

# 1st February

Q1) Recently, who amongst the following have been awarded the **Colonel C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award** at the BCCI Awards 2024 ceremony (NAMAN Awards), Hyderabad?

- A. Anil Kumble and Rahul Dravid
- B. Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev
- C. Farokh Engineer and Ravi Shastri
- D. Bishen Singh Bedi and Eknath Solkar

**Answer: C. Farokh Engineer and Ravi Shastri**

## • **BCCI Awards 2024: Winners List**

- **Colonel C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award** - Men: Farokh Engineer, Ravi Shastri
- **Polly Umrigar Award - Best International Cricketer - Men:** Mohammad Shami (2019-20), Ravichandran Ashwin (2020-21), Jasprit Bumrah (2021-22), Shubman Gill (2022-23)
- **Best International Cricketer - Women:** Deepti Sharma (2019-20, 2022-23), Smriti Mandhana (2020-21, 2021-22)
- **Best International Debut - Men:** Mayank Agarwal (2019-20), Axar Patel (2020-21), Shreyas Iyer (2021-22), Yashasvi Jaiswal (2022-23)
- **Best International Debut - Women:** Priya Punia (2019-20), Shafali Verma (2020-21), Sabbhineni Meghana (2021-22), Amanjot Kaur (2022-23)
- **Dilip Sardesai Award - Most Runs in Test Cricket:** Yashasvi Jaiswal (2022-23)
- **Dilip Sardesai Award - Highest Wickets in Test Cricket:** Ravichandran Ashwin (2022-23)
- **Highest Run-Getter in ODIs - Women:** Punam Raut (2019-20), Mithali Raj (2020-21), Harmanpreet Kaur (2021-22), Jemimah Rodrigues (2022-23)
- **Highest Wicket-Taker in ODIs - Women:** Poonam Yadav (2019-20), Jhulan Goswami (2020-21), Rajeshwari Gayakwad (2021-22), Devika Vaidya (2022-23)
- **Best Umpire In Domestic Cricket:** A Padmanabhan (2019-20), Vrinda Rathi (2020-21), Jayaraman Madangopal (2021-22), Rohan Pandit (2022-23)
- **Best Performance in BCCI Domestic Tournaments:** Mumbai (2019-20), Madhya Pradesh (2021-22), Saurashtra (2022-23)

Q2) According to the recently released Brand Finance's 2024 Global 500 report, which of the following is **India's strongest brand**?

- A. Jio
- B. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- C. State Bank of India (SBI)
- D. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

**Answer: A. Jio**

Q3) Recently, which of the following companies have won the tender to develop **International Film City near Noida**, Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Bayview Projects
- B. 4 Lions Films
- C. Supersonic Technobuild
- D. T-Series

**Answer: A. Bayview Projects**

Q4) Recently, **INS Nirupak** has been decommissioned. It was built by which of the following companies?

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

**Answer: C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata**

Q5) Recently, a two-year-old child, **Carter Dallas**, has become the youngest person to reach **Mount Everest base camp**. He is from which of the following countries?

- A. Germany
- B. Scotland
- C. France
- D. Czech Republic

**Answer: B. Scotland**

Q6) Recently, **ADNOC Gas** (UAE) has signed a 10-year agreement with which of the following Indian companies to supply 0.5 million metric tons per annum (mmtpa) of **liquefied natural gas** (LNG)?

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

**Answer: B. GAIL (India) Limited**

Q7) Recently, the Government of India has appointed the members of the **16th Finance Commission**. Who amongst the following is the **chairman** of the commission?

- A. Narayan Jha
- B. Annie George Mathew
- C. Dr Niranjan Rajadhyaksha
- D. Dr Arvind Panagariya

**Answer: D. Dr Arvind Panagariya**

Q8) Recently, Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** has laid foundation stones of 15 National Highway projects costing **Rs 8,038 crore** with a total length of 499 km in which of the following cities in Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Ujjain
- B. Indore
- C. Bhopal
- D. Gwalior

**Answer: C. Bhopal**

● Recently, Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of **9 National Highway projects** costing **Rs 2,367 crore** and total length of **225 km** in **Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh**

Q9) Recently, the Ministry of Textiles has announced to organize ‘**One Bharat Sari Walkathon**’ in which of the following cities of Rajasthan?

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

**Answer: B. Kota**

Q10) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book '**Ek Samandar, Mere Andar**' (Hindi)?

- A. Ajit Doval
- B. Ajay Bhatt
- C. General Anil Chauhan
- D. Dr Sanjeev Kumar Joshi

**Answer: D. Dr Sanjeev Kumar Joshi**

Q11) Recently, the Ministry of Culture informed that the “**Maratha Military Landscapes of India**” will be India’s nomination for recognition as UNESCO World Heritage List for the year 2024-25. Total how many forts have been included in it?

- A. 9
- B. 10
- C. 11
- D. 12

**Answer: D. 12**

- **Maratha Military Landscapes of India**
- **In Maharashtra**

1. Salher fort
2. Shivneri fort
3. Lohgad
4. Khanderi fort
5. Raigad
6. Rajgad
7. Pratapgad
8. Suvarnadurg
9. Panhala Fort
10. Vijay durg
11. Sindhudurg
- **In Tamil Nadu**
12. Gingee Fort

○ Out of these, **eight forts** are protected by the **Archaeological Survey of India**.

■ These are Shivneri fort, Lohgad, Raigad, Suvarnadurg, Panhala fort, Vijaydurg, Sindhudurg and Gingee fort;

○ Whereas **Salher fort, Rajgad, Khanderi fort** and **Pratapgarh** are protected by the **Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Maharashtra**.

○ **Types of Forts**

■ **Hill Forts:** Salher fort, Shivneri fort, Lohgad, Raigad, Rajgad and Gingee fort

■ **Hill-forest fort:** Pratapgad

■ **Hill-plateau fort:** Panhala

■ **Coastal fort:** Vijaydurg

■ **Island forts:** Khanderi fort, Suvarnadurg and Sindhudurg

Q12) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the chairman of the **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India** (TRAI)?

- A. Meenakshi Gupta
- B. Anil Kumar Lahoti
- C. P.D. Vaghela
- D. Himank Sharma

**Answer: B. Anil Kumar Lahoti**

Q13) Recently, which of the following companies has implanted a **wireless brain chip** “**Telepathy**” in a human for the first time?

- A. Synchron
- B. Neuralink
- C. BrainCo
- D. Kernel

**Answer: B. Neuralink**

Q14) According to the recent changes, the customers will be able to transfer up to how much amount between bank accounts using the **Immediate Payment Service** (IMPS) using only recipient's mobile number and the name of their bank?

- A. Rs. 2 lakh
- B. Rs. 3 lakh
- C. Rs. 4 lakh
- D. Rs. 5 lakh

**Answer: D. Rs. 5 lakh**

Q15) The **2027 World Test Championship final** (Cricket) will be held in which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: C. England**

### **More Information**

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has decided to introduce a **Women's T20 Champions Trophy**, the **inaugural edition** of which will be played in **Sri Lanka in February 2027**.
- The **men's Champions Trophy** will be in **ODI format**, and will be held in **Pakistan in February 2025**.
- **Malaysia**, which is an **associate nation**, will host the **second edition** of the **women's Under-19 World Cup**, in **January 2025**.
- **India** will host the **next Women's World Cup**, in **October/November 2025**
- **India** will also host the **men's T20 World Cup** in **October/November 2026**, along with **Sri Lanka**, in **2026**.

### **Important Sports News**

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has **lifted the suspension** of **Sri Lankan Cricket (SLC)**
- SLC was banned in **November, 2023** for **breaching obligations** as an ICC Member, in particular, "the requirement to **manage its affairs autonomously** and ensure that there is **no government interference** in the governance, regulation and/or administration of cricket in Sri Lanka."
- Hyderabad batter **Tanmay Agarwal** scored the **fastest triple century** in the **history of first-class cricket**
- He scored **300 runs in just 147 balls** against **Arunachal Pradesh** in the **2023-23 Ranji Trophy** (In total, he scored **366 runs**)
- It was the **first time** that **any batter scored a triple century** in **under 150 balls** in a **first-class cricket match**

Q16) Recently, the fourth **National Chilika Birds Festival 2024** was held in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: C. Odisha**

Q17) Recently, who amongst the following from India has won the International Wushu Federation's (IWUF) **female athlete of the year 2023** in **sanda category** (Wushu)?

- A. Naorem Roshibina Devi
- B. Mehreen Banday
- C. Rasiba Jaan
- D. Pooja Kadian

**Answer: A. Naorem Roshibina Devi**

● **2023 IWF Athlete of the Year 2023: Winners**

○ **Women Category**

- **China's Yao Yang** has won the Wushu Taolu Athlete of the Year
- **Hong Kong's Wing Yung Lee** has won the Traditional Wushu Athlete of the Year
- **Singapore's Zeanne Zhi Ning** has won the Wushu Taolu Rising Star of the Year.
- **France's Flora Point** has won the Traditional Wushu Rising Star of the Year

○ **Male Category**

- **China's Lu Xiangcheng** won the Wushu Taolu Athlete of the Year.
- **France's Yoan Benbedra** has won the Wushu Sanda Athlete of the Year.
- **Australia's Sherman Mak** has won the Traditional Wushu Athlete of the Year.

Q18) Which of the following is the **world's largest selling automaker in 2023**?

- A. Tesla
- B. Toyota Motor
- C. Honda Motor
- D. Volkswagen Group

**Answer: B. Toyota Motor**

## 2nd February

Q1) According to the recently released "**World Economic Outlook Update January 2024**" by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), what will be India's GDP Growth rate in 2024 and 2025?

- A. 6.3%
- B. 6.4%
- C. 6.5%
- D. 6.7%

**Answer: C. 6.5%**

Q2) According to the recently released "**Finances of Panchayati Raj Institutions**" by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the own revenues of the Panchayats were how much percentage of their total revenue during 2020-21 to 2022-23?

- A. 0.5%

- B. 0.7%
- C. 1.1%
- D. 2.8%

**Answer: C. 1.1%**

Q3) Recently, Larsen & Toubro has been awarded a contract for the establishment of a 1800 MWac Solar Photovoltaic Plant for the **Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park**. It is in which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: A. United Arab Emirates**

Q4) Recently, **five more wetlands** have been declared as **Ramsar sites** (Wetlands of international Importance) in India. Now, there are total how many Ramsar sites in India?

- A. 75
- B. 80
- C. 83
- D. 78

**Answer: B. 80**

#### **More Information**

- **India** is one of the **Contracting Parties** to **Ramsar Convention**, signed in **Ramsar, Iran, in 1971**.
- **India ratified** this Convention on **1st February 1982**.
- **World Wetlands Day** (WWD) is celebrated across the globe to commemorate the adoption of this **international agreement on wetlands** on **2nd February 1971**.
- The **theme of WWD-2024** is '**Wetlands and Human Wellbeing**'
- This year, the Union **Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change** in collaboration with the Government of **Madhya Pradesh**, is organizing the **national World Wetlands Day** event at **Sirpur Lake, Indore, a Ramsar site** designated in **2022**.

