru Brothers**, and **H K Narasimhamurthy** have been chosen for **TTV awards**.

- **Dr Margaret Bastin** will receive the **Musicologist Award**
- **Dr Neena Prasad** will be conferred **Nritya Kalanidhi Award**.

Q17) According to the recently released “Netted in illegal wildlife trade: Sharks of India” report by the TRAFFIC and WWF-India, which of the following states accounted for the **highest illegal trade in shark body parts** between January 2010 and December 2022?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat

- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Karnataka

**Answer: C. Tamil Nadu**

Q18) Recently, who amongst the following has become the youngest recipient of the **Sir Richard Hadlee Medal 2024**?

- A. Shubman Gill
- B. Yashasvi Jaiswal
- C. Rachin Ravindra
- D. Rishabh Pant

**Answer: C. Rachin Ravindra**

### **2024 New Zealand Cricket Awards winners**

- **Sir Richard Hadlee Medal** - Rachin Ravindra
- **Debbie Hockley Medal** – Amelia Kerr
- **Bert Sutcliffe Medal for Outstanding Services to Cricket** - Trudy Anderson
- **Test Player of the Year** - Kane Williamson
- **Men's ODI Player of the Year** - Daryl Mitchell
- **Women's ODI Player of the Year** - Amelia Kerr
- **Men's T20I Player of the Year** - Mitchell Santner
- **Women's T20I Player of the Year** - Amelia Kerr

## **19th March**

Q1) Recently, which of the following banks has announced to contribute **Rs. 100 crores** to the **National Cancer Grid (NCG)**?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. Yes Bank

**Answer: C. Axis Bank**

Q2) Recently, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has formed a 16 member **expert committee** to review the implementation of Ayushman Bharat - **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**. It will be chaired by who amongst the following?

- A. Dr V.K. Paul
- B. Apurva Chandra
- C. Deepti Gaur Mukerjee
- D. Indu Bhushan

**Answer: A. Dr V.K. Paul**

Q3) Recently, **Tamilisai Soundararajan** has resigned as the governor of which of the following states?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Odisha

**Answer: B. Telangana**

Q4) Recently, which of the following companies has unveiled its **AI gaming agent** called “

**SIMA**” (Scalable Instructable Multiworld Agent)?

- A. Microsoft
- B. OpenAI
- C. Google Deepmind
- D. Neuralink

**Answer: C. Google Deepmind**

Q5) Recently, which of the following cities has been declared as the **tourism capital of Nepal**?

- A. Janakpur
- B. Kathmandu
- C. Lalitpur
- D. Pokhara

**Answer: D. Pokhara**

Q6) Which of the following institutions has secured the first rank in the **Public Health Academic Ranking**(PHAR) published by the International Journal of Public Health?

- A. London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- B. Public Health Foundation of India
- C. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- D. Swiss School of Public Health

**Answer: A. London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**

Q7) Recently, the Election Commission (EC) of India has launched a special campaign “**Mission 414**” in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: A. Himachal Pradesh**

Q8) Recently, which of the following security forces has established the elite technology unit “**Signals Technology Evaluation and Adaptation Group** (STEAG)”?

- A. Indian Air Force (IAF)
- B. Indian Army
- C. Indian Navy
- D. Border Security Force (BSF)

**Answer: B. Indian Army**

Q9) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the **principal director general** (PDG) of the **Press Information Bureau** (PIB) (official spokesperson of the Government of India)?

- A. Manish Desai
- B. Sheyphali B Sharan
- C. Maushami Chakraborty
- D. Vasudha Gupta

**Answer: B. Sheyphali B Sharan**

### **More Information**

- Recently, **Universal Service Obligation Fund** (USOF) under Department of Telecommunications (DoT), has signed a tripartite MoU with **Prasar Bharati** (under the Ministry of Information &

Broadcasting) and **Open Network for Digital Commerce** (a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) initiative of Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry)

- It aims to provide **affordable and accessible digital services** across the country.
- The objective is to **bundle broadband services** with **OTT** and **e-commerce platform** for the **rural India** through the **BharatNet infrastructure** under the USOF.

Q10) Recently, which of the following security forces has launched the “**Trinetra app 2.0**”?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir Police
- B. Arunachal Pradesh Police
- C. Uttar Pradesh Police
- D. Delhi Police

**Answer: C. Uttar Pradesh Police**

Q11) Recently, which of the following states/union territories has approved **10 per cent reservation** for the Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities - **Gadda Brahmin**, Koli, Paddari Tribe and Pahari Ethnic group?

- A. Ladakh
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Himachal Pradesh

**Answer: B. Jammu and Kashmir**

Q12) Recently, **JD Taurus** has started operations at its manufacturing facility in which of the following states to produce **small firearms**?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. West Bengal

**Answer: B. Haryana**

Q13) Recently, the **Global Spirituality Conference 2024** was held in which of the following cities?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi
- C. Shillong
- D. Hyderabad

**Answer: D. Hyderabad**

- **Theme:** Inner Peace to World Peace

Q14) What is the rank of **India** in the recently released **DHL Global Connectedness 2023 Index**?

- A. 61<sup>st</sup>
- B. 62<sup>nd</sup>
- C. 63<sup>rd</sup>
- D. 64<sup>th</sup>

**Answer: B. 62<sup>nd</sup>**

Q15) Recently, who amongst the following from India have been honoured with the ‘**Diana Memorial Award 2024**’?

- A. Raj Shamani and Nikita Tiwari
- B. Uday Bhatia and Manasi Gupta
- C. Udit Singhal and Rithika Pandey

D. Arjun Deshpande and Arman Gupta  
**Answer: B. Uday Bhatia and Manasi Gupta**

Q16) Recently, which of the following countries has given its approval for the injectable weight-loss drug “Semaglutide” (Wegovy)?

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

**Answer: C. USA**

Q17) Recently, Union Minister Arjun Munda has laid the foundation stone for eastern India’s first regional honey testing laboratory at ICAR-National Institute of Secondary Agriculture (NISA). It is in which of the following cities?

- A. Ranchi
- B. Patna
- C. Kolkata
- D. Raipur

**Answer: A. Ranchi**

Q18) Recently, which of the following space agencies has launched the "Message in a Bottle" campaign, for its Europa Clipper spacecraft?

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

**Answer: B. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

## 20th March

Q1) Who amongst the following will be awarded the 33<sup>rd</sup> Saraswati Samman for 2023 for the novel “Roudra Sathwikam”?

- A. MT Vasudevan Nair
- B. Kumaran Asan
- C. Akkitham
- D. Prabha Varma

**Answer: D. Prabha Varma**

Q2) What is the name of the app which has been developed by the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) to assist Gaganyaan Crew?

- A. SAATHI
- B. SATARK
- C. SAKHI
- D. SAMARTH

**Answer: C. SAKHI**

- Space-borne Assistant and Knowledge Hub for Crew Interaction (SAKHI)

**More Information**

● Recently, the **Election Commission of India** has launched a new **mobile application** called **Know Your Candidate (KYC)**.

- The new '**KYC**' app provides **all the details of the contesting candidates** along with their **criminal backgrounds**
- It **provides voters** with the ability to **access information** about candidates with **criminal antecedents**.
- Further, **according to the rules**, the **candidates** are required to **disclose their criminal records** in **newspapers and on television three times**.
- And **the parties nominating such candidates** must explain their **selection over other deserving candidates**.
- This move aims to **increase transparency and accountability** in the **electoral process**, ensuring that **voters** have **access to comprehensive information** about candidates **before casting their votes**.

Q3) Recently, Indian Air Force fighter and transport aircrafts carried out operations on an **Emergency Landing Facility (ELF)** airstrip on National Highway 16 near Addanki in **Bapatla district**. It is in which of the following states?

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Odisha
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer: B. Andhra Pradesh**

Q4) Recently, Indian Navy and **Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur** have signed a MoU to promote technology development, innovative solutions and joint R&D. The MoU will be co-ordinated by which of the following naval units?

- A. INS Hansa, Goa
- B. INS Shivaji, Lonavala
- C. INS Baaz, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- D. INS Karna, Visakhapatnam

**Answer: B. INS Shivaji, Lonavala**

Q5) Recently, which of the following institutions has been awarded the Raksha Mantri Trophy for the **Best Command Hospital** of the **Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS)** for the year 2022?

- A. Command Hospital (Southern Command), Pune
- B. Command Hospital (Central Command), Lucknow
- C. Command Hospital (Eastern Command), Kolkata
- D. Command Hospital (Northern Command), Udhampur

**Answer: A. Command Hospital (Southern Command), Pune**

Q6) Recently, **Ramgarh Crater** has been officially recognized as the Geo Heritage site. It is in which of the following districts of Rajasthan?

- A. Baran
- B. Ajmer
- C. Barmer
- D. Bharatpur

**Answer: A. Baran**

Q7) Recently, India's first Ayurvedic cafe "**Soma-The Ayurvedic Kitchen**" has been inaugurated in which of the following cities?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Hyderabad

- C. New Delhi
- D. Pune

**Answer: C. New Delhi**

Q8) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the new **ambassador of India to Russia**?

- A. Randhir Jaiswal
- B. Sibi George
- C. Vinay Kumar
- D. Arindham Bagchi

**Answer: C. Vinay Kumar**

Q9) Recently, which of the following companies has announced to launch its rocket "**Agnibaan SOrTeD**" (Suborbital Tech Demonstrator)?

- A. Skyroot Aerospace
- B. Pixxel
- C. Dhruva Space
- D. Agnikul Cosmos

**Answer: D. Agnikul Cosmos**

Q10) Recently, which of the following countries has signed a Line of Credit (LOC) Agreement worth USD 23.27 million with the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) for the acquisition of **two Dornier-228 aircraft**?

