

16th February

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of **Bharat Mart** at **Jebel Ali Free Trade Zone** in Dubai. It will be built by which of the following companies?

- A. Transnet
- B. Maersk
- C. Allcargo Logistics
- D. DP World

Answer: D. DP World

Q2) Recently, PM Narendra Modi virtually addressed the **2024 International Energy Agency's Ministerial Meeting**. It was co-chaired by which of the following countries?

- A. India and United Arab Emirates
- B. Saudi Arabia and Qatar
- C. Ireland and France
- D. United Kingdom and Germany

Answer: C. Ireland and France

Q3) Recently, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has partnered with which of the following organizations to launch "**Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan Vehicle**" for Delhi-NCR (National Capital Region)?

- A. Pratham
- B. Prerna
- C. Brahma Kumaris
- D. Arya Samaj

Answer: C. Brahma Kumaris

Q4) Recently, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the **Kalughat IWT** (Inland Waterway Transport) Terminal in which of the following districts of Bihar?

- A. Darbhanga
- B. Bhagalpur
- C. Begusarai
- D. Saran

Answer: D. Saran

Q5) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director of **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC)**?

- A. Vivek Kumar Dewangan
- B. Anil Kumar Lahoti
- C. Sanjay Kumar Jain
- D. Pradip Kumar Das

Answer: C. Sanjay Kumar Jain

Q6) Recently, which of the following countries has announced to build its first luxury train “**Dream of the Desert**”?

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

Answer: A. Saudi Arabia

Q7) Recently, **Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL)** has signed an MoU with which of the following companies for setting up a **green hydrogen plant** in the premises of Cochin Airport?

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

Answer: B. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

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Q8) Recently, which of the following state governments has decided to provide interest-free loans up to Rs 1 lakh to youths of the state under the new scheme '**Swayam**' (**Swatantra Yuva Udyami**)?

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

Answer: A. Odisha

Q9) Recently, Roads and Transport Authority of which of the following cities has signed an agreement with Joby Aviation to operationalize **world's first city-wide air taxi service**?

- A. Riyadh
- B. Dubai
- C. London
- D. New York

Answer: B. Dubai

Q10) Recently, the 14th Conference of Parties (**COP14**) to the Convention on the **Conservation of Migratory Species** (CMS) of Wild Animals was held in which of the following cities?

- A. Samarkand, Uzbekistan
- B. Bonn, Germany
- C. Rome, Italy
- D. New Delhi, India

Answer: A. Samarkand, Uzbekistan

● **Theme:** "nature knows no borders"

● **More Information**

- Also, the **first ever** “**State of the World’s Migratory Species 2024**” report was released by the **Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)**, during the event
- It is prepared by the **UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)**
- The report provides the **first comprehensive global assessment** on the **conservation status** and **threats facing migratory animals**.

Q11) Recently, which of the following district administration of Uttarakhand conducted a **Demolition Drive** to remove Encroachment on “**Nazool Land**”?

- A. Dehradun
- B. Uttarkashi
- C. Haldwani
- D. Almora

Answer: C. Haldwani

Q12) Recently, which of the following countries has won the **2023 Africa Cup of Nations** (Football)?

- A. Nigeria
- B. Senegal
- C. Morocco
- D. Ivory Coast

Answer: D. Ivory Coast

Q13) Recently, which of the following state governments has decided to introduce the **Nua-O scholarship scheme** for undergraduate and postgraduate students?

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

Answer: B. Odisha

Q14) According to the recently released regulations of the 70th National Film Awards 2022, the monetary reward for the **Dadasaheb Phalke award** has been increased to how much amount?

- A. Rs 5 lakh
- B. Rs 10 lakh
- C. Rs 15 lakh
- D. Rs 20 lakh

Answer: C. Rs 15 lakh

Q15) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi. The temple is built on how many acres of land in Abu Dhabi?

- A. 13.5 acres
- B. 27 acres
- C. 36.5 acres
- D. 20 acres

Answer: B. 27 acres

Q16) Recently, Unified Payment Interface (UPI) services have been launched in which of the following countries?

- A. Thailand and Malaysia
- B. United Kingdom and Germany
- C. Mauritius and Sri Lanka
- D. Saudi Arabia and Qatar

Answer: C. Mauritius and Sri Lanka

Q17) Recently, “iRASTE” initiative of which of the following ministries has won the 9th GovTech award at the 2024 World Government Summit, Dubai in the 'AI-Powered Government Services' category?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Finance

Answer: B. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

● **9th GovTech Prize: 2024 World Government Summit, Dubai**

○ The GovTech Prize is managed by the **Emirates Government Service Excellence Programme (EGSEP)** at the **UAE Prime Minister’s Office**

○ The **four winners** were:

1. AI-Powered Government Services category

- **iRASTE**, a project by India’s Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

2. Inclusive Digital Transformation category

- **Digital Family Card** project by **Kazakhstan’s** Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry

3. Education Services category

- **Education Outcomes** project by **Ghana’s** Ministry of Education

4. Healthcare Services category

- **SatuSehat** health services platform project by **Indonesia’s** Ministry of Health

Q18) Recently, which of the following ministries has launched the “Sangam: Digital Twin” initiative?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications
- D. Ministry of Defence

Answer: C. Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications

Important Days

- **National Productivity Day:** It is celebrated in India on **February 12** every year. It is a part of the **Indian Productivity Week**, which is observed from **February 12 to February 18**.
 - **Theme:** Artificial Intelligence (AI) – Productivity Engine for Economic Growth

- **International Epilepsy Day:** It is observed on the **second Monday of February** every year. In **2024**, it is being observed on **February 12**.
 - **Theme:** Milestones on My Epilepsy Journey

- **World Radio Day:** It is celebrated on **February 13** every year. The date was chosen to commemorate the establishment of **United Nations Radio** on **February 13, 1946**.
 - **Theme:** Radio - A century informing, entertaining, and educating

- **National Women's Day:** It is celebrated on **February 13** every year in India, to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Sarojini Naidu**. Born in **1879**, Naidu's contributions to **women's rights** and Indian independence earned her the title "**Nightingale of India**".

Obituaries

- Recently, Kenya's **marathon world record** holder **Kelvin Kiptum** has passed away in a road accident. He was 24.
 - The 24-year-old set the world record, at the **Chicago Marathon** (26.2 miles - 42km) in **October 2023** with a time of **two hours and 35 seconds**, to surpass the **mark of 2:01:09 run** by compatriot **Eliud Kipchoge** in **Berlin in 2022**.

- Recently, former India Test captain **Dattajirao Gaekwad**, who held the record of being the **oldest-living Test cricketer in India**, has passed way, aged 95.
 - He made his debut in **England in June 1952**, and earned the distinction of India's **oldest-living Test cricketer in mid-2016** after the **death of Deepak Shodhan**, who was 87.
 - Dattajirao played **11 Tests** for India

- Recently, renowned litterateur **Dr Usha Kiran Khan** has passed away. She was 79.
 - Dr Usha Kiran Khan was an **acclaimed writer** in **Hindi and Maithili**.
 - In **2011**, she was awarded the **Sahitya Akademi Award** for her Maithili novel '**Bhamati: Ek Avismaraniya Premkatha**'.
 - She was awarded with the **Padma Shri in 2015**

17th February

Q1) Recently, which of the following companies has launched the text to video AI model “Sora”?

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

Answer: A. OpenAI

Q2) Recently, **Ravichandran Ashwin** has become the second Indian player to complete **500 wickets** in Test matches (cricket). He achieved this feat in total how many test matches?

- A. 81
- B. 98
- C. 101
- D. 129

Answer: B. 98

Q3) Recently, Supreme Court has declared the **Electoral Bond Scheme** (EBS) and associated amendments as unconstitutional under which of the following articles of the Constitution of India?

- A. Article 19(1)(a)
- B. Article 19(2)
- C. Article 19(1)(d)
- D. Article 19(1)(e)

Answer: A. Article 19(1)(a)

● **About Electoral Bond Scheme**

- Electoral bonds scheme was introduced in **2018**
- It was introduced as a source of political funding through amendments to the **Finance Act of 2017**, the **Representation of the People Act of 1951**, the **Income Tax Act of 1961**, and the Companies Act of 2013
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** is the **only authorised bank to issue electoral bonds**.
 - The **authorised SBI branches** include those in Bengaluru, Lucknow, Shimla, **Dehradun**, Kolkata, Guwahati, Chennai, Patna, **New Delhi**, Chandigarh, Srinagar, Gandhinagar, Bhopal, Raipur, and **Mumbai**.
- It is issued in the **nature of a promissory note** which shall be a **bearer banking instrument**. It shall **not carry the name** of the **buyer**.
 - The bonds shall be issued in the **denomination of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1,00,000, Rs 10,00,000 and Rs 1,00,00,000**.
 - **Only political parties** registered under **Section 29A of the RPA, 1951**, and which secured **not less than 1% of the votes polled** in the **last elections** to the **Lok Sabha** or a **state legislative assembly**, are eligible to **receive electoral bonds**
 - **Donations** made via electoral bonds enjoyed **100% tax exemption under the scheme**

Q4) Recently, which of the following has become the **world's third largest economy**?

- A. Germany

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

Answer: A. Germany

● **More Information**

- Recently, the **United Kingdom** economy has entered into a **technical recession** at the end of 2023.
- The **United Kingdom's gross domestic product (GDP)** declined by **0.3%** in **October-November 2023** period, and by **0.1%** in the **July - September 2023** period
 - **U.K. GDP contracting** is mainly due to **persistently high inflation, structural weaknesses in the labour market and low productivity growth**, but also **adverse weather conditions**
- Also, it is the **first time** the **British economy** has **fallen into recession** since the **first half of 2020**, when output declined during the **country's first COVID-19 lockdown**.
 - A **technical recession** is defined as a **period of two consecutive quarters (3 months)** of **contraction**.

Q5) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of **Gurugram Metro Rail project**. What is its total length?

- A. 22.5 KM
- B. 24.5 KM
- C. 26.5 KM
- D. 28.5 KM

Answer: D. 28.5 KM

● **More Information**

- Recently, **PM Narendra Modi** has inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the **foundation stone** of **multiple development projects** worth more than **Rs 9750 crores** in **Rewari district, Haryana**
- **Gurugram Metro Rail project**
 - It will be developed at a cost of about **Rs 5450 crores**.
 - The project, with a **total length of 28.5 kms**, will connect **Millennium City Centre to Udyog Vihar Phase-5**
- **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rewari**
 - To be built at a cost of about **Rs 1650 crores**, AIIMS Rewari will be developed on **203 acres of land** at village **Majra Mustil Bhalkhi in Rewari**.
 - It is established under **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)**
- **Anubhav Kendra Jyotisar, Kurukshetra**
 - This **experiential museum** has been built at a cost of around **240 crores**.
 - The **museum spans over 17 acres**, encompassing over **100,000 square feet of indoor space**.
 - **Jyotisar, Kurukshetra** is the sacred site where **Lord Krishna** imparted the eternal **wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita** to Arjuna.

Q6) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the **NLC India Limited Barsingsar Solar Project**, which will be established near Barsingsar Thermal Power Station in Bikaner, Rajasthan. What is its total Capacity?

- A. 100 MW
- B. 200 MW
- C. 300 MW
- D. 400 MW

Answer: C. 300 MW

● **More Information**

○ Recently, PM Narendra Modi addressed the ‘Viksit Bharat Viksit Rajasthan’ program via **video conferencing and inaugurated, dedicated** to the nation and laid the **foundation stone of multiple development projects** worth over **Rs 17,000 crore in Rajasthan**

○ **Renewable energy Projects**

■ Worth around Rs **5300 crores**

1. The PM laid the foundation stone of the **NLC India Limited Barsingsar Solar Project, a 300 MW Solar Power Project**, to be established near **Barsingsar Thermal Power Station in Bikaner, Rajasthan.**
2. PM laid the foundation stone of **300 MW Solar Power project** of **NHPC LTD** under **CPSU Scheme Phase-II (Tranche -III)**, also to be developed at **Bikaner Rajasthan.**
3. PM dedicated to the nation the **300 MW NTPC Green Energy Limited Nokhra Solar PV Project**, developed in **Bikaner Rajasthan.**

○ **Power transmission sector projects**

■ Worth more than **Rs 2100 crores**

■ These projects are meant for **evacuation of power from solar energy zones** in Rajasthan so that the **solar power generated** in these zones can be **transmitted to beneficiaries.**

■ The projects include the **Transmission System Strengthening Scheme** for evacuation of power from **solar energy zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW)** under **Phase-II Part A;**

● **Transmission System Strengthening Scheme** for evacuation of power from **solar energy zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW)** under **Phase-II Part-B1;** and

● **Transmission System** for providing connectivity to **Renewable Energy projects** at **Bikaner (PG), Fatehgarh-II & Bhadla-II.**

○ **National Highway projects**

■ Worth more than Rs **5000 crores**

■ **Three Packages of 8-Lane Delhi - Mumbai Green field Alignment (NE-4):**

- a. **Baonli-Jhalai road** to Mui Village section
- b. **Hardeoganj village** to Mej River section
- c. **Takli to Rajasthan/ Madhya Pradesh Border.**

■ Inaugurated **6-Lane Greenfield Udaipur Bypass** connecting **Chittorgarh-Udaipur Highway section of NH-48** at Debari with Udaipur-Shamlaji Section of NH-48 at Kaya village.

○ **Railway projects**

■ Worth around **Rs 2300 crores.**

■ **Electrification of rail routes :**

- Jodhpur-Rai Ka Bagh-Merta Road-Bikaner section (277 Km);
- Jodhpur-Phalodi section (136 Km);
- Bikaner-Ratangarh-Sadulpur-Rewari section (375 Km).

■ Inaugurated ‘**Khatipura railway station**’, **Jaipur**

● The railway station is developed as a **satellite station for Jaipur** and is equipped with ‘**Terminal facility**’ where **trains can originate and terminate.**

■ Foundation stone for the maintenance facility of **Vande Bharat sleeper trains** at **Bhagat Ki Kothi (Jodhpur)**;

- maintenance of **all types of rakes like Vande Bharat, LHB** etc. at **Khatipura (Jaipur)**;
- construction of **coach care complex** for maintenance of trains at **Hanumangarh**; and
- **Doubling of Bandikui to Agra Fort rail line.**

○ **Indian Oil's LPG bottling plant at Jodhpur**

Q7) Recently, **India** and which of the following countries have signed an MoU on Cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions Implemented at Population Scale for **Digital Transformation**?