Q5) According to the recently released All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) report 2021-22 by the Union ministry of Education, which of the following states/union territories has the **highest gross enrolment ratio** (GER)?

- A. Puducherry
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Delhi
- D. Tamil Nadu

**Answer: B. Chandigarh**

Q6) Recently, which of the following institutions has introduced silicon-proven Artificial Intelligence (AI) chip - “**Kairali AI Chip**”?

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

**Answer: C. Digital University Kerala**

Q7) Recently, which of the following states in USA has **executed a man** using a new method called **nitrogen hypoxia**?

- A. Alabama
- B. Alaska
- C. Ohio
- D. Georgia

**Answer: A. Alabama**

Q8) Recently, which of the following district courts has allowed the Hindus to offer prayers in the southern cellar of **Gyanvapi mosque**, which is known as ‘**Vyas ka tehkana**’?

- A. Prayagraj District Court
- B. Varanasi District Court
- C. Agra District Court
- D. Faizabad District Court

**Answer: B. Varanasi District Court**

Q9) What is the rank of India in the recently released **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2023** by the Transparency International?

- A. 93<sup>rd</sup>
- B. 85<sup>th</sup>
- C. 76<sup>th</sup>
- D. 133<sup>rd</sup>

**Answer: A. 93<sup>rd</sup>**

Q10) Recently, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma has released the first volume of the ‘**Political History of Assam (1947-1971)**.’ It is edited by who amongst the following?

- A. Romila Thapar
- B. Irfan Habib
- C. Vikram Sampath
- D. Dr Rajen Saikia

**Answer: D. Dr Rajen Saikia**

Q11) Recently, the **National Conference on Strategic Trade Controls 2024** was held in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: B. New Delhi**

Q12) Recently, it was informed that Water Metro Service will be launched in **Ayodhya** on the Saryu River. **India's first water metro** was launched in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: C. Kochi**

Q13) Recently, the European Commission and Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU), has launched the **European Ports Alliance** and its Public-Private Partnership at which of the following places?

- A. Marseille, France
- B. Antwerp, Belgium
- C. Hamburg, Germany
- D. Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Answer: B. Antwerp, Belgium**

Q14) Recently, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to launch a **Group (Term) Insurance Scheme** for **Casual Paid Labourers** (CPLs) engaged by Border Roads Organisation/General Reserve Engineer Force. This scheme will provide the insured value of total how much amount?

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

**Answer: B. Rs. 10 lakh**

### **Important News**

- Recently, it was informed that **Female government employees** will now have the option to **nominate their sons or daughters** for **family pension, instead of their husbands**

- This is as per the recent amendments to the **Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021** moved by the **Department of Pensions and Pensioners' Welfare**
- **Previously, family pension** was granted to the **spouse of a deceased government servant** or pensioner, while **other family members** became **eligible** only after the **spouse's ineligibility or demise**

Q15) Recently, the **Indian Institute of Mass Communication** has been declared as a deemed to be university under distinct category. Its headquarters is in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Jammu
- C. Amravati
- D. Aizawl

**Answer: A. New Delhi**

Q16) Recently, the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of **Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)** for three years up to 2025-26. What is the total outlay under the scheme?

- A. Rs. 29,610.25 crore
- B. Rs. 31,897.50 crore
- C. Rs. 13,340.75 crore
- D. Rs. 34,563.50 crore

**Answer: A. Rs. 29,610.25 crore**

Q17) Recently, the Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing and ratification of **Bilateral Investment Treaty** between **India** and which of the following countries?

- A. Taiwan
- B. USA
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. Saudi Arabia

**Answer: C. United Arab Emirates**

Q18) Recently, **Sanjay Verma** has been appointed as the Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). UPSC can have a maximum of total how many members?

- A. 8
- B. 10
- C. 12
- D. 6

**Answer: B. 10**

## 3rd February

Q1) Recently, which of the following states topped the medal tally in the 6<sup>th</sup> Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2023?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Haryana
- D. Rajasthan

**Answer: A. Maharashtra**

● **More Information**

○ Swimmer Vritti Agarwal of Telangana became one of the best athletes of the games, winning a total of 5 gold medals for herself - 200m butterfly, 1500m freestyle, 800m freestyle, 400m freestyle and 200m freestyle

Q2) Recently, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore has received the approval from the Union Ministry of Education to open a satellite campus in which of the following cities?

- A. Ujjain
- B. Bhopal
- C. Jabalpur
- D. Gwalior

**Answer: A. Ujjain**

Q3) Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) has awarded its first-ever certificates validating progress in eliminating industrially produced trans fatty-acids to how many countries?

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

**Answer: B. 5**

- Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand

Q4) Recently, the Indian Navy has commissioned Survey Vessel INS Sandhayak, at Naval Dockyard, Vizag. It is built by which of the following companies?

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

**Answer: D. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)**

### More Information

- Recently, **Vice Admiral Lochan Singh Pathania** has assumed charge as the **Chief Hydrographer** to the Government of India
- Commissioned in the **Executive branch** of the **Indian Navy in 1990**, he is a Hydrography Specialist.
- The Flag Officer has commanded **INS Darshak** and **Sandhayak**.

Q5) Recently, which of the following companies has delivered India's first mineral exploration drones "Octacopter drones" to **NMDC Limited**?

- A. Garuda Aerospace
- B. Marut Drones
- C. Aereo
- D. General Aeronautics

**Answer: B. Marut Drones**

Q6) Recently, the **Indian Navy** has declared **2024** as which of the following?

- A. Year of Transformation
- B. Year of Technology Absorption
- C. Year of Naval Civilians
- D. Year of Maritime Security

**Answer: C. Year of Naval Civilians**

Q7) Recently, **Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar** has been sworn in as the 17<sup>th</sup> king of which of the following countries?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Thailand
- C. Oman
- D. Cambodia

**Answer: A. Malaysia**

Q8) PM Shri Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of **Shri Kalki Dham** in which of the following districts of Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Sultanpur
- B. Rampur
- C. Bijnor
- D. Sambhal

**Answer: D. Sambhal**

Q9) Recently, extension of the scheme of **sugar subsidy** for **Antyodaya Anna Yojna (AAY)** families has been approved for two more years till 31 March 2026. Under this, subsidy of how much amount is given per kg per month of sugar to AAY families?

- A. Rs 16.50
- B. Rs 17.50
- C. Rs 18.50
- D. Rs 19.50

**Answer: C. Rs 18.50**

Q10) Recently, **Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL)** for export of Apparel/Garments and Made ups has been extended up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. It is implemented by which of the following ministries?

- A. Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Textiles
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Answer: A. Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance**

### **Other Union Cabinet Approvals**

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM Shri **Narendra Modi** has given its approval for **determination of Marketing Margin on supply of domestic gas to Fertilizer (Urea) Units** for the period from **May 1,2009 to November 17, 2015**.
  - This approval is a **structural reform**.
  - **Marketing Margin** is charged by **gas marketing company** from consumers over and **above the cost of gas** for taking on the **additional risk** and cost associated with marketing of gas.
  - **Government** had **previously determined marketing margin** on supply of **domestic gas to urea and LPG producers in 2015**.
  - The approval will provide **additional capital** to the various **Fertilizer (Urea) Units** for the component of **marketing margins** paid by them on **domestic gas procured** during the period **01.05.2009 to 17.11.2015**, based on rates **already being paid from 18.11.2015 onwards**.

Q11) Recently, Union Minister Sarbanand Sonowal has inaugurated the **National Arogya Fair 2024** in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Guwahati
- C. Kochi
- D. Chennai

**Answer: A. New Delhi**

Q12) Recently, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has launched a web portal of Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization (CMPFO) "**C- CARES**". It is developed and designed by which of the following organizations?

- A. National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)
- D. National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)

**Answer: C. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)**

Q13) Recently, **Coal India Limited** has launched a CSR initiative with which of the following organizations to provide **digital education** through smart classrooms and computer laboratory up to 12<sup>th</sup> standard schools in Coal Bearing States?

- A. TATA STRIVE
- B. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- C. Educational Consultants India Limited (EDCIL)
- D. Pratham NGO

**Answer: C. Educational Consultants India Limited (EDCIL)**

Q14) Recently, Union Minister of Finance **Nirmala Sitharaman** has presented the Interim Union Budget for 2024-2025 - becoming only second Finance Minister to present **six budgets in a row**. Who amongst the following was the first Finance Minister to present six budgets in a row?

- A. Dr Manmohan Singh
- B. Arun Jaitley
- C. Morarji Desai
- D. R K Shanmukham Chetty

**Answer: C. Morarji Desai**

Q15) According to the recently presented Interim Union Budget for 2024-2025, what will be the **Fiscal deficit** in **2024-25** as a percentage of GDP?

- A. 3.4%
- B. 5.8%
- C. 5.1%
- D. 6.2%

**Answer: C. 5.1%**

Q16) According to the recent Interim Union Budget for 2024-2025, **outstanding direct tax demands** up to how much amount has been withdrawn for financial years 2010-11 to 2014-15?

- A. Rs 5,000
- B. Rs 10,000
- C. Rs 20,000
- D. Rs 25,000

**Answer: B. Rs 10,000**

Q17) Which of the following ministries has received the **highest allocation** in the Interim Union Budget for 2024-2025 among the Ministries?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Road Transport and Infrastructure
- C. Ministry of Railways
- D. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

**Answer: A. Ministry of Defence**

Q18) Recently, the **Indian Coast Guard** (ICG) celebrated its **48<sup>th</sup> Raising Day** on which of the following days?

- A. 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024
- D. 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024

**Answer: B. 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024**

## 4th February

Q1) Recently, **Radha Raturi** has been appointed as the first woman chief secretary of which of the following states?

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

**Answer: A. Uttarakhand**

Q2) Recently, a **Green Propulsion System** was successfully launched in orbit functionality on a payload launched by PSLV C-58, under the **Technology Development Fund** (TDF) scheme. Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme is implemented by which of the following organizations?

- A. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- D. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

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

Q3) “**Neetu Grover v. Union of India & Ors, 2024**” case, recently seen in news, is related to which of the following?

- A. Legality of same Sex Marriage
- B. Sapinda Marriage

- C. Women Temple Entry
- D. Abortion

**Answer: B. Sapinda Marriage**

Q4) Recently, which of the following countries has announced its first lunar mission “**Deep Space Radiation Probe**”?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. South Korea
- C. Taiwan
- D. Oman

**Answer: C. Taiwan**

Q5) Recently, the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) in collaboration with the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (Office of PSA) to the Government of India has launched the **Young Scientists Induction Training Programme** at which of the following institutions?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- C. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Visakhapatnam
- D. Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru

**Answer: C. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Visakhapatnam**

Q6) Recently, **Justice Pratinidhi Srinivasacharya Dinesh Kumar** has been sworn in as the Chief Justice of which of the following high courts?