- A. Cuba
- B. Dominica
- C. Guyana
- D. Jamaica

**Answer: C. Guyana**

Q11) Recently, which of the following organizations, under its "**Missing Migrants**" project, has informed that a total of 8,565 migrants died on land and sea routes worldwide in 2023?

- A. UNESCO
- B. UNICEF
- C. International Organizations for Migration (IOM)
- D. Amnesty International

**Answer: C. International Organizations for Migration (IOM)**

Q12) According to the recently released '**World Air Quality Report 2023**' by IQAir, which of the following is the most polluted country in the world?

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Burkina Faso

**Answer: C. Bangladesh**

Q13) Recently, scientists have discovered "**Noctis volcano**" on which of the following planets?

- A. Mars
- B. Jupiter
- C. Mercury
- D. Saturn

**Answer: A. Mars**

Q14) Recently which of the following state governments has notified the “**Braiduah Community Reserve**” for the protection of **Bugun Liocichla bird**?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Sikkim
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Mizoram

**Answer: A. Arunachal Pradesh**

Q15) Recently, Union Ministry of Finance has announced to issue a commemorative coin of ₹90 on occasion to mark the **90 Years of Celebration of Reserve Bank of India** (RBI). What will be its weight?

- A. 10 grams
- B. 20 grams
- C. 30 grams
- D. 40 grams

**Answer: D. 40 grams**

Q16) According to the recently released “**State of the Global Climate 2023**” by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the global average near-surface temperature in 2023 was above the pre-industrial baseline by how much amount?

- A. 1.45° Celsius
- B. 1.58° Celsius
- C. 1.25° Celsius
- D. 2.95° Celsius

**Answer: A. 1.45° Celsius**

Q17) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Start-up Mahakumbh 2024** in which of the following cities?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Lucknow

**Answer: B. New Delhi**

● **Theme:** Bharat Innovates

Q18) Recently, which of the following banks has partnered with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to become the **Official Banking Partner** for Team India at the **Paris Olympics 2024**?

- A. Axis Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Yes Bank
- D. State Bank of India (SBI)

**Answer: C. Yes Bank**

## 21st March

Q1) Recently, which of the following organizations has announced expansion plans of its transatlantic

network of accelerator sites and test centres under the “**DIANA**” initiative?

- A. World Bank
- B. World Economic Forum (WEF)
- C. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- D. Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

**Answer: C. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**

- Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic (DIANA)

Q2) Recently, which of the following companies has released the base model weights and network architecture of “**Grok-1**”?

- A. OpenAI
- B. Google Deepmind
- C. xAI
- D. Anthropic

**Answer: C. xAI**

Q3) Recently, **Grid Controller of India Limited** (GRID-INDIA) has been conferred with the status of Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE). It is under the administrative control of which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Power
- B. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

**Answer: A. Ministry of Power**

Q4) Recently, **Southern Air Command** of the Indian Air Force has deployed its **Chetak helicopter unit** at which of the

following places?

- A. Car Nicobar Air Force Base, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- B. Sulur Air Force Station, Coimbatore
- C. Air Force Station, Thanjavur
- D. Nagpur Air Force Station

**Answer: C. Air Force Station, Thanjavur**

Q5) Recently, the first ‘**2+2**’ **Political and Military Dialogue** between **India** and **Brazil** was held in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Rio De Janeiro
- D. Brasilia

**Answer: A. New Delhi**

Q6) Recently, the third **Summit for Democracy 2024** was held in which of the following cities?

- A. New York, USA
- B. Seoul, South Korea
- C. Tokyo, Japan
- D. New Delhi, India

**Answer: B. Seoul, South Korea**

- **Theme:** Democracy for Future Generations

Q7) Recently, **DBS Bank India** has pledged total how much amount for innovative and new-age **start-ups** in India?

- A. \$250 million
- B. \$500 million
- C. \$750 million
- D. \$1000 million

**Answer: A. \$250 million**

Q8) Recently, GoodEnough Energy has announced to build India's first and largest **Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) gigafactory** in which of the following states/union territories?

- A. Ladakh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer: D. Jammu and Kashmir**

Q9) Recently, **Severe Tropical Cyclone "Megan"** has made landfall in which of the following countries?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Australia
- C. Madagascar
- D. United Kingdom

**Answer: B. Australia**

Q10) Recently which of the following state governments has launched the **first-ever dedicated portal** to provide real time information on the **water level in dams** and reservoirs and the quantity of water available in canals in different parts of the state?

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

**Answer: B. Rajasthan**

Q11) Recently, the first test-firing of India's first indigenously-made **1500 Horsepower (HP) engine** for **Main Battle Tanks** was successfully conducted by which of the following companies?

- A. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- C. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- D. BEML Limited

**Answer: D. BEML Limited**

Q12) According to the recently released **World Happiness Report 2024**, which of the following is the happiest country in the world?

- A. Finland
- B. Denmark
- C. Iceland
- D. Sweden

**Answer: A. Finland**

**More Information**

● **International Day of Happiness:** It is celebrated on **20 March** every year. It was established by the **United Nations General Assembly** in **2012**

○ **Theme:** Reconnecting for Happiness: Building Resilient Communities

Q13) Recently, who amongst the following been elected as the **first minister of Wales**, becoming the first Black leader of a government in the United Kingdom?

- A. Dawn Butler
- B. Diana Abbott
- C. Helen Grant
- D. Vaughan Gething

**Answer: D. Vaughan Gething**

Q14) According to the recently released “**Profits and poverty: The economics of forced labour**” report by the International Labour Organization (ILO), what was the total illegal profits generated per year from forced labour in 2024?

- A. US \$589 billion
- B. US \$236 billion
- C. US \$134 billion
- D. US \$95 billion

**Answer: B. US \$236 billion**

Q15) Recently, India has announced to join the cooperative **working group on carbon markets** under the ‘clean energy pillar’ of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). Which of the following will be nodal authority from India?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
- C. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- D. Wildlife Institute of India (WII)

**Answer: B. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)**

Q16) Recently, which of the following organizations has reactivated its **UK India Business Forum** (IBF) in London?

- A. ASSOCHAM
- B. NASSCOM
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

**Answer: D. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**

Q17) Recently, the fourth edition of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** (SCO) **Startup Forum** was organized in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Beijing
- C. Moscow
- D. Tashkent

**Answer: A. New Delhi**

Q18) **World Forestry Day** (International Day of Forests) is celebrated on which of the following days every year?

- A. 20<sup>th</sup> March

- B. 21<sup>st</sup> March
- C. 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- D. 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Answer: B. 21<sup>st</sup> March**

- **Theme:** Forests and innovation: new solutions for a better world

## 22nd March

Q1) Recently, **India** has been elected as the **co-chair** of the **Digital Innovation Board** of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Who amongst the following will represent India as the co-chair?

- A. Dr S. Jaishankar
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D. Dr Neeraj Mittal

**Answer: D. Dr Neeraj Mittal**

Q2) Recently, which of the following Indian ships participated in the second edition of **India Mozambique Tanzania (IMT) Tri Lateral (TRILAT)** Exercise 2024?

- A. INS Talwar and INS Kesari
- B. INS Saryu and INS Magar
- C. INS Tir and INS Sujata
- D. INS Kumbhir and INS Satpura

**Answer: C. INS Tir and INS Sujata**

Q3) Recently, which of the following organizations has signed a MoU with the **Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)** to conduct various awareness programmes to enhance public perceptions on peaceful use of nuclear power?

- A. National Service Scheme (NSS)
  - B. National Cadet Corps (NCC)
  - C. NITI Aayog
  - D. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan
- Answer: B. National Cadet Corps (NCC)**

Q4) Recently, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and which of the following organizations have launched the **BhashaNet portal**?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. World Economic Forum (WEF)
- C. National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)
- D. Digital India Corporation

**Answer: C. National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)**

### **More Information**

- Recently, **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** and **National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)** have launched the **BhashaNet portal**
- It was launched to uphold the principles of the **Universal Acceptance Day (28 March 2024)**
- The **launch event** at the **Dr Ambedkar International Centre in Delhi** was held on **21 March 2024** with the active support of **Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)**.
- The **theme** of the event was, "**BhashaNet: Impetus Towards Universal Acceptance**"

- India's successful hosting of the **regional Universal Acceptance Day** event on **21 March 2024** paves way for the upcoming **Global Universal Acceptance Day** scheduled to take place on **March 28, 2024, in Belgrade, Serbia.**
- **Universal Acceptance (UA)** is a concept that aims to ensure that **all domain names and email addresses**, regardless of language or script, can be used by **all internet-enabled applications, devices, and systems.**
  - The goal of UA is to create a **more inclusive digital** world where **individuals can fully participate without facing linguistic barriers.**

Q5) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the “**CERAWeek Leadership Award** for Building Global Consensus towards a Sustainable Energy Future”?

- A. Sameh Shoukry
- B. Alok Sharma
- C. Carolina Schmidt
- D. Dr Sultan Al Jaber

**Answer: D. Dr Sultan Al Jaber**

Q6) Recently, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been awarded with the **Aviation Week Laureates Award 2023-2024** for its which of the following missions?