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

Answer: D. Colombia

Q8) Recently, which of the following institutions has received the first prize at the National Level in the **16th National Youth Parliament Competition 2019-20**?

- A. University of Mumbai, Mumbai
- B. Shivaji University, Kolhapur
- C. Chanakya National Law University, Patna
- D. Central University of Punjab, Bathinda

Answer: D. Central University of Punjab, Bathinda

● **More Information**

- Students of **Central University of Punjab, Bathinda** stood first at **National Level** in the **16th National Youth Parliament Competition**
- **Five other Universities/Colleges** were also **conferred Awards** for their **meritorious performance** in the competition.

Q9) Recently, which of the following has received the **Security Printing and Minting Corporation** of India Limited (SPMCIL) **CMD Cup** for “Overall Best Performance”, on the occasion of its 19th Foundation Day celebrations on 15th February 2024?

- A. India Security Press, Nashik
- B. Bank Note Press, Dewas
- C. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad
- D. Security Paper Mill, Narmadapuram

Answer: A. India Security Press, Nashik

Q10) India's first **Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS)** will be started from which of the following states under the “**Project Sanjeevani**”?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand

- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Sikkim

Answer: B. Uttarakhand

Q11) Recently, the 16th conference of the **World Social Forum 2024** was held in which of the following cities?

- A. Dhaka, Bangladesh
- B. Kathmandu, Nepal
- C. Colombo, Sri Lanka
- D. New Delhi, India

Answer: B. Kathmandu, Nepal

Q12) Which of the following security agencies implement operation "**Nanhe Faristey**", operation "Jeevan Raksha", "Meri Saheli" initiative, Operation "**Uplabdh**", Operation "Sanraksha" and Operation "Satark"?

- A. Railway Protection Force (RPF)
- B. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- C. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- D. National Investigation Agency (NIA)

Answer: A. Railway Protection Force (RPF)

Q13) According to the recently released '**Van Mitra**' scheme by **Haryana**, each Van Mitra can plant a maximum of total how many saplings?

- A. 500
- B. 1000
- C. 1500
- D. 2000

Answer: B. 1000

Q14) According to the recently launched "**Mukhyamantri Vishwakarma Pension Yojana**" by the Rajasthan government, eligible workers will get a monthly pension of how much amount?

- A. Rs 1000
- B. Rs 2000
- C. Rs 2500
- D. Rs 3000

Answer: B. Rs 2000

Q15) Recently, which of the following countries has launched the **\$300-million** initiative "**Falcon Foundation**", which is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing open-source generative AI models?

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

Answer: B. United Arab Emirates

Q16) Recently, **Sikkim INSPIRES** (Integrated Service Provision and Innovation for Revising Economics) has been launched in collaboration with which of the following organizations?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- C. World Bank
- D. UNESCO

Answer: C. World Bank

Q17) Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed an agreement with which of the following for integrating the **Unified Payments Interface** (UPI) and **the National Payments Interface** (NPI)?

- A. Federal Reserve, USA
- B. Bank of England
- C. Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan
- D. Nepal Rastra Bank

Answer: D. Nepal Rastra Bank

Q18) Recently, who amongst the following has presented a copy of his book ‘**My Story**’ to PM Narendra Modi?

- A. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- B. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
- C. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani
- D. Mohammed bin Salman

Answer: B. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

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Q1) Recently, which of the following organizations has announced the launch of “**YUva Vigyani KARYakram**” (YUVIKA) (Young Scientist Programme)?

- A. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- B. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- D. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)

Answer: B. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)

● **More Information: “YUva Vigyani KARYakram” (YUVIKA)**

○ A **minimum participation** will be ensured from each State / UT. The programme is **planned at seven centres of ISRO:**

1. Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), Dehradun.
2. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram.
3. Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC) Sriharikota.
4. U. R. Rao Satellite Centre (URSC), Bengaluru.
5. Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad.
6. National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad.
7. North-Eastern Space Applications Centre (NE-SAC), Shillong.

Q2) Recently, which of the following companies has signed agreements worth **Rs. 588 crores** with **Damodar Valley Corporation** to strengthen infrastructure and energy projects in the Damodar Valley region?

- A. Power Finance Corporation (PFC)

- B. NTPC Limited
 - C. REC Limited
 - D. GAIL (India) Limited
- Answer: C. REC Limited**

Q3) According to the recently launched ‘**Special Provision for Informal Micro Enterprises under Credit Guarantee Scheme**’, collateral-free loans up to how much amount will be provided to the informal micro enterprises?

- A. Rs 10 lakh
 - B. Rs 20 lakh
 - C. Rs 30 lakh
 - D. Rs 40 lakh
- Answer: B. Rs 20 lakh**

Q4) Recently, **Rachna Kumari** has been **banned for 12 years** for failing multiple dope tests by the International federation's Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU). She is related to which of the following sports?

- A. Javelin Throw
 - B. Hammer Throw
 - C. Long Jump
 - D. Discuss Throw
- Answer: B. Hammer Throw**

Q5) Recently, which of the following has become the first state in the North-East India to achieve **100 percent saturation** of Har Ghar Jal under **Jal Jeevan Mission**?

- A. Assam
 - B. Arunachal Pradesh
 - C. Sikkim
 - D. Meghalaya
- Answer: B. Arunachal Pradesh**

Q6) Recently, “**The Living Indus initiative**” from which of the following countries has been recognized as the World Restoration Flagships 2024 by the United Nations?

- A. India
 - B. Pakistan
 - C. China
 - D. Nepal
- Answer: B. Pakistan**

● **7 World Restoration Flagships 2024 Recognized by the UN**

- **The Restoring Mediterranean Forests Initiative:**
 - **Countries:** Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, and Türkiye.
- **The Living Indus initiative:**
 - **Country:** Pakistan
- **The Acción Andina Social Movement:**
 - **Countries:** Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Perú

- **Sri Lanka Mangrove Regeneration Initiative:**
 - **Country:** Sri Lanka
- **Terai Arc Landscape(TAL) Initiative:**
 - **Country:** Nepal
- **Regreening Africa**
 - **Countries:** Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia
- **African Farmers Transforming Food Systems**
 - **Countries:** Mali, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya

Q7) Recently, **Acharya Shri 108 Vidyasagar Ji Maharaj** has attained Samadhi through ‘Sallekhna’. He was a renowned saint of which of the following religions?

- A. Jainism
- B. Buddhism
- C. Judaism
- D. Sikhism

Answer: A. Jainism

Q8) Recently, **INSAT-3DS satellite** on launch vehicle GSLV-F14 has been successfully launched. It was fully funded by which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- D. Ministry of Communications

Answer: C. Ministry of Earth Sciences

Q9) Recently, Indian Air Force (IAF) has conducted the Exercise “**VAYU Shakti-24**” in which of the following districts of Rajasthan?

- A. Barmer
- B. Bikaner
- C. Sikar
- D. Jaisalmer

Answer: D. Jaisalmer

- **Theme:** ‘Lightning Strike from the Sky’

Q10) Recently, the Government of India has increased the **authorized capital** of the **Food Corporation of India** (FCI) to how much amount?

- A. Rs 11,000 crore
- B. Rs 21,000 crore
- C. Rs 31,000 crore
- D. Rs 41,000 crore

Answer: B. Rs 21,000 crore

Q11) Recently, which of the following states has received the Union government’s award for **best TB eradication programme**?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Odisha

C. Kerala
D. Telangana
Answer: C. Kerala

Q12) Recently, which of the following state governments has announced a partnership with the **Coffee Board of India** to train one lakh women members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) as coffee entrepreneurs and establish **2,500 Coffee Kiosks** in the state?

A. Kerala
B. Karnataka
C. Andhra Pradesh
D. Telangana
Answer: B. Karnataka

Q13) Recently, technology company Hexagon has developed the **digital twin** of the 16th century **Qutub Shahi Tombs**. It is in which of the following cities?

A. Hyderabad
B. Lucknow
C. New Delhi
D. Agra
Answer: A. Hyderabad

Q14) Recently, which of the following has become the first Christian Orthodox-majority country to legalise **same-sex marriage**?

A. Russia
B. Romania
C. Georgia
D. Greece
Answer: D. Greece

Q15) Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced the increase in grants under the **Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana** to how much amount?

A. Rs 10,000
B. Rs 15,000
C. Rs 20,000
D. Rs 25,000
Answer: D. Rs 25,000

● **Uttar Pradesh: Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana**

○ **Increase in Grant Amounts**

■ **At Birth:**

● The **initial grant amount** provided at the **time of birth** has been raised from **₹2,000 to ₹5,000**, effective from the **financial year 2024-25**.

■ **Vaccination Support:**

● Support for **completing all vaccinations** within **one year** has been doubled from **₹1,000 to ₹2,000**.

■ **Admission Support:**

- For admission to the **first class**, the grant has been increased from ₹2,000 to ₹3,000.
- Similarly, for **admission to class six**, the support has been raised from ₹2,000 to ₹3,000.
- The grant for admission to **class 9** has been increased from ₹3,000 to ₹5,000.

■ **Higher Education:**

- Girls **passing class 10 or 12**, or those enrolled in a **diploma/undergraduate program** for two years or more, will now receive ₹7,000, up from ₹5,000.

Q16) Recently, the **statue of U Tirot Sing**, freedom fighter from Khasi Hills (in present day Meghalaya) has been unveiled at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Guwahati
- C. Colombo
- D. Dhaka

Answer: D. Dhaka

Q17) Recently, the **11th International Puppet Festival 2024** has commenced at the Tagore Theatre in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: C. Chandigarh

Q18) Recently, foundation stone of **Komuraveli Railway Station** has been laid in which of the following districts of Telangana?

- A. Adilabad
- B. Nizamabad
- C. Karimnagar
- D. Siddipet

Answer: D. Siddipet

19th February

Q1) Recently, which of the following space agencies has successfully launched its next-generation **H3 rocket**?

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

Answer: D. Japan Aerospace and Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Q2) Recently, who amongst the following have been named as the recipients of the **58th Jnanpith Award 2023**?

- A. Gulzar (Sampooran Singh Kalra) and Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
- B. Damodar Mauzo and Amitav Ghosh
- C. Krishna Sobti and Pratibha Rai
- D. Kedarnath Singh and Amarkant

Answer: A. Gulzar (Sampooran Singh Kalra) and Jagadguru Rambhadracharya

Q3) Recently, which of the following countries has won the **Badminton Asia Women's Team Championship 2024**, held in Selangor Malaysia?

- A. China
- B. Thailand
- C. South Korea
- D. India

Answer: D. India

Q4) Recently, which of the following countries has allotted a specific zone to India in the **Port of Duqm**?

- A. Qatar
- B. Kuwait
- C. Iran
- D. Oman

Answer: D. Oman

Q5) Recently, the Indian Army has launched a **Women Empowerment Program** at **Phougakchao village** in which of the following districts of Manipur in collaboration with the State Handicraft Department?

- A. Tamenglong
- B. Senapati
- C. Bishnupur
- D. Imphal West

Answer: C. Bishnupur

Q6) Recently, **Prabowo Subianto** has been elected as the president of which of the following countries?

- A. Thailand
- B. Cambodia
- C. Indonesia
- D. Singapore

Answer: C. Indonesia

Q7) Recently, ambassador **Ruchira Kamboj**, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, chaired the 62nd session of the **UN Commission for Social Development** 2024. Which of the following countries will chair the 63rd session of the Commission for Social Development in 2025?

- A. Poland
- B. France
- C. Greece
- D. Bangladesh

Answer: A. Poland

● **Theme:** “Fostering Social Development and Social Justice through Social Policies to Accelerate Progress on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to Achieve the Overarching Goal of Poverty Eradication”

Q8) Recently, who amongst the following from India attended the **60th Munich Security Conference 2024** in Germany?

- A. Dr S. Jaishankar
- B. Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- C. Shri Narendra Modi
- D. Amitabh Kant

Answer: A. Dr S. Jaishankar

● **Theme:** “Lose-Lose?”

Q9) According to the recent information by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), which of the following states has **topped** in terms of **public electric vehicle charging stations**?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu

Answer: A. Karnataka

Q10) Recently, which of the following states has discovered more than **840 million tonnes** of **iron ore** in the **Karauli** district?

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

Answer: D. Rajasthan

Q11) Recently, which of the following organizations has launched a new insurance plan – “**Amritbaal**”?

- A. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- B. Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. UNICEF

Answer: A. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)

Q12) Recently, who amongst the following has broken the **National Record** (India) to win the gold medal in the women’s 60m hurdles at the **Asian Indoor Athletics Championships 2024** in Tehran, Iran?

- A. Hima Das
- B. Jyothi Yarraji
- C. Harmilan Bains

D. Dutee Chand

Answer: B. Jyothi Yarraji

● **More Information**

- Recently, the **2024 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships** has commenced in **Tehran, Iran**
- The event is organized by the **Asian Athletics Association**.
- The Asian Indoor Athletics Championships were **held for the first time in 2004**.
- The championships **take place biennially in different cities all over Asia**
- **Indian participation**
 - **15 Indian athletes** will compete in the **2024 championships**, including **eight women and seven men**.
 - On the **opening day** of the competition, **India won three gold medals**.
 1. **Jyothi Yarraji**: 60m hurdles
 2. **Tajinderpal Singh Toor**: Shot Put
 3. **Harmilan Bains**: 1500m race

Q13) Recently, the **first French Film Festival 2024** has commenced in which of the following cities?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kolkata
- C. New Delhi
- D. Lucknow

Answer: B. Kolkata

Q14) Recently, which of the following space agencies has announced the completion of de-orbiting of its high-resolution imaging satellite “**Cartosat-2**”?

- A. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- B. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- C. European Space Agency (ESA)
- D. SpaceX

Answer: A. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)

Q15) Recently, which of the following companies has secured the 1st rank in the **2023 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 list**?

- A. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- B. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. ICICI Bank

Answer: A. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)

Q16) Which of the following has secured the 1st rank in the **Booking.com** list of “**Most Welcoming Region in India**”, which was released as a part of its 12th Annual Traveller Review Awards 2024?

