

16th January

Q1) Recently, which of the following High Courts has suspended all mining licenses for stone quarrying within a 20-km radius of the **Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam**?

- A. Madras High Court
- B. Telangana High Court
- C. Andhra Pradesh High Court
- D. Karnataka High Court

Answer: D. Karnataka High Court

Q2) Recently, which of the following African countries has been **certified malaria free** by the World Health Organization (WHO)?

- A. Cabo Verde
- B. Nigeria
- C. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
- D. Somalia

Answer: A. Cabo Verde

Q3) Recently, **Gangasagar Mela 2024** was held in which of the following states?

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

Answer: B. West Bengal

Q4) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book “**Gandhi: A Life in Three Campaigns**”?

- A. Ajit Doval
- B. Nirpendra Mishra
- C. M.J. Akbar
- D. C. Raja Mohan

Answer: C. M.J. Akbar

Q5) Recently, NLC India Limited has awarded the contract to set up a greenfield thermal power plant of **2,400 MW** capacity in Odisha's **Jharsuguda district** to which of the following companies?

- A. REC Limited
- B. NTPC Limited
- C. Adani Green Energy
- D. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Answer: D. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Q6) Recently, nominations have been invited for the “**Rastriya Vigyan Puraskar 2024**” in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation. The awards are being coordinated by which of the following organizations?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- D. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Answer: D. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Q7) The **2023-2024 National Equestrian Championship** in Dressage will be held at which of the following places?

- A. Kochi, Kerala
- B. Auroville, Tamil Nadu
- C. Puducherry
- D. Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Answer: B. Auroville, Tamil Nadu

Q8) Recently, **25T Bollard Pull Tug** was launched at Titagarh Rail Systems Limited, **Kolkata**. What is its name?

- A. Arjun
- B. Bhishm
- C. Vayu
- D. Karan

Answer: B. Bhishm

Q9) Recently, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has launched the Artificial Intelligence (AI) supported Telemedicine Mobile Clinic "**Aarogya-Doctors on Wheels**" at the **Ramnagar tehsil** in which of the following districts of Jammu and Kashmir?

- A. Udhampur
- B. Kathua
- C. Samba
- D. Pulwama

Answer: A. Udhampur

Q10) Recently, **DLabs** at which of the following institutions has launched the '**Build for Billions**' startup accelerator programme in partnership with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) and Union Bank of India?

- A. Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- C. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
- D. S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai

Answer: A. Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad

Q11) Recently, **India's First National Highway Steel Slag Road** on Indapur-Panvel Section has been inaugurated on which of the following National Highways?

- A. NH-66
- B. NH-345
- C. NH-8

D. NH-267

Answer: A. NH-66

Q12) Recently, the **Climate Conference 2024** was held in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: B. Mumbai

• **Theme:** "Decoding the Green Transition for India"

Q13) Recently, who amongst the following has been sworn in as a **member** of the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**?

- A. Amitabh Kant
- B. Sheel Vardhan Singh
- C. Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- D. Harsh Vardhan Shringla

Answer: B. Sheel Vardhan Singh

Q14) Recently, the President Smt Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the **5th Edition** of the Meghalaya **Games** in which of the following cities?

- A. Shillong
- B. Jowai
- C. Tura
- D. Williamnagar

Answer: C. Tura

Q15) Recently, the **76th Army Day** was celebrated on 15th January, 2024 in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: B. Lucknow

• **Theme:** In Service of the Nation

Q16) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi has released the first instalment to how many beneficiaries of **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY - G)** under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (**PM-JANMAN**)?

- A. 1 lakh
- B. 2 lakh
- C. 3 lakh
- D. 4 lakh

Answer: A. 1 lakh

Q17) Recently, **Khanij Bidesh India Limited** (KABIL) and **CAMYEN SE** of which of the following countries has signed an agreement for Lithium exploration and mining?

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

Answer: C. Argentina

Q18) Recently, which of the following space agencies has invited applications from people to put their name aboard its **VIPER moon rover** (Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover)?

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

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

17th January

Q1) Recently, which of the following banks has launched a special fixed deposit (FD) scheme “**Green Rupee Term Deposit**” scheme?

- A. Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- B. State Bank of India (SBI)
- C. Canara Bank
- D. Indian Bank

Answer: B. State Bank of India (SBI)

Q2) Recently, a new butterfly species “**Conjoined Silverline**” (*Cigaritis conjuncta*) has been discovered in **Bramhagiri Wildlife Sanctuary**. It is in which of the following states?

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

Answer: D. Karnataka

Q3) Recently, which of the following countries has agreed to host a **Global Peace Summit on Ukraine**?

- A. Switzerland
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Russia
- D. United Arab Emirates

Answer: A. Switzerland

Q4) Recently, **Bernardo Arevalo** has been sworn in as the president of which of the following countries?

- A. El Salvador
- B. Guatemala
- C. Honduras
- D. Mexico

Answer: B. Guatemala

Q5) Recently, which of the following organizations has announced the launch of the first human trial for its **ChAdOx1 NipahB vaccine**?

- A. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- B. University of Oxford
- C. Moderna
- D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Answer: B. University of Oxford

Q6) Recently, Union Minister Ajay Bhatt has flagged off the indigenously developed and manufactured **Astra Missiles**. It is manufactured by which of the following companies?

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

Answer: A. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

Q7) Recently, the **second International AYUSH Conference and Exhibition** was inaugurated in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: C. Dubai

● **Theme:** Non-Communicable Chronic Diseases – Prevention & Management through AYUSH

Q8) Recently, the Indian Army has launched “**Operation Sarvashakti**” in which of the following states/union territories?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Punjab
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: A. Jammu and Kashmir

Q9) Recently, who amongst the following has become the first player to play **150 men's T20 internationals matches** (Cricket)?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Babar Azam
- C. Rohit Sharma

D. Paul Stirling

Answer: C. Rohit Sharma

Q10) Project '**Shaurya Sankalan: Digital Archiving of Military History**', recently seen in news, is an initiative by which of the following security forces?

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

Answer: A. Indian Army

Q11) According to the recently released discussion paper on 'Multidimensional Poverty in India since 2005-06' by NITI Aayog, which of the following states has registered the **largest decline** in the **number of poor**?

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

Answer: A. Uttar Pradesh

Q12) Recently, the **India Meteorological Department** (IMD) celebrated its **150th year** of establishment on which of the following days?

- A. 14th January, 2024
- B. 15th January, 2024
- C. 16th January, 2024
- D. 17th January, 2024

Answer: B. 15th January, 2024

● **150 years of IMD: Major initiatives launched**

1. **Souvenir on Evolution** of India Meteorological Department (IMD) and its services since 1875
2. Web-GIS-based integrated Decision Support System (DSS) known as the **Weather Analysis and Forecast Enabling System** (WAFES), inspired by Pancha Mahabhuta i.e. Water, Air, Fire, Earth and Sky
3. **Panchayat Mausam Seva** for farmers
4. IMD's Mobile App "**Mausam**" and **Mausamgram**
5. **National Framework of Climate Services** (NFCS)

Q13) Recently, the debris from the **Indian Air Force An-32 K-2743 aircraft** was found near the Chennai coast. It went missing over the Bay of Bengal in which of the following years?

- A. 2016
- B. 2018
- C. 2020
- D. 2022

Answer: A. 2016

Q14) Recently, which of the following state governments has launched the "My School-My Pride" initiative under the "Apna Vidyalay" programme?

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

Answer: B. Himachal Pradesh

Q15) Recently, the first bilateral maritime exercise between India and which of the following countries has been named 'Ex-Ayutthaya'?

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

Answer: C. Thailand

Q16) Recently, Boeing has opened its first India distribution centre at which of the following places?

- A. Kochi, Kerala
- B. Khurja, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Hyderabad, Telangana
- D. Siwan, Bihar

Answer: B. Khurja, Uttar Pradesh

Q17) Recently, which of the following states has emerged as the overall champion in the Beach Games 2024 held at Ghoghla Beach in Diu?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Goa
- C. Assam
- D. Maharashtra

Answer: A. Madhya Pradesh

Q18) Recently, the 8th Armed Forces Veterans' Day was celebrated on which of the following days?

- A. 13th January
- B. 14th January
- C. 15th January
- D. 16th January

Answer: B. 14th January

● **More Information**

- The 8th Armed Forces Veterans' Day celebrations witnessed the release of maiden 'SAGAR SAMVAD' magazine, a yearly journal published by Directorate of Ex-Servicemen Affairs of the Indian Navy
- The Indian Air Force and Indian Army also released the 'VAYU SAMVEDNA' and 'SAMMAN' magazines respectively.

18th January

Q1) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the new campus of **National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics** (NACIN) at **Palasamudram**. It is in which of the following districts of Andhra Pradesh?

- A. Eluru District
- B. Sri Sathya Sai District
- C. Ambedkar Konaseema District
- D. Anantapuramu District

Answer: B. Sri Sathya Sai District

Q2) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi visited which of the following temples, which is famous for **Ram Jatayu Samvad**?

- A. Kalaram Temple, Nashik
- B. Raghunath Temple, Jammu
- C. Sri Sita Ramachandraswamy Temple, Telangana
- D. Veerbhadra Temple, Lepakshi

Answer: D. Veerbhadra Temple, Lepakshi

Q3) Recently, the President Smt Droupadi Murmu interacted with the members of Self Help Groups at **Baljek Airport**. It is in which of the following states?

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

Answer: C. Meghalaya

Q4) Recently, which of the following companies has issued its first **Japanese Yen (JPY) 61.1 billion** (approximately Rs 3,500 crore) **green bonds**?

- A. NTPC Limited
- B. REC Limited
- C. Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- D. State Bank of India (SBI)

Answer: B. REC Limited

Q5) Recently, the Indian Army '**Exercise Topchi**' was conducted by the School of Artillery at Devlali. It is in which of the following states?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh

- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat

Answer: C. Maharashtra

Q6) Recently, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan has inaugurated the ninth chapter of 'Capsule on Science, Technology and Applied Research' (CAPSTAR) at which of the following institutions?

- A. National Defence Academy (NDA), Pune
- B. Indian Military Academy (IMA), Pune
- C. Defence Services Staff College, Wellington
- D. Military Institute of Technology, Pune

Answer: D. Military Institute of Technology, Pune

Q7) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the ICC Women's Player of the Month for December 2023?

- A. Deepti Sharma
- B. Harmanpreet Kaur
- C. Smriti Mandhana
- D. Richa Ghosh

Answer: A. Deepti Sharma

Q8) Recently, the Central government has launched a new solar scheme worth Rs 515 crore for electrification in Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) habitations and villages under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) programme during 2023-24 to 2025-26. It will be implemented by which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Power
- B. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D. Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Q9) Recently, who amongst the following has won the 2024 Miss America pageant?

- A. Madison Marsh
- B. Grace Stanke
- C. Ellie Breaux
- D. Cydney Bridges

Answer: A. Madison Marsh

Q10) Recently, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and which of the following companies have formally unveiled the X-59 quiet supersonic aircraft?

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Saab

D. Airbus

Answer: B. Lockheed Martin

Q11) Recently, PM Shri **Narendra Modi fed cows** of which of the following breeds at his residence, 7 Lok Kalyan Marg, on the occasion of Pongal/ Makar Sankranti on 14th January, 2024?

- A. Gir
- B. Sahiwal
- C. Ongole
- D. Punganur

Answer: D. Punganur

Q12) Recently, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar has flagged off the Indian Navy **Chadar Trek** expedition. The Chadar Trek is a winter trail that crosses which of the following rivers?

- A. Chenab River
- B. Jhelum River
- C. Zaskar River
- D. Indus River

Answer: C. Zaskar River

Q13) Recently, which of the following organizations has announced its **2024 Crystal Awards**?

- A. World Bank
- B. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- C. World Economic Forum (WEF)
- D. UNESCO

Answer: C. World Economic Forum (WEF)

● **Winners: 30th Annual Crystal Awards 2024**

1. **Michelle Yeoh**: Oscar-winning actress, producer, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Goodwill Ambassador
2. **Diebedo Francis Kere**: Burkinabe-German architect and educator, and globally acclaimed leader
3. **Nile Rodgers**: American musician

Q14) Recently, which of the following ministries has launched the Scheme for Prime Minister's Awards for **Excellence in Public Administration 2023**?