- A. Aditya L1
- B. Chandrayaan-3
- C. XPoSat (X-ray Polarimeter Satellite)
- D. Gaganyaan

**Answer: B. Chandrayaan-3**

#### **Other Aviation Week Laureates Award 2023-2024: Space Sector**

- **Firefly Aerospace and Millenium Space Systems – Victus Nox**
  - In a **three-part relay race**, Millennium and Firefly coordinated to **launch a satellite** for the **U.S. Space Force**
- **Lockheed Martin Osiris Rex**
  - NASA's **\$1 billion** Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer (**Osiris-Rex**) fulfilled its **primarily mission**, collecting and delivering **pristine samples** from the primordial **asteroid Bennu.**
- **SpaceX Starlink**
  - With more than **5,000 satellites** orbited, Starlink is providing **commercial high-speed internet access globally.**
- **Mike Moses, Virgin Galactic, for leadership**
  - Mike Moses joined **Virgin Galactic** from **NASA in 2011** to help the **Richard Branson-backed startup** create and operate a safe, reliable, commercially viable **space transportation service suitable** for **nonprofessional astronauts.**

Q7) Recently, which of the following countries has announced to construct a floating pier off the coast of **Gaza** to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid, as part of its **Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore (JLOTS)** project?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. India
- D. USA

**Answer: D. USA**

Q8) Recently who amongst the following has been appointed as the **Chairman** of the **Indian Banks' Association** (IBA) for the 2023–24 term?

- A. Dinesh Kumar Khara
- B. Shanti Lal Jain
- C. Dr N Kamakodi
- D. Matam Venkata Rao

**Answer: D. Matam Venkata Rao**

Q9) Recently, which of the following companies has unveiled its **B200 'Blackwell'** artificial intelligence (AI) chip?

- A. Intel
- B. Qualcomm
- C. Nvidia
- D. AMD

**Answer: C. Nvidia**

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following has been given additional charge as Minister of the **Ministry of Food and Processing Industries**?

- A. Sarbananda Sonowal
- B. Kiren Rijiju
- C. Anurag Singh Thakur
- D. Smriti Irani

**Answer: B. Kiren Rijiju**

Q11) Recently, which of the following space agencies has launched its "**Queqiao-2**", "Tiandu-1" and "Tiandu-2" satellite?

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

**Answer: B. China National Space Administration (CNSA)**

Q12) Recently, who amongst the following from India has been inducted into the **Hall of Fame** at the **World Billiards Museum** in Shangrao City in China?

- A. Pankaj Advani
- B. Geet Sethi
- C. Rupesh Shah
- D. Sourav Kothari

**Answer: A. Pankaj Advani**

Q13) Recently, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully conducted the **Reusable launch vehicle (RLV) LEX-02** landing experiment. What is the name of ISRO's Reusable launch vehicle (RLV)?

- A. Bharatyaan
- B. Pushpak
- C. Jatayu
- D. Vayu

**Answer: B. Pushpak**

Q14) Recently, the Department of Telecom, **Gujarat**, has started its **Telecom Facilitation Centre** in which of the following cities?

- A. Rajkot
- B. Vadodara
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Surat

**Answer: C. Ahmedabad**

Q15) Recently, which of the following organizations has published a book entitled, ‘**An illustrated guide to the Lepidoptera of India** taxonomic procedures, family characters, diversity and distribution’?

- A. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- B. Wildlife Institute of India (WII)
- C. Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)
- D. Forest Survey of India (FSI)

**Answer: C. Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)**

Q16) Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** has been conferred the “**Order of the Druk Gyalpo**” by which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: D. Bhutan**

### **More Information**

- **PM Narendra Modi** was on a **State Visit to Bhutan**
- PM Modi was received by **Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan at Paro airport**
- Ahead of the meeting, **PM Narendra Modi** and **PM of Bhutan Tshering Tobgay** witnessed **exchange of several MoUs/Agreements** on energy, trade, digital connectivity, space, agriculture, youth connect among others.
- The **two leaders** also discussed **progress in connectivity** and **investment proposals** including in the context of the **Gelephu Mindfulness City project**.
- Both, **India and Bhutan** have also agreed on and initialled the **text of the MoU on Establishment of Rail Links** between **India and Bhutan**.
- The MoU provides for establishment of **two proposed rail links** between **India and Bhutan**, including the **Kokrajhar-Gelephu rail link** and **Banarhat-Samtse rail link** and their implementation modalities.
- PM Narendra Modi has also inaugurated the **Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Mother and Child Hospital** in **Thimphu**, a state-of-the-art hospital, built with the **assistance of the Government of India in Thimphu**.

Q17) Recently, former Chief of Naval Staff of the Indian Navy, **Admiral Laxminarayan Ramdas**, has passed. He was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award in which of the following years?

- A. 1990
- B. 1997
- C. 2004
- D. 2019

**Answer: C. 2004**

Q18) Recently, **Leo Varadkar** has announced to resign from the post of Prime Minister (taoiseach) of which of the following countries?

- A. Republic of Ireland
- B. Germany
- C. France
- D. Italy

**Answer: A. Republic of Ireland**

## 23rd March

Q1) Recently, India has launched the ‘**Operation Indravati**’ to evacuate its citizens from which of the following countries?

- A. Israel
- B. South Sudan
- C. Haiti
- D. Dominican Republic

**Answer: C. Haiti**

Q2) Recently, which of the following security agencies from India has signed a **Working Arrangement** with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (**Europol**) ?

- A. National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- B. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- C. Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)
- D. Intelligence Bureau (IB)

**Answer: B. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**

Q3) Who amongst the following will be **Indian team flagbearer** for the **Paris 2024 Olympics**?

- A. Neeraj Chopra
- B. Parul Chaudhary
- C. Sharath Kamal
- D. Lakshay Sen

**Answer: C. Sharath Kamal**

Q4) Recently, the **Comptroller and Auditor General** (CAG) of India has signed a MoU on **Artificial Intelligence** with which of the following institutions?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- B. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- C. Digital University of Kerala
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi

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

### More Information

- Recently, **Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)** and **Jakarta Futures Exchange (JFX)** has signed a MoU to enhance **collaboration** in key areas such as **knowledge sharing, research, education, training**, awareness creation, and other market **development initiatives**.
- **Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)** is India’s **first listed, national-level, electronic exchange**, and India’s **leading commodity derivatives** exchange with a market share of about **95.2%** in **terms of the value** of **commodity futures contracts** traded in financial year **2023-24**.
  - **MCX offers** the benefits of **fair price discovery** and **price risk management** to the Indian commodity market ecosystem.

● **Jakarta Futures Exchange (JFX)** is the **first futures exchange in Indonesia**.

○ The main role of JFX is to **provide facilities** for its members to **conduct futures contract transactions**, based on **supply and demand** in the **electronic trading system**

Q5) Recently, six heritage sites in Madhya Pradesh have been included in the **tentative UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites** (WHS). India now have total how many sites in the tentative UNESCO list?

- A. 45
- B. 57
- C. 69
- D. 74

**Answer: B. 57**

1. Gwalior Fort
2. Historical Group of Dhamnar
3. Bhojeshwar Mahadev Temple
4. Rock Art Sites of Chambal Valley
5. Khooni Bhandara in Burhanpur
6. God Memorial of Ramnagar, Mandla

Q6) Recently, which of the following countries has announced to **ban** the sale of **disposable e-cigarettes** (vapes)?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Indonesia
- C. USA
- D. Canada

**Answer: A. New Zealand**

Q7) Recently, who amongst the following have been awarded the first “**Global Inequality Research Award 2024**” by the World Inequality Lab (WIL) and Sciences Po’s Center for Research on Social Inequalities (CRIS)?

- A. Joseph Stiglitz and Esther Duflo
- B. Alan Greenspan and Janet Yellen
- C. Bina Agarwal and James Boyce
- D. Gita Gopinath and Jagdish Bhagwati

**Answer: C. Bina Agarwal and James Boyce**

Q8) According to the recently released report “Income and Wealth Inequality in India, 1922-2023: The Rise of the Billionaire Raj” by World Inequality Lab, **India’s top 1%** own how much percentage of **India’s national income** in 2022-23?

- A. 22.6%
- B. 40.1%
- C. 16.8%
- D. 27.5%

**Answer: A. 22.6%**

Q9) Recently, **Gaia space telescope** has discovered two ancient streams of stars “**Shakti**” and “**Shiva**”, that helped form the Milky Way Galaxy. Gaia space telescope was launched by which of the following space agencies?

- A. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

- B. Canadian Space Agency
  - C. European Space Agency (ESA)
  - D. Japan Aerospace and Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- Answer: C. European Space Agency (ESA)**

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following has won the **men's singles** title at the **WTT Feeder Beirut 2024** table tennis tournament?

- A. Sathiyam Gnanasekaran
- B. Manav Thakkar
- C. Sharath Kamal
- D. Manush Utpalbhair Shah

**Answer: A. Sathiyam Gnanasekaran**

**Other winners: WTT Feeder Beirut 2024**

- **Women's singles:** Xia Lian Ni (China)
- **Men's doubles:** Andy Pereira and Jorge Campos (Cuba)
  - Indian pair of Manav Thakkar and Manush Utpalbhair Shah were positioned second
- **Women's Doubles:** DOO Hoi Kem and ZHU Chengzhu (Hongkong)
- **Mixed doubles:** Diya Chitale and Manush Shah (India)
  - Manav and Archana Kamath from India were positioned second

Q11) Recently, the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) has developed "**Kalpa Suvarna**". It is a variety of which of the following crops?

- A. Cocoa
- B. Tea
- C. Coconut
- D. Wheat

**Answer: C. Coconut**

● Two new **cocoa varieties**, **VTL CH I** and **VTL CH II**, have also been developed by the **Central Plantation Crops Research Institute**

Q12) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as **India's ambassador** to **Iraq**?

- A. Soumendu Bagchi
- B. Abhilasha Joshi
- C. Vinay Kumar
- D. Indra Mani Pandey

**Answer: A. Soumendu Bagchi**

Q13) Recently, the first Foreign Office Consultations between **India** and which of the following countries was held in **Nouakchott**?