- A. Kerala High Court
- B. Karnataka High Court
- C. Madras High Court
- D. Delhi High Court

**Answer: B. Karnataka High Court**

Q7) Recently, which of the following state governments has introduced guidelines for the “**Ungalai Thedi, Ungal Ooril**” (Come Look For You, In Your Village) outreach program?

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

**Answer: B. Tamil Nadu**

Q8) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book “**KASHMIR: Travels in Paradise on Earth**”?

- A. Somdatta Mandal

- B. Romola Butalia
- C. Shivya Nath
- D. Romesh Bhattacharji

**Answer: D. Romesh Bhattacharji**

Q9) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated “**Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024**” in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: C. New Delhi**

Q10) Recently, which of the following ports has handled **14.32 million metric tons** (MMT) of cargo in **January 2024**, which is the highest monthly cargo throughput in the history of India's major ports?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Nhava Sheva)
- B. New Mangalore Port
- C. Paradip Port
- D. Deendayal (Kandla) Port

**Answer: C. Paradip Port**

Q11) Recently, which of the following countries has confirmed the discovery of its **first coltan** (columbite-tantalite) **deposits**?

- A. Kenya
- B. Niger
- C. Somalia
- D. Yemen

**Answer: A. Kenya**

Q12) According to the recently released "Electricity 2024" report by the International Energy Agency (IEA), **Coal-fired generation** is expected to meet how much percentage of **India's electricity demand** by **2026**?

- A. 74%
- B. 68%
- C. 44%
- D. 21%

**Answer: B. 68%**

Q13) Recently, scientists have discovered a new species "**diminutive dragons**" (Agasthyagama edge/northern kangaroo lizard). It is type of which of the following species?

- A. Lizard
- B. Butterfly
- C. Frog
- D. Snake

**Answer: A. Lizard**

Q14) “**GHAR - GO Home and Re-Unite**” Portal, recently seen in news, is developed by which of the following organizations?

- A. National Commission for Women (NCW)
- B. National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)
- C. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)
- D. National Commission for Minorities (NCM)

**Answer: C. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)**

Q15) Recently, which of the following state governments has announced to launch the **Kalaignar sports kit scheme**?

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

**Answer: A. Tamil Nadu**

Q16) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) India Limited’s **Talabira Thermal power project**, worth 27000 crore, in which of the following districts of Odisha?

- A. Angul
- B. Sambalpur
- C. Deogarh
- D. Balasore

**Answer: B. Sambalpur**

Q17) Which of the following security forces will host the **67<sup>th</sup> All India Police Duty Meet 2024** (AIPDM) in Lucknow?

- A. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- B. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- C. Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- D. Railway Protection Force (RPF)

**Answer: D. Railway Protection Force (RPF)**

Q18) Recently, National Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (NRLPS) has signed an MOU with **BRAC** (

**Building Resources Across Communities) International**, with a mission to empower people and communities. BRAC International is headquartered in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi, India
- B. Colombo, Sri Lanka
- C. Dhaka, Bangladesh
- D. Thimphu, Bhutan

**Answer: C. Dhaka, Bangladesh**

## 5th February

Q1) Recently, **Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary** has been declared as the 18<sup>th</sup> wildlife sanctuary of Tamil Nadu. It is in which of the following districts?

- A. Coimbatore
- B. Cuddalore
- C. Dindigul
- D. Erode

**Answer: D. Erode**

Q2) Recently, the United States Congress has approved the sale of 31 **MQ-9B Remotely Piloted Aircraft** and related equipment to India at an estimated cost of \$3.99 billion (Rs 33,060 crore). It is manufactured by which of the following companies?

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. General Atomics Aeronautical Systems
- D. BAE Systems

**Answer: C. General Atomics Aeronautical Systems**

Q3) Recently who amongst the following has been sworn in as the new **Chief Minister** of **Jharkhand**?

- A. Arjun Munda
- B. Champai Soren
- C. Alamgir Alam
- D. Satyanand Bhokta

**Answer: B. Champai Soren**

Q4) Recently, **National Highways Authority of India** (NHAI) has signed an MoU with which of the following organizations to provide services to NHAI for site specific **geotechnical consultancy**?

- A. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- B. Geological Survey of India (GSI)
- C. Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)
- D. NITI Aayog

**Answer: B. Geological Survey of India (GSI)**

Q5) Recently, who amongst the following has won the **Masters section** of the **Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2024**, Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands?

- A. Leon Luke Mendonca
- B. Wei Yi
- C. Gukesh D
- D. Anish Giri

**Answer: B. Wei Yi**

Q6) Recently, the Government of India has declared Gujarat's **Surat Airport** as an '**International Airport**'. It is developed and operated by which of the following organizations?

- A. GMR Infrastructure Limited
- B. Taneja Aerospace & Aviation Limited
- C. Adani Defence and Aerospace
- D. Airports Authority of India (AAI)

**Answer: D. Airports Authority of India (AAI)**

Q7) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) - **Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference (CASGC) 2024** in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: D. New Delhi**

• **Theme:** “Cross-Border Challenges in Justice Delivery”

Q8) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the **president** of the **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)**?

- A. Jay Shah
- B. Roger Binny
- C. Sourav Ganguly
- D. Nazmul Hassan

**Answer: A. Jay Shah**

Q9) Recently, which of the following has received the “**Best Water Management Award**” at the Smart Cities India Awards 2024, New Delhi?

- A. Indore Smart City Development Limited
- B. Raipur Smart City Limited
- C. Sagar Smart City Limited
- D. Jabalpur Smart City Limited

**Answer: A. Indore Smart City Development Limited**

● **Smart Cities India Awards 2024: Winners**

○ **Best Healthcare Initiatives Award**

- **Winner:** Raipur Smart City Ltd & Raipur Municipal Corporation

■ **Project:** MMU (Medical Mobile Unit)

○ **Best Water Management Award**

- **Winner:** Indore Smart City Development Ltd. (ISCDL)

- **Project:** Groundwater Conservation & Revival of traditional water bodies

○ **Clean City Award**

- **Winner:** Sagar Smart City Limited

- **Project:** Construction of Smart Public Toilets

○ **Governance and Economy Award**

- **Winner:** Jabalpur Smart City Limited

- **Project:** Jabalpur 311 App

○ **Public Private Partnership Initiatives Award**

- **Winner:** Tata Projects Limited

- **Project:** PPP Projects by Tata Projects - Smart LED Street Lights for Pune, Nashik, Ludhiana, Noida City

○ **Smart Energy Projects Award**

- **Winner:** New Town Kolkata Green Smart City Corporation

- **Project:** Use of Non-Conventional Sources of Energy in New Town Kolkata

○ **Smart Urban Mobility Award**

- **Winner:** Pune Smart City Development Corporation Limited

- **Project:** Pune Smart eBus Project

○ **Best Startup Initiatives Award**

- **Winner:** Lootel Smart Restroom Cafe (Parent Organisation: Dotbox Conception Private Limited)

- **Project:** Lootel Smart Restroom Café

○ **Smart City of the Year Award**

- **Winner:** New Town Kolkata Green Smart City Corporation

- **Project:** New Town Kolkata Green Smart City Corporation

○ **Smart City of the Year Award**

- **Winner:** Tumakuru Smart City Limited

- **Project:** Tumakuru Smart City Limited

○ **Smart Parking Initiatives Award**

- **Winner:** Bhopal Smart City Development Corporation Limited

- **Project:** DICCC

○ **Smart City CEO of the Year**

- **Winner:** Jabalpur Smart City Limited

- **Project:** Smt. Nidhi Singh Rajput (IAS), CEO, Jabalpur Smart City Ltd.

○ **Best Green Buildings Project Award**

- **Winner:** New Town Kolkata Green Smart City Corporation

- **Project:** Green Office Building in New Town

○ **Best ICCC Management Award**

- **Winner:** Agra Smart City Ltd

- **Project:** The Agra ICCC system

○ **Special Award**

- **Winner:** NICDC - National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited

- **Project:** Greenfield Smart and Sustainable Industrial Cities (Future Cities of India)

Q10) Recently, which of the following companies has signed a Frame and Individual License Agreement with **Rolls-Royce** to co-operate in the license production and localisation of the MTU IMO Tier II compliant **Series 4000 Marine Engines** for governmental ships?

- A. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- B. Goa Shipyard Limited
- C. Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
- D. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE)

**Answer: D. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE)**

Q11) Recently, **Wistron** (ICT Service Management Solutions) has signed an MoU with which of the following states to set up a **laptop manufacturing plant** with an investment of ₹1,500 crore (\$180.7 million)?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Telangana
- C. Karnataka
- D. Tamil Nadu

**Answer: C. Karnataka**

Q12) Recently, which of the following companies has announced that it is building the world's largest single-location **copper manufacturing plant** at Mundra in Gujarat, with an investment of **\$1.2-billion**?

- A. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- B. Vedanta Limited
- C. Hindalco Industries Limited
- D. Kutch Copper Limited

**Answer: D. Kutch Copper Limited**

Q13) Recently, **Justice Ritu Bahri** has been sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of which of the following High Courts?

- A. Uttarakhand High Court
- B. Delhi Court
- C. Madras High Court
- D. Allahabad High Court

**Answer: A. Uttarakhand High Court**

Q14) Recently, who amongst the following has made a world record for the **most time spent in space**?

- A. Oleg Kononenko
- B. Gennady Padalka
- C. Loral Ashley O'Hara
- D. Jasmin Moghbeli

**Answer: A. Oleg Kononenko**

Q15) Who amongst the following will be **50<sup>th</sup> recipient** of the **Bharat Ratna 2024**?

- A. Murli Manohar Joshi
- B. Lal Krishna Advani
- C. Ashoke Sen
- D. Koppillil Radhakrishnan

**Answer: B. Lal Krishna Advani**

Q16) Recently, who amongst the following from India has been selected as a **torchbearer** for the **2024 Paris Olympic Games**?

- A. Mary Kom
- B. Vijender Singh
- C. Sakshi Malik
- D. Abhinav Bindra

**Answer: D. Abhinav Bindra**

Q17) Recently, which of the following state governments, in collaboration with the All India Game Developers Forum (AIGDF), has announced to launch a “**Digital Detox**” initiative?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Bihar
- C. Telangana
- D. Karnataka

**Answer: D. Karnataka**

Q18) Recently, the **Centre of Excellence (CoE) on E-waste Management facility** has been inaugurated at the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET). It is joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and which of the following state governments?

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

**Answer: C. Telangana**

### **Important Days**

- **World Interfaith Harmony Week:** It is celebrated in the **first week of February every year**, from February 1–7. The United Nations launched the week in **2011** to **promote harmony between people of different faiths**.

- **Theme:** Uniting for peace

- **World Cancer Day:** It is observed on **4th February** every year. It was conceived at the **World Summit Against Cancer**, held in **Paris** on **February 4, 1999**.

- **Theme:** Close the cancer gap - Everyone Deserves Access To Cancer Care
- **Agenda:** Together, we challenge those in power.