- A. Ministry of Cooperation
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions

Answer: D. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions

Q15) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the **Best FIFA Men's Player 2023** (Football)?

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Erling Haaland
- C. Kylian Mbappe
- D. Cristiano Ronaldo

Answer: A. Lionel Messi

● **Award Winners: FIFA Awards 2023**

1. **The Best FIFA Women's Player:** Aitana Bonmati (Spain)
2. **The Best FIFA Men's Player:** Lionel Messi (Argentina)
3. **The Best FIFA Women's Goalkeeper:** Mary Earps (England)
4. **The Best FIFA Men's Goalkeeper:** Ederson (Brazil)
5. **The Best FIFA Women's Coach:** Sarina Wiegman (England)
6. **The Best FIFA Men's Coach:** Pep Guardiola (Spain – Manchester City)
7. **The FIFA Puskás Award:** Guilherme Madruga (Brazil)
8. **The FIFA Special Award:** Marta (Brazil)
9. **The FIFA Fair Play Award:** Brazil men's national team
10. **The FIFA Fan Award:** Hugo Daniel "Toto" Iniguez (Argentina)

Q16) Recently, Union Minister R.K. Singh has inaugurated the 'BuildELEC, IntelELECT & DistribuELEC - 2024' (BID

2024) exhibition and conference in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: B. Mumbai

● The 6th edition of Intellect Conference on the theme "Transformative Journey - Reliable, Sustainable and Safer Prosumer Ecosystem" was also held concurrently along with Distribuelec and Buildelec exhibitions

Q17) Recently, Bargarh 76th Dhanuyatra has begun in which of the following states?

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

Answer: D. Odisha

Q18) Recently, Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh has launched the **MPLADS e-SAKSHI Mobile Application**. It is an initiative of which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer: C. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

19th January

Q1) Recently, which of the following organizations has launched the ‘**One Vehicle, One FASTag**’ initiative?

- A. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- B. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Banking Association of India (BAI)

Answer: B. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

Q2) Recently, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari informed that the central Government has a target to **reduce Road Accident Deaths by 50%** by which of the following years?

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

Answer: B. 2030

Q3) Recently, Scientists have discovered the **world's oldest forest** in an abandoned quarry near Cairo in which of the following countries?

- A. Brazil
- B. Argentina
- C. Mexico
- D. USA

Answer: D. USA

Q4) Recently, which of the following organizations has released the report “**Global Cooperation Barometer 2024**”?

- A. World Bank
- B. UNESCO
- C. World Economic Forum (WEF)
- D. UNICEF

Answer: C. World Economic Forum (WEF)

Q5) Recently, which of the following organizations has released the report “**Inequality Inc. - How corporate power divides our world and the need for a new era of public action**”?

- A. World Bank
- B. World Economic Forum (WEF)
- C. Oxfam
- D. The Economist

Answer: C. Oxfam

Q6) Recently, who amongst the following has become the **first female neutral umpire** appointed by the International Cricket Council to work in a bilateral series?

- A. Vrinda Rathi
- B. Sue Redfern
- C. Kim Cotton
- D. Mary Waldron

Answer: B. Sue Redfern

Q7) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the Assam's highest civilian award - **Assam Baibhav 2023**?

- A. Ranjan Gogoi
- B. Nadiram Deuri
- C. Kishan Chand Nauriyal
- D. Elvis Ali Hazarika

Answer: A. Ranjan Gogoi

Q8) Recently, which of the following state governments has launched the **Mahtari Vandana Yojana**?

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

Answer: C. Chhattisgarh

Q9) Recently, the **9th Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival** has commenced in which of the following states?

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

Answer: C. Arunachal Pradesh

● **Theme:** Let Our Hornbills Remain Domutoh Domutoh, Paga hum Domutoh)

Q10) What is the rank of **India** in the recently released **2024 Military Strength Rankings** by Global Firepower?

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

Answer: D. 4th

Q11) Recently, which of the following companies has made two natural gas discoveries in a Mahanadi basin deep-water **block MN-DWHP-2018/1** in the Bay of Bengal?

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

Q12) According to the recently released 4th edition of the **States' Startup Ranking 2022**, which of the following states is the '**Best Performer**' in the Category-B (Population less than 1 crore)?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
 - B. Arunachal Pradesh
 - C. Meghalaya
 - D. Goa
- Answer: A. Himachal Pradesh**

Q13) India's first World Economic Forum's (WEF) **Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR)**, which focuses on healthcare and life sciences, will be launched in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
 - B. Ahmedabad
 - C. Hyderabad
 - D. Bengaluru
- Answer: C. Hyderabad**

● **Theme:** State Health Tech Landscape

Q14) Recently, which of the following countries has launched the **Operation "Marg Bar Sarmachar"**, against Baloch separatist groups in Iran's Sistan and Baluchestan province?

- A. Israel
 - B. USA
 - C. Pakistan
 - D. Turkiye
- Answer: C. Pakistan**

Q15) Recently, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala has launched a pilot project to deploy **artificial reefs** in sea off the **Vizhinjam coast**. It is in which of the following districts of Kerala?

- A. Thrissur
- B. Kollam
- C. Kannur
- D. Thiruvananthapuram

Answer: D. Thiruvananthapuram

Q16) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book 'Fertilising the Future: Bharat's March Towards Fertilizer Self-Sufficiency' ('Urvarak-Atmanirbharta ki Raah)?

- A. Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
- B. Nitin Gadkari
- C. Dr Harsh Vardhan
- D. Piyush Goyal

Answer: A. Dr Mansukh Mandaviya

Q17) Recently, **Shree Mandir Parikrama Prakalpa project** has been inaugurated around which of the following temples in Odisha?

- A. Konark Sun Temple
- B. Jagannath Temple, Puri
- C. Rajarani Temple, Bhubaneswar
- D. Lingaraja Temple, Bhubaneswar

Answer: B. Jagannath Temple, Puri

Q18) Which of the following countries has secured the first rank in the recently released list of top 20 countries with **largest gold reserves** [Q3 2023] by World Gold Council?

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

Answer: A. USA

Important Days

● **Thiruvalluvar Day:** It is usually celebrated either on the **15th or 16th of January** in the state of **Tamil Nadu**. In the year **2024**, it was celebrated on **16 January**

○ The occasion is named after and honours the poet, **Thiruvalluvar**, and is a part of the **Pongal celebrations**.

○ **Thiruvalluvar** is best known as the **author** of the **Tirukkural**, a collection of couplets on **ethics written in Tamil**.

● **Kokborok Day:** It is a festival celebrated annually on **January 19th** in **Tripura**.

○ It commemorates the **recognition of Kokborok** as an **official language** in **1979**.

○ The language is also known as **Tripuri Language** Day and is spoken by the **Borok people**, also known as **Tripuris**.

○ The term "**Kok-Borok**" is a combination of the words "**kok**" and "**borok**", which mean "**language**" and "**nation**" respectively.

20th January

Q1) Recently, Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the **12th General Assembly** of the **Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace** (ABCP) in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: A. New Delhi

Q2) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi performed darshan and puja at **Shree Ramaswami Temple** in **Thriprayar**. It is in which of the following districts of Kerala?

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

Answer: C. Thrissur

More Information

- Recently, PM Shri **Narendra Modi** performed darshan and puja at **Guruvayur Temple** in **Guruvayur, Thrissur district**, Kerala
 - The **Guruvayur Temple** is a **Hindu temple** dedicated to **Guruvayurappan**, a form of **Vishnu**, and popularly known as **Krishna**
 - It is one of the most important places of worship for **Hindus in Kerala** and **Tamil Nadu** and is often referred to as **Bhuloka Vaikuntha (Vaikuntha in the earthly realm)**
 - The temple is Classified one among the **108 Abhimana Kshethram** of **Vaishnavate tradition**.
 - The central icon is a **four-armed standing Vishnu** carrying the **conch Panchajanya**, the **discus Sudarshana**, the **mace Kaumodaki**, and a **lotus** with a **tulasi garland**.

■ This image represents the **form of Vishnu** as revealed to **Krishna's parents Vasudeva** and **Devaki** around the **time of his birth**.

Q3) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated **Asia's largest International Ship Repair Facility** at which of the following places?

- A. Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
- B. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata
- C. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai
- D. Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam

Answer: A. Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi

Q4) Recently, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar, has inaugurated the **CO₂ based Air Conditioning plant** at **INS Shivaji**. It has been developed in collaboration with which of the following institutions?

- A. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay
- C. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai

D. Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru

Answer: A. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

Q5) Recently, “Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Intelligent Internet of Things (IIoT) Sensors” and India’s first Graphene Centre “**India Innovation Centre for Graphene (IICG)**” has been inaugurated at which of the following places?

- A. Bahadurpura Village, Hyderabad
- B. Maker Village, Kochi
- C. Haniyur Village, Bengaluru
- D. Sencheri Village, Chennai

Answer: B. Maker Village, Kochi

Q6) Recently, **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has launched a new range of ‘**Sanatan Khadi Vastra**’. KVIC is headquartered in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: A. Mumbai

Q7) Recently, Hindustan Unilever’s (HUL) Sonapat factory in Haryana, has been recognised as part of the **Global Lighthouse Network (GLN)** for 2023. It is an initiative by which of the following organizations?

- A. World Bank
- B. UNESCO
- C. World Economic Forum (WEF)
- D. UNICEF

Answer: C. World Economic Forum (WEF)

Q8) Recently, the first-ever confirmed sighting of the **Tibetan Brown Bear** (*Ursus arctos pruinus*) was recorded in which of the following states?

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

Answer: A. Sikkim

Q9) Recently, which of the following organizations has developed a **second-generation 'Distress Alert Transmitter'** (DAT-SG) for fishermen?

- A. Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad
- B. Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi
- C. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- D. ICAR - Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Mumbai

Answer: C. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following has become the **No. 1 - ranked Indian chess player**?

- A. Vidit Gujrathi
- B. Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
- C. D Gukesh
- D. Arjun Ergaisi

Answer: B. Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa

Q11) Recently, the Andhra Pradesh government has unveiled the world's tallest statue of BR Ambedkar '**Statue of Social Justice**' in Vijayawada. What is its total height from the ground?

- A. 175 Feet
- B. 206 Feet
- C. 790 Feet
- D. 125 Feet

Answer: B. 206 Feet

Q12) Recently, **Adani** Enterprises Limited has signed an agreement with which of the following states for **Rs 50,000 crore** investment to set up **1 GW data centre**?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Gujarat

Answer: B. Maharashtra

Q13) Recently, the traditional buffalo fight '**Moh-Juj**', was organised in which of the following states?

- A. Manipur
- B. Sikkim
- C. Assam
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: C. Assam

Q14) Recently, which of the following companies has become India's **most valued PSU firm** by market valuation?

- A. State Bank of India (SBI)
- B. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- C. NTPC Limited
- D. Coal India Limited

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

Q15) According to the recently released Third advance estimate of horticultural crops, what will be **total horticulture production** for the year **2022-23**?

- A. 355.25 million tonnes
- B. 213.88 million tonnes
- C. 109.53 million tonnes
- D. 347.18 million tonnes

Answer: A. 355.25 million tonnes

Q16) Total how many children will be awarded the **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024**?

- A. 16
- B. 17
- C. 18
- D. 19

Answer: D. 19

Q17) Recently, which of the following organizations has released the Annual Status of Education Report **(ASER) 2023 "Beyond Basics"** report?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Teach For India
- C. Pratham
- D. Ministry of Education

Answer: C. Pratham

Q18) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated Boeing's largest investment facility outside the USA **"Boeing India Engineering and Technology Center"** (BIETC) in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: C. Bengaluru

21st January

Q1) Recently, which of the following has become the fifth country in the world to successfully land its **SLIM spacecraft** (Smart Lander for Investigating Moon) on the lunar surface?

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. Japan
- C. Israel
- D. France

Answer: B. Japan

Q2) Recently, the new **Ram Lalla idol** has been in the 'Garbha Griha' of the Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth

Kshetra temple. Who amongst the following is the sculptor of the idol?