- A. Senegal
- B. Cabo Verde
- C. Benin
- D. Mauritania

**Answer: D. Mauritania**

Q14) Recently, **Pakistan** and which of the following organizations have reached a staff-level agreement for **US\$1.1 billion support** for the Pakistan's stabilization program?

- A. World Bank
- B. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- C. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D. Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**Answer: C. International Monetary Fund (IMF)**

Q15) Recently, **Vo Van Thuong** has resigned as the President of which of the following countries?

- A. Laos
- B. Vietnam
- C. Thailand
- D. Malaysia

**Answer: B. Vietnam**

Q16) Recently, which of the following cities hosted its **first Formula 4 car racing** demonstration event?

- A. Leh, Ladakh
- B. Gangtok, Sikkim
- C. Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer: D. Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir**

Q17) The **2024 Hola Mohalla festival** will take place at Takht Sri Keshgarh Sahib. It is in which of the following cities in Punjab?

- A. Amritsar
- B. Patiala
- C. Anandpur Sahib
- D. Jalandhar

**Answer: C. Anandpur Sahib**

Q18) Recently, CSIR - **National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology** (CSIR-NIIST) has signed a MoU with which of the following organizations to scale up research and delivery of strategically advanced materials for India's space programme?

- A. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram
- B. Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad
- C. U R Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru
- D. National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad

**Answer: A. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram**

### **Important Days**

- **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination:** It is observed on **21 March** every year. The United Nations declared the day **in 1966**.

- In **South Africa**, the day is commemorated as **Human Rights Day**.

- It was on **21 March, 1960**, when police in **Sharpeville, South Africa**, opened fire and **killed 69 people** at a peaceful **demonstration against apartheid**

- **Theme:** A decade of recognition, justice and development: implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent

- This year's theme is linked to the **International Decade for People of African Descent**, which spans the timeframe from **2015 to 2024**

- **World Oral Health Day:** It is celebrated **March 20** every year to spread awareness around **oral health** and its **intricate link with the overall health**.
  - **Theme:** A happy mouth is....a happy body.
- **World Poetry Day:** It is celebrated on **21 March** every year. This day recognises the **power of poetry** as a **universal art form** that transcends **cultures and languages**.
  - **Theme:** Standing on the Shoulders of Giants
- **World Sleep Day:** It is celebrated annually on the **Friday before the March Equinox** (Between 19-21 March every year) in the **northern hemisphere**. This year, it falls on **Friday, March 15, 2024**.
  - **Theme:** Sleep Equity for Global Health
- **National Vaccination Day** (Immunization Day or Polio Ravivar): It is celebrated in **India** on **16 March** every year. The day is observed to promote **vaccination campaigns and raise awareness** about the **importance of vaccines** in preventing **infectious diseases**.
  - On **March 16 1995**, the **first dose** of the **oral polio vaccine** was administered in **India** as a part of the **WHO's Global Polio Eradication Initiative**.
  - The **vaccination program** was popularised through a nationwide campaign “**Do Boond Zindagi Ki**”
    - **Theme:** Vaccines Work For All
- **Global Recycling Day:** It is celebrated on **18 March** every year. It aims to promote **recycling and conservation** by educating people about the **status of essential resources**.
  - **Theme:** Recycling Heroes
- **World Sparrow Day:** It is observed on **20 March** every year. The day was **first celebrated in 2010**.
  - **Theme:** I Love Sparrows.
- **World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People:** It is celebrated on **20 March** every year.
  - **Motto:** Take a Child to the Theatre, Toda
- **World Down Syndrome Day:** It is observed on **21 March** every year. March 21 was chosen to represent the **uniqueness of Down syndrome** caused by **triplication (trisomy)** of the **21st chromosome**.
  - **Down syndrome**, also known as **trisomy 21**, is a **genetic disorder** that occurs when a person has an **extra or partial third copy of chromosome 21**
  - **Theme:** End The Stereotypes

### Obituaries

- Recently, renowned Bangladeshi **Rabindra Sangeet singer Sadi Mohammad** has passed away, aged 70.
  - Sadi Mohammad completed his **bachelor's and master's** in **Rabindra Sangeet** from the **Visva-Bharati University** (Shantiniketan, West Bengal) in India
  - He is the **son** of Bangladesh Liberation War martyr **Salimullah and Jebunnesa Salim Ullah**.
  - He served as the **director** of the cultural organization, **Rabi Raag**
- Recently, tribal leader **Lama Lobzang** has **passed away**, aged 94.
  - He was the **former member** of the **National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes** for **19 years** since **1984**
  - He was a prominent **Buddhist Monk** of **Ladakh**

## 24th March

Q1) Recently, India has presented a detailed model on behalf of the **G4 nations** for United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Reforms. Along with **India**, Group of Four (G-4) includes which of the following countries?

- Australia, New Zealand and Turkiye
- Brazil, Japan and Germany

- C. Argentina, Canada and Italy
- D. South Africa, Mexico and Sweden

**Answer: B. Brazil, Japan and Germany**

Q2) According to the recently released fourth edition of the “**Global E-waste Monitor 2024**” report, what was the total amount of global e-waste generation in 2022?

- A. 34 billion Kg
- B. 62 billion Kg
- C. 82 billion Kg
- D. 108 billion Kg

**Answer: B. 62 billion Kg**

Q3) Recently, the Indian Navy informed that its **maritime security operation**, launched in the **Arabian sea** and the Indian Ocean Region, has completed 100 days. What is the name of the mission?

- A. Operation Sankalp
- B. Operation Cactus
- C. Operation Sankatmochan
- D. Operation Himayat

**Answer: A. Operation Sankalp**

Q4) “**Punatsangchhu-I Hydro-electric Project**”, “**Punatsangchhu-II Hydro-electric Project**” and “**Mangdechhu Hydro-electric Project**”, recently seen in news, are in which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: C. Bhutan**

### **More Information**

- Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** has announced **India’s commitment** to providing **Rs 10,000 crore** in support to **Bhutan’s 13th Five Year Plan (2024-2029)**
- Earlier, for the **12th Five Year Plan (2018-2023)** of the **Royal Government of Bhutan**, **India** committed an **assistance package** of **INR 5000 crores**.
  - Under the **12th Five Year Plan**, **India** has implemented **82 Project Tied Assistance Projects** and **524 High Impact Community Development Projects** in Bhutan.

Q5) Recently, **Pakhala Divas 2024** was celebrated on 20 March by which of the following communities?

- A. Malayali
- B. Tamilian
- C. Odia
- D. Marwari

**Answer: C. Odia**

Q6) Recently, “**Mobile-enabled Disaster Resilience** through Cell Broadcast Emergency Alerting” project has been qualified for the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2024. It has been developed by which of the following organizations?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- B. National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)
- C. Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
- D. Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)

**Answer: C. Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**

Q7) Recently, which of the following institutions has conducted the world's first successful transplant of a genetically-edited pig (porcine) kidney into a living human being?

- A. The Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, Minnesota, United States
- B. Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Maryland, United States
- C. Oxford University Medical School, England
- D. Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), United States

**Answer: D. Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), United States**

Q8) Recently, a new disease named “Witches’ Broom”, which is associated with the pathogen ‘Candidatus Phytoplasma asteris’ (16SrI), has been discovered. It is related to which of the following crops?

- A. Tomato
- B. Onion
- C. Peas
- D. Potato

**Answer: C. Peas**

Q9) Recently, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has approved the inclusion of which of the following crops under its Price Stabilization Fund (PSF)?

- A. Jute and Sugarcane
- B. Cotton and Jowar
- C. Wheat and Rice
- D. Maize and Tea

**Answer: C. Wheat and Rice**

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the new chairman of Surat Diamond Bourse (SDB)?

- A. Vasant Gajera
- B. Mavji Bhai Patel
- C. Dharmesh Shah
- D. Govind Dholakia

**Answer: D. Govind Dholakia**

### **More Information**

- Recently, **Ashwani Kumar**, Partner at **Victor Forgings** in Jalandhar, has been unanimously elected as the **new President** of the **Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)**.
- Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) is the **apex trade promotion organisation** in India set up by the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, Government of India, and the **private trade and industry** segment in **1965**.
- The organisation is responsible for **representing and assisting Indian entrepreneurs and exporters in foreign markets**
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi

Q11) **World Tuberculosis (TB) Day** is celebrated on which of the following days every year?

- A. 21<sup>st</sup> March

- B. 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- C. 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- D. 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Answer: D. 24<sup>th</sup> March**

- **Theme:** “Yes! We can end TB”

Q12) Which of the following organizations will receive the ‘EARTHDAY.ORG’s 2024 **Best Organisation Spearheading Sustainable Development**’ Award?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- C. International Advertising Association (IAA) India Chapter
- D. NASSCOM

**Answer: C. International Advertising Association (IAA) India Chapter**

Q13) Recently, the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has decided to award the **Abel Prize for 2024** (Mathematics) to who amongst the following?

- A. Peter Sarnak
- B. Ian Stewart
- C. Alon Amit
- D. Michel Talagrand

**Answer: D. Michel Talagrand**

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

- A. Portugal
- B. Greece
- C. Spain
- D. Poland

**Answer: A. Portugal**

### **More Information**

- Recently, Palestinian President **Mahmoud Abbas** has appointed **Mohammad Mustafa** as the next **prime minister** of the **Palestinian Authority**
  - Earlier, in February 2024, former **PM Mohammad Shtayyeh** has announced his **resignation**.
- The **Palestinian Authority** was created as part of the **Oslo Accords**, a set of agreements signed by **Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization** in the **1990s**.
- It was given **control over pieces** of the **West Bank** and the **Gaza Strip**.
- The **Palestinian Authority** went on to **lose control of Gaza** to **Hamas** after fighting in **2007** and now **controls only about 40%** of the **occupied West Bank**.
  - The **rest of the West Bank** is in **Israeli hands**.
- A **majority of Palestinians** are still **not supportive** of **Palestinian Authority**

Q15) Recently, which of the following has become the first US state to pass AI music legislation “**Ensuring Likeness Voice and Image Security** (ELVIS) Act”?