- **International Day of Human Fraternity:** It is observed on **4th February** every year. It calls for global **solidarity** and **mutual understanding**, underscoring the importance of **compassion, respect**, and empathy in overcoming hatred and conflict

- On **February 4, 2019**, the document - **Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together** – was signed by the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, and Pope Francis.
- On **December 21, 2020**, the day was established by the **United Nations General Assembly**.

### Obituaries

- Recently, historian **R. Champakalakshmi** has passed away, **aged 92**.
- She served as a professor in the **Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)** and president of the **Indian History Congress**.
- Recently, **former Union minister Harmohan Dhawan** has passed way, aged 83.
- A former **Chandigarh Member of Parliament (MP)**, Dhawan was elected to the **Lok Sabha in 1989** as Janta Party nominee.
- He went on to become the **civil aviation minister** in the **Chandra Shekhar-led government**.
- Recently, Chandigarh's first hockey **Olympian Sukhbir Singh Gill** has passed away, aged 48
- He has represented India at the **Sydney Olympics (2000)**, the **Hockey World Cup** in Kuala Lumpur (2002), and the **FIH Champions Trophy** in Cologne (Germany) in 2002

## 6th February

Q1) Recently, which of the following institutions has inaugurated North India's first **human DNA bank**?

- A. Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi
- C. All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur

**Answer: A. Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi**

Q2) Recently, the Government of India has invited bids for the development of **off-shore wind energy** of a total capacity of **4 GW**, off the coast of Tamil Nadu. Which of the following organizations is responsible for its implementation?

- A. REC Limited
- B. NTPC Limited
- C. National Institute of Wind Energy
- D. Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)

**Answer: D. Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)**

Q3) Recently, the **Unified Payments Interface** (UPI) has been formally launched at which of the following World Heritage sites?

- A. Great Wall of China
- B. Colosseum, Italy
- C. Eiffel Tower, Paris
- D. Machu Picchu, Peru

**Answer: C. Eiffel Tower, Paris**

Q4) Recently, **India** has paid total how much amount to the **United Nations Regular Budget for 2024**?

- A. USD 43.23 million
- B. USD 32.89 million
- C. USD 22.58 million
- D. USD 91.29 million

**Answer: B. USD 32.89 million**

Q5) Recently, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced the government's initiative to promote **cervical cancer vaccination** among girls aged between which of the following years?

- A. 5-10 years
- B. 9-14 years
- C. 12-25 years
- D. 16-49 years

**Answer: B. 9-14 years**

Q6) According to the recently released, **TOMTOM Traffic Index Ranking 2023**, which of the following cities has the slowest traffic in the world?

- A. London
- B. Dublin
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Pune

**Answer: A. London**

Q7) Recently, the **7<sup>th</sup> session** of the **Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs** (CCSCH) was held in which of the following cities?

- A. Bhubaneshwar
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Hyderabad

**Answer: B. Kochi**

Q8) Recently, Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar has launched the "**Digital India FutureLABS**" at the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Delhi. Which of the following is the nodal agency for the implementation of the "Digital India FutureLABS" initiative?

- A. NITI Aayog

- B. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- C. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- D. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)

**Answer: D. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)**

Q9) Recently, the **Drass Winter Carnival-2024** (Jashn-e-Fateh) has commenced at which of the following places?

- A. Kargil, Ladakh
- B. Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Gangtok, Sikkim
- D. Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh

**Answer: A. Kargil, Ladakh**

- **Theme:** ‘Celebrating Life in the Second Coldest Inhabited Place in the World’

Q10) Recently, more than 200 **Gentoo penguins** have been found dead in the **Falkland Islands**, due to the spread of the H5N1 Avian Influenza Virus. Falkland Islands is part of which of the following?

- A. French Overseas Territory
- B. British Overseas Territory
- C. Portuguese Overseas Territory
- D. Dutch Overseas Territory

**Answer: B. British Overseas Territory**

Q11) Recently, **25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug** has been delivered to Indian Navy by the **Shoft Shipyard Pvt Ltd** at Kochi. What is its name?

- A. Bahubali
- B. Durga
- C. Mahabali
- D. Indra

**Answer: C. Mahabali**

Q12) Recently, the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) **Digital Payments Index** has increased to 418.77 in September 2023 from 395.57 in March 2023. What is the base period of the RBI-DPI?

- A. March 2017
- B. March 2018
- C. September 2018
- D. September 2020

**Answer: B. March 2018**

Q13) Recently, who amongst the following has been bestowed with the title of Honorary Grandmaster (posthumously) by FIDE, thus becoming **Pakistan's first grandmaster**?

- A. Niaz Murshed
- B. Mahmood Lodhi
- C. Mohamed Zohaib Hassan
- D. Mir Sultan Khan

**Answer: D. Mir Sultan Khan**

Q14) Recently, in January, 2024 a total of 3,479 child labourers were rescued through “**Operation Smile-X**” in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: C. Telangana**

Q15) Recently, India's space telescope “**AstroSat**” has measured X-ray polarisation from the “**Cygnus X-1**” for the first time. Cygnus X-1 is a type of which of the following?

- A. Asteroid
- B. Exo-Planet
- C. Black Hole
- D. Galaxy

**Answer: C. Black Hole**

Q16) Recently, the Uttarakhand government has tabled the Uniform Civil Code Uttarakhand 2024 Bill (UCC) in the state's legislative assembly. The final draft of the **Uniform Civil Code Uttarakhand** was prepared by a panel, which was led by who amongst the following?

- A. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (Retired)
- B. Justice Pramod Kohli (Retired)
- C. Shatrughan Singh
- D. Manu Gaur

**Answer: A. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (Retired)**

Q17) Recently, scientists have made a major discovery deep beneath **Lake Rotorua**. It is in which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: C. New Zealand**

Q18) Recently, the **GRAPES-3** (Gamma Ray Astronomy PeV EnergieS phase-3) **experiment** has discovered a new feature in the **cosmic-ray** proton spectrum at about 166 tera-electron-volt (TeV) energy. It is located in which of the following places?

- A. Mount Abu, Rajasthan
- B. Ooty, Tamil Nadu
- C. Hanle, Ladakh
- D. Coorg, Karnataka

**Answer: B. Ooty, Tamil Nadu**

## 7th February

Q1) Recently, which of the following has won the “**Best Global Music Album**” award, for their album “**This Moment**”, at the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Grammy Awards 2024?

- A. Shakti
- B. Davido
- C. Burna Boy
- D. Susana Baca

**Answer: A. Shakti**

### ● **Indian Winners: 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Grammy Awards 2024**

#### ○ **Best Global Music Album**

■ The fusion band, “**Shakti**” has won the **Best Global Music Album** for their album “**This Moment**”

■ It is the group's **first new album** in **over 45 years**.

■ The album boasts **eight new compositions** and features artists - **John McLaughlin** (guitar, guitar synth), **Zakir Hussain** (tabla), **Shankar Mahadevan** (vocalist), **V Selvaganesh** (percussionist), and **Ganesh Rajagopalan** (violinist).

#### ○ **Best Global Music Performance**

■ Bela Fleck, **Zakir Hussain**, Edgar Meyer, and **Rakesh Chaurasia** for their track '**Pashto**.'

#### ○ **Best Contemporary Instrumental Album**

■ **Zakir Hussain**, Bela Fleck, Edgar Meyer, and **Rakesh Chaurasia** for '**As We Speak**'

### ● **Major winners of Grammy Awards 2024:**

#### ○ **Record of the Year**

■ **Winner-** Flowers (Miley Cyrus)

#### ○ **Album of the year**

■ **Winner-** Midnight (Taylor Swift)

#### ○ **Song of the Year**

■ **Winner** - What Was I Made For? - Billie Eilish O'Connell & Finneas O'Connell, songwriters (Billie Eilish)

#### ○ **Best New Artist**

■ **Winner-** Victoria Monet

- **Producer of the Year (Non-Classical)**
- **Winner-** Jack Antonoff
- **Best Pop Solo Performance**
- **Winner-** Miley Cyrus (Flowers)
- **Songwriter of the Year (Non-Classical)**
- **Winner-** Theron Thomas
- **Best Pop Vocal Album**
- **Winner-** Midnights (Taylor Swift)
- **Best Pop Dance Recording**
- **Winner-** Padma Padma (Kylie Minogue)
- **Best Dance/Electronic Music Album**
- **Winner-** Actual Life 3 (Fred Again)
- **Best Rock Album**
- **Winner-** This is Why (Paramore)
- **Best Alternative Music Album**
- **Winner-** The Record (BoyGenius)
- **Best Rap Song**
- **Winner-** Scientists and Engineers (Killer Mike)
- **Best Alternative Jazz Album**
- **Winner-** Omnichord Real Book (Meshell Ndegeocello)
- **Best Country Album**
- **Winner-** Bell Bottom Country (Lainey Wilson)
- **Best American Album**
- **Winner-** Weathervanes (Jason Isbell and 400 Units)
- **Best African Music Performance**
- **Winner-** Water (Tyla)
- **Best Globe Music Performance**
- **Winner-** Pashto (Bela Fleck, Ezer Meyer, Zakir Hussain featuring Rakesh Chawrasia)
- **Best Global Music Album**
- **Winner-** This Moment (Power- John McLaughlin, Ustad Zakir Hussain, Shankar Mahadevan, V Selvaganesh, Ganesh Rajagopalan)
- **Best Contemporary Instrumental Album**
- **Winner-** As We Speak (Bela Fleck, Zakir Hussain, Edgar Meyer featuring Rakesh Chaurasia)
- **Best Rock Song**
- **Winner-** Not Strong Enough (ByGenius)
- **Best Metal Performance**
- **Winner-** 72 Seasons (Metallica)
- **Best Music Video**
- **Winner-** I'm Only Sleeping (The Beatles)

Q2) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the new **Vice Chief of the Army Staff**?

- A. Lieutenant General MV Suchindra Kumar
- B. Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi
- C. Lieutenant General Devendra Sharma
- D. Lieutenant General Manjit Kumar

**Answer: B. Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi**

Q3) Recently, which of the following has become the first metro service to join the **Open Network for Digital Commerce** (ONDC) Network?

- A. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)
- B. Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC)
- C. Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Limited (KMRCL)
- D. Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL)

**Answer: D. Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL)**

Q4) Recently, the first **BIMSTEC Aquatics Championships 2024** has been inaugurated in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kathmandu
- C. Bangkok
- D. Dhaka

**Answer: A. New Delhi**

Q5) Recently, **Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak** has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- A. Yemen
- B. Somalia
- C. Oman
- D. Saudi Arabia

**Answer: A. Yemen**

Q6) Recently, which of the following companies has been awarded the “**Best Green Bond - Corporate Award**” at The Asset Triple A Awards for Sustainable Finance 2024?