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

Answer: C. Himachal Pradesh

● **More Information: 12th Annual Traveller Review Awards 2024**

- **Most Welcoming Region in India**

■ **Himachal Pradesh** has secured the **top spot**, followed by **Goa, Kerala, Rajasthan**, and **Uttarakhand**

● Earlier, in **2023**, **Puducherry** ranked **number one** in the **Most Welcoming Region in India** list followed by **Kerala, Rajasthan, Goa, Himachal Pradesh**.

○ **Most Welcoming Indian cities**

■ **Kerala's Mararikulam** has been **ranked as number 1**, followed by **Jaisalmer Bir, Leh, Manali, Tekkady, Dharamshala, Kasol, Pushkar, and Jodhpur**.

● Last year, in **2023** **Goa's Palolem** and **Agonda cities** had secured the first and the second rank

○ **Accommodation partners**

■ The awards also acknowledged the efforts of **13,348 accommodation partners across India** who received the '**Traveller Review Award 2024**'.

■ These establishments, **spanning apartments, holiday homes, cabins**, and villas, consistently **delivered outstanding service and hospitality**, as evidenced by an average score of **8.8** from over **1,189,000 verified reviews**.

■ Among the cities, **Bengaluru** emerged as the city with the **most-awarded properties in the country**.

Q17) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of **Shri Kalki Dham Temple** in **Sambhal district**, Uttar Pradesh. Shri Kalki Bhagwan is the incarnation of which of the following gods?

A. Lord Shiva

B. Lord Vishnu

C. Lord Ganesh

D. Goddess Durga

Answer: B. Lord Vishnu

Q18) Recently, which of the following companies has been honoured with the '**Innovative Technology Development Award**' at the 'Building India 2047: Technology for Better Tomorrow', an IIT Madras Corporate Social Responsibility Summit?

A. NTPC Limited

B. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

C. REC Limited

D. Coal India Limited (CIL)

Answer: C. REC Limited

20th February

Q1) Recently, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) and which of the following space agencies have announced to launch the world's first wooden satellite "**LignoSat**" probe?

A. European Space Agency (ESA)

B. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

C. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)

D. ROSCOSMOS

Answer: B. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Q2) Recently, **Punjab National Bank** (PNB) has signed an MoU with which of the following organizations to enhance the support for **renewable energy** projects in India?

- A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B. World Bank
- C. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)
- D. REC Limited

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

Q3) Recently, the **Department of Fisheries** has signed an MoU with which of the following organizations for e-marketing of fisheries products?

- A. Amazon
- B. Flipkart
- C. Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)
- D. Reliance Jio Mart

Answer: C. Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)

Q4) Recently, naked-man “**Somin-sai**” festival was celebrated in which of the following countries?

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

Answer: B. Japan

Q5) Recently, which of the following regions has secured the visa-free access to the **Schengen zone**?

- A. Kosovo
- B. Ireland
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Turkiye

Answer: A. Kosovo

Q6) Recently, PM Narendra Modi addressed the “**Viksit Bharat Viksit Uttar Pradesh**” program in which of the following cities of Uttar Pradesh?

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

Answer: D. Lucknow

Q7) Recently, the **WNO Neem Summit 2024** & Global Neem Trade fair 2024 was organized by World Neem Organisation (WNO) in collaboration with ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute (Jhansi) in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: D. New Delhi

- **Theme:** Neem for sustainable Agriculture, health and Environment

Q8) Recently, the **Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority** (IEPFA) has signed an MoU with the DBS Bank for investor awareness activities. IEPFA is under the administrative control of which of the following ministries?

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

Answer: C. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Q9) Recently, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated projects of more than Rs. 254 crore at **Pandu Port, Guwahati**, Assam. Pandu Port is part of which of the following?

- A. National Waterway 1
- B. National Waterway 2
- C. National Waterway 3
- D. National Waterway 4

Answer: B. National Waterway 2

● **Projects inaugurated at Pandu Port, Guwahati, Assam**

- **Passenger-cum-Cargo Terminal at Bogibeel** worth **Rs. 46.60 crore**,
- **Inland Water Transport Terminal at Sonamura** worth **Rs. 6.91 crore**
- **upgraded Terminal at Karimganj and Badarpur** worth **Rs. 6.40 crore**.
- During the event he also **announced six Jetties at various locations on River Brahmaputra** worth **Rs. 8.45 crore**
- **19 passenger vessels for National Waterway-2 and National Waterway-16** worth **Rs. 25 crore**, and
- **Extension of Jetty, Integrated Office and Bank Protection** worth **Rs. 30 crore**.
- The foundation stone for the **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), Dhubri Office Complex** worth **Rs. 7.50 crore** for **Immigration and Customs** was also laid

Q10) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book “**Dabbling in Diplomacy: Authorised & Otherwise, Recollections of a Non-Career Diplomat**”?

- A. Ajay Bisaria
- B. S.D. Muni
- C. Geetika Srivastava
- D. Syed Akbaruddin

Answer: B. S.D. Muni

Q11) Recently, **Start Up Forum for Aspiring Leaders and Mentors** (SUFALAM) 2024 was held in New Delhi. It was organized by which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D. Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Answer: D. Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Q12) Recently, the **INDUS-X Summit 2024** was held in New Delhi. It is a joint initiative between India and which of the following countries?

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

D. France

Answer: B. USA

- **INDUS-X** (India-U.S. Defence Acceleration Ecosystem)

Q13) Recently, which of the following state governments has launched the ‘**Asha Kirana - Eye Care at Your Doorstep**’ scheme?

- A. Telangana
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha

Answer: C. Karnataka

Q14) Recently, India and which of the following countries have signed an MoU on “**Facilitation of Employment of Indian Workers**”, which enables Indian migrant workers to find jobs in that country?

- A. Japan
- B. Germany
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Taiwan

Answer: D. Taiwan

Q15) Recently, which of the following countries has test fired the new surface-to-sea missile “**Padasuri-6**”?

- A. South Korea
- B. Iran
- C. Pakistan
- D. North Korea

Answer: D. North Korea

Q16) Africa’s first **Green Game Summit 2024** will be held in which of the following cities?

- A. Cairo
- B. Cape Town
- C. Nairobi
- D. Maputo

Answer: C. Nairobi

More Information

- The **sixth session** of the **United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)** will take place from **26 February to 1 March, 2024** at the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** headquarters in **Nairobi, Kenya**.

- **More than 100 ministers** from across the world gather in Nairobi

- **Theme of UNEA-6:** Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

- As the **world’s highest decision-making body** on the environment, UNEA aims to help restore harmony between **humanity and nature**, improving the **lives of the world’s most vulnerable people**.

Q17) The **World Police Summit 2024** will be held in which of the following cities?

- A. New York
- B. New Delhi

- C. Dubai
- D. Berlin

Answer: C. Dubai

- **Theme:** Uniting Global Forces for a Safer Tomorrow

Q18) Recently, who amongst the following has been selected as the **captain** of Indian Premier League (IPL) **greatest team**?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. Hardik Pandya

Answer: B. Mahendra Singh Dhoni

- **All-time Great IPL XI**

- **David Warner** (Australia) and **Virat Kohli** (India), IPL's all-time leading run scorer, were chosen as **openers**
- **Chris Gayle** (West Indies) was given the **number three spot** in batting order.
- The **middle-order** comprised of former **Suresh Raina** (India), **AB de Villiers** (South Africa), **Suryakumar Yadav** (India) and **MS Dhoni** (India)
- **Hardik Pandya**, **Ravindra Jadeja** and **Kieron Pollard** were the three **all-rounders**
- **Rashid Khan** (Afghanistan), **Sunil Narine** (West Indies) and **Yuzvendra Chahal** (India) constituted the **spin attack**
- **Lasith Malinga** (Sri Lanka) and **Jasprit Bumrah** (India) were the choices for the **fast bowlers'**

Important Days

- **International Darwin Day:** It is celebrated to commemorate the **birth anniversary** of **Charles Darwin on 12 February** every year. He was born in **1809**. The day is used to **highlight Darwin's contributions to science** and to promote science in general
 - **Theme:** Religion, Science, and the Common Good
- **Congenital heart defect awareness Day:** It is observed on **February 14** every year to create awareness about **people born with heart defects**
 - In 2024, **February 7–14** will be **Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week**.
- **World Pangolin Day:** It is celebrated on the **third Saturday of February** each year. In **2024**, it is being held on **17 February**. It aims to raise awareness about the need to protect these endangered mammals.
 - Pangolins are the **most trafficked mammals** in the world.
- **World Whale Day:** It is celebrated on the **third Sunday of February** every year. In **2024**, it is being held on **February 18**
 - **Theme:** Celebrating and Protecting Earth's Majestic Giants
- **International Childhood Cancer Day:** It is observed on **February 15** every year. The day highlights the **role of parents, family doctors, and paediatricians** in early detection of childhood cancers.
 - **Theme:** Reducing the survival gap

- **Global Tourism Resilience Day**: It is celebrated on **February 17** every year. Also, the **Global Tourism**

Resilience Day Conference 2024 is hosted by **Jamaica**

- **Theme**: Resilient Tourism: Building Back Better

- **World Anthropology Day**: It is observed on the **third Thursday of February** every year. In 2024, it is being held on **February 15**.

21st February

Q1) **Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis** was the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker at the recently held **9th Raisina Dialogue 2024**, New Delhi. Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis is the Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- A. Greece
- B. Poland
- C. Germany
- D. Netherlands

Answer: A. Greece

- **About 9th Raisina Dialogue 2024**

- The **9th Raisina Dialogue 2024**, New Delhi, is one of India's premier conferences on **geopolitics and geoeconomics**
- **Theme**: Chaturanga - Conflict, Contest, Cooperation, Create
- It is organised by the **Observer Research Foundation (ORF)** and **The Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi**

Q2) Recently, India has launched the "**Indian Housing Project**" for the construction of 1,300 houses in the **plantation areas** of which of the following countries?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Indonesia
- D. Thailand

Answer: A. Sri Lanka

Q3) Recently, India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited the "**Sailani Avenue**" in which of the following cities, which is named after Indian-origin soldier **Nain Singh Sailani**?

- A. Munich, Germany
- B. Brussels, Belgium
- C. Perth, Australia
- D. New York, USA

Answer: C. Perth, Australia

Q4) Recently, which of the following states has announced to launch "**Chief Minister's Thayumanavar Scheme**" and "**Kalaingarinar Kanavu Illam**" scheme?

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

Answer: C. Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu State Budget 2024-25: Highlights

- **Vada Chennai Valarchi Thittam** announced for developing North Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs 1,000 crore.
- The **Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme** would be **extended** to government-aided schools in rural areas for the benefit of around **2.5 lakh students** enrolled from classes one to five.
- The **Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Puthumai Penn scheme** that provides financial assistance of **Rs 1000 each month** to girl students pursuing higher education has been extended.
- **Girl students** from **government-aided Tamil medium schools** will also benefit from this scheme.
- **Tamizh Pudhalvan**, has been announced to help **boy students from marginalised backgrounds** pursue higher education at an outlay of **Rs 360 crore**
- A new scheme **Tholkudi** would be introduced to improve the **living standards of tribal communities** at an estimated cost of **Rs 1,000 crore.**
- New **'Thozhi' hostels** to be established for **women in Chennai, Coimbatore and Madurai** at an estimated cost of **Rs 26 crore.**
- A **film city** to be established at **Poonamallee near Chennai** at a cost of **Rs 500 crore.**
- The Tamil Nadu government will set up **four Olympic academies** at **Chennai, Madurai, Trichy and Nilgiris.** Rs. **440 crore** has been allocated for the **Youth welfare and Sports Development.**
- **Kalaigiar International Convention Centre** to be constructed in **Muttukadu in Chennai**
- **New Tamil Nadu House** in **New Delhi** named **'Vaigai'** to be established at a cost of **Rs 257 crore.**
- The building will follow traditional **Dravidian architectural design.**
- **10 mini textile parks** to be established in **Karur, Erode and Virudhunagar** at **Rs 20 crore**

Q5) Recently, **Punjab Chief Electoral Officer's office** has designated who amongst the following as a "**state icon**" for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls (General Elections 2024)?

- A. Yuvraj Singh
- B. Harbhajan Singh
- C. Shubhman Gill
- D. Diljit Dosanjh

Answer: C. Shubhman Gill

Q6) Recently, which of the following has won the "**Best Film**" award at the 77th British Academy Film Arts Awards 2024 (**BAFTA 2024**)?

- A. Poor Things
- B. Oppenheimer
- C. The Holdovers
- D. The Zone of Interest

Answer: B. Oppenheimer

● **BAFTA Awards 2024: Important list of winners**

- **Best Film** – Oppenheimer
- **Best Leading Actress** - Emma Stone (Poor Things)
- **Best Leading Actor** - Cillian Murphy (Oppenheimer)
- **Best Director** - Christopher Nolan (Oppenheimer)
- **Best Supporting Actress** - Da'vine Joy Randolph (The Holdovers)
- **Best Supporting Actor** - Robert Downey Jr. (Oppenheimer)
- **Special Visual Effects** - Poor Things

- **EE Rising Star**- Mia McKenna (Bruce)
- **Outstanding British Film**- Jonathan Glazer and James Wilson (The Zone of Interest)
- **Original Score**- Ludwig Goransson (Oppenheimer)
- **Best Documentary**- Mstyslav Chernov, Raney Aronson Rath, and Michelle Mizner (20 Days in Mariupol)
- **Best Film Not In The English Language** - Jonathan Glazer and James Wilson (The Zone of Interest)
- **Outstanding Debut by a British Writer, Director or Producer** - Savannah Leaf, Shirley O'Connor and Medb Riordan (Earth Mama)
- **Animated Film** - Hayao Miyazaki and Toshio Suzuki (The Boy and the Heron)
- **Original Screenplay** - Justine Triet and Arthur Harari (Anatomy of a Fall)

Q7) Recently, **Nagi Bird Festival 2024** was organized in which of the following districts of Bihar?

- A. Gaya
- B. Buxar
- C. Begusarai
- D. Jamui

Answer: D. Jamui

- **Mascot:** Picu pochard

Q8) Recently, the 12th edition of the **Multilateral Naval Exercise 2024** (MILAN 2024) has commenced in which of the following cities?

- A. Kochi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Kolkata

Answer: C. Visakhapatnam

- **Theme:** Camaraderie, Cohesion, Collaboration

Q9) Recently, the **Defence Acquisition Council** has accorded approval of various capital acquisition proposals worth Rs **84,560 crore**. Defence Acquisition Council is headed by who amongst the following?