- A. Texas
- B. Florida
- C. Ohio
- D. Tennessee

**Answer: D. Tennessee**

### More Information

- Recently, the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** has unanimously adopted the **first global resolution on artificial intelligence** that encourages countries to **safeguard human rights**, protect **personal data**, and **monitor AI for risks**.
- The **nonbinding resolution**, proposed by the **United States** and **co-sponsored** by **China** and **over 120 other nations**, also advocates the strengthening of **privacy policies**.
  - The resolution has the **support of all 193 U.N. member nations**.
- The resolution emphasizes **respect for human rights** throughout the **AI life cycle** and acknowledges **AI's potential** to advance the **Sustainable Development Goals**.
- The resolution also aims to **close the digital divide** between **developed rich countries** and **poorer developing countries** and make sure they are all at the table in discussions on AI.

Q16) Recently, a new species “**Brucethoa isro**” has been discovered off the Kerala coast. It belongs to which of the following species?

- A. Moth
- B. Isopod
- C. Shrimp
- D. Crab

**Answer: B. Isopod**

Q17) Recently, which of the following airlines has been awarded the “**Airline of the Year**” award at the **Air Transport Awards 2024**?

- A. Vistara
- B. Air India
- C. Indigo
- D. Emirates

**Answer: C. Indigo**

### 2024 Air Transport Awards

- **ATN Individual Award:** Serkan Kaptan, TAV Airports
- **ATN Corporate Award:** Bordeaux Airport
- **ATN International Organisation Award:** ASA – Airport Services Association
- **Alliance of the Year:** SkyTeam
- **Manufacturer of the Year:** Embraer
- **Airport of the Year:** iGA Istanbul Airport
- **Airline of the Year:** IndiGo
- **Hermes Award:** Henrik Hololei, European Commission
- **“Katerina & George Iatrou” Lifetime Achievement Award:** Nicholas E. Calio, President and CEO, A4A
- **Leader of the Year:** Dr. Eng. David Ciceo, CEO, Cluj International Airport

Q18) Recently, which of the following states has emerged as the **overall champion** in the **3<sup>rd</sup> North East Games 2024** held in Nagaland?

- A. Manipur
- B. Nagaland
- C. Assam
- D. Sikkim

**Answer: A. Manipur**

### Special Awards: 3<sup>rd</sup> North East Games 2024

- **Fair Play Award:** Sikkim
- **Spirit of Olympic Award:** Tripura
- **Outstanding Sportsman Award:** Venuzo Dawhuo of Nagaland
- **Outstanding Sportswoman Award:** Tsuchoi T of Nagaland

## 25th March

Q1) Recently, which of the following countries along with United Kingdom and Australia have entered a new agreement to build **Australia's nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSNs)-AUKUS submarines?**

- A. Germany
- B. India
- C. United States
- D. France

**Answer: C. United States**

Q2) Recently, "**NeoStand**", which is a customisable electric standing wheelchair, has been developed by which of the following institutes?

- A. Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- C. Gargi College, University of Delhi
- D. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

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

Q3) Recently, who amongst the following has been selected as the chairman and managing director (CMD) of the **New India Assurance Company?**

- A. Bhupesh Sushil Rahul
- B. Sunita Gupta
- C. Dasarathi Singh
- D. Girija Subramanian

**Answer: D. Girija Subramanian**

### **Other Appointments**

- **Bhupesh Sushil Rahul** has been appointed as the **CMD** of **United India Insurance Company**.
- **Rashmi Bajpai** and **Amit Misra** have been selected as **executive directors** for the **Oriental Insurance Company**
- **H J Joshi** and **Radhika C S** have been selected as **executive directors** for the **GIC Re**
- **T Babu Paul** and **C G Prasad** have been selected as **executive directors** for the **National Insurance Company**
- **Sunita Gupta** and **P C Gothwal** have been selected as **executive directors** for the **United India**
- **Dasarathi Singh** have been selected as **executive director** of the **Agriculture Insurance Company of India**.

Q4) **World Water Day** is celebrated on which of the following days every year?

- A. 20 March
- B. 21 March
- C. 22 March
- D. 23 March

**Answer: C. 22 March**

- **Theme:** Water for Peace

Q5) Recently, **Dr.Uma Rele** has been conferred with the Maharashtra Gaurav Award. She is associated with which of the following Indian classical dances?

- A. Kuchipudi
- B. Bharata Natyam
- C. Kathakali
- D. Kathak

**Answer: B. Bharata Natyam**

Q6) Recently, **Jindal Stainless Limited** and which of the following institutes has collaborated to jointly work on metallurgical projects?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur
- C. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras

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

Q7) Recently, International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named asteroid “**2005 EX296**” after who amongst the following?

- A. Ashoke Sen
- B. Raj Reddy
- C. Anna Mani
- D. Jayant Murthy

**Answer: D. Jayant Murthy**

Q8) Recently, which of the following applications has been launched by **Election Commission** to facilitate easier voting for Person with Disabilities (PWDs)?

- A. Yogya
- B. Kabil
- C. Saksham
- D. Samarth

**Answer: C. Saksham**

Q9) Recently, which of the following ministries/authorities has constituted an expert committee to look into the preservation of the **Great Indian Bustard**?

- A. Supreme Court
- B. Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change
- C. National Board for Wildlife
- D. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau

**Answer: A. Supreme Court**

Q10) Recently, **Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF)** has announced the launch of its four variants of milk in which of the following countries?

- A. Germany
- B. United States of America
- C. United Kingdom
- D. France

**Answer: B. United States of America**

Q11) Recently, Tech Mahindra has announced the opening of a **Synergy Lounge**, in collaboration with IBM, to accelerate digital adoption for enterprises in Asia Pacific Region. This will be located at Tech Mahindra's campus in which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: B. Singapore**

Q12) As per recently released **Global Trade Update Report – March 2024**, global trade saw a 3% contraction in 2023. Which of the following organisations has released this report?

- A. World Bank
- B. International Monetary Fund
- C. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- D. Asian Development Bank

**Answer: C. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**

Q13) Recently, which of the following banks has announced the launch of National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) - enabled RuPay Smart key chain – “**Flash Pay**”?

- A. Yes Bank
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Federal Bank
- D. IndusInd Bank

**Answer: C. Federal Bank**

Q14) Recently, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has notified **scheme guidelines for establishing hydrogen hubs** in India under National Green Hydrogen Mission. As per the scheme, at least 2 green hydrogen hubs will be established with Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of up to how much amount each?

- A. Rs 100 crore
- B. Rs 200 crore
- C. Rs 300 crore
- D. Rs 500 crore

**Answer: A. Rs 100 crore**

Q15) As per the recent ‘**Global Economic Outlook: March 2024**’ released by S&P Global Market Intelligence, what is India’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate forecast for the fiscal year 2024-25?

- A. 6.2%
- B. 6.4%
- C. 6.6%
- D. 6.8%

**Answer: D. 6.8%**

Q16) Recently, who among the following has won **2024 Australian Grand Prix (Formula 1)**?

- A. Lewis Hamilton
- B. Valtteri Bottas

- C. Carlos Sainz
- D. Sebastian Vettel

**Answer: C. Carlos Sainz**

Q17) Recently, Indian Army has deployed 7 new indigenous **Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction Systems (IDD&IS)** along the borders with China. It has been jointly developed by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and which of the following companies?

- A. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- B. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- C. Bharat Electronics Limited
- D. BEML Ltd

**Answer: C. Bharat Electronics Limited**

Q18) Recently, **ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute** has developed an android mobile app, to encourage citizen science initiatives in marine fisheries research. What is the name of this application?

- A. mKrishi@CMFRI
- B. mSagar@CMFRI
- C. mMatsya@CMFRI
- D. MARLIN@CMFRI

**Answer: D. MARLIN@CMFRI**

## 26th March

Q1) Recently, **Nimmu-Padam-Darcha Road in Ladakh** was in news. This road has been built by which of the following organizations?

- A. Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- B. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- C. Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
- D. G R Infraprojects Limited

**Answer: A. Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**

Q2) As per recently released '**UN World Water Development Report 2024**', 2.2 billion people worldwide have no access to clean drinking water. Which of the following organizations has published this report?

- A. World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- B. World Bank
- C. UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- D. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

**Answer: C. UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**

Q3) Recently, **Mahakaleshwar temple** was in news. This temple is located at which of the following places?

- A. Deoghar, Jharkhand
- B. Srisailam, Andhra Pradesh
- C. Dwarka, Gujarat
- D. Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: D. Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh**

Q4) Who among the following has topped the recently released **2024 Hurun Global Rich List**?

- A. Mark Zuckerberg
- B. Elon Musk
- C. Jeff Bezos
- D. Bernard Arnault

**Answer: B. Elon Musk**

Q5) Recently, Competition Commission of India has approved 100% acquisition of **Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited** by which of the following companies?

- A. Tata Power
- B. Adani Power Limited
- C. Reliance Power
- D. Azure Power

**Answer: B. Adani Power Limited**

Q6) As per recent information, **POEM-3** has made a re-entry into Earth's atmosphere. This mission/experiment was launched by which of the following organisations?

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

**Answer: D. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**

Q7) As per recently released '**Economic Outlook Asia-Pacific Q2 2024: APAC Bides Its Time On Easing**', India's FY2025 GDP has been forecasted at what percentage?