- A. Ram Sutar
- B. Satya Narayan Pandey
- C. Ganesh Bhatt
- D. Arun Yogiraj

Answer: D. Arun Yogiraj

Q3) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book “**The Rajiv I Knew: And Why he was India's Most Misunderstood Prime Minister**”?

- A. Mani Shankar Aiyar
- B. Mallikarjun Kharge
- C. Shashi Tharoor
- D. Dr Manmohan Singh

Answer: A. Mani Shankar Aiyar

Q4) Recently, which of the following organizations has announced to conduct military exercise “**Steadfast Defender 2024**”?

- A. African Union (AU)
- B. Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- C. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- D. BRICS

Answer: C. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Q5) Which of the following ministries will organize the “**Bharat Parv 2024**” at the Lawns and Gyan Path in front of Red Fort, Delhi?

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. Ministry of Tourism
- C. Ministry of Cooperation
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: B. Ministry of Tourism

Q6) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the Director General of the **Sashastra Seema Bal** (SSB)?

- A. Rashmi Shukla
- B. Nina Singh
- C. Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- D. Himanshu Kohli

Answer: C. Daljit Singh Chaudhary

Q7) Who amongst the following represented India at the **19th Non-Aligned Movement** (NAM) Summit held in Kampala, Uganda?

- A. Dr S. Jaishankar
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. V. Muraleedharan
- D. Nitin Gadkari

Answer: A. Dr S. Jaishankar

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

More Information

- **Uganda** also hosted the **G77 meeting** from **January 21 to 23, 2024 in Kampala**

- **Theme:** Leaving No One Behind

- The summit will include an **opening ceremony**, the handover of the **G-77 chairmanship** from **Cuba to Uganda**, and the **39th meeting** of the **Committee of Experts** of the **Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation**

- Minister of State for External Affairs, **Shri V. Muraleedharan** represented **India at the G-77 Third South Summit**

Q8) Recently, which of the following has secured the title sponsorship rights of the **Indian Premier League (IPL)** for **2024-28** for \$300 million (about INR 2500 crore)?

- A. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- B. Adani Group
- C. Tata Group
- D. Aditya Birla Group

Answer: C. Tata Group

Q9) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **6th Khelo India Youth Games 2023** in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. What is the official mascot of the games?

- A. Veera Mangai
- B. Ujjwala
- C. Olly
- D. Shera

Answer: A. Veera Mangai

Q10) Recently, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has announced to include which of the following languages as one of the **classical languages** in India under the New Education Policy 2020?

- A. Urdu
- B. Konkani
- C. Farsi (Persian)
- D. Kashmiri

Answer: C. Farsi (Persian)

Q11) Recently, which of the following countries has been appointed as the **first vice-chair** of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Committee on Fisheries (COFI) **Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management**?

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

Answer: C. India

Q12) Recently, which of the following companies has been awarded '**Plaque**' under the '**Financial Services Sector (Other than Banking and Insurance)**' category at the ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the financial year 2022-23?

- A. NTPC Limited
- B. Bharat Electronics limited (BEL)
- C. REC Limited
- D. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

Answer: C. REC Limited

Q13) Recently, the 15th edition of the **2024 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup (Men's)** has commenced in which of the following countries?

- A. USA
- B. Australia
- C. India
- D. South Africa

Answer: D. South Africa

More Information

- Recently, Indian cricket team captain **Rohit Sharma** has created history by becoming the **first batsman** to score **five centuries** in **T20 Internationals (T20Is)**.
 - This milestone was achieved during the **third T20I match against Afghanistan** in **Bengaluru**
 - **Rohit Sharma** scored an **unbeaten 121 runs off 69 balls**
 - With this century, he has surpassed India's **Suryakumar Yadav** and Australia's **Glenn Maxwell**, who each have **four T20I hundreds**.
 - Also, the **partnership** between **Rohit Sharma** and **Rinku Singh**, amounting to **190 runs** for the **fifth wicket**, was the **highest T20I partnership for India**.
 - Moreover, as **captain**, **Rohit Sharma** has surpassed **Virat Kohli's record** of scoring the **most T20I runs for India**. Rohit has now scored **1573 runs as captain**, overtaking **Kohli's 1570 runs**.
 - Additionally, **Rohit equalled MS Dhoni's record** of the **most T20I wins as India's captain (41 wins)**

Q14) Recently, the **9th Smart Cities India Expo 2024** was held in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Indore
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Bengaluru

Answer: A. New Delhi

- **Theme:** Innovation Driving Sustainability: Realise the Power of Tomorrow - Today

Q15) Recently, the **shankaracharyas** of the **four Hindu mathas** (monasteries) did not attend the inauguration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya. These four Hindu mathas were established by who amongst the following?

- A. Madhvacharya
- B. Adi Shankara
- C. Swami Vivekananda
- D. Ramanujacharya

Answer: B. Adi Shankara

Q16) Recently, which of the following countries has launched the **EcoMark green accreditation framework** for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) at Davos 2024?

- A. India
- B. United Arab Emirates
- C. Germany
- D. France

Answer: B. United Arab Emirates

Q17) Recently, which of the following countries has launched the “**Global Good Alliance for GenderEquity and Equality**” at the 54th World Economic Forum’s annual meeting at Davos, Switzerland?

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

Answer: A. India

Q18) Recently, which of the following countries has successfully launched its “**Soraya satellite**” with the Qaem 100 rocket?

- A. Pakistan
- B. United Arab Emirates
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Iran

Answer: D. Iran

22nd January

Q1) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi prayed at the **Arulmigu Ramanathaswamy Temple** in Tamil Nadu. It is dedicated to which of the following gods?

- A. Lord Shiva
- B. Lord Rama
- C. Lord Krishna
- D. Goddess Durga

Answer: A. Lord Shiva

Q2) What is the name of temple where poet Kambar first publically presented his Ramayan "**Kamba Ramayan**"?

- A. Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Tamil Nadu
- B. Shree Ramaswami Temple, Kerala
- C. Veerbhadra Temple, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Kala Ram Mandir, Nashik, Maharashtra

Answer: A. Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Tamil Nadu

Q3) What is the name of the place which is believed to be the **starting point** of the **Ram Setu**?

- A. Indira Point
- B. Arichal Munai
- C. Panchvati
- D. Chitrakoot

Answer: B. Arichal Munai

Q4) Recently, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone for '**Ayush Diksha** - A Human Resource Development Centre of the Government of India' in which of the following cities?

- A. Guwahati
- B. Bhubaneswar
- C. Bhopal
- D. Kochi

Answer: B. Bhubaneswar

Q5) Recently, **HMS Spey** visited Kochi, Kerala. HMS Spey is an offshore patrol vessel of the navies of which of the following countries?

- A. USA
- B. Australia
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Germany

Answer: C. United Kingdom

Q6) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book “**Assam's Braveheart Lachit Barphukan**”?

- A. Arup Kumar Dutta
- B. Himant Biswa Sarma
- C. Nirupama Borgohain
- D. Phani Sarma

Answer: A. Arup Kumar Dutta

Q7) Recently, which of the following has become India's first state to launch **Regenerative Tourism**?

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

Answer: C. Goa

Q8) Recently which of the following companies has launched India's first indigenously developed Hepatitis A vaccine '**Havisure**'?

- A. Serum Institute of India (SII)
- B. Bharat Biotech
- C. Biological E
- D. Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL)

Answer: D. Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL)

Q9) “**All India Secretaries' Conference on Water Vision@2047 - Way Ahead**” was held at which of the following places?

- A. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- B. Kochi, Kerala
- C. Mahabalipuram, Chennai
- D. Nashik, Maharashtra

Answer: C. Mahabalipuram, Chennai

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following has become the **world's largest smartphone seller** in 2023?

- A. Samsung
- B. Apple
- C. Xiaomi
- D. Oppo

Answer: B. Apple

Q11) Which of the following ministries will showcase the ‘Anant Sutra - The Endless Thread’ textile installation at Kartavya Path, New Delhi?

- A. Ministry of Tourism
- B. Ministry of Culture
- C. Ministry of Textiles
- D. Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: B. Ministry of Culture

Q12) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated 15,000 houses of Raynagar Housing Society at which of the following places in Maharashtra?

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

Answer: A. Solapur

Recent Cabinet Approvals

● Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved different memorandum with the **Netherlands, Dominican Republic and Ecuador on cooperation in the field of medical products regulation.**

- The **Memorandum of Intent (MoI)** with **the Netherlands** was signed on **7th November, 2023.**
- The **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Dominican Republic** was signed on **4th October, 2023.**
- A separate **MoU with Ecuador** was signed on **7th November, 2023.**
- **MOI is generally less specific**, focusing on the **main principles and preliminary intent** to collaborate
- **MOU is usually more detailed**, outlining the **scope of the collaboration, responsibilities** of each party, timelines, and potential outcomes.

Q13) Recently, the nine-member committee to review the working of **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, has submitted its report. It was headed by who amongst the following?

- A. Sameer V. Kamat
- B. Bibek Debroy
- C. Sanjiv Sanyal
- D. K Vijay Raghavan

Answer: D. K Vijay Raghavan

Q14) The President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the **37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2024** in which of the following districts of Haryana?

- A. Hisar

- B. Gurugram
- C. Ambala
- D. Faridabad

Answer: D. Faridabad

- **Theme State:** India's Ashtalakshmi - A North Easter Odyssey
- **Partner Nation:** Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

Q15) Which of the following is the theme country for the **47th International Kolkata Book Fair 2024**?

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

Answer: C. United Kingdom

Q16) Recently, Ayodhya administration has installed the **world's longest solar light line**. What is its total length?

- A. 10.2 KM
- B. 9.7 KM
- C. 8.4 KM
- D. 11.9 KM

Answer: A. 10.2 KM

More Information

- Recently, the **world's largest 300 feet lamp** was lit in **Ayodhya**
 - This lamp was lit using **1.25 quintals of cotton** and **21000 litres of oil**.
 - **Soil** and **water** from **different places** across the country and **cow's ghee** have been used to **prepare this lamp**.
- Recently, **Padmanabhaswamy temple** in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala presented "**Onavillu**" to **Ayodhya's Ram Mandir** ahead of its consecration ceremony on 22nd January, 2024
 - It is a traditional **hand-painted ceremonial bow**
 - Onavillu is a **ceremonial bow** that is presented to the **deity of Padmanabhaswamy temple, Lord Vishnu**, every year on **Thiruonam day**.
 - The **wooden bow** has **pictorial depictions** of themes related to **Lord Vishnu** and **his avataras**.

Q17) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book "**Conversations with Aurangzeb**"?

- A. Perumal Murugan
- B. Sujatha
- C. Charu Nivedita
- D. Jayakanthan

Answer: C. Charu Nivedita

Q18) Recently, **Sahil Thakur** represented India at the fourth edition of the **Winter Youth Olympics 2024**. It was held in which of the following countries?

- A. China
- B. South Korea
- C. Switzerland
- D. Austria

Answer: B. South Korea

- **Mascot:** Moongcho

23rd January

Q1) Recently, which of the following countries has conducted a test of its underwater nuclear weapon system '**Haeil-5-23**'?

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

Answer: A. North Korea

Q2) Which of the following is the **world's largest derivative exchange in 2023** by the number of contracts traded?

- A. BSE Limited
- B. New York Stock Exchange
- C. National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)
- D. NASDAQ

Answer: C. National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)

Q3) Recently, the Pran Pratishtha of "**Ram Lalla**" idol took place in Ayodhya Ram Mandir. It is made of which of the following stones?

- A. Red Sandstone
- B. Krishna Shila (Black Stone)
- C. White Makrana Marble
- D. Shaligram

Answer: B. Krishna Shila (Black Stone)

Q4) The **Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Mandir** in Ayodhya has been constructed in which of the following architectural styles?