- A. General Anil Chauhan
- B. Shri Rajnath Singh
- C. Shri Narendra Modi
- D. General Manoj Pande

Answer: B. Shri Rajnath Singh

- **More Information**

- **Approvals under Buy {Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured (IDDM)} category**

- **Anti-tank mines**

- The DAC has accorded AoN under **Buy {Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured (IDDM)} category** for procurement of a new generation of **Anti-tank mines** having **seismic sensor** and provision of **remote deactivation** with **additional safety features**.

- "Buy (Indian-IDDM)" is a **category of procurement for products** designed, developed, and manufactured in India with **at least 50% Indigenous Content (IC)**.

- Canister Launched Anti-Armour Loiter Munition System.

- Air Defence Tactical Control Radar

- Active Towed Array Sonar

- Software Defined Radio for the Indian Coast Guard
- **Other Approvals**
- Medium Range Maritime Reconnaissance and Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft
- Heavy Weight Torpedoes
- 24 MH60R aircraft
- Flight Refueller Aircraft

Q10) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has Inaugurated the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Vijaypur (Samba), Jammu. It has been developed under which of the following schemes?

- A. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
- B. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
- C. National Rural Health Mission
- D. Mission Indradhanush

Answer: B. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

More Information

- Recently, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the **foundation stone** of **multiple development projects** worth over **Rs 32,000 crores** in **Jammu**
- **Foundation Stone** of the **New Terminal Building, Jammu Airport**
- To be spread over a **40,000 sqm area**, the new terminal building will be equipped with **modern facilities** catering to **about 2000 passengers** during **peak hours**.

○ **Rail Projects**

- **New rail line** between **Banihal-Khari-Sumber-Sangaldan** (48 Km) and the **newly electrified Baramulla-Srinagar-Banihal-Sangaldan section** (185.66 Km).
- Flagged off the **first Electric Train** in the **Kashmir valley** and **also train service** between **Sangaldan station & Baramulla station**.

○ **Road Projects**

- **Foundation stone of important road projects including:**
- **two packages** (44.22 KM) of **Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway** connecting Jammu to Katra;
- **Phase two for four-laning of Srinagar Ring Road;**
- **five packages** for upgrading the **161 km long Srinagar-Baramulla-Uri stretch** of **NH-01**; and
- the construction of **Kulgam Bypass & Pulwama bypass** on **NH-444**.
- **CUF (Common User Facility) Petroleum depot** at **Jammu**
- **Inaugurated Education and skilling infrastructure projects across India** worth about **Rs 13,375 crores**.
- Laid the **foundation stone** of the construction of the permanent campus of **Sindhu Central University, Ladakh** and **Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Raichur**

Q11) Recently, which of the following countries has committed **Official Development Assistance** loan of an amount of **232.209 billion yen** for nine projects in various sectors for India?

- A. China
- B. South Korea
- C. Japan
- D. United Kingdom

Answer: C. Japan

- **More Information: Nine Projects**

1. The **North East Road Network Connectivity Improvement Project** (Phase 3) (Tranche II): Dhubri-Phulbari bridge (JPY 34.54 billion)
2. The **North East Road Network Connectivity Improvement Project** (Phase 7): NH 127B (Phulbari-Goeragre section) (JPY 15.56 billion)
3. The Project for **Promoting Start-up and Innovation in Telangana** (JPY 23.7 billion)
4. The Project for the **Construction of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road** (Phase 2) (JPY 49.85 billion)
5. The Project for **Promoting Sustainable Horticulture in Haryana** (Tranche I) (JPY 16.21 billion)
6. The Project for **Climate Change Response and ecosystem Services Enhancement in Rajasthan** (JPY 26.13 billion)
7. The Project for the **Establishment of the Medical College Hospital at Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Kohima** (JPY 10 billion)
8. The Project for the **Improvement of Urban Water Supply System in Uttarakhand** (JPY 16.21 billion); and
9. The **Dedicated Freight Corridor Project** (Phase 1) (Tranche V) (JPY 40 billion)

Q12) Recently, the 50th edition of the **2024 Khajuraho Dance Festival** has commenced in which of the following states?

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

Answer: C. Madhya Pradesh

Q13) Recently, the **Statehood Day of Mizoram** and **Arunachal Pradesh** was celebrated on which of the following days?

- A. 20th February
- B. 21st February
- C. 22nd February
- D. 23rd February

Answer: A. 20th February

Q14) Recently, for the first time in India an African-Mediterranean wader bird, the “**Spur-winged lapwing**”, was sighted at the **Ammavaripet Lake**. It is in which of the following states?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Kerala
- C. Odisha
- D. Telangana

Answer: D. Telangana

Q15) Recently, which of the following organizations has launched a naval mission “**Operation Aspides**” to protect the Red Sea shipping lane?

- A. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- B. BRICS
- C. European Union (EU)
- D. African Union (AU)

Answer: C. European Union (EU)

Q16) Recently, Intuitive Mission has launched its “**Odysseus spacecraft**”, which is a private **Nova-C lunar**

lander. The mission is part of Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) initiative and Artemis campaign of which of the following space agencies?

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

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

Q17) Recently, which of the following central government ministries has achieved ₹1 Lakh Crore total order value transacted through the **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** portal?

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

Answer: A. Ministry of Defence

Q18) The **World Day of Social Justice** is celebrated on which of the following days every year?

- A. 20th February
- B. 21st February
- C. 22nd February
- D. 23rd February

Answer: A. 20th February

- **Theme:** Bridging Gaps, Building Alliances

22nd February

Q1) Recently, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated **India's first Skill India Centre (SIC)** in which of the following districts of Odisha?

- A. Bhadrak
- B. Balasore
- C. Kalahandi
- D. Sambalpur

Answer: D. Sambalpur

Q2) Recently, which of the following states has announced '**dand patta**' (gauntlet sword) as the official state weapon?

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

Answer: D. Maharashtra

Q3) Recently, **Shashi Tharoor** has been conferred with the '**Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur**' (Knight of the Legion of Honour) by which of the following countries?

- A. Germany
- B. Netherlands
- C. France
- D. United Kingdom

Answer: C. France

Q4) Recently, Multinational military exercise ‘**Shanti Prayas IV**’ has commenced in which of the following countries?

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

Answer: C. Nepal

Q5) According to the recently passed **Maratha Reservation Bill 2024**, how much percent reservation is provided in education and government jobs for Maratha community?

- A. 5%
- B. 10%
- C. 15%
- D. 20%

Answer: B. 10%

Q6) Recently, which of the following organizations has announced a **blended finance facility** in collaboration with the Government of **Goa**?

- A. World Bank
- B. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- C. New Development Bank (NDB)
- D. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Answer: A. World Bank

Q7) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the **Vishisht Seva Medal** by President Droupadi Murmu for designing a drone called ‘**Multipurpose Octocopter**’?

- A. Havildar Amritpal Singh
- B. Havildar Varinder Singh
- C. Havildar Gurkeerat Singh
- D. Havildar Meharwan Singh

Answer: B. Havildar Varinder Singh

Q8) Recently, the Supreme Court of India has directed governments to follow the “broad and all-encompassing” **dictionary definition of forest** as laid down in its judgment in which of the following cases?

- A. IR Coelho case, 2007
- B. Lily Thomas case, 2013
- C. K.S. Puttaswamy case, 2017
- D. T N Godavarman case, 1996

Answer: D. T N Godavarman case, 1996

Q9) Recently, which of the following countries has become the 119th country to sign the **International Solar Alliance** (ISA) Framework Agreement?

- A. Chile
- B. Hungary
- C. Malta
- D. Yemen

Answer: C. Malta

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following has become first woman scientist to win the **2023 G.D. Birla Award for Scientific Research**?

- A. Dr Aditi Pant
- B. Professor Aditi Sen De
- C. Dr Tessy Thomas
- D. Dr Ritu Karidhal Srivastava

Answer: B. Professor Aditi Sen De

Q11) Recently, the **43rd Senior Asian Track Cycling championship 2024** has commenced in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: A. New Delhi

Q12) Recently, **India** has contributed how much amount to the **Poverty and Hunger Alleviation Fund** established by India, Brazil, and South Africa (IBSA)?

- A. \$1 million
- B. \$2 million
- C. \$3 million
- D. \$4 million

Answer: A. \$1 million

Q13) Recently, Indian Railways **longest transportation tunnel ‘T-50’** was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL). What is its total length?

- A. 12.895 km
- B. 12.77 km
- C. 11.25 km
- D. 10.20 km

Answer: B. 12.77 km

● **More Information**

- The PM also inaugurated the **48.1-km-long Banihal-Khari-Sumber-Sangaldan section of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL)**
- The Banihal-Khari-Sumber-Sangaldan section, which was **constructed at a cost of ₹15,863 crore, is ready for operation**
- The existing train services from **Baramulla to Banihal** will now be extended up to **Sangaldan**, a town near the **district headquarters of Ramban**.

- It features **16 bridges -- 11 major ones, four minor ones and one road overbridge**.
- More than **90 per cent** of this section is **in tunnels**, with a total of **11 tunnels covering 43.37 kilometres**, including the **country's longest transportation tunnel, T-50**, stretching **12.77**

kilometres in the Khari-Sumber section

- For **safety and rescue**, there are **three escape tunnels** with a combined length of **30.1 kilometres**.
- Additionally, the section includes **30 curves spanning 23.72 kilometres**.
- To further enhance passenger safety and comfort, **several advanced features** have been incorporated, such as **ballast less tracks and canted turnouts** (a **first for the Indian Railways**)

Q14) Which of the following cities will host the **2029 World Aquatics Championships**?

- A. Budapest, Hungary
- B. Beijing, China
- C. New Delhi, India
- D. Doha, Qatar

Answer: B. Beijing, China

● **More Information**

- The **21st edition** of the **World Aquatics Championships 2024** was held in **Doha, Qatar**
- **Singapore** will host the next event in **2025**, with **Budapest** hosting in **2027**.
- **About 2024 World Aquatics Championships, Doha, Qatar**
- **Originally scheduled** to be held in **November 2023**, the championships were postponed **until February 2024**
- It was in response to the **rescheduling** of the **20th edition** of the **World Aquatics Championships** in **Fukuoka, Japan**, from **2021 to 2023** due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**
- It was the **first time** the **World Aquatics Championships** was staged in the **Middle East**.

Q15) Recently, the **National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology** (NIELIT) Extension Centre has been inaugurated in which of the following cities of Rajasthan?

- A. Bikaner
- B. Jaipur
- C. Jaisalmer
- D. Udaipur

Answer: A. Bikaner

Q16) Recently, the **Vadhavan port** has received environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). It will be developed in which of the following districts of Maharashtra?

- A. Ratnagiri
- B. Raigad
- C. Palghar
- D. Sindhudurg

Answer: C. Palghar

Q17) Recently, **Ameen Sayani** has passed away at the age of 91. He was famous for which of the following radio programmes?

- A. Kuchh Baatein Kuchh Geet
- B. Vishesh Jaimala
- C. Sangeet Sarita
- D. Binaca Geetmala

Answer: D. Binaca Geetmala

Q18) Recently, North India's first "Pizza ATM" has been installed in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Jaipur
- D. Ayodhya

Answer: B. Chandigarh

23rd February

Q1) Recently, tribal festival "Sammakka-Sarakka Medaram Jathara" has commenced in which of the following states?

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

Answer: C. Telangana

More Information

- Recently, the annual **2024 Banana Festival** was organized in **Burhanpur district, Madhya Pradesh**
 - Burhanpur is known as the **banana city**
 - The event, under the **One-District One-Product programme**, highlights Burhanpur's agricultural strength with **23,650 hectares of banana cultivation** involving **18,325 farmers**.
 - The region yields **16 lakh metric tonnes** of bananas, leading to turnover of **1,700 crore rupees**.

Q2) Recently, the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of **Umbrella Scheme** on 'Safety of Women' at a total cost of Rs.1179.72 crore during the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26. It is administered by which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- B. Ministry of Minority Affairs
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer: C. Ministry of Home Affairs

● Projects under the Umbrella Scheme for "Safety of Women"

- **112 Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) 2.0;**
- Upgradation of **Central Forensic Sciences laboratories**, including setting up of **National Forensic Data Centre;**
- Strengthening of **DNA Analysis, Cyber Forensic capacities in State Forensic Science Laboratories (FSLs);**
- **Six Cyber Forensic Science Laboratories** will be established in **Pune, Chandigarh, Kolkata, Delhi, Kamrup and Bhopal** which will help in speeding up of scientific and timely investigations.
- **Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children;**
- **Capacity building and training of investigators** and prosecutors in handling sexual assault cases against women and children; and
- **Women Help Desk & Anti-human Trafficking Units.**

Q3) Recently, the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of "

Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP)” for a period of 5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26. What is the total outlay under the scheme?

- A. Rs. 4,100 crore
- B. Rs. 2,100 crore
- C. Rs. 1,800 crore
- D. Rs. 8,900 crore

Answer: A. Rs. 4,100 crore

Q4) Recently, the “National Level Project of Health Screening and Management through **Ayurvedic Interventions for Tribal Students**” has been announced. This project will cover the students of which of the following age group?

- A. 2-5 years
- B. 6-10 years
- C. 10-15 years
- D. 10-18 years

Answer: D. 10-18 years

Q5) Recently, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the **Rashtriya Udyamita Vikas Pariyojana** (National Entrepreneurship Development Project), in Sambalpur, Odisha. It has been launched for the beneficiaries of which of the following schemes?

- A. Prime Minister Street Vendor’s AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM-SVANidhi)
- B. Jal Jeevan Mission
- C. Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)
- D. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

Answer: A. Prime Minister Street Vendor’s AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM-SVANidhi)

● **Rashtriya Udyamita Vikas Pariyojana (National Entrepreneurship Development Project), Sambalpur**

- It is an initiative of the **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**
- The initiative was also **launched virtually across 9 cities** including **Bhopal, Kanpur, Indore, Varanasi, Bharatpur, Shillong, Silchar, Dibrugarh and Guwahati**
- The scheme is **tailored specifically for beneficiaries** of the **PM SVANidhi scheme**
- It will offer comprehensive entrepreneurship **training over a period of 22 weeks**, combining **theoretical knowledge with practical exposure through experiential learning**.
- In the **pilot phase**, the project will be implemented through **20 Centres of National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida and 10 Centres of Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati**.
- **Key Features of the project**
 - **Udyamita Kendras:** Leveraging existing infrastructure such as **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras and Jan Shikshan Sansthan**s for convenience.
 - Mentoring and Handholding Support
 - Training for Trainers
 - Curriculum Alignment
 - Assessment and Certification

Q6) Recently, NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) and Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC) have signed an agreement to develop India's largest green hydrogen production facility at the **Pudimadaka Green Hydrogen Hub**. What will be its total capacity of green hydrogen production per day?