- A. THDC India Limited
- B. NTPC Limited
- C. REC Limited
- D. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)

**Answer: C. REC Limited**

Q7) Recently, who amongst the following has been conferred with the '**Lifetime Achievement**' award by Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) and Delhi Sports Journalists Association (DSJA) at the National Sports Club of India, New Delhi?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. PT Usha
- C. Anju Bobby George
- D. Rohan Bopanna

**Answer: B. PT Usha**

Q8) Recently, who amongst the following has been honoured with the 'Outstanding Business Woman of the Year - 2023' Award by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)?

- A. Falguni Nayar
- B. Vandana Luthra
- C. Savitri Jindal
- D. Dr Bina Modi

**Answer: D. Dr Bina Modi**

Q9) Recently, which of the following organizations has successfully conducted the flight trials of High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) – ABHYA?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B. Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- D. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

**Answer: B. Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)**

Q10) According to the recently released Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2020-21 by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, which of the following states secured the first position in terms of Gross Value Added (GVA)?

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

**Answer: A. Gujarat**

Q11) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for the Maa Kamakhya Divya Pariyojana (Maa Kamakhya Access Corridor) in which of the following cities?

- A. Tezpur
- B. Tinsukia
- C. Kohima
- D. Guwahati

**Answer: D. Guwahati**

Q12) Recently, it was informed that a woman Robot Astronaut will fly into Space ahead of ISRO's first human manned Space Flight "Gaganyaan" mission. What is the name of this woman Robot Astronaut?

- A. Vyommitra
- B. Anasuya
- C. Savitri

D. Sophia

**Answer: A. Vyommitra**

Q13) Recently, the Disaster Management Authority of which of the following states has launched the “**Novel Initiative Technological Intervention for Safety of Human Lives**” (NITISH) device?

- A. Kerala
- B. West Bengal
- C. Bihar
- D. Assam

**Answer: C. Bihar**

Q14) Recently, which of the following security agencies has developed the **National Terrorism Data Fusion & Analysis Centre** (NTDFAC)?

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

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

Q15) In the recent Interim Budget 2024-25, which of the following countries has received the **largest share of development assistance** from India?

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

**Answer: A. Bhutan**

Q16) Recently, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has introduced a new medal “**Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak**.” It has been introduced after merging how many existing medals?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 5

**Answer: C. 4**

1. Union Home Minister’s Special Operation Medal
2. Union Home Minister’s Medal for Excellence in Investigation
3. Asadharan Aasuchana Kushalata Padak
4. Union Home Minister’s Awards for Meritorious Service in Forensic Science

Q17) Recently, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the **ULLAS Mela 2024** in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: D. New Delhi**

Q18) Recently, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan has inaugurated the **Defence Literature Festival 2024**, "**Kalam and Kavach**" in which of the following cities?

- A. Pune
- B. Chennai
- C. Kochi
- D. Visakhapatnam

**Answer: A. Pune**

- **Theme:** "Confluence of Ancient Wisdom for Modern Security"

## 8th February

Q1) Recently, who amongst the following has secured the top position in the **Brand Guardianship Index 2024**, released by Brand Finance?

- A. Huateng Ma
- B. Mukesh Ambani
- C. Jensen Huang
- D. Tim Cook

**Answer: A. Huateng Ma**

Q2) Recently, who amongst the following has launched the political party "**Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam**" (TVK)?

- A. Rajinikanth
- B. Vijay
- C. Kamal Haasan
- D. Dhanush

**Answer: B. Vijay**

Q3) Recently, India's first and largest copper-clad "**Bapu Tower**" has been completed in which of the following cities?

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Patna
- C. Bhopal
- D. Ranchi

**Answer: B. Patna**

Q4) Recently, the Union Civil Aviation Ministry has granted in-principle approval for the installation of the statue of **Adiyogi Shiva** near the Noida International Airport in **Jewar, Uttar Pradesh**. What will be its total height?

- A. 112 Feet
- B. 242 Feet
- C. 369 Feet
- D. 189 Feet

**Answer: B. 242 Feet**

Q5) Recently, **Nangolo Mbumba** has been sworn in as the interim president of which of the following countries?

- A. Niger
- B. South Africa
- C. Namibia
- D. Chad

**Answer: C. Namibia**

Q6) Recently, which of the following institutions has partnered with **Munitions India Limited (MIL)** to make India's first indigenously-designed **155 smart ammunition**?

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

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

Q7) Recently, which of the following organizations has appointed **Mio Oka** as its new **Country Director for India**?

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

**Answer: C. Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

Q8) PM Narendra Modi will address the **World Government Summit 2024 (WGS)** as the "guest of honour". It will be held in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: C. Dubai**

Q9) Recently, Union Minister G Kishan Reddy has laid the foundation stone for India's first **National Museum of Epigraphy** at the Salar Jung Museum in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: C. Hyderabad**

Q10) Recently, Union Minister Ajay Bhatt led the Indian delegation at the **2<sup>nd</sup> World Defence Show (WDS) 2024**. It was held in which of the following cities?

- A. Tokyo, Japan
- B. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- C. Berlin, Germany
- D. Rome, Italy

**Answer: B. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

- **Theme:** "Equipped for Tomorrow"

Q11) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **integrated Sea Survival Training Centre**, ONGC Institute in which of the following states?

- A. Goa
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Gujarat
- D. Kerala

**Answer: A. Goa**

Q12) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the New campus of the **National Institute of Water Sports** in which of the following cities?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Panaji
- C. Kochi
- D. Chennai

**Answer: B. Panaji**

Q13) Recently, **Nayib Bukele** has been re-elected as the President of which of the following countries?

- A. Ecuador
- B. Honduras
- C. Panama
- D. El Salvador

**Answer: D. El Salvador**

Q14) Recently, which of the following countries has won the first-ever **men's FIH Hockey5s World Cup 2024** held in Muscat, Oman?

- A. India
- B. Oman
- C. Malaysia
- D. Netherlands

**Answer: D. Netherlands**

Q15) Recently, Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) mission has discovered a 'super-Earth' – “**TOI-715 b**”. TESS mission was launched by which of the following space agencies?

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

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

Q16) Recently, for the first time, **Fair Price Shops** from which of the following districts of Himachal Pradesh have joined the **Open Network for Digital Commerce** (ONDC) network?

- A. Kullu and Solan
- B. Shimla and Chamba
- C. Bilaspur and Kangra
- D. Una and Hamirpur

**Answer: D. Una and Hamirpur**

Q17) Ancient **Subika painting style**, recently seen in news, is associated with which of the following communities?

- A. Chakma
- B. Nyishi
- C. Meitei
- D. Apatani

**Answer: C. Meitei**

Q18) Recently, the **Asian Development Bank** (ADB) has raised **12.5 billion Indian rupees** (about \$150 million) through its largest local currency green bond issue to date. It is listed on which of the following stock exchange?

- A. London Stock Exchange
- B. New York Stock Exchange
- C. NASDAQ
- D. Luxembourg Stock Exchange

**Answer: D. Luxembourg Stock Exchange**

# 9th February

Q1) Recently, Union Minister Piyush Goyal has launched the sale of 'Bharat Rice' brand. What will be its maximum retail price (MRP)?

- A. Rs. 29/kg
- B. Rs. 30/kg
- C. Rs. 31/kg
- D. Rs. 32/kg

**Answer: A. Rs. 29/kg**

Q2) Recently who amongst the following has been appointed as the **First Minister** of **Northern Ireland**?

- A. Edwin Poots
- B. Emma Little-Pengelly
- C. Michelle O'Neill
- D. Leo Varadkar

**Answer: C. Michelle O'Neill**

Q3) Recently, the **Maharashtra** Government has announced to introduce 'Chief Minister Vayoshree Yojana.' Under this scheme, how much amount will be given to eligible senior citizens?

- A. Rs 1000/ month
- B. Rs 2000/ month
- C. Rs 3000/ month
- D. Rs 4000/ month

**Answer: C. Rs 3000/ month**

Q4) Recently, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the Educational Consultants India Limited (EdCIL) **Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme**. It will provide financial support to the students of which of the following institutions?

- A. Kendriya Vidyalayas
- B. Navodaya Vidyalayas
- C. Sainik Schools
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)

**Answer: B. Navodaya Vidyalayas**

Q5) Recently, the President of India, Smt. Drupadi Murmu has inaugurated the "**Vividhta ka Amrit Mahotsav**: A cultural odyssey unveiling the richness of Northeast India" in which of the following cities?

- A. Shillong
- B. New Delhi

- C. Mumbai
- D. Guwahati

**Answer: B. New Delhi**

### More Information

- Recently, the **14<sup>th</sup> Divya Kala Mela 2024** was organized in **Agartala, Tripura**.
- It is organized by the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** (Divyangjan) {DEPwD}, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India through **National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation** (NDFDC).
- This is a unique initiative towards the **economic empowerment** of **PwD/Divyangjan**.
- The **Divya Kala Mela, Tripura** is the **14<sup>th</sup> one in series** starting from **2022** - Delhi, Mumbai, Bhopal, Guwahati, Indore, Jaipur, Varanasi, Secunderabad (Hyderabad), Bengaluru, Chennai, Patna, Surat and Nagpur .

Q6) Recently, it was informed that the **3<sup>rd</sup> unit** of the **Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant** will be established in Yamunanagar, Haryana. What will be its capacity?

- A. 300 MW
- B. 600 MW
- C. 800 MW
- D. 900 MW

**Answer: C. 800 MW**

Q7) Recently, India's first Hypervelocity Expansion Tunnel Test Facility "**S2**" (**Jigarthanda**) has been successfully established and tested at which of the following institutions?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- C. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai
- D. National Institute of Technology, Goa

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

Q8) Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced that fencing will be done along the entire Indo-Myanmar border. What is the total length of the **Indo-Myanmar border**?

- A. 3,488 kilometres
- B. 1,643 kilometres
- C. 1,752 kilometres
- D. 3,310 kilometres

**Answer: B. 1,643 kilometres**

Q9) Recently, **Olzhas Bektenov** has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- A. Tajikistan
- B. Turkmenistan

- C. Uzbekistan
- D. Kazakhstan

**Answer: D. Kazakhstan**

Q10) Recently, **NITI Aayog** and the Embassy of which of the following countries have released the report titled '**LNG as a Transportation Fuel** in Medium and Heavy Commercial Vehicle'?

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

**Answer: C. Netherlands**

Q11) Recently, **Mobile health initiative "Kilkari"** has been launched with local content in Gujarat and Maharashtra. What is the name of the fictitious doctor character through which Kilkari audio messages are delivered to the beneficiaries?

- A. Dr Shakti
- B. Dr Anita
- C. Dr Rekha
- D. Dr Lata

**Answer: B. Dr Anita**

Q12) Recently, the state cabinet of which of the following state governments has approved the creation of two more districts– **Keyi Panyor** and **Bichom**?

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

**Answer: D. Arunachal Pradesh**

Q13) Recently, who amongst the following has won the 2023 Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award, given by the Natural History Museum (London), for his picture of a sleeping polar bear titled '**Ice Bed**'?

- A. Nima Sarikhani
- B. Tzahi Finkelstein
- C. Daniel Dencescu
- D. Mark Boyd

**Answer: A. Nima Sarikhani**

Q14) Recently, **Indian tourists** have been allowed to visit **Iran** for a maximum of how many days without a visa?