- A. 6.2%
- B. 6.4%
- C. 6.6%
- D. 6.8%

**Answer: D. 6.8%**

Q8) Recently, which of the following **Indian Coast Guard ships** has reached Manila Bay, Philippines to demonstrate ICG Marine Pollution Response capabilities?

- A. Sankalp
- B. Samudra Paheredar
- C. Samarth
- D. Veera

**Answer: B. Samudra Paheredar**

Q9) Recently, '**Fair Share for Health and Care report**' has been released. This report is released by which of the following organisations?

- A. World Health Organization (WHO)
- B. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
- C. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- D. UNICEF

**Answer: A. World Health Organization (WHO)**

Q10) As per recent information, which of the following countries has cultivated and marketed Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) bred **basmati rice varieties**?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Saudi Arabia

- C. Thailand
- D. Iran

**Answer: A. Pakistan**

Q11) Recently, how much amount has been provided by Central government to **Regional Rural Banks** under the recapitalization scheme?

- A. Rs 6012.03 crore
- B. Rs 6212.03 crore
- C. Rs 6412.03 crore
- D. Rs 6612.03 crore

**Answer: B. Rs 6212.03 crore**

Q12) As per recent RBI data, what was the **current account deficit** in the quarter ended December 2023 (Q3 FY24)?

- A. \$9.5 billion
- B. \$10.5 billion
- C. \$11.5 billion
- D. \$12.5 billion

**Answer: B. \$10.5 billion**

Q13) Recently, French firm **Starburst Accelerator Societe a responsabilite limitee (SARL)** has collaborated with which of the following Indian institutes to establish an innovative start-up hub with funding of 100 Million Euros?

- A. Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi
- D. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

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

Q14) As per recently released report by Brand Finance '**Insurance 100 2024**', which of the following companies/ brands has been termed as the strongest insurance brand?

- A. Cathay Life Insurance
- B. NRMA Insurance
- C. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- D. Ping An

**Answer: C. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**

Q15) Recently, which of the following ministries has notified **Patents Amendment Rules, 2024**?

- A. Ministry of Heavy Industries
- B. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Answer: D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

Q16) '**Drink from Tap**' mission was in news recently. Which of the following state government has launched this mission?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. West Bengal

D. Kerala

**Answer: B. Odisha**

Q17) **World Meteorological Day** is celebrated on which of the following days every year?

A. 20 March

B. 21 March

C. 22 March

D. 23 March

**Answer: D. 23 March**

• **Theme:** At the Frontline of Climate Action

Q18) Recently, which of the following institutes has successfully transferred vaccine technology to **BioMed Pvt Ltd** to fight swine fever virus in pigs and wild boar?

A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati

C. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai

D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras

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

## 27th March

Q1) Recently, **Army Commanders' Conference 2024** has been conducted at which of the following places?

A. Pune

B. Bengaluru

C. New Delhi

D. Jaipur

**Answer: C. New Delhi**

Q2) Recently, which of the following insurance companies has NOT been identified as **Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs)**?

A. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)

B. United India Insurance Company (UIIC)

C. General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)

D. New India Assurance Company

**Answer: B. United India Insurance Company (UIIC)**

Q3) Recently, which of the following international organizations and the Institute of Human Development (IHD) has jointly released '**The India Employment Report 2024**'?

A. World Bank

B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)

C. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

D. International Labour Organisation (ILO)

**Answer: D. International Labour Organisation (ILO)**

Q4) As per recent information, who among the following will be the first participant from Saudi Arabia in **Miss Universe competition in 2024**?

A. Taleedah Tamer

B. Amira Al-Zuhair

C. Rumi Alqahtani

D. Hala Abdallah

**Answer: C. Rumi Alqahtani**

Q5) Recently, Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has conducted a performance audit (2016-17 to 2020-21) on degradation of **Shipra River**. Shipra river is tributary of which of the following rivers?

- A. Narmada
- B. Chambal
- C. Betwa
- D. Mahi

**Answer: B. Chambal**

Q6) As per recent information, Government of India has planned to borrow how much amount in **first half (H1) of FY 2024-25**?

- A. ₹4.50 lakh crore
- B. ₹5.00 lakh crore
- C. ₹6.50 lakh crore
- D. ₹7.50 lakh crore

**Answer: D. ₹7.50 lakh crore**

Q7) Recently, which of the following countries has made history by making a **Guinness World record** with participation of 128 players on World Kabaddi Day 2024 (March 24)?

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Iran
- D. Saudi Arabia

**Answer: A. India**

Q8) Recently, clinical trials of novel tuberculosis vaccine **MTBVAC** began in India. This vaccine is developed by Biofabri in collaboration with which of the following companies?

- A. Serum Institute of India
- B. Zydus Cadila
- C. Bharat Biotech
- D. Moderna

**Answer: C. Bharat Biotech**

Q9) Recently, **Bassirou Diomaye Faye** has been named as next president of which of the following countries?

- A. Senegal
- B. Liberia
- C. Ghana
- D. Guinea

**Answer: A. Senegal**

Q10) Recently, which of the following companies has operationalized a **180-MW solar power plant** at Devikot in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan?

- A. SJVN Limited
- B. REC Limited
- C. NTPC Green Energy Limited
- D. Adani Green Energy Limited

**Answer: D. Adani Green Energy Limited**

Q11) Recently, which of the following states has instituted a one-year ban on production, sale and storage of **Cotton Candy or Candy floss**?

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

**Answer: A. Himachal Pradesh**

Q12) Recently, who among the following has become the **first Indian footballer** to play professionally in Australia?

- A. Oinam Bembem Devi
- B. Ranjana Chanu Sorokhaibam
- C. Elangbam Panthoi Chanu
- D. Hemam Shilky Devi

**Answer: C. Elangbam Panthoi Chanu**

Q13) Recently, an online learning platform, **Shiksha Reform** has been launched. This platform is a collaborative effort between which of the following companies and Finland's Kajaani University of Applied Sciences?

- A. Meta
- B. Amazon
- C. Microsoft
- D. Google

**Answer: C. Microsoft**

Q14) Recently, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has invited Expression of Interest to host **Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START)-2024** in educational institutes/ Universities/ Colleges. It is conducted in collaboration with which of the following institutes?

- A. Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehradun
- B. U R Rao Satellite Centre (URSC), Bangalore
- C. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram
- D. ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri

**Answer: A. Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehradun**

Q15) Recently, **Sadanand Vasant Date** has been appointed as Director General of which of the following government agencies?

- A. Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)
- B. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
- C. Directorate of Enforcement (ED)
- D. National Investigation Agency (NIA)

**Answer: D. National Investigation Agency (NIA)**

### **Other Appointments**

- The ACC also approved the appointment of 1990 batch Rajasthan Cadre **IPS Rajeev Kumar Sharma** as **Director General of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)**.
- Uttar Pradesh cadre IPS officer **Piyush Anand** has been appointed as **Director General of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)**.

○ He is presently working as **Special DG of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)**.

Q16) Recently, International Astronomical Union (IAU) has approved which of the following names for landing site of **Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander** on the Moon?

- A. Station Siya Ram
- B. Station Shiv Shakti
- C. Station Radha Krishan
- D. Station Vishnu Lakshmi

**Answer: B. Station Shiv Shakti**

Q17) **Earth Hour Day 2024** was celebrated on which of the following days?

- A. 22 March
- B. 23 March
- C. 24 March
- D. 25 March

**Answer: B. 23 March**

● **Theme:** Uniting for Our One Shared Home

Q18) Recently, which of the following companies has finalized an agreement with **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)** to obtain foreign currency loans of USD 200 million?

- A. REC Limited
- B. NTPC Limited
- C. Adani Green Energy
- D. NHPC Limited

**Answer: B. NTPC Limited**

## 28th March

Q1) As per recently released '**India TB Report 2024**', TB incidence rate in India has fallen from 237 per lakh population in 2015 to what in 2022?

- A. 191 per lakh population
- B. 199 per lakh population
- C. 207 per lakh population
- D. 219 per lakh population

**Answer: B. 199 per lakh population**

Q2) As per **Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2024**, local body shall undertake assessment of plastic waste generated, including plastic waste existing in dump sites, by which of the following date every year?

- A. 30<sup>th</sup> June
- B. 31<sup>st</sup> December
- C. 31<sup>st</sup> March
- D. 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Answer: A. 30<sup>th</sup> June**

● **Target for the use of recycled plastic content are -**

Q3) Recently, which of the following countries has launched a new **database designed to record crimes against UN peacekeepers?**

- A. India
- B. United States of America
- C. Pakistan
- D. Bangladesh

**Answer: A. India**

Q4) Recently, which of the following international organization has initiated probe against Apple, Alphabet, and Meta under **Digital Markets Act (DMA)?**

- A. African Union
- B. Group of 20 (G20)
- C. European Union
- D. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

**Answer: C. European Union**

Q5) Recently, which of the following countries has applied to International Seabed Authority (ISBA), Jamaica, for rights to explore **Afanasy Nikitin Seamount (AN Seamount)**, in the Indian Ocean seabed?

- A. Maldives
- B. India
- C. Seychelles
- D. Indonesia

**Answer: B. India**

Q6) Recently, **Krishi Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC)** has been launched. It is housed in which of the following ministries/organisations?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- B. Ministry of Science and Technology
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)

**Answer: A. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare**

Q7) Recently, **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act** has been extended in how many districts of Nagaland for 6 more months?

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 8
- D. 7

**Answer: C. 8**

- **Arunachal Pradesh districts** - Tirap, Changlang and Longding
- **Nagaland districts** - Dimapur, Niuland, Chumoukedima, Mon, Kiphire, Noklak, Phek and Peren

Q8) Recently, **Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited** has developed India's first indigenous **Hydroxyurea oral suspension** for the treatment of which of the following disease?