- A. Nagara Style

- B. Dravidian Style
- C. Vesara Style
- D. Gothic Style

Answer: A. Nagara Style

More Information –

- Recently, PM Narendra Modi has released the **Commemorative Postage Stamps** on **Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Mandir** and a **book of stamps** related to **Lord Ram** issued in different countries of the world
 - The **stamps feature** various components, including the **Ram Mandir, Choupai 'Mangal Bhavan Amangal Hari', the Sun, Sarayu River,** and **sculptures** in and around the Temple.
 - The **collection comprises six stamps** depicting **Ram Temple, Lord Ganesh, Lord Hanuman, Jatayu, Kevatraj,** and **Ma Shabri.**
- Also, the **stamp book** is an attempt to showcase the **international appeal of Lord Ram** on various societies.
- This **48-page book covers stamps** issued by more than **20 countries** including the US, New Zealand, Singapore, Canada, Cambodia and organisations like the UN.
- The **design incorporates a gold leaf of sun rays and Chaupai,** lending a majestic character to the miniature sheet.
- The **design reflects the five physical elements** known as '**Panchabhutas**' (sky, air, fire, earth, and water)

Q5) Recently, **60 Parachute Field Hospital** of which of the following states has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose **Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2024**?

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

Answer: C. Uttar Pradesh

Q6) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has announced the launch of '**Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana**'. Under this scheme, total how many households will get rooftop solar power systems?

- A. 1 crore
- B. 2 crore
- C. 3 crore
- D. 4 crore

Answer: A. 1 crore

Q7) Recently, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy has inaugurated five new galleries at the **Salar Jung Museum**. It is in which of the following cities?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Bhopal
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Jaipur

Answer: C. Hyderabad

More Information

● Recently, Union Minister **G Kishan Reddy** has inaugurated the **National Skill Training Institute for Women** at **Vidyanagar in Hyderabad, Telangana**.

- It has been constructed for **19.90 crore rupees** in **4 acres of area**
- The institute offers **long-term courses** under the **Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS)** and **Craft Instructor's Training Scheme (CITS)**
- It also offers **short-term courses** catering to high-demand skill areas include professional beauty therapy, cutting and tailoring, etc
- The institute aims to train **2500 women annually**, with **480 women** enrolled in **long-term courses** and an additional **2000 women** in **various short-term courses**.
- These institutes are administered by the by the **Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**, Government of India

Q8) Recently, which of the following companies has signed a MoU with the **CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP)** for cooperation in development of indigenous **sustainable aviation fuel (SAF)**?

- A. Boeing
- B. Airbus
- C. Virgin Atlantic
- D. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Answer: B. Airbus

More Information

● Recently, union minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** has inaugurated the **first pilot project** of making **aviation turbine fuel** from **Alcohol**.

- **Sustainable Biofuel** (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) would be produced in this project.
- The pilot project has been set up at **Praj Industries Limited Research and Development unit** in **Pirangut near Pune, Maharashtra**
- **Last year, a flight** from **Pune to Delhi** had successfully completed its journey using **aviation fuel made from alcohol**.

Q9) Recently, Ministry of Education, has issued directions that study material for **all courses** under school and higher education will be made **available digitally in Indian languages** included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution. It will be done using which of the following apps?

- A. Bhashini
- B. Anuvadini
- C. Krutrim

D. ChatGPT

Answer: B. Anuvadini

Q10) Recently who amongst the following has been named as the captain of the **ICC men's T20 International team of the year 2023**?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Suryakumar Yadav
- D. David Warner

Answer: C. Suryakumar Yadav

● **ICC men's T20I team of the Year**

1. **Suryakumar Yadav** (India, Captain)
2. **Yashasvi Jaiswal** (India)
3. Phil Salt (England)
4. Nicholas Pooran (West Indies)
5. Mark Chapman (New Zealand)
6. Sikandar Raza (Zimbabwe)
7. Alpesh Ramjani (Uganda)
8. Mark Adair (Ireland)
9. **Ravi Bishnoi** (India)
10. Richard Ngarava (Zimbabwe)
11. **Arshdeep Singh** (India)

● **ICC women's T20I team of the Year**

1. Chamari Athapaththu (Sri Lanka, Captain)
2. **Deepti Sharma** (India)
3. Beth Mooney (Australia, Wicketkeeper)
4. Ellyse Perry (Australia)
5. Ashleigh Gardner (Australia)
6. Megan Schutt (Australia)
7. Nat Sciver (England)
8. Sophie Ecclestone (England)
9. Laura Wolvaardt (South Africa)
10. Hayley Matthews (West Indies)
11. Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)

Q11) Recently, the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India** (ICAI) has partnered with which of the following institutions to develop a '**Vision 2049**' document?

- A. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- C. Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad
- D. S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai

Answer: A. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad

Q12) Recently it was informed that two **Arogya Maitri Disaster Management Cubes** have been deployed in Ayodhya. What is its name?

- A. CHARAKA
- B. SUSHRUTA
- C. BHISHM
- D. ASHWINI

Answer: C. BHISHM

- **Project BHISHM** – Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog, Hita and Maitri

Q13) Recently, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and which of the following countries have launched "**green rooms**" in **Ukraine**?

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

Answer: B. Denmark

Q14) Recently, **Japan** has signed a contract with which of the following countries to acquire up to 400 **Tomahawk cruise missiles**?

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

Answer: C. USA

Q15) Recently, **Mamani ethnic food festival** was organized in which of the following states/union territories?

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

Answer: D. Ladakh

Q16) Recently, the 2nd edition of joint Special Forces **Exercise "CYCLONE"** was held between **India** and which of the following countries?

- A. United Arab Emirates

- B. Oman
- C. Egypt
- D. Saudi Arabia

Answer: C. Egypt

Q17) Recently, Union Minister Shri Amit Shah chaired the **71st Plenary Session** of the **North Eastern Council** in which of the following cities?

- A. Guwahati
- B. Kohima
- C. Shillong
- D. Itanagar

Answer: C. Shillong

Q18) Recently, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) President **Dennis Francis** has arrived in India on a five-day official visit. Dennis Francis is from which of the following countries?

- A. Jamaica
- B. South Africa
- C. Nigeria
- D. Trinidad and Tobago

Answer: D. Trinidad and Tobago

24th January

Q1) Recently, the 11th edition of **India-Kyrgyzstan** Joint Special Forces Exercise “**KHANJAR**” was held in which of the following states?

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

Answer: C. Himachal Pradesh

Q2) Recently, it was informed that **Madhika language** is on the verge of extinction. It is spoken by which of the following communities?

- A. Adiyani
- B. Kadar
- C. Eravallan
- D. Chakaliya

Answer: D. Chakaliya

Q3) Recently, which of the following has become the second state after Bihar, to conduct a **caste census**?

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

Answer: B. Andhra Pradesh

Q4) Recently, who amongst the following from India has won the **gold medal** at the **19th Asian Marathon Championships 2024**, Hongkong, China?

- A. Man Singh
- B. AP Belliappa
- C. Ashvini Jadhav
- D. Jyoti Gawate

Answer: A. Man Singh

Q5) Recently which of the following organizations has announced to organize the year-long festival on **“Connecting the world through Ramayan”**, as a part of the seventh edition of the “India International Ramayan Mela”?

- A. National School of Drama
- B. Sahitya Akademi
- C. Lalit Kala Akademi
- D. Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR)

Answer: D. Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR)

Q6) Recently, the remains of a **2,800-year-old human settlement** have been discovered in which of the following cities in India?

- A. Ayodhya
- B. Bhopal
- C. Vadnagar
- D. Varanasi

Answer: C. Vadnagar

Q7) Recently, the central government has constituted a committee of secretaries to ensure equitable distribution of benefits among the **backward communities** of the **Scheduled Castes**. It will be headed by who amongst the following?

- A. Rajiv Gauba
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Dr Niten Chandra
- D. Vibhu Nayar

Answer: A. Rajiv Gauba

Q8) Recently, which of the following has secured the first rank in the Forbes list of **10 strongest currencies** in the world?

- A. Kuwaiti Dinar
- B. Bahraini Dinar
- C. US Dollar
- D. British Pound

Answer: A. Kuwaiti Dinar

Q9) Recently, which of the following states has won the **State Champion award** for outstanding performance in Civil Aviation at the **Wings India Awards 2024**?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Goa

Answer: B. Uttar Pradesh

● **Wings India Awards 2024**

○ **Lifetime Achievement Award**

■ The Lifetime Achievement Award for '**Distinguished Women in Aviation**' was given to **Tulsi N Mirchandaney**, former MD of Blue Dart.

○ **Airport of the Year (Joint Awards)**

- Bangalore International Airport Limited
- Delhi International Airport Limited

○ **Airline of the Year**

- Vistara-Tata SIA Airlines Limited (Vistara)

Q10) Recently, the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) has announced to develop **India's first and biggest jewellery park** in which of the following cities?

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. GIFT City, Gujarat
- C. Navi Mumbai
- D. Hyderabad

Answer: C. Navi Mumbai

Q11) Recently, Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan has inaugurated the **first kitchen of Akshaya Patra** in **Jharkhand** in which of the following districts?

- A. Koderma
- B. Dumka
- C. Khunti
- D. Hazaribagh

Answer: D. Hazaribagh

Q12) Recently, which of the following organizations has invested **INR 4.86 billion** (about USD 58.4 million) in **Sustainable Energy Infra Trust (SEIT)**?

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

Answer: D. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Q13) Recently, which of the following space agencies has launched the Axiom Space's private **Ax3 (Axiom Mission 3 astronaut mission)** to the International Space Station?

- A. Blue Origin
- B. SpaceX
- C. Pixxel
- D. Virgin Galactic

Answer: B. SpaceX

Q14) Recently, which of the following countries has unveiled indigenously developed unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) - **Ababil-4** and **Ababil-5**, Arash, Bavar (Faith), and Karrar jet-powered target drones?

- A. Pakistan
- B. United Arab Emirates
- C. Oman
- D. Iran

Answer: D. Iran

Q15) Recently, which of the following Indian companies has joined **CEPI** (Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations) **network of vaccine producers** in the Global South?

- A. Serum Institute of India (SII)
- B. Bharat Biotech
- C. Biological E
- D. Biocon

Answer: A. Serum Institute of India (SII)

Q16) The **Desert Festival 2024** (Maru Mahotsav) will be held in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: C. Jaisalmer

- **Theme:** “Back to the Desert”

Q17) Recently, Union Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the **Centre of Excellence of Digital Forensics** at National Forensic Science University. It is in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: C. Gandhinagar

● Amit Shah also inaugurated the **5th International and 44th All India Criminology Conference** of the **National**

Forensic Science University (NFSU) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat

- **Theme:** Behavioural Forensics - Reintegrating Expanding Contours of Criminology and Criminalistics

Q18) Recently, **India's stock market** has become **fourth largest** equity market globally in terms of market capitalization. Which of the following country's stock market is the largest in the world in terms of market capitalization?

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

Answer: B. USA

25th January

Q1) Recently, it was informed that former Chief Minister of Bihar **Karpoori Thakur** will be posthumously awarded the **Bharat Ratna 2024**. Including him, total how many persons have been awarded the Bharat Ratna till now?

- A. 45
- B. 47
- C. 49
- D. 51

Answer: C. 49

Q2) Recently, Exercise “**Desert Knight**” was held between **India** and which of the following countries?

- A. Australia and Germany
- B. Japan and USA
- C. Saudi Arabia and United Kingdom
- D. France and United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Answer: D. France and United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Q3) Recently, the President Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated **Kaushal Bhawan** – a new building of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: A. New Delhi

Q4) Recently, **India** and which of the following countries have reached consensus on a **free-trade agreement** (FTA)?

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. Switzerland
- D. Germany

Answer: C. Switzerland

Recent Cabinet Approvals

- Recently, an MoU has been signed between **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, India** and the **Ministry of Communications, Cuba** on cooperation in the field of **Sharing Successful Digital Solutions** Implemented at Population Scale for **Digital Transformation**
 - The MoU intends to promote **digital transformation** (*viz.* **INDIA STACK**) through Capacity Building programs, exchange of best practices and other collaborative activities
 - **India** will collaborate for smooth adoption of **Digital Public Infrastructure in Cuba**.

Q5) Recently, which of the following ministries has published Scheme Guidelines for implementation of **Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition** (SIGHT) Programme?

- A. Ministry of Power
- B. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Answer: B. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Q6) Recently, the Supreme Court has asked the Central Government to prepare a "comprehensive" plan to save the **Great Indian Bustard**. It is categorized as which of the following in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list?