- A. 10 days
- B. 15 days
- C. 20 days

D. 25 days

**Answer: B. 15 days**

Q15) Recently, more than 112 people have died in the **Valparaíso region** of which of the following countries due to **wildfires**?

A. Chile

B. Peru

C. Colombia

D. Argentina

**Answer: A. Chile**

Q16) Recently, what is the rank of **India** in the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) annual list of top 10 countries and regions in the world for **LEED** (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) **certification in 2023**?

A. 1<sup>st</sup>

B. 2<sup>nd</sup>

C. 3<sup>rd</sup>

D. 4<sup>th</sup>

**Answer: C. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Q17) Recently, the **Saurashtra Cricket Association** (SCA) has announced to rename its stadium in **Khanderi, Rajkot** after who amongst the following?

A. Vinoo Mankad

B. Niranjan Shah

C. Cheteshwar Pujara

D. Karsan Ghavri

**Answer: B. Niranjan Shah**

Q18) Recently, The Healthy Indian Project (THIP) has been included as a member of the **Vaccine Safety Net** (VSN). Vaccine Safety Net is an initiative of which of the following organizations?

A. World Health Organization (WHO)

B. Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance

C. NITI Aayog

D. Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)

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

# 10th February

Q1) Recently, which of the following institutions has launched an AI platform “iOncology.ai” in collaboration with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Pune?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- B. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi
- C. Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi
- D. Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru

**Answer: B. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi**

Q2) Recently, Dr (Col) V K Gupta has become the first patient to be declared cancer-free after treatment through the indigenously developed Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cell (CAR-T cell) Therapy. What is the name of this therapy?

- A. NexCAR19
- B. Tecartus
- C. Yescarta
- D. Abecma

**Answer: A. NexCAR19**

Q3) Recently, which of the following states has approved a proposal to declare the corridor area between Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve and Kawal Tiger Reserve as a conservation reserve?

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

**Answer: C. Telangana**

Q4) Recently, the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY)". What is the total outlay under the scheme?

- A. Rs 10,000 crore
- B. Rs 20,000 crore
- C. Rs 6,000 crore
- D. Rs 3,000 crore

**Answer: C. Rs 6,000 crore**

Q5) Recently, the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved extension of Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) till which of the following year?

- A. 2024-2025
- B. 2025-2026
- C. 2026-2027
- D. 2027-2028

**Answer: B. 2025-2026**

Q6) Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the **Ajmer-Chanderiya Section** for doubling stretch of the Indian Railways for an estimated cost of Rs 1813.28 crore in **Rajasthan**. What is its total length?

- A. 178.28 KM
- B. 131.27 KM
- C. 271.97 KM
- D. 140 KM

**Answer: A. 178.28 KM**

Q7) What is the “**Kisan Rakshak Helpline**”, which has been recently launched under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana?

- A. 12224
- B. 13339
- C. 14447
- D. 10007

**Answer: C. 14447**

Q8) Recently, **Open Network for Digital Commerce** (ONDC) and which of the following organizations have launched the **DigiReady Certification** (DRC) portal for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises?

- A. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Quality Council of India (QCI)
- D. World Economic Forum (WEF)

**Answer: C. Quality Council of India (QCI)**

Q9) Recently, the Government of India has revised the **stock limit** on **Wheat** applicable to Traders/Wholesalers to how much amount?

- A. 500 million tonnes
- B. 1000 million tonnes
- C. 5000 million tonnes
- D. 100 million tonnes

**Answer: A. 500 million tonnes**

Q10) According to the recently released “**Annual NeSDA Way Forward Report 2023**” (National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment), which of the following has topped the list of States/Union Territories with maximum numbers e-Services?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Assam
- C. Odisha
- D. Kerala

**Answer: A. Jammu and Kashmir**

Q11) Recently, President Smt. Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the **Aadi Mahotsav 2024** in New Delhi. It is organised by which of the following organizations?

- A. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
- B. Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)
- C. India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)
- D. Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO)

**Answer: B. Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)**

Q12) Recently, **India** and which of the following countries have signed an agreement on cooperation in construction of additional nuclear reactors in **Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project site**, Tamil Nadu?

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

**Answer: D. Russia**

Q13) Recently, which of the following companies has launched the “**ADVANTA(I)GE INDIA**” initiative to equip 2 million Indians with AI skills by 2025?

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

**Answer: A. Microsoft**

Q14) Recently, which of the following countries **Qinling Station** has commenced operations in Antarctica?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. South Korea
- D. New Zealand

**Answer: B. China**

Q15) “**Mahmudia wetland**”, recently seen in news, is in which of the following countries?

- A. Iran
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Romania
- D. Ukraine

**Answer: C. Romania**

Q16) Recently, the National Highways Authority of India has proposed constructing a 6-lane elevated highway through **Bannerghatta National Park**. It is in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: D. Karnataka**

Q17) Recently, the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Indian Ocean Conference 2024** was held in which of the following cities?

- A. Colombo, Sri Lanka
- B. Perth, Australia
- C. Dhaka, Bangladesh
- D. New Delhi, India

**Answer: B. Perth, Australia**

- **Theme:** "Towards a Stable and Sustainable Indian Ocean"

Q18) What is the name of the mascot of the fourth **Khelo India University 2023**?

- A. Sheen-e She'
- B. Ujjwala
- C. Ashtalakshmi
- D. Borphukan

**Answer: C. Ashtalakshmi**

## 11th February

Q1) Recently, the Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a loan of how much amount for the "**Climate Resilient Brahmaputra** Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Project"?

- A. \$100 million
- B. \$200 million
- C. \$300 million
- D. \$400 million

**Answer: B. \$200 million**

Q2) Recently, which of the following ministries has announced that the scheme outlay of **FAME India scheme Phase II** has been enhanced from ₹10,000 crore to ₹11,500 crore?

- A. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Heavy Industries

**Answer: D. Ministry of Heavy Industries**

Q3) Recently, who amongst the following has become the first Indian fast bowler to be ranked **No.1** in the **ICC's Test bowlers' rankings**?

- A. Mohammed Shami
- B. Mohammed Siraj
- C. Jasprit Bumrah
- D. Mukesh Kumar

**Answer: C. Jasprit Bumrah**

Q4) Recently, which of the following companies has launched its "**Pure for Sure**" initiative at the India Energy Week 2024 in Goa?

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

**Answer: A. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**

Q5) Recently, **QatarEnergy** and which of the following companies have signed a deal to extend the supply of 7.5 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to **India** till **2048**?

- A. Adani Green Energy Limited
- B. Reliance Industries Limited
- C. Petronet LNG
- D. Indraprastha Gas Limited

**Answer: C. Petronet LNG**

Q6) Recently, which of the following space agencies has launched the **PACE (Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem)** satellite?

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

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

Q7) Recently, which of the following space agencies has started a series of flights in Asia with the world's biggest flying laboratory "**Douglas DC-8**", under the project "**ASIA-AQ**"?

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

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

Q8) “**Kaladan Multi-Model Transit Transport Project**”, recently seen in news, is a bilateral project between India and which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: B. Myanmar**

Q9) Recently, it was informed that 5 persons will be conferred the Bharat Ratna 2024, the highest number of Bharat Ratnas awarded in a single year. Earlier, in which of the following years **4 persons** were awarded the **Bharat Ratna**, which was the highest before 2024?

- A. 2004
- B. 1999
- C. 1979
- D. 1991

**Answer: B. 1999**

● **More Information**

- Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** has announced that former Prime Ministers **PV Narasimha Rao** and **Chaudhary Charan Singh**, alongside agricultural scientist **MS Swaminathan**, will be conferred the **Bharat Ratna 2024**
- Earlier, former Bihar Chief Minister **Karpoori Thakur**, and former deputy Prime Minister **Lal Krishna Advani** were announced to be conferred with the **Bharat Ratna 2024**
- **This year's five recipients** surpass the **four awarded in 1999**, marking the **highest number of Bharat Ratnas awarded** in a single year.

■ The **1999 Bharat Ratna** awardees were – **Jayaprakash Narayan, Ravi Shankar, Amartya Sen and Gopinath Bardoli**

Q10) Recently, **Tawangchu Tides International Kayaking Championship-2024** has commenced in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: D. Arunachal Pradesh**

Q11) Recently, the Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) and which of the following banks have signed an MoU to raise awareness about **electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWRs)**?

- A. Canara Bank
- B. Punjab and Sindh Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. ICICI Bank

**Answer: B. Punjab and Sindh Bank**

Q12) Recently, which of the following organizations has launched the ‘Support to Students for Participating in Competitions Abroad’ scheme?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. University Grants Commission (UGC)
- C. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- D. National Medical Commission (NMC)

**Answer: C. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**

Q13) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the non-executive chairman and independent director of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

- A. Dilip Asbe
- B. Rishiksha Krishnan
- C. Venkatraman Srinivasan
- D. Ajay Kumar Choudhary

**Answer: D. Ajay Kumar Choudhary**

Q14) Recently, who amongst the following from India has been honoured by the Switzerland Tourism with a plaque at the famous Ice Palace at Jungfraujoeh, known as the ‘Top of Europe’, in Switzerland?

- A. Abhinav Bindra
- B. Sachin Tendulkar
- C. Neeraj Chopra
- D. P.V. Sindhu

**Answer: C. Neeraj Chopra**

Q15) Recently, Microsoft has detected covert, targeted malicious activity by the hacking group “Volt Typhoon”, targeting US critical infrastructure. Volt Typhoon is based in which of the following countries?

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. Ukraine
- D. Pakistan

**Answer: A. China**

Q16) Recently, the Chinese New Year was celebrated on February 10, 2024. Related to this, the year 2024 is represented by which of the following Chinese zodiac animals?

- A. Rabbit
- B. Snake
- C. Dragon
- D. Tiger

**Answer: C. Dragon**

Q17) Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced to set up **India's first conservation centre** for **Gangatiri** (a breed of cows) in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: A. Varanasi**

Q18) Recently, it was informed that the 71<sup>st</sup> edition of **Miss World 2023** will be held in India. Earlier, **India** has hosted this international pageant in which of the following years?

- A. 1971
- B. 1984
- C. 1996
- D. 2012

**Answer: C. 1996**

### **Important Days**

- **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation** (FGM): It is observed on **February 6th** every year. The United Nations (UN) introduced the day in **2003** as part of its efforts to **eradicate FGM by 2030**.

- **Female genital mutilation**, which involves the **altering or injuring of female genitalia** for no medical reason, can cause **health complications** including severe infection, chronic pain, depression, infertility and death

- **Theme:** Her Voice. Her Future. Investing in Survivor-Led Movements to End Female Genital Mutilation.

- **Safer Internet Day:** It is observed on **February 6th** every year. It's a global initiative that aims to promote **responsible and safer use of online technology**.

- **Theme:** Together for a Better Internet

- **National Science Day** : It is celebrated every year on **28th February** in India to commemorate the discovery of the '**Raman Effect**'. Government of India established this day **in 1986**.