- A. 600 tons
- B. 800 tons
- C. 1,000 tons
- D. 1,200 tons

Answer: D. 1,200 tons

More Information

- Recently, **NTPC Limited's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Score** has increased by two levels, transitioning from a **'D' rating in 2022** to a **'C' rating in 2023**, in the **Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) Water Security Rating**.

- The **Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)** is one of the prominent **ESG rating agencies** across globe assessing companies on their **environmental performance**, particularly related to areas of **climate change, water security, and deforestation**.

- **NTPC's key initiatives** include **Optimization of water consumption** through advanced technologies and process reengineering, Implementation of robust **"Water Policy"** and "

- Rainwater Harvesting Policy"**, and Maintaining **"Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD)"** status across all the stations.

- It has also deployed **Air-Cooled Condensers**, potentially **saving 75% of water**.

- Earlier, **NTPC** also became a signatory of the **CEO Water Mandate in year 2021**, showing its participation in a **global initiative** aimed at addressing **water sustainability challenges**.

Q7) Recently, which of the following organizations has launched the **Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH)**?

- A. Gavi- the Vaccine Alliance
- B. World Health Organization (WHO)
- C. World Bank
- D. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Answer: B. World Health Organization (WHO)

Q8) Recently, which of the following states has launched the **CM Jan Arogya Yojana (CMJAY)**, becoming the first north-eastern state to introduce universal health insurance coverage?

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

Answer: C. Tripura

Q9) Recently, Seetha Mahalaxmi Healthcare (SML) has unveiled which of the following **AI Models**, in partnership with the IIT Bombay-led **BharatGPT ecosystem**?

- A. Bheem
- B. Hanooman
- C. Arjuna
- D. Pushpak

Answer: B. Hanooman

Q10) Recently, **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** has partnered with which of the following organizations to upgrade of the **Su-30MKI fighter jet** fleet?

- A. Airbus
- B. Boeing
- C. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- D. Sukhoi Aviation Center, Russia

Answer: C. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)

Q11) Recently, which of the following countries has topped the medal tally at the **Asian Indoor Athletics Championships 2024** held in Tehran, Iran?

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

Answer: B. China

Q12) Recently, the second edition of the "**world's highest frozen lake marathon**" titled as 'theastrun', was held at which of the following places?

- A. Renuka lake, Himachal Pradesh
- B. Tso Moriri lake, Ladakh
- C. Pangong Tso lake, Ladakh
- D. Tso Lhamo lake, Sikkim

Answer: C. Pangong Tso lake, Ladakh

Q13) Recently, the union cabinet has approved the Foreign Direct Investment (**FDI limit**) (space sector) on "Manufacturing of components and systems/ **sub-systems for satellites**, ground segment and user segment" to how much amount under the automatic route?

- A. 26%
- B. 49%
- C. 74%
- D. 100%

Answer: D. 100%

● **More Information**

- In line with the vision and strategy under the **Indian Space Policy 2023**, the Union Cabinet has **eased the FDI policy on Space sector** by prescribing **liberalized FDI thresholds** for various **sub-sectors/activities**.
- The **entry route** for the **various activities** under the **amended policy** are as follows:
 - **Upto 74% under Automatic route**
 - **Satellites-Manufacturing & Operation, Satellite Data Products and Ground Segment & User Segment.**
 - **Beyond 74%** these activities are under **government route**.
 - **Upto 49% under Automatic route**
 - **Launch Vehicles and associated systems or subsystems, Creation of Spaceports for launching and receiving Spacecraft.**
 - **Beyond 49%** these activities are under **government route**.
 - **Upto 100% under Automatic route**
 - **Manufacturing of components and systems/ sub-systems for satellites, ground segment and user segment.**

Q14) Recently, who amongst the following chaired the 28th Meeting of the **Financial Stability and Development Council** (FSDC) in New Delhi?

- A. Shaktikanta Das
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. V. Anantha Nageswaran

Answer: B. Nirmala Sitharaman

Q15) Recently, International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology (iCreate) has signed an MoU with which of the following companies to launch the **iMPEL-AI programme** in India?

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

Answer: D. Microsoft

● **Microsoft** and **iCreate** launched **iMPEL-AI** (iCreate-Microsoft programme for Emerging Leaders in Artificial Intelligence) programme

Q16) What will be the **Fair and Remunerative Price** (FRP) of sugarcane (Sugar Season 2024-25) at sugar recovery rate of 10.25%?

- A. ₹ 315/quintal
- B. ₹ 325/quintal
- C. ₹ 330/quintal
- D. ₹ 340/quintal

Answer: D. ₹ 340/quintal

Q17) Recently, **Fali S. Nariman** has passed away. He was associated with which of the following professions?

- A. Advocate (Jurist)
- B. Space Scientist
- C. Neurologist
- D. Industrialist

Answer: A. Advocate (Jurist)

Q18) Recently, who amongst the following has become the **youngest player** to **defeat a grandmaster** (Chess)?

- A. Abhimanyu Mishra
- B. Raunak Sadhwani
- C. Ashwath Kaushik
- D. Javokhir Sindarov

Answer: C. Ashwath Kaushik

24th February

Q1) Recently, which of the following organizations has developed “**DURGA-2**” (Directionally Unrestricted Ray Gun Array), a directed-energy weapon (DEW)?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- C. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- D. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Answer: B. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)

Q2) Recently, Uttar Pradesh forest department in coordination with Turtle Survival Alliance Foundation India has announced to establish a **Turtle conservation reserve** along the **Sarju river** in which of the following districts?

- A. Unnao
- B. Hathras
- C. Gonda
- D. Ghaziabad

Answer: C. Gonda

Q3) Recently, which of the following organizations has approved a USD 23 million loan to the Gujarat government to establish **International Fintech Institute (IFI)** at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (**GIFT City**)?

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

Answer: A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Q4) Recently, which of the following companies has launched a mobile application store “**Indus Appstore**”?

- A. BharatPe
- B. PhonePe
- C. Razorpay
- D. Paytm

Answer: B. PhonePe

Q5) Recently, which of the following companies has launched the **Kalpana Fellowship** for empowering women engineers in space technology?

- A. TeamIndus
- B. Agnikul Cosmos
- C. Pixxel
- D. Skyroot Aerospace

Answer: D. Skyroot Aerospace

Q6) Recently, which of the following countries has successfully tested its first 5th generation **fighter jet KAAN** (TF-X) (‘Ruler’ or ‘King of Kings’)?

- A. Iran
- B. Israel
- C. Turkiye
- D. Pakistan

Answer: C. Turkiye

Q7) Recently, which of the following state governments has announced 'bag less school' initiative for students in classes 1 to 12?

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

Answer: A. Madhya Pradesh

Q8) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park in which of the following districts of Gujarat?

- A. Bhavnagar
- B. Navsari
- C. Vadodara
- D. Mehsana

Answer: B. Navsari

More Information

- **Kakrapar Atomic Power Station (KAPS), Surat District**

- The PM also dedicated **two new Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs)** at **Kakrapar Atomic Power Station (KAPS) Unit 3 and Unit 4.**

- Built by the **Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL)**, at a cost of more than **Rs 22,500 crore**, the **KAPS-3 and KAPS-4 projects** have a **cumulative capacity of 1400 (700*2) MW** and are the **largest indigenous PHWRs.**

- They are **first-of-its-kind reactors** and with **advanced safety features** comparable with the **best in the world.**

- Together, these **two reactors** will produce about **10.4 billion units of clean electricity per year** and **benefit consumers of multiple states**

Q9) Recently, PM Narendra Modi attended the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony at **Valinath Mahadev Temple**. It is in which of the following districts of Gujarat?

- A. Jamnagar
- B. Junagadh
- C. Mahesana
- D. Amreli

Answer: C. Mahesana

More Information

- **PM Narendra Modi** also dedicated to the nation and **laid the foundation** stone for **multiple development projects** worth more than **Rs 13,500 crores in Tarabh, Mahesana district, Gujarat**

- The projects encompass a wide range of sectors such as **internet connectivity, rail, road, education, health, connectivity, research and tourism.**

● Important Projects

- **Bharat Net Phase-II** - Gujarat Fibre Grid Network Limited
- It will provide **high-speed internet** to more than **8000 gram panchayats**
- PM Also inaugurated multiple projects for **rail line doubling, gauge conversion, new broad-gauge line** in districts of **Mahesana and Banaskantha**;
- **multiple road projects** in Kheda, Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, and Mahesana;
- Main academic building of **Gujarat Biotechnology University** at Gandhinagar;
- **multiple water supply projects** in Banaskantha
- The PM also laid the **foundation stone** of a **new district-level Hospital & Ayurvedic Hospital** in **Anand district**;
- the development of **Rinchhadiya Mahadev Temple and Lake at Ambaji region** in **Banaskantha**;
- **multiple road projects** in Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, Banaskantha, and Mahesana;
- **Runway of Air Force Station, Deesa**;
- **Human and Biological Science Gallery** in Ahmedabad;
- **Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC)** new building at **GIFT city**;
- **multiple projects for improving water supply** in Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad and Banaskantha

Important Information

- Recently, PM Narendra Modi participated in the **Golden Jubilee celebration** of **Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF)**, which owns “**Amul**” brand, at **Narendra Modi Stadium** in Motera, Ahmedabad.
- More than **1.25 lakh dairy farmers**, with representatives from around **18,600 villages** in Gujarat, **attended the programme**
- **Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited (GCMMF)** was set up in **1973**
- It is **India's largest food product marketing organisation** with annual turnover (2022-23) **US\$ 7.2 Billion**.
- Its daily milk procurement is approx. **25.9 million Litres per day** from **18600 village milk cooperative societies**, **18 member unions** covering **33 districts**, and **3.64 million milk producer members**.

■ It is the **Apex organisation** of the **Dairy Cooperatives of Gujarat**, popularly known as '**AMUL**' ○ **Other Projects Inaugurated**

- On the occasion, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated **five dairy projects** worth **₹1,200 crore**
- 1. A **modern cheese plant** of **Sabar Dairy (Rs 600 crore)**
- 2. A long-life **tetra pak milk plant** of **Amul Dairy** at Anand
- 3. **Expansion of Amul chocolate plant** in Mogar
- 4. **50,000-litre ice cream plant** of **Sarhad Dairy in Kutch**
- 5. PM Modi also inaugurated a plant of **Banas Dairy** set up for **Rs 600-700 crore** in **Varanasi**

Q10) Recently, the four **Holy Piparahwa Relics** of **Lord Buddha** and his Two Disciples Arahata Sariputra and Arahata Maudgalyayana has reached which of the following countries from India?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Thailand
- C. Japan
- D. South Korea

Answer: B. Thailand

Q11) Recently, which of the following states has signed an MoU with National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to establish **Special Tiger Protection Force (STPC)**?

- A. Nagaland
- B. Manipur
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Mizoram

Answer: C. Arunachal Pradesh

Q12) Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved the procurement of which of the following missiles and associated equipment for the **Indian Navy** at a cost of ₹ 19,000 crore?

- A. BrahMos
- B. Agni V
- C. Astra
- D. Pralay

Answer: A. BrahMos

Q13) Recently, who amongst the following has become the **fastest batsman** to score 10,000 runs in T20 cricket?

- A. David Warner
- B. Glenn Maxwell
- C. Babar Azam
- D. Virat Kohli

Answer: C. Babar Azam

Q14) Which of the following is the mascot of the **7th North East Youth Festival 2024**, Tripura?

- A. Phayre's leaf monkey
- B. Ashtalakshmi
- C. Hoolock Gibbon
- D. Red panda

Answer: A. Phayre's leaf monkey

Q15) Recently, President Droupadi Murmu has appointed who amongst the following as **Vigilance Commissioner** in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)?

- A. Dinesh Kumar Khara
- B. A.S. Rajeev
- C. Atul Kumar Goel
- D. K. Satyanarayana Raju

Answer: B. A.S. Rajeev

Q16) Recently, which of the following countries has announced to organize “**International Gita Mahotsav 2024**” in collaboration with Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB) of Haryana?

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

Answer: C. Sri Lanka

Q17) Recently, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated the **International Maritime Seminar** in which of the following cities?

- A. Visakhapatnam
- B. Chennai

C. Kochi
D. Mumbai

Answer: A. Visakhapatnam

● **Theme:** Partners across Oceans: Collaboration, Synergy, Growth

● **More Information**

○ Recently, Raksha Mantri **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **12th edition** of the **multi-nation Exercise MILAN 2024** in **Visakhapatnam**

○ On the occasion, the Raksha Mantri also launched **NISHAR communication terminal**.

■ **As communication** forms an **important link** in achieving **interoperability**, **Indian Navy** has developed **MITRA terminals** with **NISHAR application** to connect **all friendly partner navies**.

○ **MILAN Village**, a rendezvous of **culture, tradition and cuisine** of nations participating in the **Multilateral Naval Exercise MILAN 2024**, was also inaugurated

■ The **vibrant cultures** will be promoted by **delicacies from Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Bangladesh**, and Vietnam along with a wide variety of **Indian cuisines**

○ The **Maritime Technical Exposition (MTEX-24)** in association with the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** was also inaugurated by Rajnath Singh.

■ **MTEX-24 highlights** India's push towards **self-reliance in the defence sector**

Q18) What is the name of the planned **rail corridor** for **high density traffic route**, which has been announced in the Interim Budget 2024-25?

- A. Amrit Sagar
- B. Vividh Kaal
- C. Amrit Chaturbhuj
- D. Bharat Sankalp

Answer: C. Amrit Chaturbhuj

● **More Information**

○ In the **Interim Budget 2024-25**, Union Finance minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has announced to set up **three major economic railway corridors**

1. **First Corridor:** Economic corridor for energy, mineral and cement

2. **Second Corridor:** **Rail Sagar** for Port connectivity

3. **Third Corridor:** **Amrit Chaturbhuj** for High traffic density corridors

○ These projects have been identified under the **PM Gati Shakti for enabling multimodal connectivity**.