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

Answer: B. Critically Endangered

Q7) Recently, Perseverance rover has re-established contact with the **Ingenuity Mars Helicopter**. It was launched by which of the following space agencies?

- A. SpaceX
- B. ROSCOSMOS
- C. European Space Agency
- D. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

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

Q8) Recently, which of the following companies has launched **India's first-ever** domestically manufactured **aircraft passenger seat**?

- A. Aero360
- B. Pixxel
- C. Timetooth
- D. Airpix

Answer: C. Timetooth

Q9) Recently, which of the following ministries has signed a MoU with the Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi to work with **ROSHNI – Centre of Women Collectives led Social Action**?

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

Answer: A. Ministry of Rural Development

Q10) Recently, **ACME Group** in India and **IHI Corporation** of Japan have signed an agreement for supply of **green ammonia** from which of the following states to Japan?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Odisha

Answer: D. Odisha

Q11) The Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation will begin the construction of the grand mosque named "**Masjid Muhammed bin Abdullah**" in which of the following districts of Uttar Pradesh?

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

Answer: C. Ayodhya

Q12) Recently, the 14th All-India Police Commando Competition (AIPCC) was held at which of the following places?

- A. Manesar, Haryana
- B. Pune, Maharashtra
- C. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Kochi, Kerala

Answer: C. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Q13) Recently, India has sent 40,000 litres of Malathion, a pesticide to control locust attack, to which of the following countries?

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

Answer: D. Afghanistan

Q14) Recently, research vessel “Xiang Yang Hong 03” of which of the following countries visited Maldives for a port call?

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

Answer: B. China

Q15) Recently, which of the following ministries has announced the first recipients of the ‘Vaibhav’ fellowship (Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik)?

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

Answer: B. Ministry of Science and Technology

Q16) DK Basu judgement (1997) of Supreme Court, recently seen in news, is related to which of the following?

- A. Police Reforms
- B. LGBTQ Community

C. Basic Structure of Constitution
D. Judicial Reforms

Answer: A. Police Reforms

Q17) Recently, the Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which of the following companies to acquire **14 fast patrol vessels** (FPVs) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) for **Rs 1,070.47 crore**?

- A. Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
- B. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- C. Goa Shipyard Limited
- D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai

Answer: D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai

Q18) Recently, who amongst the following has been named as the captain of the **ICC Men's ODI Team of the Year 2023**?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Travis Head
- D. Pat Cummins

Answer: A. Rohit Sharma

● **ICC Men's ODI Team of the Year 2023**

1. **Rohit Sharma** (c) (India)
2. **Shubman Gill** (India)
3. Travis Head (Australia)
4. **Virat Kohli** (India)
5. Daryl Mitchell (New Zealand)
6. Heinrich Klaasen (wk) (South Africa)
7. Marco Jansen (South Africa)
8. Adam Zampa (Australia)
9. **Mohammed Siraj** (India)
10. **Kuldeep Yadav** (India)
11. **Mohammed Shami** (India).

● **ICC Women's ODI Team of the Year 2023**

1. Chamari Athapaththu (Captain, Sri Lanka),
2. Phoebe Litchfield (Australia)
3. Ellyse Perry (Australia)
4. Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)
5. Beth Mooney (WK, Australia)
6. Nat Sciver-Brunt (England)
7. Ash Gardner (Australia)
8. Annabel Sutherland (Australia)
9. Nadine de Klerk (South Africa)
10. Lea Tahuu (New Zealand)
11. Nahida Akter (Bangladesh)

Important Days

- **NDRF Raising Day:** National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) celebrated its **19th Raising Day** on **19th January, 2024**

- NDRF, as a **specialized task force**, was raised on **19 January, 2006** as the country's national **rescue response force**.

- **SSB Raising Day:** Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) celebrated its **60th raising day** on **20th January, 2024**

- **Sashastra Seema Bal** is a **border guarding force** of India deployed along its borders with **Nepal and Bhutan**. It was set up in **1963**

- **Statehood Day:** Three north-eastern states-- **Tripura, Meghalaya and Manipur**-- celebrated their **52nd Statehood Day** on **21st January 2024**

- With the introduction of **North-East Area (Re-organisation) Act 1971**, Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya attained statehood on **January 21, 1972**.

- **National Girl Child Day:** It is celebrated in **India** on **January 24th** every year. The day was started in **2008** by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development**

- The day also marks the anniversary of the **Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Scheme**, launched by **PM Narendra Modi** on **22 January 2015**.

26th January

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Indian Oil's Tundla-Gawaria Pipeline** from Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh. What is its total length?

- A. 173 KM
- B. 255 KM
- C. 298 KM
- D. 134 KM

Answer: B. 255 KM

Q2) Recently, the registration portal for Phase IV of **Yuva Sangam**, under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, has been launched by which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Cooperation
- B. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Education

Answer: D. Ministry of Education

Q3) Recently, Ministry of Rural Development, has launched the “SARATHI” app for effective implementation of which of the following schemes?

- A. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)
- B. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- C. Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Gramin)
- D. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

Answer: A. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)

Q4) Recently, total how many personnel of Police, Fire Service, Home Guard & Civil Defence and Correctional Service have been awarded Gallantry/Service Medals on the occasion of Republic Day 2024 (26th January)?

- A. 1132
- B. 1098
- C. 879
- D. 1453

Answer: A. 1132

● **President’s Medal for Gallantry (PMG) 2024**
More Information

- Recently, the President of India has approved the conferment of **Jeevan Raksha Padak Series of Awards-2023** on **31 persons** which includes:
 1. **Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak** to 3 persons
 2. **Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak** to 7 persons
 3. **Jeevan Raksha Padak** to 21 persons.
- **Three awardees are posthumous.**
- Jeevan Raksha Padak series of awards are given to a **person for meritorious act of human nature in saving the life of a person.**
- The decoration of the award (**medal, certificate signed by the Union Home Minister and lump sum monetary allowance**) is presented to the awardees

Q5) Recently, Union Cabinet has approved the **scheme for promotion of Coal/Lignite Gasification Projects** of Government PSUs and Private Sector. What is the total financial outlay under the project?

- A. Rs. 4,050 crore
- B. Rs. 8,500 crore
- C. Rs. 3,850 crore
- D. Rs. 600 crore

Answer: B. Rs. 8,500 crore

Q6) Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for establishment of **Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO)** between **India** and which of the following countries?

- A. Barbados
- B. Dominican Republic

- C. Jamaica
- D. Cuba

Answer: B. Dominican Republic

More Information

- Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the MoU, signed on 15th December, 2023, between the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, India** and the **Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology** of the **Sultanate of Oman** on cooperation in the field of Information Technology.

- The MoU intends to promote **comprehensive cooperation** between the Parties through mutual support, sharing of **technologies, information** and **investments** in the field of **Information Technology**.

- The MoU shall **come into effect** from the **date of signature** of the Parties and shall be **remain in force** for a **period of 3 years**.

Q7) Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the **Coal-to-SNG** (Synthetic Natural Gas) Project at **Sonepur Bazari Area** of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) in which of the following districts of West Bengal?

- A. Cooch Behar
- B. Bankura
- C. Burdwan
- D. Kolkata

Answer: C. Burdwan

More Information

1. **Coal-to-SNG (Synthetic Natural Gas) Project** at **Sonepur Bazari Area** of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) in Burdwan district of West Bengal through JV of CIL and GAIL India Limited

2. **Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project** at **Lakhanpur Area** of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) in Jharsuguda district of Odisha through JV of CIL and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Q8) Recently, NITI Aayog, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and which of the following organizations have jointly launched the '**Investment Forum for Advancing Climate Resilient Agri-food Systems in India**'?

- A. World Food Programme (WFP)
- B. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- C. UNESCO
- D. World Bank

Answer: B. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Q9) Recently, **Justice P B Varale** has been sworn in as the judge of the Supreme Court. He was the former Chief Justice of which of the following High Courts?

- A. Karnataka High Court

- B. Kerala High Court
- C. Andhra Pradesh High Court
- D. Madras High Court

Answer: A. Karnataka High Court

Q10) Recently, which of the following state governments has announced the establishment of India's first **melanistic tiger safari**?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Odisha
- D. Karnataka

Answer: C. Odisha

Q11) Recently, the 'Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile Barge, **LSAM 19 (Yard 129)**', was launched at which of the following places?

- A. Kolkata
- B. Thane
- C. Chennai
- D. Kochi

Answer: B. Thane

Q12) Recently, the Indian Navy has announced to set up its **second VLF** (very low frequency) **communication transmission station** in Vikarabad district of which of the following states?

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

Answer: B. Telangana

Q13) Recently, the scientists have mapped the **largest known deep-sea coral reef**, located off the Atlantic coast of which of the following countries?

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

Answer: A. USA

Q14) Recently, which of the following countries has launched world's first routine **malaria vaccine program** for **children**?

- A. Malawi
- B. Kenya
- C. Cabo Verde
- D. Cameroon

Answer: D. Cameroon

Q15) Who amongst the following will be awarded with the **Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman** for 2023-2024?

- A. Suresh Raina and Amitabh Bachchan
- B. Kehar Singh and Rajnath Singh
- C. Dr Ritu Karidhal Srivastava and Naveen Tiwari
- D. Neeraj Yadav and Annu Rani

Answer: C. Dr Ritu Karidhal Srivastava and Naveen Tiwari

Q16) Recently who amongst the following has become the **oldest player** to achieve No. 1 ranking in the **tennis men's doubles category**?

- A. Leander Paes
- B. Rohan Bopanna
- C. Sumit Nagal
- D. Somdev Devverman

Answer: B. Rohan Bopanna

More Information

- Recently, **Sumit Nagal** created history by becoming the **first player from India** in **35 years** to **defeat a seeded opponent** in a **Grand Slam tennis tournament**
- Nagal defeated world **No. 27 Alexander Bublik of Kazakhstan** to progress to the **second round** of the **Australian Open 2024 in Melbourne**
- Currently, **Sumit Nagal** is **ranked 139th** in the world
- Before this, **Ramesh Krishnan** was the last Indian to have defeated a seeded player in the main draw of a **Grand Slam**, when he **defeated world No. 1 Mats Wilander** at the **1989 Australian Open**.

Q17) Recently, documentary '**To Kill A Tiger**' has been nominated for the 96th Academy awards (Oscars 2024) in the Best Documentary Feature Film category. It has been directed by who amongst the following?

- A. Prakash Jha
- B. Kabir Khan
- C. Nisha Pahuja
- D. Rintu Thomas

Answer: C. Nisha Pahuja

Q18) Recently, 'Super-100' winners of Project Veer Gatha 3.0 were felicitated in New Delhi. A cash prize of how much amount was given to each of the 100 winners?

- A. Rs. 1,000
 - B. Rs. 10,000
 - C. Rs. 20,000
 - D. Rs. 5,000
- Answer: B. Rs. 10,000**

Important Days

- **National Tourism Day:** It is celebrated in India on **25th January** every year to educate people about the **importance of tourism**
 - **Theme:** Sustainable Journeys, Timeless Memories

- **National Voters' Day:** The **14th National Voters' Day** was celebrated on **25th January 2024**.
 - Since **2011**, National Voters' Day has been celebrated on **January 25 every year**, across the country to mark the **foundation day** of the **Election Commission of India**, i.e. **25th January 1950**
 - **Theme:** Nothing Like Voting, I Vote For sure

- **Parakram Diwas:** It is celebrated on **23rd January** every year in India to commemorate **the birth anniversary** of the **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**.
 - This year (**2024**) marks the **127th Birth Anniversary** of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
 - **Subhas Chandra Bose** was born on **23rd January 1897** in **Cuttack, Odisha**

- **Uttar Pradesh Statehood Day:** It is celebrated on **24th January** every year.
 - It was on January **24, 1950**, the **United Provinces** was renamed as **Uttar Pradesh**

- **Himachal Pradesh Statehood Day:** It is celebrated on **25th January** every year
 - **Himachal Pradesh** emerged as the separate **18th state of India**, on **January 25, 1971**

- **International Day of Education:** It is celebrated on **24th January** every year. It was created in **2018** after United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution
 - **Theme:** Learning for lasting peace

27th January

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron visited **Sahu tea stall** in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
 - B. Varanasi
 - C. Jaipur
 - D. Ahmedabad
- Answer: C. Jaipur**

● More Information

- French President **Emmanuel Macron** is the **chief guest** for **Republic Day 2024**

○ Before the Republic Day parade in New Delhi, **PM Narendra Modi** and French President **Emmanuel Macron** held a **mega roadshow** in **Jaipur** from **Jantar Mantar** to **Sanganeri Gate**

○ Both the leaders also **visited the following places in Jaipur:**

1. Hawa Mahal
2. Jantar Mantar
3. Amber Fort
4. Rambagh Palace

Q2) Recently, French President Emmanuel Macron has announced that **France** aims to host total how many **Indian students** for study in its universities by 2030?