- On this day **Sir C.V. Raman** announced the discovery of the '**Raman Effect**' for which he was awarded the **Nobel Prize in 1930**.

- Recently, Union Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh** has released **the theme** for the "**National Science Day 2024**"

- **Theme:** Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat

## **12th February**

Q1) Recently, **Judge Nawaf Salam** has been elected as the President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). He is from which of the following countries?

- A. Lebanon
- B. Saudi Arabia

- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. Uganda

**Answer: A. Lebanon**

- **Judge Julia Sebutinde** (Uganda) has been elected as the **vice president** of the **ICJ** for 3 years

Q2) Recently, **Embraer** Defence and Security and which of the following companies have signed an agreement to jointly fulfil the acquisition of the **C-390 Millennium** multi-mission transport aircraft by the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B. Tata Advanced Systems Limited
- C. Mahindra Defence Systems
- D. Adani Defence and Aerospace

**Answer: C. Mahindra Defence Systems**

Q3) Recently, MyGov India has announced the first **National Creators Award 2024**. The awards will be given across how many categories?

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

**Answer: D. 20**

● **National Creators Award 2024**

1. Best Storyteller Award
2. The Disruptor of the Year
3. Celebrity Creator of the Year
4. Green Champion Award
5. Best Creator For Social Change
6. Most Impactful Agri Creator
7. Cultural Ambassador of The Year
8. International Creator Award
9. Best Travel Creator Award
10. Swachhta Ambassador Award
11. The New India Champion Award
12. Tech Creator Award
13. Heritage Fashion Icon Award
14. Most Creative Creator (Male & Female)
15. Best Creator in Food Category
16. Best Creator in Education Category
17. Best Creator in Gaming Category
18. Best Micro Creator
19. Best Nano Creator
20. Best Health and Fitness Creator

Q4) Recently, which of the following companies has announced to set up "AI Centre of Excellence" at the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Nagpur?

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

**Answer: C. Google**

Q5) Which of the following is the Guest of Honor country at the 51<sup>st</sup> edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2024?

- A. France
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. Germany

**Answer: B. Saudi Arabia**

- **Theme:** 'Multilingual India: A Living Tradition (Bahubhashi Bharat: Ek Jeevant Parampara)'

Q6) Recently, which of the following has become the first state in the Northeast to implement the Old Pension Scheme (OPS)?

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

**Answer: A. Sikkim**

Q7) Which of the following is the Tibetan New Year, which was recently celebrated by Tibetan Buddhists all across the world?

- A. Jude Sheetal
- B. Losar
- C. Sajibu Cheiraoba
- D. Nowruz

**Answer: B. Losar**

Q8) Recently, which of the following countries have been declared as the joint champions of the 2024 SAFF U-19 Women's Championship?

- A. India and Bangladesh
- B. India and Nepal
- C. India and Bhutan
- D. Nepal and Bhutan

**Answer: A. India and Bangladesh**

Q9) Recently, which of the following countries has won the **2024 ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup**?

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

**Answer: D. Australia**

● **ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup: Winners list**

Q10) The headquarters of the **Confederation of International Small Tea Holders (CITS)** will shift to India from which of the following countries?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. China
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Kenya

**Answer: B. China**

Q11) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of '**CM Rise School**' in **Jhabua**. It is in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: D. Madhya Pradesh**

Q12) Recently, 200<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of **Swami Dayananda Saraswati** was observed. He was the founder of which of the following social organizations?

- A. Brahma Samaj
- B. Arya Samaj
- C. Ramakrishna Mission
- D. Atmiya Sabha

**Answer: B. Arya Samaj**

Q13) Recently, former vice-president M. Venkaiah Naidu and Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy have laid the foundation stone of the Sangeet Natak Akademi's '**Dakshin Bharat Sanskritik Kendra**' in which of the following cities?

- A. Bengaluru

- B. Hyderabad
- C. Chennai
- D. Visakhapatnam

**Answer: B. Hyderabad**

Q14) Recently, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the “100 Cube Start-up Conclave” at which of the following institutions?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- B. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
- C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar
- D. Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS), Pilani

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

#### **More Information**

- Recently, **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)** has signed an MoU with **Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar**, at the 100 Cube Start-up Conclave
  - It aims to support collaborative efforts in **innovation and research initiatives, technology transfer, and nurturing the start-up ecosystem.**

Q15) The **Constable (General Duty) examination** for recruitment of constables in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) will be conducted in total how many languages?

- A. 14
- B. 15
- C. 16
- D. 22

**Answer: B. 15**

Q16) Recently, 6848 footballs were distributed to 1260 Schools of 17 Districts of Odisha under the **Football for Schools (F4S)** programme. Which of the following is the Nodal organization for the F4S programme in India?

- A. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya
- B. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya
- C. Kendriya Vidyalayas
- D. Sainik Schools

**Answer: A. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya**

Q17) Recently, the parliament has passed the bill to include ‘**Pahari Ethnic Group, Paddari Tribe**, Koli and Gadda Brahmin’ communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes of which of the following states/union territories?

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

D. Uttarakhand

**Answer: B. Jammu and Kashmir**

### More Information

- Also, the **Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024** in respect of **Andhra Pradesh** and the **Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2024** in respect of **Odisha** were passed by the Parliament
- They are intended to **amend** the **Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950**

### ● Andhra Pradesh

The following inclusions will be made in list of **Scheduled Tribes of Andhra Pradesh**:

- Inclusion of ‘**Bondo Porja**’, ‘**Khond Porja**’ and **Konda Savaras**’, that are Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

### ● Odisha

- **Four Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)**, which are proposed to be included in their **own names** in the list of STs:

1. Pauri Bhuyan, Paudi Bhuyan as synonyms of **Bhuiya, Bhuyan**

2. Chuktia Bhunjia as synonym of **Bhunja**

3. **Bondo** as sub-entry under STs "**Bondo Poraja, Bonda Paroja, Banda Paroja**"; and, 4. Mankidia as synonym of ST "**Mankirdia**".

- **Omitting of two names** from the list of Scheduled Castes

- Tamadia

- Tamudia

- **Inclusion of communities** through **New Entry**:

- **Muka Dora, Mooka Dora, Nuka Dora, Nooka Dora** with area restriction (in undivided **Koraput District** i.e., Koraput, Nowrangapur, Rayagada & Malkangiri districts)

- **Konda Reddy, Konda Reddi**

Q18) Recently, the first cargo vessels were flagged from **Maia Inland Customs Port** in West Bengal to the **Sultanganj Port** in Bangladesh. What is the riverine distance between the two?

A. 14 KM

B. 15 KM

C. 16 KM

D. 17 KM

**Answer: C. 16 KM**

## 13th February

Q1) Recently, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India Prof Ajay Kumar Sood has launched “**Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)**” Portal. It is developed by which of the following organizations?

A. Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Delhi

B. Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad

- C. National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi
- D. Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehradun

**Answer: C. National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi**

Q2) Recently, Union Minister R. K. Singh has announced the setting up of a **Centre for Energy Transition** in **Hyderabad**. It will be developed as a collaborative initiative between the Government of India and which of the following organizations?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- C. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- D. REC Limited

**Answer: B. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**

Q3) Recently, which of the following institutes has completed the 32<sup>nd</sup> **capacity building programme** for civil servants of **Maldives**, in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India?

- A. National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Delhi
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie
- D. Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, Delhi

**Answer: A. National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Delhi**

Q4) Recently, the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has approved how much percent interest rate on **employees' provident fund** for **2023-24**?

- A. 8.10%
- B. 8.15%
- C. 8.25%
- D. 8.50%

**Answer: C. 8.25%**

Q5) Recently, the first phase of the Bi-annual Nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign for Lymphatic Filariasis elimination has been launched. India's target is to **eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis** by which of the following years?

- A. 2025
- B. 2027
- C. 2029
- D. 2047

**Answer: B. 2027**

Q6) Recently, Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed an agreement with which of the following institutions for Developing Prototypes for 10-Gigabit-capable symmetric Passive Optical Network (i.e., XGS-PON) Optical Line Terminal (OLT) and Optical Network Unit (ONU)?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur
- C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay
- D. Advanced Level Telecom Training Centre (ALTTC), Ghaziabad

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

Q7) Recently, the European Commission has announced a new 2040 climate target for the European Union. It aims to reduce the EU's net greenhouse gas emissions by how much percentage by 2040, relative to 1990 levels?

- A. 80%
- B. 85%
- C. 90%
- D. 95%

**Answer: C. 90%**

Q8) Recently, which of the following countries has adopted the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing?

- A. Cameroon
- B. Niger
- C. Sudan
- D. Ethiopia

**Answer: A. Cameroon**

Q9) Recently, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has kept the Repo Rate unchanged at how much percent?

- A. 6.00%
- B. 6.25%
- C. 6.50%
- D. 6.75%

**Answer: C. 6.50%**

Q10) Recently, Tata Trusts has announced to launch India's first Small Animal Hospital in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: A. Mumbai**

Q11) Recently, which of the following institutes has announced that it is developing a **India's first Earth System Model** to improve climate forecasts and predict climate impacts?

- A. Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad
- B. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune
- C. Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru
- D. Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad

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

Q12) Recently, which of the following institutions has been awarded the **Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024** by the World Health Organisation (WHO)?

- A. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi
- B. Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi
- C. Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh
- D. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru

**Answer: D. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru**

Q13) Recently, who amongst the following has won the **Chennai Open ATP Challenger Men's Singles title 2024** (Tennis)?

- A. Sumit Nagal
- B. Luca Nardi
- C. Ramkumar Ramanathan
- D. Saketh Myneni

**Answer: A. Sumit Nagal**

Q14) Recently, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar has inaugurated the **Precision Approach Radar (PAR)** at **INS Utkrosh** in which of the following places?

- A. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- B. Kochi, Kerala
- C. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands

**Answer: D. Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

Q15) Recently, the **Dosmoche Festival** was celebrated in which of the following states/union territories?

- A. Ladakh
- B. Sikkim
- C. Arunachal Pradesh

D. Mizoram

**Answer: A. Ladakh**

Q16) Recently, the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the **SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2024** has been inaugurated in which of the following cities of Jammu and Kashmir?

- A. Srinagar
- B. Jammu
- C. Udhampur
- D. Kathua

**Answer: B. Jammu**

Q17) According to the recently released 'Death Penalty in India: Annual Statistics 2023' by Project 39A, which of the following states has **highest number of Death sentences** in 2023?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Bihar
- D. Gujarat

**Answer: A. Uttar Pradesh**

Q18) Recently, Union Minister Anurag Thakur has inaugurated the "**Centre of Excellence for Nutritional Supplements Testing**" (CoE-NSTS) at which of the following institutions?

- A. Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala
- B. National Sports University, Imphal
- C. National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar
- D. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

**Answer: C. National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar**

## 14th February

Q1) Recently, which of the following state governments has increased the pension amount by Rs 500 under the **Madhu Babu Pension Yojana**?