○ **40,000 km rail tracks** will be **laid as part of these corridors** which will enhance the **network capacity** to a point that the **problem of ticket wait list will be over** by around **2030-31**.

○ Also, there are **434 projects** in **these corridors** and they will be implemented at approximately **Rs 11 lakh crore**.

○ **Other Announcements**

■ The Railways will **upgrade 40,000 normal bogies** at par with **Vande Bharat standards** at an estimated cost **Rs 15,200 crore** in the next four to five years

25th February

Q1) Recently, SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket has successfully launched the **Merah Putih 2 communications satellite** of which of the following countries?

- A. Malaysia

- B. Thailand
- C. Singapore
- D. Indonesia

Answer: D. Indonesia

Q2) Recently, which of the following has become the first Asian country to **ratify ILO Convention 190**?

- A. Singapore
- B. China
- C. Philippines
- D. India

Answer: C. Philippines

Q3) Recently, the 16th edition of the India-Maldives-Sri Lanka trilateral Exercise '**Dosti-16**' has commenced in Male, Maldives. Which of the following countries is participating as the **observer country** ?

- A. China
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Singapore
- D. Pakistan

Answer: B. Bangladesh

Q4) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (**LPG**) **Bottling Plant** in **Sewapuri**, Varanasi district. It is developed by which of the following companies?

- A. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
- B. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- C. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- D. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)

Answer: A. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)

More Information

- Recently, **PM Narendra Modi** has **inaugurated** and laid the **foundation** stone for multiple **development**

projects worth more than Rs 13,000 crore in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

- The Prime Minister also visited **Banas Kashi Sankul (Amul Dairy)**, a **milk processing unit** of **Banaskantha District Cooperative Milk Producers Union Ltd** built at **UPSIDA Agro Park, Karkhiyaon, Varanasi**

- Also, upon on his arrival to Varanasi, **PM Narendra Modi** went to inspect the **Shivpur- Phulwaria-Lahartara marg**.

- **Important Projects inaugurated/foundation laid**

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the **newly installed bronze statue** of **Sant Ravidas** in the **Ravidas Park** at his **birthplace (Sant Guru Ravidas Janmasthan temple** at Seer Govardhanpur near the **Banaras Hindu University)** on the occasion of **647th birth anniversary** of the saint

- The PM also inaugurated various **development projects** worth around **Rs 32 crore** around **Sant Ravidas Janmasthan** and **laid foundation stone** for **Sant Ravidas Museum** as well as **beautification of the park** worth around **Rs 62 crore**.

- **Industrial projects**

- **Banas Kashi Sankul milk processing unit** in UPSIDA Agro Park Karkhiyaon;

- **Road projects**

- Foundation stone for the construction of **Varanasi-Ranchi-Kolkata Expressway Package-1**.

- **Urban development projects**

- Urban waste to **Charcoal Plant** by **NTPC at Ramana**

- **Tourism and spiritual tourism**

- Redevelopment of public facilities at **five Padavs of Panchkoshi Parikrama Marg** and **Pavan Path** with **ten spiritual yatra**;

- launching of **electric catamaran** vessel provided by **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)** for **Varanasi & Ayodhya**

- **Other Projects**

- PM laid the foundation stone of the **National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)** in **Varanasi**.

- Foundation stone of a **new Medical College** in **Varanasi**.

- Foundation stone of **National Centre of Ageing** at **Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi**.

- The Prime Minister inaugurated the **Sigra Sports Stadium Phase-1** and **District Rifle Shooting Range**, towards strengthening the sports infrastructure in the city.

Q5) Recently, the first solar project of NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC-REL) at Chhattargarh, Bikaner district, Rajasthan has commenced its commercial operations. What is the full capacity of **Chhattargarh Solar project**?

A. 100 MW

B. 150 MW

C. 200 MW

D. 250 MW

Answer: B. 150 MW

Q6) Recently, which of the following companies has started commercial operation of its **50 MW Gujrai Solar Power Station** in Kanpur Dehat, Uttar Pradesh?

A. NTPC Limited

B. REC Limited

C. SJVN Limited

D. ReNew Power

Answer: C. SJVN Limited

Q7) Recently, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has signed an MoU with which of the following institutes to set up India's first '**Gati Shakti Research Chair**'?

A. Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara

B. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Shillong

C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras

D. Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi

Answer: B. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Shillong

Q8) Recently, which of the following institutes has launched India's largest **Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO)**?

A. Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi

B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati

C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras

D. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

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

Q9) Recently, Scientists have discovered the world's biggest snake '**Eunectes akayima**' (Northern Green Anaconda) in which of the following regions?

- A. Western Ghats, India
- B. Amazon Rainforests, South America
- C. Sahara Desert, Africa
- D. The Great Barrier Reef, Australia

Answer: B. Amazon Rainforests, South America

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the **Managing Director** and Chief Administrative Officer of the **World Bank Group**?

- A. Wencai Zhang
- B. Masatsugu Asakawa
- C. Kristalina Georgieva
- D. Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Answer: A. Wencai Zhang

Q11) Recently, who amongst the following has won the first **2024 Freestyle Chess GOAT Challenge** ?

- A. Magnus Carlsen
- B. Fabiano Caruana
- C. Levon Aronia
- D. D Gukesh

Answer: A. Magnus Carlsen

Q12) Recently, Chhattisgarh government has announced to restart work on establishing an **aluminum manufacturing hub** in which of the following districts?

- A. Balrampur
- B. Korba
- C. Durg
- D. Bilaspur

Answer: B. Korba

Q13) Recently, which of the following companies has unveiled “**Pratham**” **AI platform**, the world's first No-code computer vision platform?

- A. Assert AI
- B. TATA Elxsi
- C. Arya.ai
- D. Infosys

Answer: A. Assert AI

Q14) The **8th Asia Economic Dialogue 2024** will be held in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: D. Pune

● **Theme:** Geo-economic Challenges in an Era of Flux

Q15) Recently, which of the following companies has partnered with the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)**, **Bengaluru** to jointly research on **6G technologies** and its use cases?

- A. Nokia

- B. Samsung
 - C. Apple
 - D. Oppo
- Answer: A. Nokia**

Q16) Recently, which of the following countries has unveiled “**Tupolev Tu-160M**” nuclear-capable strategic bomber?

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

Answer: B. Russia

Q17) Recently, who amongst the following has become **India's first woman Pitch curator** (Cricket)?

- A. Jacintha Kalyan
- B. Pooja Vastrakar
- C. Shreyanka Patil
- D. Titas Sadhu

Answer: A. Jacintha Kalyan

Q18) Recently, which of the following ministries has launched the ‘**National Video Gateway of Bharat** (NaViGate Bharat)’ portal?

- A. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology
- D. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Answer: D. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

● **More Information**

- Recently, the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** has launched **four portals** — **Press Sewa, National Register for Local Cable Operators, TEMPES Portal for Central Bureau of Communication** and **NaViGate Bharat**.
- **NaViGate Bharat Portal:**
 - It is a **unified bilingual platform** which **hosts videos** on the entire gamut of **Government’s development-related** and **citizen welfare-oriented measures**.
- **Press Sewa Portal**
 - It is developed under the **Press and Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023** (PRP Act, 2023) by the **Press Registrar General of India**
 - This portal aims to **simplify the cumbersome registration procedures** that were **prevalent under the colonial PRB Act, 1867**.
- **National Register for Local Cable Operators (LCOs) portal**
 - It is the **first step to bring registration of LCOs currently with Post Offices** spread across the country under a **Centralised Registration System**.
- **Transparent Empanelment Media Planning and e-Billing System (TEMPES Portal)**
 - The system for **Central Bureau of Communication** is designed to enhance **transparency and efficiency in media planning processes**, and provide an **end-to-end ERP** (enterprise resource planning) solution for the media industry for doing business in a **paperless and faceless environment**

Important Days

- **World Scout Day:** It is celebrated on **February 22** every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Lord Robert Baden-Powell**, the founder of the **Boy Scouts movement**. The day is also popularly known as the **Founder's Day**.
 - **Theme:** Scouts for a Better World
- **World Thinking Day:** It is celebrated on **February 22** every year to celebrate the **friendship, sisterhood, and empowerment of girls and young women** all over the world. It aims to **strengthen the bond shared by young women** and explore ways to **empower them**.
 - **Theme:** Our World, Our Thriving Future
- **International Mother Language Day:** It is celebrated on **February 21** every year. It was established by **UNESCO** in **2000** to **promote multilingualism** and awareness of **cultural and linguistic diversity**.
 - **Theme:** Multilingual education – a pillar of learning and intergenerational learning

Obituaries

- Recently, **Dr Ishwar Chander Verma**, an advisor in the **institute of medical genetics and genomics** at the **Sir Ganga Ram Hospital**, has **passed away**. He was 92.
 - He set up the **first Genetic centre in India** at **AIIMS Delhi** in **1968**
 - He received the **Padma Shri in 2023** for his **research contributions**.
 - He was also awarded the **BC Roy National Award in 1983**.
- Recently, **German Football player Andreas Brehme** has passed away. He was 63.
 - **His penalty** in the **1990 FIFA World Cup final** against **Argentina** in **Italy** let **Germany** won its **third world title**
 - He had also played for **Bayern Munich** and **Inter Milan** among others before **retiring in 1998**
- Recently, **Mike Procter, South African cricketer**, has passed away. He was 77.
 - He was also **South Africa's first National Coach** of the **Cricket Team** in the **post-isolation era**.

26th February

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated “**Sudarshan Setu**” which connects Okha mainland and Beyt Dwarka island, in Devbhoomi Dwarka district, Gujarat. What is its length?

- A. 1.89 KM
- B. 2.32 KM
- C. 3.28 KM
- D. 4.62 KM

Answer: B. 2.32 KM

More Information

- **PM Narendra Modi** dedicated and laid the foundation stone of **multiple development projects** worth more than **Rs. 4150 crore** in **Dwarka, Gujarat**
- PM dedicated **pipeline project** at **Vadinar** involving **replacement of existing offshore lines**, abandoning existing **Pipeline End Manifold (PLEM)**, and **relocating the entire system** (pipelines, the PLEMs and the interconnecting loop line) at a **nearby new location**.
- He dedicated **Rajkot-Okha, Rajkot-Jetalsar-Somnath** and **Jetalsar-Wansjaliya Rail Electrification projects** to the nation.
- PM laid **foundation stone** of widening of **Dhoraji-Jamkandorna-Kalavad** section of **NH-927D**;
- **Regional Science Center** at Jamnagar;
- **Flue Gas Desulphurization (FGD)** system installation at **Sikka Thermal Power Station**, Jamnagar

Q2) Recently, the 5th edition of Joint Military Exercise ‘**DHARMA GUARDIAN**’ between India and Japan has commenced in which of the following states?

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

Answer: A. Rajasthan

Q3) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the pilot project of ‘**World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector**’, which is being done in 11 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) of 11 States. It is implemented by which of the following organizations?

- A. Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- B. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)
- C. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- D. Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)

Answer: B. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)

Q4) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated Gujarat’s first **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)** in which of the following districts?

- A. Bharuch
- B. Amreli
- C. Bhavnagar
- D. Rajkot

Answer: D. Rajkot

More Information

- Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated, dedicated and laid the foundation stone of **multiple development projects** worth more than **Rs. 48,100 crore** in **Rajkot, Gujarat**
- PM Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation **five All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)** at **Rajkot** (Gujarat), **Bathinda** (Punjab), **Raebareli** (Uttar Pradesh), **Kalyani** (West Bengal) and **Mangalagiri** (Andhra Pradesh).
- **Other Healthcare Projects**
 - PM laid the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation more than **200 Health Care Infrastructure Projects** worth more than **Rs. 11,500 crore** across **23 States /UTs**.
 - PM dedicated the **Medical College of Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER)** at **Karaikal, Puducherry** and **300 bedded Satellite Centre of Post Graduate Institute of Medical and Educational Research (PGIMER)** in **Sangrur, Punjab**
 - He inaugurated **90 bedded Multi Specialty Consulting Unit of JIPMER at Yanam, Puducherry;**
 - **National Centre for Aging** in Chennai;
 - new **Government Medical College** in Purnea, Bihar;
 - **2 field units of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** namely, **National Institute of Virology Kerala Unit, at Alappuzha, Kerala** and **National Institute of Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT):**
 - **New Composite TB Research Facility, Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu.**
 - PM laid the foundation stone of **various health projects** including **100 bedded Satellite Centre of PGIMER at Ferozpur, Punjab;**
 - new **Medical College** building in **RML Hospital, Delhi**
 - **Critical Care Block** in RIMS, Imphal;
 - **Nursing Colleges** at Koderma and Dumka in Jharkhand

○ Under the **National Health Mission** and **Prime Minister-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission** (PM-ABHIM), PM also inaugurated, dedicate to the nation and lay the foundation stone of **115 projects**.

■ These include **78 projects** under **PM-ABHIM** (50 units of Critical Care Blocks, 15 units of Integrated Public health Labs, 13 units of Block Public Health Units);

■ **30 units** of various projects like **Community Health Centre**, Primary Health Care Center, Model Hospital, Transit Hostel etc. under **National Health Mission**

○ PM also inaugurated the **National Institute of Naturopathy** named ‘**Nisarg Gram**’ at **Pune**.

■ It comprises **Naturopathy Medical College** along with **250 bedded hospital** with **Multi-disciplinary Research** and Extension Centre.

○ Further, PM inaugurated the **Central Research Institute of Yoga & Naturopathy** at **Jhajjar, Haryana**.

■ It will have **apex level Yoga and Naturopathy Research facilities**

○ PM also inaugurated and dedicated to the nation **21 projects** of the **Employees’ State Insurance Corporation** (ESIC), worth around **Rs. 2280 crores**.

■ These include **2 medical colleges** and hospitals at **Patna** (Bihar) and **Alwar** (Rajasthan);

■ **8 hospitals** at Korba (Chhattisgarh), Udaipur (Rajasthan), Adityapur (Jharkhand), Phulwari Sharif (Bihar), Tiruppur (Tamil Nadu), Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh) and Raigarh & Bhilai in Chhattisgarh; and

■ **3 dispensaries** at Neemrana, Abu Road, and Bhilwara in Rajasthan.