- A. 10,000
- B. 20,000
- C. 30,000
- D. 40,000

Answer: C. 30,000

Q3) Recently, which of the following companies has announced the launch of its AI video model "**Lumiere**"?

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

Answer: D. Google

Q4) Recently, which of the following companies has released its vigilance journal "**Pahal**"?

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

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

Q5) **PM YASASVI scheme** (PM Young Achievers' Scholarship Award Scheme for a Vibrant India), recently seen in news, is implemented by which of the following ministries?

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

Answer: D. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Q6) Recently, a new **three-drug** treatment regimen - dapsone, rifampicin and clofazimine - for leprosy patients has been approved in India. Under the **National Leprosy Eradication Programme**, India aims to eradicate leprosy by which of the following years?

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2030

Answer: C. 2027

Q7) Recently, the 44th edition of the International Tourism Trade Fair “**FITUR 2024**” was held in which of the following countries?

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. Spain
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Greece

Answer: B. Spain

Q8) Recently, Chief Electoral Office (CEO) of which of the following states has been given the **Best Performing State award** for the smooth conduct of **elections** in 2023?

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

Answer: B. Chhattisgarh

More Information

- Recently, the **Election Commission of India (ECI)** has released the **logo and tagline** ‘**Chunav Ka Parv Desh ka Garv**’ (Elections: the biggest festival and pride of the Nation) for **general election** to the **Lok Sabha 2024**, on the occasion of the **National Voters Day 2024 (25th January)**
- **National Voters Day 2024 Theme:** Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure
- A **commemorative postage stamp** themed "**Inclusive Elections**" was also released
- Moreover, the ECI Publication ‘**Initiatives of ECI for Parliamentary Elections 2024**’ was released
- A **short film** to promote voter awareness - ‘**My Vote My Duty**’ **produced by ECI** in association with filmmaker **Shri Raj Kumar Hirani** was launched **Best Electoral Practices Awards for the year 2023**

Q9) Recently, which of the following has become India's first AI startup to reach the **unicorn status**?

- A. Bharat GPT
- B. BHASHINI
- C. ANUVADINI
- D. Krutrim AI

Answer: D. Krutrim AI

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for the **ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2023**?

- A. Pat Cummins
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Suryakumar Yadav
- D. Rachin Ravindra

Answer: A. Pat Cummins

● **ICC (International Cricket Council) Awards 2023**

- **Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2023**
 - Pat Cummins (Australia)
- **ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023**
 - Virat Kohli (India)
- **ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year 2023**
 - Usman Khawaja (Australia)
- **Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2023**
 - Nat Sciver-Brunt (England)
- **ICC Women's ODI Cricket of the Year 2023**
 - Chamari Athapaththu (Sri Lanka)
- **ICC Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year 2023**
 - Bas de Leede (Netherlands)
- **ICC Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year 2023**
 - Queentor Abel (Kenya)
- **ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2023**
 - Suryakumar Yadav (India)
- **ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2023**
 - Hayley Matthews (West Indies)
- **ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year 2023**
 - Rachin Ravindra (New Zealand)
- **ICC Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year 2023**
 - Phoebe Litchfield (Australia)
- **ICC Spirit of Cricket Award 2023**
 - Zimbabwe men's Cricket team
- **ICC Umpire of the Year 2023**
 - Former England player Richard Illingworth

● **ICC Men's Test Team of the Year 2023**

1. Usman Khawaja (Australia)
2. Dimuth Karunaratne (Sri Lanka)
3. Kane Williamson (New Zealand)
4. Joe Root (England)
5. Travis Head (Australia)
- 6. Ravindra Jadeja (India)**
7. Alex Carey (Wicket Keeper - Australia)
8. Pat Cummins (Captain - Australia)
- 9. Ravichandran Ashwin (India)**
10. Mitchell Starc (Australia)
11. Stuart Broad (England)

Q11) Recently, Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has laid the foundation stone for an **All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) Satellite Centre** in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: C. Kanpur

Q12) Recently, Samaleswari Temple Area Management and Local Economy Initiatives (**SAMALEI**) **project** has been inaugurated in which of the following states?

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

Answer: C. Odisha

Q13) Recently, which of the following companies has been designated as the overall programme **nodal agency** for the implementation of **Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana**?

- A. REC Limited
- B. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- C. Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- D. PTC India Financial Services

Answer: A. REC Limited

Q14) Recently, it was informed that India will begin the **export** of ground systems for the **BrahMos** supersonic cruise missiles to which of the following countries?

- A. Armenia
- B. Israel
- C. Philippines
- D. Saudi Arabia

Answer: C. Philippines

Q15) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the "**Freedom of the City of London**" award?

- A. Ajit Mishra
- B. Anil Agarwal
- C. Lakshmi Mittal
- D. Priti Patel

Answer: A. Ajit Mishra

Q16) Recently, **India** has imported **40,000 doses** of **bull semen** from which of the following countries for the first time to boost milk output via artificial insemination?

- A. Australia
- B. New Zealand
- C. USA
- D. Brazil

Answer: D. Brazil

Q17) Recently, **Thaipusam** (Thaipooosam) **festival** was celebrated. It is dedicated to which of the following gods?

- A. Lord Murugan
- B. Lord Ganesh
- C. Goddess Parvati
- D. Lord Shiva

Answer: A. Lord Murugan

Q18) Recently, **Singpho Phalap** (Singpho tea) has received the **GI Tag** from which of the following states?

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

Answer: B. Arunachal Pradesh

● **More Information**

○ **Twelve distinctive products** from **Arunachal Pradesh** have obtained the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag recently:**

1. Apatani textiles
2. Monpa textiles
3. Adi textiles
4. Galo textiles
5. Tai Khamti textiles
6. Nyishi textiles
7. Monpa handmade paper
8. Singpho Phalap (Singpho tea)
9. Adi Apong (Beverage)
10. Dao (machete)
11. Angnyat millet
12. Marua Apo (Marua millet beverage)

28th January

Q1) Recently, who amongst the following was the **parade commander** at the 75th Republic Day Parade 2024 on 26th January, held at Kartavya Path, New Delhi?

- A. Major General Sumit Mehta
- B. Lieutenant General Bhavnish Kumar
- C. General Manoj Pande
- D. Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan

Answer: B. Lieutenant General Bhavnish Kumar

More Information: 75th Republic Day Parade 2024

- **Theme:** ‘Viksit Bharat’ and ‘Bharat- Loktantra Ki Matraka.
- French President **Emmanuel Macron** was the **chief guest**
- **The arrival of President Droupadi Murmu** and her French counterpart **Emmanuel Macron** was escorted by the **President’s Bodyguard – ‘Rashtrapati Ke Angrakshak’**
- The **two presidents arrived** in the ‘**Traditional Buggy**’, the practice which is making a **comeback after a gap of 40 years**

Q2) Recently, who amongst the following **unfurled the national flag** upon the arrival of President Droupadi Murmu at the Kartavya Path on the occasion of **Republic Day 2024**?

- A. Captain Sandhya
- B. Major Saumya Shukla
- C. Major Srishti Khullar
- D. Squadron Leader Rashmi Thakur

Answer: B. Major Saumya Shukla

Other Key Highlights of the 2024 Republic Day

- ‘**Aavaahan**’, a band performance by **over 100 women artists** playing various types of percussion instruments
- **French Contingent**
 - A **30-member band** contingent was headed by **captain Khourda**, followed by a **90-member marching contingent** led by **captain Noel**.
 - For the **first time ever**, the **French Air and space force** joined the **fly past over Kartavya Path** with **two French Rafales** and **one A330 Multi-Role Tanker Transport aircraft**. France is the **first foreign country** to **join the fly past**
- **Indian Army contingent**
 - The **first Army contingent** leading the mechanised column was **61 Cavalry**, led by major **Yashdeep Ahlawat**.
- **All-women tri-service contingent**
 - **First time** an **all-women tri-service contingent** marched on the occasion of Republic Day, led by **Captain Sandhya** of the **military police**
 - Also, an **all-women Armed Forces Medical Services** contingent marched on the occasion, headed by **Major Srishti Khullar**

- **Indian Navy contingent**

- The Indian Navy contingent consisted of **144 men and women Agniveers**, led by **Lt Prajwal M** as **contingent commander**
- It was followed by the **naval tableau**, depicting the themes ‘**Nari Shakti**’ and ‘**Sea Power Across the Oceans Through Indigenisation**’.

- **Indian Air Force contingent**

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) comprised **144 airmen and four officers**, led by **squadron leader Rashmi Thakur**.
- The **IAF tableau** is on the theme ‘**Bharatiya Vayu Sena: Saksham, Sashakt, Aatmanirbhar**’.

- **Veterans’ Tableau**

- Veterans’ Tableau was showcased on the theme ‘**Rashtra Nirmaan: Pehle Bhi, Ab Bhi, Aage Bhi aur Hamesha**’.

- **Border Security Force (BSF) marching contingent**

- It was headed by **Assistant Commandant Monika**

- **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) marching contingent**

- It was headed by **Assistant Commandant Moniya Sharma**

- **Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) marching contingent**

- It was headed by **Deputy Commandant Nancy Singla**

Q3) Recently, who amongst the following became the first woman officer to lead an all-male contingent of the **Bombay Sappers** at the **Republic Day** parade 2024 in New Delhi?

- A. Constable Kashyap Monika Narendra
- B. Assistant Commandant Tanmayee Mohanty
- C. Major Divya Tyagi
- D. Assistant Commandant Megha Nair

Answer: C. Major Divya Tyagi

More Information

- The **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) women band** comprising of **84 musicians** paraded the **Kartavya Path** in Delhi on the **75th Republic Day**

- The **CISF's women band** was in **Lahariya turbans** adorned with **saffron hackles** and sparkling **band instruments**, playing the spirited tune of ‘**Amar Senani**’.
- The band was led by **Constable Kashyap Monika Narendra**
- The **CISF women marching contingent** followed the band led by **Assistant Commandant Tanmayee Mohanty** with three Supernumerary Officers and 144 Other Ranks.

- The **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) women band contingent** marched at Kartavya Path led by **Constable Sosa Alpaben**.

- The band consisting of **100 women personnel** that played the tune, ‘**Desh Ke Hum Hai Rakshak**’
- Following the band was a **CRPF women’s marching contingent** from **CRPF ‘Peacekeepers of the Nation’** led by **Assistant Commandant Megha Nair**, 234 Battalion, Visakhapatnam.
- **CRPF Women Contingent** consisted of **148 Women**

○ **Also, the CRPF** has the distinction of raising the **first-ever women-armed police battalion in the world.**

Q4) Recently, who amongst the following led the **Delhi Police's all-women contingent** during the 2024 Republic Day parade at the Kartavya path in New Delhi?