- A. COVID - 19
- B. Hemophilia
- C. Sickle cell disease
- D. Multiple sclerosis

**Answer: C. Sickle cell disease**

Q9) Recently, who among the following has been appointed as **Director in the Union Public Service Commission**?

- A. Hansha Mishra
- B. Preeti Sudan
- C. Raj Kumari Gurjar
- D. Divya Singh

**Answer: A. Hansha Mishra**

#### **Other Information**

- Recently, **Kamal Kishore of India** has been appointed as **Assistant Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction**, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).

- He succeeds **Mami Mizutori of Japan**

- The **United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction Office (UNDRR)** is the UN agency mandated to lead and coordinate disaster risk reduction efforts.

Q10) Recently, which of the following companies has signed a loan agreement of JPY 20 billion with **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)** for developing a 300 MW solar project in Bikaner, Rajasthan?

- A. SJVN Limited
- B. REC Limited
- C. NTPC Ltd
- D. NHPC Ltd

**Answer: D. NHPC Ltd**

Q11) Recently, **Israel Aerospace Industries** has opened its Indian subsidiary 'Aerospace Services India' in which of the following cities?

- A. Pune
- B. Bengaluru
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

**Answer: C. New Delhi**

Q12) Recently, which of the following cricket team has created a record by scoring highest runs in any **Indian Premier League match**?

- A. Chennai Super Kings (CSK)
- B. Rajasthan Royals (RR)
- C. Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)
- D. Mumbai Indians (MI)

**Answer: C. Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)**

#### **Other Information**

- **Virat Kohli** has become the **first Indian cricketer to score 12,000 runs in T20 format**.

- Kohli achieved this record during the **Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024** opening match between **Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)**

- The 12,000 runs include those he scored for **RCB in the IPL and Champions League**, for **Delhi in domestic Twenty Over Cricket**, and for **India in T20 Internationals**.

- **Rohit Sharma** is the next best Indian in the list with 11,156 runs.

- The list is headed by **Chris Gayle (West Indies)** who has scored 14,562 runs in T20 cricket.

- Former Pakistan captain **Shoaib Malik** is next in list with 13,360 runs, followed by West Indian **Kieron Pollard** with 12,900 run

Q13) Recently, which of the following companies has successfully test-fired Stage-2 of Vikram-1 space launch vehicle, called **Kalam-250**?

- A. Skyroot Aerospace
- B. Pixxel
- C. Dhruva Space
- D. Agnikul Cosmos

**Answer: A. Skyroot Aerospace**

Q14) Recently, an autobiography, “**From A Car Shed To The Corner Room & Beyond**” was released. Who among the following has authored this book?

- A. S. Raman
- B. Ashwini Bhatia
- C. Ajay Seth
- D. Rajesh Verma

**Answer: A. S. Raman**

Q15) Recently, which of the following countries has successfully launched the **Yunhai-3 02 satellite**?

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

**Answer: D. China**

Q16) Recently, **Francis Scott Key Bridge** has collapsed. It is located at which of the following places in United States?

- A. New York City
- B. Baltimore, Maryland
- C. Pierce County, Washington
- D. San Francisco Bay, California

**Answer: B. Baltimore, Maryland**

Q17) Recently, **Daniel Kahneman** has passed away. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2002 in which of the following fields?

- A. Literature
- B. Physics
- C. Chemistry
- D. Economics

**Answer: D. Economics**

### **Obituaries**

- **Saeed Ahmed, former Pakistan Test captain** has passed away at the age of 86.
  - Ahmed played **41 Test matches**, scoring **2,991 runs** with five centuries and 16 half-centuries. He also took **22 wickets** with his off-spin bowling.

Q18) Recently, India has given over second tranche of INR/Nu 5 billion for development of infrastructure related to **GyalSung Project** to which of the following countries?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Nepal
- C. Myanmar
- D. Bhutan

**Answer: D. Bhutan**

## 29th March

Q1) Recently, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has released 'Food Waste Index Report 2024'. As per the report, globally, each person wastes about how many kilograms of food annually?

- A. 75 kilograms
- B. 77 kilograms
- C. 79 kilograms
- D. 81 kilograms

**Answer: C. 79 kilograms**

Q2) Recently, world's first-ever temple designed in iconic 'Om shape' has been inaugurated at which of the following places in Rajasthan?

- A. Chandelao, Jodhpur
- B. Ranakpur, Pali
- C. Mandalgarh, Bhilwara
- D. Jadan, Pali

**Answer: D. Jadan, Pali**

Q3) Recently, which of the following organisations has launched a global network of laboratories 'CoViNet' to identify and monitor potentially novel coronaviruses?

- 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)**

Q4) Recently, which of the following departments / organisations has released recommendations on Usage of Embedded Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) for Machine-to-Machine Communications (M2M)?

- A. Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- B. National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- C. Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
- D. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

**Answer: D. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)**

Q5) Recently, first flight of indigenous light combat aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mark 1A fighter jet has been completed. LCA Tejas is designed and developed by which of the following agencies and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)?

- A. Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA)
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- C. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- D. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

**Answer: A. Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA)**

Q6) As per recent information, parliament of which of the following South East Asian country has approved a bill to legalise same-sex marriage?

- A. Myanmar

- B. Vietnam
- C. Thailand
- D. Malaysia

**Answer: C. Thailand**

Q7) Recently, who among the following has been named as **Assistant United States Trade Representative for South and Central Asia**?

- A. Doug McKalip
- B. Brendan Lynch
- C. Juan A. Millán
- D. Daniel Lee

**Answer: B. Brendan Lynch**

Q8) As per recent information, who among the following will be honoured with **knighthood from Britain** for his "services to film"?

- A. Steven Spielberg
- B. Tim Burton
- C. Christopher Nolan
- D. Spike Lee

**Answer: C. Christopher Nolan**

● **Others honorary Awards this year**

- **Demis Hassabis**, CEO of **Google's DeepMind** will receive **knighthood** from the Britain government.
- **Mohamed Mansour**, Conservative Party donor was given a **knighthood** for **business, charity and political service**.

- Several **Conservative lawmakers** were also awarded with knighthoods--

**Philip Davies and Mark Spencer.**

- Conservative lawmakers who were awarded with **damehoods** are **Tracey Crouch and Harriett Baldwin.**

● **Commander of the Order of the British Empire**

- **Matthew Clifford**, an AI adviser to **British government**, and entrepreneur **Ian Hogarth**, chair of the **AI Safety Institute** were bestowed with **Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBEs)** in the world of **artificial intelligence**.

- **Netflix** co-CEO **Ted Sarandos** was also awarded an **honorary CBE** for **services to creative industries**.

Q9) Recently, **Sita Ram Meena** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: B. Niger**

**Other Appointment**

- **Abhay Thakur**, has been appointed as the **country's next envoy to Myanmar**

- The 1992-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) had served as **sous-sherpa of the G20 process** during India's presidency of the influential bloc.

Q10) Recently, delivery of ‘**Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile Barge, LSAM 18**’, part of 11x ACTCM Barge Project was undertaken at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai. It is built by which of the following companies?

- A. M/s SECON Engineering Projects Pvt. Ltd
- B. Gliders India Ltd
- C. M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd
- D. Yantra India Ltd

**Answer: C. M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd**

Q11) Recently, Adani Group has commenced operation of first phase of **world’s largest single-location copper manufacturing plant** at which of the following places?

- A. Anand
- B. Mundra
- C. Junagadh
- D. Vadodara

**Answer: B. Mundra**

Q12) As per recent information, which of the following institutes will be hosting an **International Chess Federation (FIDE)-rated Rapid Chess Tournament**?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- B. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- C. Digital University of Kerala
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi

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

Q13) Recently, an indigenous mobile application has been launched at ‘**Meghayan-24**’ seminar to disseminate weather related information and forecasts. What is the name of this application?

- A. MAUSAM
- B. SUDHA
- C. INDRA
- D. VARSHA

**Answer: C. INDRA**

Q14) Recently, which of the following companies has secured a contract from **Cochin Shipyard (CSL)** to supply turbines, auxiliaries and other tools worth Rs 1,173.42 crore?

- A. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- B. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- C. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- D. Lockheed Martin

**Answer: B. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**

Q15) Recently, **Nidhu Saxena** has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which of the following banks?

- A. Indian Bank
- B. Bank of India
- C. Union Bank of India
- D. Bank of Maharashtra

**Answer: D. Bank of Maharashtra**

Q16) Recently, UNESCO's Executive Board has endorsed the addition of 18 sites to **UNESCO Global Geoparks network**. With this addition, total number of geoparks has increased to?

- A. 211
- B. 213
- C. 215
- D. 217

**Answer: B. 213**

• **UNESCO's Executive Board** has endorsed the **addition of 18 sites** to the **UNESCO Global Geoparks network**

• **The newly designated UNESCO Global Geoparks are:**

- **Belgium and Kingdom of the Netherlands** - Schelde Delta UNESCO Global Geopark
- **Brazil** - Uberaba UNESCO Global Geopark
- **China** - Enshi Grand Canyon-Tenglongdong Cave UNESCO Global Geopark, Linxia UNESCO Global Geopark, Longyan UNESCO Global Geopark, Mount Changbaishan UNESCO Global Geopark, Wugongshan UNESCO Global Geopark and Xingyi UNESCO Global Geopark
- **Croatia** - Biokovo-Imotski Lakes UNESCO Global Geopark
- **Denmark** - The South Fyn Archipelago UNESCO Global Geopark
- **Finland** - Impact Crater Lake – Lappajärvi UNESCO Global Geopark
- **France** - Armorique UNESCO Global Geopark and Normandie-Maine UNESCO Global Geopark
- **Greece** - Meteora Pyli UNESCO Global Geopark
- **Hungary** - Bükk Region UNESCO Global Geopark
- **Poland** - Land of Extinct Volcanoes UNESCO Global Geopark
- **Portugal** - Oeste UNESCO Global Geopark
- **Spain** - Calatrava Volcanoes Ciudad Real UNESCO Global Geopark

Q17) Recently, which of the following companies has received an order of Rs 4,000 crore from Adani Power Limited for setting up **1,600 MW Raigarh Phase-II Thermal Power Plant** at Raigarh, Chhattisgarh?