■ **ESI dispensaries** at **8 locations** were also inaugurated at Alwar, Behror & Sitapura in Rajasthan, Selaqui (Uttarakhand), Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), Koratty & Navaikulam in Kerala and Pydibhimavaram (Andhra Pradesh).

● Moreover, PM laid the foundation stone of various **renewable energy projects** including **300 MW Bhuj-II Solar power project**;

○ **Grid Connected 600 MW Solar PV Power project**;

○ **Khavda Solar Power Project**;

○ **200 MW Dayapur-II Wind Energy Project**

● PM laid the foundation stone of the **New Mundra- Panipat pipeline project** worth over **Rs. 9000 crore**.

○ The **1194 km long Mundra- Panipat Pipeline** with an installed capacity of **8.4 MMTPA** was commissioned to transport **crude oil from Mundra** on the Gujarat coast to Indian Oil's refinery at **Panipat in Haryana**.

● **Road Projects**

○ PM dedicated doubling of **Surendranagar- Rajkot Rail line**

○ **four laning** of **Bhavnagar- Talaja** (Package-I) of old NH-8E;

○ **Pipli-Bhavnagar** (Package-I) of NH-751.

○ PM also laid the foundation stone of **six laning** with paved shoulder of **Samakhiyali to Santalpur section of NH-27**

Q5) Recently, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the **Centre of Excellence on Panchakarma** at the Government Ayurvedic College & Hospital in which of the following cities?

A. Guwahati

B. Itanagar

C. Shillong

D. Kohima

Answer: A. Guwahati

Q6) Recently, **Vimarsh 2023 5G Hackathon** was organized at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras. It was organized by the Telecom Centres of Excellence (TCoE) India in collaboration with which of the following organizations?

- A. Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Intelligence Bureau (IB)
- D. Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)

Answer: A. Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)

Q7) Recently, which of the following organizations has commissioned India's largest **Battery Energy Storage System** (BESS) in **Rajnandgaon**, Chhattisgarh?

- A. REC Limited
- B. NTPC Renewable Energy Limited
- C. Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)
- D. SJVN Limited

Answer: C. Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)

Q8) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the new Chairman of **British Broadcasting Corporation** (BBC)?

- A. Baron Paul
- B. Virendra Sharma
- C. Dr Samir Shah
- D. Suella Braverman

Answer: C. Dr Samir Shah

Q9) Recently, the **2024 Mobile World Congress** (MWC) was held in which of the following cities?

- A. London, United Kingdom
- B. Barcelona, Spain
- C. Paris, France
- D. New Delhi, India

Answer: B. Barcelona, Spain

● **Main theme:** “

Future First,” with **sub-themes** including Humanising AI, 5G and Beyond, Connecting Everything, Manufacturing DX, Game Changers, and Our Digital DNA

Q10) Recently, which of the following has become the first **private spacecraft** to land on the **lunar surface**?

- A. Odysseus
- B. Peregrine
- C. SLIM (Smart Lander for Investigating Moon)
- D. Hakuto-R Mission 1

Answer: A. Odysseus

Q11) Recently, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has accomplished the human rating of its **CE20 cryogenic engine**. It has been designed and developed by which of the following?

- A. Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad
- B. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai
- C. Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), Thiruvananthapuram

D. U R Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru

Answer: C. Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), Thiruvananthapuram

Q12) Recently, it was informed that the Indian National Trust For Art And Cultural Heritage (INTACH) is making efforts to include the annual 'Paruveta Utsavam' (mock hunting festival), as an UNESCO 'intangible cultural heritage'. 'Paruveta Utsavam' is celebrated in which of the following states?

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

Answer: A. Andhra Pradesh

Q13) Recently, **Manohar Joshi** has passed away, aged 86. He was the former Chief Minister of which of the following states?

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

Answer: C. Maharashtra

Q14) Recently, the first **National Public Health India Conference 2024** (NPHICON-2024) was inaugurated in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: A. New Delhi

Q15) Recently, Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has announced the setting up of a **regional facilitation office** of the **Central Board of Film Certification** (CBFC) in which of the following cities?

- A. Amritsar
- B. Varanasi
- C. Mathura
- D. Chandigarh

Answer: D. Chandigarh

Q16) Recently, which of the following state governments has approved the extension of its "**KALIA**" scheme (Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation) for three years from 2024-2025 to 2026-2027?

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

Answer: B. Odisha

Q17) Recently, the construction of the **Shahpur Kandi Dam Project** has been completed. It has been built over which of the following rivers?

- A. Sutlej River
- B. Beas River

- C. Indus River
- D. Ravi River

Answer: D. Ravi River

Q18) **Central Excise Day** is observed on which of the following days every year in India?

- A. 23rd February
- B. 24th February
- C. 25th February
- D. 26th February

Answer: B. 24th February

Important Days

- **World Peace and Understanding Day:** It is observed on **February 23 every year**, to promote **harmony and goodwill** among individuals from different religions, cultures and geography.
 - The day commemorates the **first meeting of Rotary International**, that took place in **Chicago, US**.
- **World NGO Day:** It is celebrated on **February 27** every year to recognize the contributions of **non-governmental organizations (NGOs)**. The day was established in **2014**.
 - **Theme:** Building a Sustainable Future: The Role of NGOs in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

27th February

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated NTPC's **Lara Super Thermal Power Project**, Stage-I (2x800 MW) and laid the foundation Stone of NTPC's Lara Super Thermal Power Project, Stage-II (2x800 MW) in which of the following districts of Chhattisgarh?

- A. Bijapur
- B. Balrampur
- C. Dantewada
- D. Raigarh

Answer: D. Raigarh

More Information

- Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** addressed the '**Viksit Bharat Viksit Chhattisgarh**' program and inaugurated, dedicated and laid the foundation stone for **multiple development projects worth over Rs 34,400 crores**.
 - **South Eastern Coalfields Limited projects**
 - The PM inaugurated **three key First Mile Connectivity (FMC) projects** of **South Eastern Coalfields Limited**, built at a total cost of more than **Rs 600 crores**. ■ These projects include **Dipka OCP Coal Handling Plant** in South Eastern Coalfields Limited's **Dipka Area and Chhal**, and **Baroud OCP Coal handling plant** in **SECL's Raigarh Area**.
 - **Solar PV Project at Rajnandgaon built**
 - PM inaugurated the **Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited's Solar PV Project at Rajnandgaon built** at a cost of around **Rs 900 Crore**.
 - The **Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)**, under the aegis of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, has successfully commissioned **India's largest Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)**, which **stores energy using solar energy**.

○ **Other projects**

- PM dedicated **Bilaspur – Uslapur Flyover** to be built at a cost of around **Rs. 300 Crores**.
- The PM also dedicated a **50MW Solar Power Plant** in **Bhilai**.
- The PM dedicated **55.65 km long Section of NH-49** to **two lanes** with **paved shoulders**.
- The PM also dedicated **52.40 km long section of NH-130** to **two-lanes** with paved shoulders.

Q2) Recently, which of the following has been ranked as the **No. 1 cooperative**, on the basis of ratio of turnover over gross domestic product (GDP) per capita, in the 2023 edition of the **12th Annual World Cooperative Monitor** (WCM) report published by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)?

- A. Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)
- B. Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited (AMUL)
- C. REWE Group, Germany
- D. Groupe Cr dit Agricole, France

Answer: A. Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)

Q3) Recently, President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the ‘**Purple Fest**’ at **Amrit Udyaan** in the Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. Which of the following is the nodal ministry for the event?

- A. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Minority Affairs

Answer: B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Q4) Recently, which of the following states has launched the ‘**Savera**’ programme?

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

Answer: B. Haryana

Q5) Recently, PM Narendra Modi mentioned about ‘**Goat Bank**’ initiative (**Manikstu Agro**) in his Mann Ki Baat’s 110th episode. ‘Goat Bank’ initiative was launched in which of the following districts of Odisha?

- A. Kalahandi
- B. Balasore
- C. Angul
- D. Dhenkanal

Answer: A. Kalahandi

Q6) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the new **director** at the **Independent Evaluation Office** (IEO) of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)?

- A. Leena Nair
- B. Geeta Batra
- C. Madhu Verma
- D. Reetika Khera

Answer: B. Geeta Batra

Q7) The three new criminal laws - **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023**, **Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023** and **Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam 2023** – will come into effect from which of the following dates?

- A. 1st April, 2024
- B. 1st May, 2024
- C. 1st June, 2024
- D. 1st July, 2024

Answer: D. 1st July, 2024

Q8) According to the recently released All India Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2022-23, which of the following states has the **highest Monthly per capita expenditure** (MPCE) (Without Imputation)?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Haryana
- C. Punjab
- D. Chhattisgarh

Answer: A. Sikkim

● **Without Imputation**

● **With Imputation**

Q9) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated **Bharat Tex 2024** at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. Which of the following are the **Partner States** for the event?

- A. Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh
- C. Telangana and Andhra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu and West Bengal

Answer: A. Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra

Q10) Recently, which of the following companies has announced to organize its first-ever global partner roadshow: "**Confluence: Where Energy and Opportunity Converge**" in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates?

- A. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- B. GAIL (India) Limited
- C. Oil India Limited (OIL)
- D. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

Answer: C. Oil India Limited (OIL)

Q11) Recently, Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande inaugurated the first **Maharashtra MSME Defence Expo 2024** in which of the following cities?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Nagpur
- D. Nashik

Answer: B. Pune

Q12) Recently, Government of India has approved **Rs 10,000** interest free loan to **Flue Cured Virginia** (FCV) Tobacco growers in which of the following states?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Karnataka

- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat

Answer: A. Andhra Pradesh

Q13) Recently, researchers from Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council - **Translational Health Science and Technology Institute** (THSTI), Faridabad and which of the following institutions have developed a model “**Garbhini-GA2**”?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- C. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai
- D. All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi

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

Q14) Recently, for the first time, the “**Antihydrogen Experiment: Gravity, Interferometry, Spectroscopy** (AEgIS)” collaboration has successfully demonstrated the laser cooling of Positronium. Which of the following Indian institutes is part of the AEgIS collaboration?

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

Answer: A. Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru

Q15) Recently, which of the following has won the **Khelo India Winter Games 2024** title?

- A. Indian Navy
- B. Indian Army
- C. Karnataka
- D. Maharashtra

Answer: B. Indian Army

Q16) Recently, which of the following countries has topped the medal tally in the **2024 BWF Para-Badminton World Championships** held in Pattaya, Thailand?

- A. China
- B. Indonesia
- C. India
- D. Malaysia

Answer: A. China

Q17) Recently, Ghazal singer **Pankaj Udhas** has passed away, aged 72. He was awarded the **Padma Shri** award in which of the following years?

- A. 2005
- B. 2006
- C. 2007
- D. 2008

Answer: B. 2006

Q18) Recently, the **13th Ministerial Conference** (MC13) of the **World Trade Organization** (WTO) has commenced in which of the following cities?

- A. Munich, Germany

- B. New York, USA
 - C. Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
 - D. London, United Kingdom
- Answer: C. Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**

28th February

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for Sikkim's first railway station “**Rangpo Railway Station**”. It is in which of the following districts of Sikkim?

- A. Gangtok
- B. Soreng
- C. Namchi
- D. Pakyong

Answer: D. Pakyong

Q2) Recently, **Ministry of Ayush** has signed an MoU with which of the following ministries for a joint public health initiative for “Anaemia Control among adolescent girls using Ayurveda interventions in the five districts under **Mission Utkarsh**”?

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- D. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer: A. Ministry of Women and Child Development

1. **Assam**–Dhubri
2. **Chhattisgarh**- Bastar
3. **Jharkhand** – Paschimi Singhbhum
4. **Maharashtra** – Gadchiroli
5. **Rajasthan** – Dhaulpur.

Q3) **Startup Mahakumbh 2024** will be held in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: C. New Delhi

Q4) Recently, which of the following organizations has been awarded the first prize in “**Innovation in AI**” category for its ASTR (AI & Facial Recognition-powered Solution for Telecom SIM Subscriber Verification) project at the **14th Annual Aegis Graham Bell Awards 2024**, New Delhi?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- B. National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- C. Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
- D. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

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

Q5) Recently, Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar has launched ‘**Investor Information and Analytics Platform**’. It is developed by which of the following?

- A. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras

- C. Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad
- D. ASSOCHAM

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

Q6) “**Homosep Atom**”, recently seen in news, is a type of which of the following?

- A. Exoplanet
- B. Asteroid
- C. Septic tank/manhole cleaning robot
- D. Diamond

Answer: C. Septic tank/manhole cleaning robot

Q7) Recently, which of the following organizations has launched the “**Vantara**” (Star of the Forest) programme in Jamnagar, Gujarat?

- A. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- B. Reliance Foundation
- C. DLF Foundation
- D. Azim Premji Foundation

Answer: B. Reliance Foundation

Q8) Recently ‘**Fool Bahadur**’, the first Magahi novel translated into English by Abhay K. was launched. It was written by who amongst the following?

- A. Jayanath Pati
- B. Manoj Kumar Sinha
- C. Charu Nivedita
- D. Nandini Krishnan

Answer: A. Jayanath Pati

Q9) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the **Chairperson** of the **Lokpal**?

- A. Justice (retired) A.M. Khanwilkar
- B. Justice (retired) Ritu Raj Awasthi
- C. Justice (retired) Lingappa Narayana Swamy
- D. Justice (retired) Sanjay Yadav

Answer: A. Justice (retired) A.M. Khanwilkar

● The president has also appointed former high court judges **Lingappa Narayana Swamy, Sanjay Yadav** and **Ritu Raj Awasthi** as **judicial members** of the Lokpal.

● **Non-judicial members Sushil Chandra, Pankaj Kumar** and **Ajay Tirkey** were also appointed.

Recent Appointments

● Recently, **Feleti Teo** has been appointed as the **Prime Minister of Tuvalu**. The position of Prime Minister in Tuvalu is elected by parliament members, and there **are no term limits**.

○ He replaces **Kausea Natano**

○ **Tuvalu is an island nation in the South Pacific Ocean, located between Australia and Hawaii.**

■ It's made up of **nine islands**, including **four reef islands** and **five coral atolls**

● Recently, the **World Gold Council** has appointed **Sachin Jain** as its **new India CEO**.