- A. Shweta Sugathan
- B. Supreetha CT
- C. Sunita Devi Jena
- D. Chunauti Sharma

Answer: A. Shweta Sugathan

More Information

● **Major Jerry Blaize and Captain Supreetha CT** became the **first couple** to march down **Kartavya Path** as **members of two contingents** on the occasion of **Republic Day Parade 2024**

● **DRDO**

- The DRDO presented tableau on **women's involvement** in Defence R&D with the theme "**Women Power in Protecting the Nation by Providing the Defence Technologies and Systems in all 5 Dimensions** (Land, Air, Sea, Cyber & Space)".
- The **Contingent Commander** of the DRDO tableau was Outstanding Scientist **Sunita Devi Jena.**

● **Indian Coast Guard**

- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) contingent was under the **command of Assistant Commandant Chunauti Sharma**, followed by **Assistant Commandants Priya Dahiya, Hardik, and Pallavi**

● **Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army**

- In a historic first, **four women officers** from the **Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army** participated as the **contingent commanders** in the parade
- The **women officers** are **Lieutenant Deepti Rana, Lieutenant Priyanka Sevda, Lieutenant Aadya Jha, and Lieutenant Enoni CH.**
- **Lieutenants Deepti Rana and Priyanka Sevda,** led the '**Swathi**' **weapon locating radar and Pinaka rocket system,** respectively
- In addition to this, **other women officers** led the **drone-jamming system, advanced radio-frequency monitoring system, Sarvatra Bridging System,** and the **medium-range surface-to-air missile system.**

● **Border Security Force (BSF) camel contingent**

- The contingent was led by **Deputy Commandant Manohar Singh Kheechee,** and included **female camel riders.**

● **1,500 female dancers**

- Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Culture presented cultural extravaganza '**Vande Bharatam**' on the theme '**Cultural expression of women power - accomplishment through resolve**'
- **Around 1,500 female dancers** celebrated **unity in diversity** with **30 distinctive folk dance styles**

Q5) Recently, President Smt Droupadi Murmu has approved **Gallantry awards** to how many Armed Forces personnel on the occasion of 75th Republic Day 2024?

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

Answer: C. 80

- The President also approved **311 defence decorations to Armed Forces and other personnel**

Q6) Recently, President Smt Droupadi Murmu has approved how many **Mentioned-in-Despatches** to the Armed Forces personnel on the occasion of 75th Republic Day 2024?

- A. 84
- B. 97
- C. 27
- D. 45

Answer: A. 84

More Information

- On the occasion of 75th Republic Day 2024, President **Smt Droupadi Murmu** has approved **President's Tatrakshak Medal (PTM)** and **Tatrakshak Medal (TM)** to the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG) personnel**

Q7) Recently, who amongst the following headed the first ever **all-girl Tri-Service Marching contingent** of the National Cadet Corps (**NCC**) on the occasion of the 75th Republic Day Parade 2024 at the Kartavya Path, New Delhi?

- A. Senior Under Officer Punnya Ponnamma
- B. Senior Under Officer Yashasvica Gaur
- C. Senior Under Officer Ankita Sharma
- D. Senior Under Officer Tanu Tevatia

Answer: D. Senior Under Officer Tanu Tevatia

More Information

- **National Service Scheme (NSS) contingent**
 - **Two hundred female volunteers** formed the NSS contingent.
 - It was led by **Ragina Tamang** from Sikkim, Regional Directorate of NSS, Guwahati.

Q8) Recently, **Reliance Jio** has announced a strategic partnership with which of the following companies to set up a **5G Innovation Lab** in India?

- A. Samsung India
- B. Apple India
- C. OnePlus India
- D. Google India

Answer: C. OnePlus India

Q9) Recently, who amongst the following has won the **Australian Open 2024** women's singles title (Tennis)?

- A. Coco Gauff
- B. Qinwen Zheng
- C. Aryna Sabalenka
- D. Iga Swiatek

Answer: C. Aryna Sabalenka

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following have won the **Australian Open 2024 men's doubles** title (Tennis)?

- A. Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori
- B. Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden
- C. Thomas Machac and Zhang Zhizhen
- D. Yannick Hanfmann and Dominik Koepfer

Answer: B. Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden

Q11) Recently, who amongst the following from India has **defeated** the four-time women's world champion **Wenjun Ju of China** in the 2024 Tata Steel Masters, Netherlands?

- A. R. Praggnanandhaa
- B. R. Vaishali
- C. Vidit Gujrathi
- D. Arjun Erigaisi

Answer: A. R. Praggnanandhaa

Q12) Recently, a rare **Golden Tiger** was spotted in which of the following national parks?

- A. Jim Corbett National Park, Uttarakhand
- B. Ranthambore National Park, Rajasthan
- C. Kaziranga National Park, Assam
- D. Gir National Park, Gujarat

Answer: C. Kaziranga National Park, Assam

Q13) Recently, which of the following companies has unveiled the world's largest **methanol-powered shipping container**?

- A. AP Moller-Maersk
- B. Mediterranean Shipping Company
- C. Evergreen Marine Corporation
- D. Hapag-Lloyd

Answer: A. AP Moller-Maersk

Q14) Recently, the Indian Army has opened the 'India Selfie Point' near the Line of Control in Uri sector. It is in which of the following districts of Jammu and Kashmir?

- A. Samba
- B. Poonch
- C. Shopian
- D. Baramulla

Answer: D. Baramulla

Q15) Recently, during the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visited the Sri Sri Auniati Satra. It is in which of the following states?

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

Answer: B. Assam

Q16) Recently, who amongst the following has become the first woman to hold the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army?

- A. Shilpa Rani
- B. Preeti Rajak
- C. Raiza Dhillon
- D. Rajeshwari Kumari

Answer: B. Preeti Rajak

Q17) Recently, Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated the year – long pan India campaign 'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman'. It is an initiative by which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Law and Justice
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Cooperation
- D. Ministry of Finance

Answer: A. Ministry of Law and Justice

Q18) Recently, REC Limited has signed a MoU with which of the following organizations to collaborate on funding solutions for Renewable Energy Projects and large-scale infrastructure projects in India?

- A. MUFGBank
- B. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL)
- C. World Bank
- D. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)

Answer: B. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL)

29th January

Q1) According to the recently released, **All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2021-2022** by the Union Ministry of Education, what is the total enrolment in higher education in 2021-22?

- A. 4.33 crore
- B. 4.14 crore
- C. 2.07 crore
- D. 1.63 crore

Answer: A. 4.33 crore

Q2) Recently, Ms. **Padma Subrahmanyam** has been awarded the Padma Vibhushan 2024. She is related to which of the following dance forms?

- A. Odissi
- B. Bharatnatyam
- C. Kuchipudi
- D. Kathakali

Answer: B. Bharatnatyam

● **Padma Vibhushan 2024 (Total 5) More Information**

● Recently, for the year **2024**, the President **Smt Droupadi Murmu** has approved the conferment of **132 Padma Awards** including **2 duo cases** (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one)

● **Explanation** – ○ The list comprises:

1. **5 Padma Vibhushan**
2. **17 Padma Bhushan** and
3. **110 Padma Shri Awards.**

○ **30 of the awardees are women** and the list also includes **8 persons** from the category of **Foreigners / NRI / PIO / OCI** and **9 Posthumous awardees.**

Q3) Who amongst the following is the only foreigner to be conferred with the **Padma Bhushan 2024**?

- A. Tim Cook
- B. Elon Musk
- C. Young Liu
- D. Jeff Bezos

Answer: C. Young Liu

● **Padma Bhushan 2024 (Total 17)**

Q4) Who amongst the following is **India's first female elephant mahout** (an elephant tamer and caretaker), who is also awarded the Padma Shri 2024 award?

- A. Chami Murmu
 - B. Uma Maheshwari D
 - C. Parbati Barua
 - D. Smriti Rekha Chakma
- Answer: C. Parbati Barua**

● **Padma Shri 2024 (Total 110)**

Q5) Recently, which of the following companies has partnered with the **Tata Group** to set up India's first helicopter Final Assembly Line in the private sector, to produce **H125 helicopter**?

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

Answer: D. Airbus

Q6) Recently, which of the following years has been declared as the **India-France Year of Innovation**?

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2028

Answer: B. 2026

● **India – France Relations: Key announcements made**

1. **Declaring 2026 as India-France Year of Innovation**
2. Operationalisation of **Unified Payment Interface (UPI)** at **Eiffel Tower**
3. Setting up of a **Solar Academy in Senegal** under the **STAR-C programme of International Solar Alliance**
4. Establishment of **India's Consulate in Marseille** and **French Bureau de France in Hyderabad**
5. Operationalisation of **Young Professional Scheme** under the **Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement**
6. Operationalisation of **5-year validity Schengen Visa** for **Indian Masters alumni of French institutions**
7. Support to **France for United Nations Ocean Conference** to be organized in **Nice in 2025**

Q7) Recently, the inaugural edition of Joint Military Exercise '**SADA TANSEEQ**' between India and Saudi Arabia was held in which of the following states?

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

Answer: B. Rajasthan

Q8) Recently, the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Directorate contingent of which of the following states has won the **Prime Minister's Banner** at the Republic Day Camp – 2024?

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

Answer: C. Maharashtra

Q9) Recently, who amongst the following has won the **2024 Australian Open men's singles title** (Tennis)?

- A. Daniil Medvedev
- B. Jannik Sinner
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Carlos Alcaraz

Answer: B. Jannik Sinner

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following took oath as the **chief minister of Bihar**?

- A. Nitish Kumar
- B. Tejaswi Yadav
- C. Samrat Chaudhary
- D. Vijay Sinha

Answer: A. Nitish Kumar

Q11) Recently, the **84th All India Presiding Officers' Conference** (AIPOC) 2024 and 60th Conference of Secretaries of State Legislative Bodies in India was held in which of the following cities?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kolkata
- C. Jaipur
- D. Shimla

Answer: A. Mumbai

Q12) Recently, the **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence** (DRI) have seized **16.67 kg gold** and **39.73 kg silver**, worth over Rs. 10 crore, in New Delhi. What was the name of the operation?

- A. Operation White Gold
- B. Operation Samudra
- C. Operation Black Gold
- D. Operation Deep

Answer: C. Operation Black Gold

Q13) Recently, the Uttarakhand government has decided to rebuild and rehabilitate **Jadung village** as a major tourist destination. It is in which of the following districts?

- A. Almora
- B. Chamoli
- C. Champawat
- D. Uttarkashi

Answer: D. Uttarkashi

Q14) Recently, the foundation stone of north-east region first Central Research Institute of Yoga & Naturopathy (CRIYN) and **100 bedded Yoga & Naturopathy hospital** was laid in which of the following districts of Assam?

- A. Tinsukia
- B. Dibrugarh
- C. Sonitpur
- D. Hojai

Answer: B. Dibrugarh

Q15) Recently, a **Compressed Biogas (CBG) Plant** was inaugurated in **Badaun** by Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, in presence UP CM Yogi Adityanath. It is commissioned by which of the following companies?

- A. Adani Green Energy
- B. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- C. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
- D. Cairn Energy

Answer: C. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)

Q16) Recently, who amongst the following has launched a book titled, '**A Promised Nation Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi** - the Maker of New India', in Braille script?

- A. Smt Droupadi Murmu
- B. Shri Amit Shah
- C. Shri Piyush Goyal
- D. Shri Nitin Gadkari

Answer: B. Shri Amit Shah

Q17) **Futala Lake**, recently seen in news, is in which of the following cities?

- A. Udaipur
- B. Pune
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Nagpur

Answer: D. Nagpur

Q18) Recently, which of the following companies from India has been certified as a **Top Employer** by the **Top Employers Institute**?

- A. REC Limited
- B. NTPC Limited
- C. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- D. State Bank of India (SBI)

Answer: B. NTPC Limited

30th January

Q1) Recently, **Azali Assoumani** has been re-elected as the President of which of the following countries?

- A. Nigeria
- B. Comoros
- C. Morocco
- D. Senegal

Answer: B. Comoros

Q2) Recently, the **7th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024** was held in which of the following cities?

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

Answer: A. New Delhi

Q3) Who amongst the following was the **principal conductor** of the **Beating Retreat Ceremony 2024**, which was held at the Vijay Chowk, New Delhi?

- A. Subedar Major Moti Lal
- B. Warrant Officer Ashok Kumar
- C. Constable GD Ranidevi
- D. Lieutenant Colonel Vimal Joshi

Answer: D. Lieutenant Colonel Vimal Joshi

● **Beating Retreat Ceremony 2024**

- The **principal conductor** of the ceremony was **Lieutenant Colonel Vimal Joshi**.
- The **Army Band conductor** was **Subedar Major Moti Lal**
- **MCPO MUS II M Antony** was the **conductor** of the **Indian Navy**
- **Warrant Officer Ashok Kumar** was the **conductor** of the **Indian Air Force**

- The **conductor of CAPF band** was **Constable GD Ranidevi**.
- **The Buglers performed** under the leadership of **Naib Subedar Umesh Kumar**
- **Pipes and Drums** band played under the instructions of **Subedar Major Rajender Singh**.