- A. NTPC Limited
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- C. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- D. BEML Limited

**Answer: C. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)**

Q18) **International Day of Zero Waste** is celebrated on which of the following days every year?

- A. 27 March
- B. 28 March
- C. 29 March
- D. 30 March

**Answer: D. 30 March**

## 30th March

Q1) Recently, which of the following institutes has signed an MoU with Canada based biotechnology company (**Conlis Global**) for licensing of an indigenously developed technology that promotes bone healing and regeneration?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- C. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai
- D. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

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

Q2) Recently, scientists have identified a subduction zone beneath **Gibraltar Strait**. Gibraltar Strait is situated between which of the following countries?

- A. India and Sri Lanka
- B. Spain and Morocco
- C. South Korea and Japan
- D. Mexico and Cuba

**Answer: B. Spain and Morocco**

Q3) **Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM)** has announced a strategic partnership with which of the following companies to establish a nationwide network of 5,000 public charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs) by the end of 2024?

- A. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- B. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- C. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
- D. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

**Answer: C. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)**

Q4) As per recent information, Indian Air Force will conduct '**Gagan Shakti-2024**' exercise at which of the following places in Rajasthan?

- A. Jodhpur
- B. Mahajan
- C. Pokhran
- D. Suratgarh

**Answer: C. Pokhran**

Q5) As per recently published report '**State of Solar PV Manufacturing in India 2024**' by **Mercom India**, India has added how many Giga Watt (GW) of solar module and cell capacity in Calendar Year (CY) 2023?

- A. 22.5 GW
- B. 24 GW
- C. 25 GW
- D. 26.5 GW

**Answer: B. 24 GW**

Q6) Recently, **Educational Testing Service (ETS) India** and which of the following organisations have signed an MoU to enhance global employability of Indian workforce?

- A. ASSOCHAM
- B. NASSCOM
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

**Answer: D. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**

Q7) As per recent information, which of the following countries is about to become first country in the world to pass nationwide legislation to **combat hair discrimination** in the workplace and in public?

- A. Republic of Ireland
- B. Germany
- C. France
- D. Italy

**Answer: C. France**

Q8) Recently, a **900-year-old Kannada inscription** dating back to Kalyana Chalukya dynasty has been discovered at which of the following places in Telangana?

- A. Medak
- B. Peddapalli
- C. Mahabubnagar
- D. Wanaparthy

**Answer: C. Mahabubnagar**

Q9) Recently, a book titled “**Code Dependent: Living in the Shadow of AI**” has been shortlisted for first Women’s Prize for Non-Fiction. Who among the following has written this book?

- A. Noreen Masud
- B. Laura Cumming
- C. Madhumita Murgia
- D. Safiya Sinclair

**Answer: C. Madhumita Murgia**

The **other shortlisted books** cover a **wide range of subjects**:

- “Thunderclap: A Memoir of Art and Life and Sudden Death” by **Laura Cumming**
- “Doppelganger: A Trip Into the Mirror World” by **Naomi Klein**
- “A Flat Place” by **Noreen Masud**
- “All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley’s Sack, a Black Family Keepsake” by **Tiya Miles**
- “How to Say Babylon: A Jamaican Memoir” by **Safiya Sinclair**

Q10) Recently, who among the following has been appointed as **co-chair of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Athletes Committee**?

- A. PR Sreejesh
- B. Harmanpreet Singh
- C. Amit Rohidas
- D. Surender Kumar

**Answer: A. PR Sreejesh**

Q11) Recently, which of the following organisations and **ABRASAT, Brazilian Satellite Communications Association**, have partnered to propel advancements in the space sector?

- A. Indian Space Association (ISpA)
- B. SatCom Industry Association of India (SIA-India)
- C. Space Technology and Education Pvt. Ltd
- D. NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)

**Answer: B. SatCom Industry Association of India (SIA-India)**

Q12) Recently, a new species of cicada, “**Butterfly Cicada**”, has been discovered in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: A. Meghalaya**

Q13) Recently, which of the following institutes has partnered with **Starburst** to reshape India’s Aerospace, New Space, and Defence (ASD) industry?

- A. Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee
- C. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
- D. Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Mumbai

**Answer: D. Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Mumbai**

Q14) Recently, **Global Summit on Extreme Heat** was held. It was co-hosted by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and which of the following organization?

- A. World Bank
- B. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- C. United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- D. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

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

Q15) Recently, which of the following organisations has launched ‘**White Rabbit Collaboration**’?

- A. Canadian Nuclear Association
- B. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)
- C. China Institute of Atomic Energy
- D. European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)

**Answer: D. European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)**

Q16) Recently, scientists from CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography in Goa have discovered **magnetofossils** dating back to 50,000 years at which of the following places?

- A. Arabian Sea
- B. Bay of Bengal
- C. Red Sea
- D. Caribbean Sea

**Answer: B. Bay of Bengal**

Q17) Recently, **Louis Gossett Jr.**, the first Black man to win Academy Award has passed away. He was associated with which of the following fields?

- A. Singing
- B. Direction
- C. Acting
- D. Animation

**Answer: C. Acting**

Q18) Recently, who among the following has become the first Bangladeshi umpire to be appointed to **ICC Elite Panel of Umpires**?

- A. Rabiul Hoque
- B. Samiur Rahman
- C. Muhammad Kamruzzaman
- D. Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid

**Answer: D. Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid**

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Q1) Recently, which of the following institutes and PTC India Ltd. have entered into an MoU to establish a **Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Research & Development in the Energy Domain**?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- B. Central Power Research Institute (CPRI)
- C. National Power Training Institute (NPTI)
- D. National Institute of Solar Energy

**Answer: C. National Power Training Institute (NPTI)**

Q2) As per recent information, **Swisspod** and which of the following companies will collaborate to establish a framework for cooperation in the development and deployment of hyperloop technology within India?

- A. Virgin Hyperloop
- B. TuTr Hyperloop
- C. Transpod
- D. Zeleros

**Answer: B. TuTr Hyperloop**

Q3) Recently, **148th Assembly of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)** has been organised at which of the following places?

- A. Washington DC
- B. London
- C. New York
- D. Geneva

**Answer: D. Geneva**

Q4) Recently, **Simon Harris** has become new Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. France
- C. Ireland
- D. Switzerland

**Answer: C. Ireland**

Q5) **Solar & Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO)** was in news recently. It is a project of international collaboration between European Space Agency (ESA) and which of the following space agency?

- A. ROSCOSMOS
- B. Canadian Space Agency (CSA)
- C. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- D. China National Space Administration (CNSA)

**Answer: C. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

Q6) Recently, **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** has celebrated its Raising Day on 01 April 2024. It functions under the superintendence of which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Personnel, Pension & Public Grievances
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

**Answer: B. Ministry of Personnel, Pension & Public Grievances**

Q7) Recently, which of the following states has celebrated its **75th Statehood Day** on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024?

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

**Answer: C. Rajasthan**

Q8) As per recent information, which of the following companies and **OpenAI** are working on plans for a data center project that could cost \$100 billion?

- A. Microsoft
- B. Amazon
- C. Apple
- D. Google

**Answer: A. Microsoft**

Q9) Recently, who among the following has been honoured with '**International Culture Award**' for the year 2024?

- A. Meena Charanda
- B. Rekha Meena
- C. Arti Singh
- D. Manju Sharma

**Answer: A. Meena Charanda**

Q10) Recently, a new species of lizard '**Cnemaspis vangoghi**' has been discovered in which of the following states?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Odisha
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

**Answer: C. Tamil Nadu**

Q11) As per recent information, which of the following organisations/ministries is considering to establish a **Digital India Trust Agency (DIGITA)** to stop mushrooming of illegal lending apps?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- C. National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)
- D. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

**Answer: D. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

Q12) Recently, which of the following countries has introduced '**Z-20 attack helicopter**'?

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

**Answer: D. China**

Q13) **Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary** was in news recently. It is located in which of the following states?

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

D. Karnataka

**Answer: A. Telangana**

Q14) As per recent information, **Decision Support System (DSS)**, which identifies sources of pollution in Delhi's air, will resume functioning from September 2024. DSS is developed by which of the following institutes?

A. Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad

B. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune

C. Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru

D. Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad

**Answer: B. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune**

Q15) Recently, '**Al-Kambar 786**' ship was in news. It is associated with which of the following countries?

A. Israel

B. Pakistan

C. Saudi Arabia

D. Iran

**Answer: D. Iran**

Q16) Recently, which of the following companies has bought 95 per cent in **Odisha's Gopalpur Port Ltd (GPL)**?

A. M/S. Bharatiya International SEZ Ltd.

B. Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)

C. Andhra Pradesh Special Economic Zone

D. Surat Special Economic Zone

**Answer: B. Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)**

Q17) '**P-800 Onyx**' was in news recently. It is a \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Fighter Jet

B. Supersonic Cruise Missile

C. Rifle

D. Satellite

**Answer: B. Supersonic Cruise Missile**

Q18) Recently, which of the following countries has been appointed to chair 69th session of **United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)** in 2025?

A. Tajikistan

B. Jordan

C. Saudi Arabia

D. Iran

**Answer: C. Saudi Arabia**