○ Sachin Jain was the **former Managing Director** of **De Beers India** and has also held several senior roles in **De Beers** for the past **13 years**.

○ The **World Gold Council** is the market **development organisation** for the **gold industry**.

■ It is headquartered in **London, United Kingdom**

Q10) Recently, Adani Defence and Aerospace has unveiled **South Asia's largest Missiles and Ammunition complex** in which of the following districts of Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Rae Bareli
- B. Varanasi
- C. Ghaziabad
- D. Kanpur

Answer: D. Kanpur

Q11) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the '**Trisonic Wind Tunnel**' at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC). It is in which of the following districts of Kerala?

- A. Kollam
- B. Thiruvananthapuram
- C. Idukki
- D. Malappuram

Answer: B. Thiruvananthapuram

More Information

- Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** visited the **Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC), Thumba at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala** and inaugurated **three important space infrastructure projects** worth around **Rs 1800 crores**.

1. PSLV Integration Facility (PIF) at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
2. New 'Semi-cryogenics Integrated Engine and Stage Test facility' at ISRO Propulsion Complex at Mahendragiri, Odisha
3. 'Trisonic Wind Tunnel' at VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram.

- PM Modi also announced **that India will have its own space station by 2035** that will study "**unknown expanses of space**".

- Moreover, PM **Narendra Modi** reviewed the progress of the **Gaganyaan Mission** and bestowed '**astronaut wings**' to the **four astronaut designated** for the mission

- The **astronaut-designates** are:

1. Group Captain Prashanth Balakrishnan Nair
2. Group Captain Ajit Krishnan
3. Group Captain Angad Pratap
4. Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla.

- **All four**, short-listed four years ago, are **Indian Air Force (IAF) test pilots from Aircraft and Systems**

Testing Establishment (ASTE) in Bengaluru.

- **Pushpak Reusable Launch Vehicle**

- Recently, it was also informed that **India's Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV)** will be named "**Pushpak**"

- It is being developed by the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**

- The Pushpak RLV is designed as an **all-rocket, fully reusable single-stage-to-orbit (SSTO) vehicle**, incorporating several major elements such as the **X-33 advanced technology demonstrator**, the **X-34 testbed technology demonstrator**, and the upgraded **DC-XA flight demonstrator**.

- The reusable launch vehicle promises to **revolutionize this domain** by **reducing launch costs** by **nearly 80%**, thereby making **space exploration more accessible** and **sustainable**.

Q12) Recently, PM Narendra Modi offered prayers at **Meenakshi Amman Temple**. It is in which of the following cities?

- A. Bhubaneswar

- B. Madurai
- C. Vijayawada
- D. Nellore

Answer: B. Madurai

More Information

- Recently, PM Narendra Modi participated in the program ‘**Creating the Future – Digital Mobility for Automotive MSME Entrepreneurs**’ in **Madurai, Tamil Nadu**
- The Prime Minister also **launched two initiatives** designed to support and uplift MSMEs in the Indian automotive industry - **TVS Open Mobility Platform** and **CII-TVS Mobility Centre of Excellence**

- PM Narendra Modi also met **German singer Cassandra Mae Spittmann** who sings **devotional songs** in several **Indian languages** in **Tamil Nadu's Palladam**.
- PM Modi was also **gifted a 67 kg Turmeric Mala** (Garland) by people from **Erode** to thank him for establishing the **Turmeric Board**.
- The **Thoda tribal community** gifted **handmade shawl from Nilgiris to PM** to express gratitude towards **PM's emphasis on women Self Help Groups**.

Q13) Recently, **Ms Elisa de Anda Madrazo** has been appointed as the President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for 2024-26 term. She is from which of the following countries?

- A. Canada
- B. Germany
- C. Mexico
- D. Argentina

Answer: C. Mexico

Q14) Recently, **Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton** has scored the fastest T20 International (Cricket) hundred in just 33 balls against Nepal. He is from which of the following countries?

- A. Kenya
- B. Netherlands
- C. Namibia
- D. United Arab Emirates

Answer: C. Namibia

More Information

- Recently, **Ravichandran Ashwin** equalled leg-spinner **Anil Kumble** for the most **five-wicket hauls** by an **Indian bowler in Tests** during India's fourth Test match against England in Ranchi
- Ashwin ended with **five for 51**
- This was **Ashwin's 35th five-wicket haul** a test match, playing his **99th Test match**.
- **Kumble** had the **same five-wicket hauls** in **136 matches**.
- **Only three bowlers** have bagged **more five-wicket hauls** in Tests - **Muthiah Muralidaran (67)**, **Shane Warne (37)** and **Richard Hadlee (36)**.
- Also, earlier, **Ashwin went past Kumble** in the list of the **highest wicket-takers for India in India** with **354 Wickets in Test cricket**, surpassing **Anil Kumble's 350 wickets**.
- But still, **Anil Kumble** is the **highest Test wicket taker for India** with total **619 wickets**

Q15) Recently, **Reliance Industries limited** and which of the following companies have announced the **merger** of their India TV and streaming media assets?

- A. Sony Pictures Networks India
- B. Zee Entertainment Enterprises

- C. Walt Disney
- D. NDTV India

Answer: C. Walt Disney

Q16) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated India's first indigenous **hydrogen fuel cell catamaran ferry vessel**. It is developed by which of the following companies?

- A. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- B. Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
- D. Goa Shipyard Limited

Answer: A. Cochin Shipyard Limited

Q17) Recently, which of the following companies has launched generative AI model "Genie"?

- A. Amazon
- B. Microsoft
- C. OpenAI
- D. Google DeepMind

Answer: D. Google DeepMind

Q18) Recently, **Coal India Limited** (CIL) has signed an agreement with which of the following companies for setting up an **ammonium nitrate plant** through surface coal gasification (SCG) technology route?

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

Answer: C. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

29th February

Q1) Recently, SJVN Limited has commissioned its **Raghanesda Solar Power Station** in Banaskatha district, Gujarat. What is its total capacity?

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

Answer: B. 100 MW

Q2) Recently, the Indian Army has inducted the **46-meter Modular Bridge**. It is designed and developed by which of the following organizations?

- A. Larsen and Toubro (L&T)
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- C. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- D. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

Answer: C. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)

Q3) Recently, the Ministry of Ayush and **Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)**, New Delhi have signed an MoU for cooperation in Indian Traditional Medicine. RIS is an autonomous institute under which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of External Affairs
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: A. Ministry of External Affairs

More Information

- Recently, the **National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur** under the Ministry of Ayush and **Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine** of the Ministry of Public Health of the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand have signed a MoU on the establishment of an **Academic Collaboration in Ayurveda and Thai Traditional Medicine in New Delhi, India**

- The initiative has been taken to **promote, facilitate, and develop academic collaboration** in the field of **Ayurveda and Thai Traditional Medicine** based on equality and mutual benefit of the Participants.
- This MoU will facilitate the **exchange of experts for research and training programs**, academic and technical activities, and **conducting research**, exchange of **information, technologies, and best practices** of Traditional Medicine.

Q4) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has launched the **Modi Awaas Gharkul Yojana** for OBC category beneficiaries in which of the following states?

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

Answer: C. Maharashtra

More Information

- Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **development projects** related to rail, road and irrigation worth more than **Rs 4900 crores** at **Yavatmal in Maharashtra**

- The PM also inaugurated **the statue of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay in Yavatmal city.**

- **PM released benefits under PM KISAN**

- The **16th instalment** amount of more than **Rs 21,000 crores** under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman**

Nidhi (PM-KISAN) was released through **direct benefits transfer to beneficiaries.**

- The Prime Minister also disbursed the **2nd and 3rd instalments** of ‘**Namo Shetkari MahaSanman Nidhi**’ worth about **Rs 3800 crores**, for farmers in **Maharashtra.**

- The scheme provides an **additional amount of Rs 6000 per year** to the **beneficiaries** of **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana** in **Maharashtra.**

- **Self Help Groups**

- The PM also disbursed **Rs 825 crore of Revolving Fund** to **5.5 lakh women Self Help Groups (SHGs)** across **Maharashtra.**

- This amount is **additional to the Revolving fund** provided by the Government of India under the **National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).**

- **Irrigation projects**

- Worth more than **Rs 2750 crore** under **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna (PMKSY)** and **Baliraja Jal Sanjeevani Yojana** of **Maharashtra government (BJSY).**

- **Rail projects**

- Worth **more than Rs. 1300 crore**

- The projects include the **Wardha-Kalamb broad gauge line** (part of the Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded new broad gauge line project) and the **New Ashti - Amalner broad gauge line** (part of the Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli new broad gauge line project).

- The PM also **virtually flagged off two train services** during the program.

- This includes train services connecting **Kalamb and Wardha**, and train service connecting **Amalner and New Ashti**.

- **Road sector**

- The projects include **four laning** of the **Warora-Wani section of NH-930**;

- **Road upgradation projects** for important roads connecting **Sakoli-Bhandara and Salaikhurd Tirora**.

Q5) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for the **second spaceport** of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) at **Kulasekarapattinam**. It is in which of the following districts of Tamil Nadu?

A. Cuddalore

B. Coimbatore

C. Thoothukudi

D. Erode

Answer: C. Thoothukudi

More Information

- Recently, **PM Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone and dedicated **multiple development projects** worth more than **Rs 17,300 crores** in **Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu**

- The PM laid the foundation stone of **Outer Harbor Container Terminal** at **V.O.Chidambaranar Port**.

- This Container Terminal is a step towards **transforming V.O.Chidambaranar Port into a transshipment hub for the East coast**.

- The PM also inaugurated various other projects aimed at making **the V.O.Chidambaranar Port the first**

Green Hydrogen Hub Port of the country.

- These projects include a **desalination plant, hydrogen production, bunkering facility** etc.

- The PM also launched **India's first indigenous green hydrogen fuel cell inland waterway vessel** under the **Harit Nauka initiative**.

- The vessel is manufactured by **Cochin Shipyard**

- PM also dedicated tourist facilities in **75 lighthouses** across **10 States/UTs**.

- He also dedicated **rail projects** for doubling of **Vanchi Maniyachchi - Nagercoil rail line** including the **Vanchi Maniyachchi - Tirunelveli section** and **Melappalayam - Aralvaymoli section**.

- The PM dedicated four **road projects** in Tamil Nadu, developed at a **total cost of about Rs 4,586 Crore**.

1. These projects include the **four-laning** of the **Jittandahalli-Dharmapuri section** of NH-844

2. **two-laning** with paved shoulders of the **Meensurutti-Chidambaram section** of NH-81

3. **four-laning** of the **Oddanchatram-Madathukulam section** of NH-83, and

4. **two-laning** with paved shoulders of the **Nagapattinam-Thanjavur section** of NH-83.

Q6) Recently, the General Council of **Sangeet Natak Akademi** has elected six eminent personalities in the field of performing arts as **Akademi Fellows** (Akademi Ratna). The honour of Akademi Fellow carries a prize money of how much amount?

A. Rs 1 lakh

- B. Rs 2 lakh
- C. Rs 3 lakh
- D. Rs 4 lakh

Answer: C. Rs 3 lakh

Q7) Recently, Union Minister Smriti Zubin Irani has launched the logo and the website for the “**Alliance for Global Good – Gender Equity and Equality**”. Which of the following organizations is the ‘Institutional Partner’ for this initiative?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Observer Research Foundation (ORF)
- C. Invest India
- D. Centre for Civil Society

Answer: C. Invest India

Q8) Recently, India’s first human clinical trial of **gene therapy** for **haemophilia A** (FVIII deficiency) was conducted at which of the following institutions?

- A. Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi
- B. Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi
- C. Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi
- D. Christian Medical College, Vellore

Answer: D. Christian Medical College, Vellore

More Information

- The **National Science Day** (NSD) is celebrated every year on **28 February** to commemorate the discovery of the ‘**Raman Effect**’.
- The Government of India designated **28 February** as **National Science Day (NSD) in 1986**.
- On this day **Sir C.V. Raman** announced the **discovery of the 'Raman Effect'** for which he was awarded the **Nobel Prize in 1930**.
- **Theme for 2024:** ‘Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat’.

Q9) Recently, Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers’ Association (IEEMA) has formally announced the 16th edition of “**ELECRAMA 2025**”. It will be held in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: B. New Delhi

- **Theme:** “Reimagining Energy for Sustainable Future

Q10) Recently, **Attukal Pongal festival** was celebrated in which of the following states?

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

Answer: B. Kerala

Q11) Recently, the **Tamil Nadu Endangered Species Conservation Fund** (TNESCF) has been established to protect the purple frog and other lesser-known endangered species. What is the total corpus of the fund?

- A. Rs 25 crore
- B. Rs 50 crore
- C. Rs 75 crore
- D. Rs 100 crore

Answer: B. Rs 50 crore

Q12) Recently, which of the following cities has introduced **five-year multiple-entry visa** for Indians?

- A. London
- B. New York
- C. Dubai
- D. Toronto

Answer: C. Dubai

Q13) Recently, which of the following countries has suspended its participation in the **Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO)**?

- A. Azerbaijan
- B. Belarus
- C. Russia
- D. Armenia

Answer: D. Armenia

Q14) Recently, world's third-largest and Africa's largest mosque "**Djamaa El-Djazair**" has been inaugurated in which of the following countries?

- A. Morocco
- B. Senegal
- C. Algeria
- D. Egypt

Answer: C. Algeria

Q15) Recently, **Maryam Nawaz** has been elected as the Chief Minister of which of the following provinces of Pakistan, thereby becoming the **first-ever woman CM** of a province in Pakistan?

- A. Sindh
- B. Balochistan
- C. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- D. Punjab

Answer: D. Punjab

Q16) Recently, the Bihar Startup Fund Trust (BSFT) has signed an agreement with which of the following organizations to administer the Rs 50-crore **Bihar Startup Scale-up Financing Fund (BSSFF)**?

- A. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- B. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. NASSCOM

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

Q17) Recently, the Union Ministry of Finance has recognized which of the following airlines as a "**designated Indian carrier**"?

- A. Alliance Air
- B. Akasa Air
- C. FlyBig
- D. TrueJet

Answer: B. Akasa Air

Q18) Recently, the 21st edition of **BioAsia 2024** summit has commenced in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: C. Hyderabad

● **Theme:** Data and AI: Redefining Possibilities