Q4) Recently, which of the following ministries has declared '**Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI)**' as an 'Unlawful Association' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) 1967?

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

Answer: D. Ministry of Home Affairs

Q5) The 2nd Edition of **India Energy Week 2024** will be held in which of the following states?

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

Answer: C. Goa

- **Theme:** Driving India's Energy Transition

Q6) Recently, which of the following rivers was diverted through diversion tunnels at Drabshalla in Kishtwar district for the 850 MW **Ratle Hydro Electric Project** in Jammu & Kashmir?

- A. Jhelum
- B. Indus
- C. Chenab
- D. Satluj

Answer: C. Chenab

Q7) Recently, the first **National Conference on Promotion of Seaweed Cultivation 2024** was held at Koteswar (Kori Creek). It is in which of the following states?

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

Answer: A. Gujarat

Q8) Recently, which of the following countries has launched three satellites simultaneously - **Keihan 2**, **Hatef 1** and **Mahda** – through the Simorgh rocket?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Iran

D. United Arab Emirates

Answer: C. Iran

Q9) Recently, it was informed that the **Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2024** (International Theatre Festival of India) will commence from Mumbai's National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA). It is organized by which of the following organizations?

- A. Sahitya Akademi
- B. National School of Drama
- C. Lalit Kala Akademi
- D. Indian Council for Cultural Relations

Answer: B. National School of Drama

- **Theme:** Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, Vande Bharangam

Q10) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book “**The Cooking of Books: A Literary Memoir**”?

- A. Romila Thapar
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Vikram Seth
- D. Ramachandra Guha

Answer: D. Ramachandra Guha

Q11) Recently, which of the following countries has won the inaugural **FIH Women's Hockey5s World Cup 2024**, which was held in Muscat, Oman?

- A. Netherlands
- B. India
- C. Poland
- D. Australia

Answer: A. Netherlands

Q12) Recently, it was informed that the **INSAT-3DS satellite** will be launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. It is developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and which of the following organizations?

- A. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- B. Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru
- C. India Meteorological Department (IMD)
- D. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Answer: C. India Meteorological Department (IMD)

Q13) Recently, Rajasthan and which of the following states have signed a MoU with the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti to implement the **Modified Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal- Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project** (Modified PKC-ERCP) Link Project?

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

Answer: A. Madhya Pradesh

Q14) Recently, three **Indian origin scientists** - Professors Rahul R. Nair, Mehul Malik, and Dr Tanmay Bharat - have been awarded the **Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists 2024** in which of the following countries?

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. Germany
- D. United Kingdom

Answer: D. United Kingdom

Q15) Recently, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has announced to conduct Exercise “**Vayu Shakti 2024**” in which of the following states?

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

Answer: C. Rajasthan

● The **Indian Air Force** (IAF) has announced to carry out three large scale exercises in **2024** namely - **Vayu Shakti, Gagan Shakti and Tarang Shakti**

Q16) Recently, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Diamond Jubilee celebrations** (75 years) of the **Supreme Court** on which of the following days?

- A. 27th January, 2024
- B. 28th January, 2024
- C. 29th January, 2024
- D. 30th January, 2024

Answer: B. 28th January, 2024

Q17) Recently, which of the following countries have announced to leave the **Economic Community of West African States** (ECOWAS)?

- A. Senegal, Liberia and Nigeria
- B. Ivory Coast, Ghana and Togo
- C. Guinea, Sierra Leone and Gambia
- D. Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso

Answer: D. Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso

Q18) The 23rd edition of the **World Sustainable Development Summit 2024** will be held in New Delhi. It is organized by which of the following organizations?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Pratham NGO
- C. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- D. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

Answer: D. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

- **Theme:** Leadership for Sustainable Development and Climate Justice

31st January

Q1) Recently, which of the following organizations has announced a seven-year, **\$100 million** principal-protected **Plastic Waste Reduction-Linked Bond** in Ghana and Indonesia?

- A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B. World Bank
- C. New Development Bank (NDB)
- D. International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Answer: B. World Bank

Q2) Recently, which of the following states has announced to launch '**LABHA**' (Laghu Bana Jatya Drabya Kraya) scheme?

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

Answer: D. Odisha

Q3) Recently, which of the following companies has inaugurated **India's Largest Electrolyser End Fuel Cell** -based Green Hydrogen Pilot Project in Rishikesh?

- A. THDC India Limited
- B. REC Limited
- C. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- D. ReNew Power

Answer: A. THDC India Limited

Q4) Recently, **NTPC Green Energy Limited** (NGEL) has signed an MoU with which of the following states to develop green hydrogen and derivatives projects, with a potential investment of **₹80,000 crore** for the next 5 years?

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

Answer: C. Maharashtra

Q5) Recently, which of the following **Indian Naval Ship** has carried out successful anti-piracy operations and rescued Fishing Vessel **Al Naeemi** and Fishing Vessel **Iman**?

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

Answer: C. INS Sumitra

Q6) Recently, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has identified total how many cities for conducting a survey and **relocating adults** engaged in **begging** under the 'Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprises' (SMILE) scheme?

- A. 15
- B. 30
- C. 45
- D. 60

Answer: B. 30

Q7) Recently, which of the following state governments has launched the specialised '**Sadak Surakhya Force**' (Road Safety Force)?

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

Answer: D. Punjab

Q8) Recently, which of the following state's tableau has won the **first prize** in the **judge's choice category** during the 75th Republic Day parade 2024 (Kartavya Path, New Delhi)?

- A. Odisha
- B. Gujarat
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Uttar Pradesh

Answer: A. Odisha

- **More Information: 75th Republic Day parade 2024 – Best Tableau**
- **Judge's choice category**
- **Best three Tableaux (States/UTs)**

1. **First** – Odisha (Woman Empowerment in Viksit Bharat)
2. **Second** – Gujrat (Dhordo : A Global Icon Of Gujarat’s Border Tourism)
3. **Third** – Tamil Nadu (Kudavolai System in ancient Tamil Nadu – Mother of Democracy)

■ **Best Tableau (Ministries/Departments)** - Ministry of Culture – (Bharat : Mother of Democracy)

■ **Special Prize** - Central Public Works Department (Central Vista -Viksit Bharat Ka Pratibimb)

■ **Special memento** to ‘Vande Bharatam’ – Dance Group

○ **Popular Choice Category**

■ **Best three Tableaux (States/UTs)**

1. **First** - Gujrat (Dhordo : A Global Icon Of Gujarat’s Border Tourism)

2. **Second** - Uttar Pradesh (Viksit Bharat Samradh Virasat)

3. **Third** – Andhra Pradesh (Transforming School Education in Andhra Pradesh – Making Students Globally Competitive)

■ **Best Tableau (Central Ministries/Departments)** – Vibrant Villages (Ministry of Home Affairs)

Q9) Recently, the fourth edition of **Rüsoma Orange Festival 2024** (Shühuo Nyi) was held in which of the following states?

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

Answer: B. Nagaland

Q10) Recently, the Tourism Department of which of the following states has made the **Beach Vigil app** accessible to public?

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

Answer: A. Goa

Q11) Recently, which of the following has won the “**Best Marching Contingent among the three services**” in the Judges Choice category?

- A. Sikh Regiment Contingent
- B. Rajputana Rifles Regimental Contingent
- C. Kumaon Regiment Contingent
- D. Madras Regiment Contingent

Answer: A. Sikh Regiment Contingent

● **More Information: 75th Republic Day parade 2024 – Best Marching Contingents**

○ 'Judges Choice category'

■ **Best Marching Contingent among the three services – Sikh Regiment Contingent**

■ **Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces – Delhi Police Women Marching Contingent**

○ **Popular Choice Category**

■ **Best Marching Contingent among the three services – Rajputana Rifles Regimental Marching Contingent**

■ **Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces - CRPF Woman Marching Contingent**

Q12) Recently, which of the following Indian Navy ships was deployed to rescue hijacked Sri Lankan flagged fishing vessel “**LORENZO PUTHA**”?

- A. INS Sujata
- B. INS Savitri
- C. INS Sharda
- D. INS Saryu

Answer: C. INS Sharda

Q13) Recently, which of the following organizations/ministries has launched the “**Bharat 5G Portal- an integrated portal**” on the side-lines of ‘Bharat Telecom 2024 - An Exclusive International Business Expo’ in New Delhi?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of Communications
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. National Informatics Centre (NIC)

Answer: B. Ministry of Communications

Q14) According to the recently released, **Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India** (SPAI) report, which of the following states/union territories has the highest number of snow leopards in India?

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

Answer: A. Ladakh

Q15) What is the name of the **Khelo India Winter Games 2024** mascot?

- A. Sheen-e She' (Shan)
- B. Ninban
- C. Kiang

D. Saddaf

Answer: A. Sheen-e She' (Shan)

Q16) Recently, the President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu has nominated Shri **Satnam Singh Sandhu** to **Rajya Sabha**. He is the vice chancellor of which of the following universities?

- A. Chandigarh University
- B. Lovely Professional University
- C. Punjabi University, Patiala
- D. Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana

Answer: A. Chandigarh University

Q17) Recently, QatarEnergy and Excelerate Energy have signed an agreement to supply 1 million metric tonnes per year (mtpa) of **liquefied natural gas** (LNG) to which of the following countries for **15 years** from January 2026?

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

Answer: C. Bangladesh

Q18) Recently, **Dr Nitya Anand** that **oral contraceptive pill**?

- A. Gudiya
- B. Saheli
- C. Maitri
- D. Saathi

Answer: B. Saheli

Important Days

- **International Day of Clean Energy:** It is celebrated on **26th January** every year. It is the founding date of the **International Renewable Energy Agency** (IRENA), a global intergovernmental agency established in **2009**.
 - **Theme:** Clean Energy for People and Planet
- **International Customs Day:** It is celebrated on **26th January** every year. It commemorates the first session of the **World Customs Organization** (WCO) in **1953**
 - **Theme:** Customs Engaging Traditional and New Partners with Purpose
- **International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust:** It is observed on **27th January** every year. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of **Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland** by Soviet troops on **27 January 1945**
- **World Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) Day:** It is observed on **30th January** every year.

○ **Theme:** Unite. Act. Eliminate

● **Indian Newspaper Day:** It is celebrated on **29th January** every year to commemorate the establishment of **India's first newspaper, Hicky's Bengal Gazette.**

○ The **English-language weekly** was first published on **January 29, 1780**, and was also known as the **Calcutta General Advertiser.**

● **World Leprosy Day:** It is observed every year on the **last Sunday of January** to raise awareness about leprosy. This year it is being observed on **28th January**

○ **Theme:** Beat Leprosy

● **Martyrs' Day 2024:** It is observed on **30th January** every year in **India.** It marks the **death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**, who was assassinated on this day by **Nathuram Vinayak Godse in 1948**

Obituaries

● Recently, Renowned **Urdu poet Munawwar Rana** has passed away, aged 71.

○ He has won the **Sahitya Akademi Award in 2014** for his poetry book '**Shahdaba**'

● Recently, **Singapore's oldest Olympian** and former national hockey player of Indian-origin, **Ajit Singh Gill**, has passed away, aged 95.

○ He competed in the men's tournament at the **1956 Summer Olympics**

● Recently, **Canadian filmmaker** and director **Norman Jewison** has passed away, aged 97.

○ He was **nominated for the Academy Award (Oscars)** for **Best Director three times** in three separate decades, for **In the Heat of the Night (1967)**, **Fiddler on the Roof (1971)**, and **Moonstruck (1987)**.

● Recently, **Rana Talwar**, the first Indian and Asian to head a global bank -- **Standard Chartered**, has passed away, aged 76. ○ He was the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of the **Standard Chartered Bank** from **1997 to 2002**

○ Also, he was **the son-in-law of DLF Group chairman emeritus K P Singh**