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

**Answer: B. Odisha**

Q2) Recently, **Alexander Stubb** has been elected as the President of which of the following countries?

- A. Norway
- B. Sweden

- C. Denmark
- D. Finland

**Answer: D. Finland**

Q3) Recently, **APAAR - Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry** - has been launched through Common Service Centres (CSCs) in rural regions of India. It is an initiative of which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D. Ministry of Education

**Answer: D. Ministry of Education**

Q4) Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has the **statue** of India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) late **General Bipin Rawat** in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Srinagar
- C. Dehradun
- D. Pune

**Answer: C. Dehradun**

Q5) Recently, **Gupteswar Forest**, in Odisha has been declared as the Biodiversity-Heritage Site (BHS). It is in which of the following districts of Odisha?

- A. Dhenkanal
- B. Koraput
- C. Mayurbhanj
- D. Bhadrak

**Answer: B. Koraput**

Q6) Recently, Centre of Excellence for the **Smart Wearable Advanced Nanosensing Technologies in Healthcare ASICs** (SWASTHA) project and the ISO 5 and 6 Clean Room Facilities have been inaugurated at which of the following institutions?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati
- C. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai
- D. CSIR - Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology, Bhubaneswar

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

**More Information**

- Recently, **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)** and **Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT-R)** have signed an agreement for “**Developing a 140GHz Fully Integrated Transmitter & Receiver Module for 6G and Beyond**”.
- The novelty of this system lies in **generation, transmission and antenna integration** of THz waves onto a **single chip**;
  - leading to **reduced system size, weight and power consumption**, hence making it suitable for use in **portable devices** such as **smartphones, laptops, wearables etc.**
  - This chip shall **support data rates** of up to **several gigabits per second**, enabling **high speed data transfer** with a chip or between chips
- The agreement is signed under the **Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF)** scheme of **Department of Telecommunications**, Government of India
  - This scheme has been designed for **providing funding support** to **domestic companies and institutions** involved in **technology design, development**, commercialization of **telecommunication products** and solutions to enable **affordable broadband** and **mobile services** in rural and remote areas.

Q7) Recently, which of the following has become the first District in Bihar to equip **all Gram Panchayats** with Wi-Fi services under the **PM-WANI** (Prime Minister’s Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) Scheme?

- A. Buxar
- B. Darbhanga
- C. East Champaran
- D. Begusarai

**Answer: D. Begusarai**

Q8) Recently, which of the following organizations has launched the “**Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW)**” report and portal?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. World Bank
- C. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- D. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

**Answer: A. NITI Aayog**

Q9) According to the recently released Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) – Quarterly Bulletin (**October – December 2023**), what is the **Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)** in urban areas for persons of age 15 years in above?

- A. 48.2%
- B. 49.9%
- C. 74.1%
- D. 25.0%

**Answer: B. 49.9%**

Q10) Recently, a team of 71 personnel of Indian Air Force's (IAF) **Sarang Helicopter** Display Team has landed at the **Paya Lebar Air Base** of which of the following countries to participate in an Air Show?

- A. Malaysia

- B. United Arab Emirates
- C. Singapore
- D. Thailand

**Answer: C. Singapore**

Q11) Recently, which of the following organizations has successfully tested a proto type of an unmanned **High Altitude Pseudo Satellite (HAPS)**?

- A. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- B. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- C. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) - National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)
- D. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

**Answer: C. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) - National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)**

Q12) Recently, **Sindhu Ganapathy** has become the first transgender person to be appointed as the Travelling Ticket Examiner (TTE) in which of the following railway zones?

- A. Central Railway
- B. Southern Railway
- C. Northern Railway
- D. Eastern Railway

**Answer: B. Southern Railway**

Q13) Recently, A new and innovative tournament “**Freestyle Chess G.O.A.T. Challenge**” has commenced at the Weissenhaus Luxury Resort in which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: C. Germany**

Q14) Recently, which of the following countries has released eight former **Indian naval officers**, who were previously **sentenced to death** on charges of spying?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Iran
- C. Israel
- D. Qatar

**Answer: D. Qatar**

Q15) Recently, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, has announced the plan for the development of total how many **Mega Ports in India** by 2047 ?

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 7

**Answer: C. 6**

● **More Information: Mega Ports in India by 2047**

**Six port clusters** have been **identified for development** as **Mega Ports by 2047** :

■ **Four port clusters** with a **capacity exceeding 300 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA)**:

1. Cochin –Vizhinjam Port cluster
2. Galathea South Bay Port
3. Chennai – Kamarajar– Cuddalore Port cluster
4. Paradip and Other Non-Major Ports Cluster.

■ **Two port clusters** with **Capacity Exceeding 500 MTPA**:

1. Deendayal and Tuna Tekra
2. Jawaharlal Nehru – Vadhavan.

Q16) “dzud”, recently seen in news, is an extreme winter event unique to which of the following countries?

- A. Russia
- B. Mongolia
- C. Canada
- D. Greenland

**Answer: B. Mongolia**

Q17) Recently, which of the following companies has changed its name to **Pai Platforms** Private Limited?

- A. IndiaMart
- B. FirstCry
- C. Snapdeal
- D. Paytm E-commerce

**Answer: D. Paytm E-commerce**

Q18) Recently, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Kerala Section, has conferred the **KPP Nambiar Award for 2024**, on who amongst the following?

- A. S Somanath
- B. Athuladevi S
- C. Bos Mathew Jos
- D. PV Unnikrishnan

**Answer: A. S Somanath**

● **Other award winners: Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Kerala Section**

○ **Amarnath Raja Humanitarian Technology Award**

■ **Jawahara Fathima and team, MA College, Kothamangalam** for the project ‘Light for lives’.

- **Outstanding Woman Engineer Award**
- **Athuladevi S**, Deputy Director, Avionics, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)
- **Outstanding Industry Contribution Award**
- Suresh Nair
- **Outstanding Teacher Award**
- **Bos Mathew Jos**, Principal, MA College, Kothamangalam
- **Friend of IEEE award**
- **PV Unnikrishnan**, Member Secretary, Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC)
- **Outstanding Start-up Award**
- Open Financial
- **Industry Academy Collaboration Award**
- Synthite
- **Outstanding Researcher Award**
- **Jayaprakash P**, Principal, Government College of Engineering, Kannur

### Important Days

- **National Deworming Day:** It is held every year on **February 10** and **August 10** in India. The day is a fixed-day approach to **treating intestinal worm infections** in children aged 1–19
  - **Theme:** Eliminate Soil-Transmitted Helminths (STH) - Invest in a healthier future for children
- **World Unani Day:** It is celebrated on **February 11** every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Hakim Ajmal Khan**, an Indian Unani scholar and social reformer.
  - **Theme:** Unani Medicine for One Earth, One Health
- **World Pulses Day:** It is celebrated on **February 10** every year. The United Nations General Assembly designated this day **in 2019** to build on the success of the **2016 International Year of Pulses**.
  - **Theme:** Pulses - nourishing soils and people
- **International Day of Women and Girls in Science:** It is celebrated on **February 11** every year. It aims to promote **equal access** and **participation** for women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (**STEM**) fields.
  - **Main Theme:** Women and Girls in Science Leadership, a New Era for Sustainability
  - **Sub Theme:** Think Science.....Think Peace

### Obituaries

- Recently, **Mir Mohammad Farooq Nazki**, veteran broadcaster, poet and **Sahitya Akademi winner**, has passed away. He was 83.
  - Nazki was awarded the **Sahitya Academi award (1995)** in **Kashmiri** for his poetry book **Naar Hyutun Kanzal Wanas** (Fire in the eyelashes).
  - He was also the **media advisor** to two Jammu and Kashmir **chief ministers** - **Farooq Abdullah** and **Omar Abdullah**.
- Recently, Chile's former President **Sebastian Pinera** has passed away. He was 74.
  - He was a **Chilean businessman** and politician who served as **President of Chile** from **2010 to 2014** and again from **2018 to 2022**.
  - At the time of **his death**, he had an estimated **net worth** of **US\$2.7 billion**
- Recently, the program commemorating the **150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary** of **Acharya Srila Prabhupada ji** at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi was attended by **PM Narendra Modi**.

- He was born on **February 6, 1874**, in **Puri, Odisha**
- He was an Indian spiritual teacher who founded the **International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)**, also known as the "**Hare Krishna movement**".
- Recently, renowned artist **A Ramachandran** has passed away. He was 89.
- Born in **1935** in **Attingal, Kerala**, Ramachandran was known for his **monumental canvases, colourful oil and watercolour paintings**.
- In **2002**, he was elected a **Fellow of the Lalit Kala Akademi** and received the **Padma Bhushan award in 2005**.

## 15th February

Q1) Recently, PM Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Indian community in which of the following countries at the '**AHLAN MODI**' event, held at the Zayed Sports City stadium?

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

**Answer: D. United Arab Emirates**

Q2) Recently, which of the following countries has launched its domestic card "**JAYWAN**", which is based on the digital RuPay credit and debit card stack?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. Saudi Arabia

**Answer: C. United Arab Emirates**

Q3) Under the **PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana**, total how many units of free electricity will be provided to each household every month?

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

**Answer: C. 300 units**

Q4) Recently, the Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which of the following companies for procurement of **11 Shakti Electronic Warfare Systems** at a total cost of Rs.2269.54 Crore?

- A. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

- C. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- D. Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)

**Answer: B. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**

Q5) Recently, which of the following organizations has released the CRISIL's study report "Prabhaav", which studies the impact assessment of the **Fund of Funds for Startups**?

- A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- C. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- D. National Housing Bank (NHB)

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

Q6) Recently, who amongst the following has been elected as the **President** of the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India** (ICAI) for the 2024-25 term?

- A. Aniket S. Talati
- B. Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal
- C. Charanjot Singh Nanda
- D. Hemant Jain

**Answer: B. Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal**

Q7) Recently, **Kaji Nemu** (Citrus Limon) has been declared as the State Fruit of which of the following states?

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

**Answer: B. Assam**

Q8) Recently, which of the following companies has become the first Indian company to reach **the ₹20 lakh crore market capitalization**?

- A. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- B. Life Insurance Corporation of India
- C. State Bank of India (SBI)
- D. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)

**Answer: D. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)**

Q9) Recently, the first council meeting of the **Global Biodiversity Framework Fund** (GBFF) was held in Washington DC, United States. Which of the following is the implementing agency for GBFF?

- A. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- B. World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- C. Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- D. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

**Answer: C. Global Environment Facility (GEF)**

Q10) Recently, the first **International Day of the Arabian Leopard** was celebrated on which of the following days?

- A. 10<sup>th</sup> February
- B. 11<sup>th</sup> February
- C. 12<sup>th</sup> February
- D. 13<sup>th</sup> February

**Answer: A. 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Q11) Recently, who amongst the following has become the first West Indies cricket player to win the **ICC Men's Player of the Month award for January 2024**?

- A. Nicholas Pooran
- B. Jason Holder
- C. Andre Russell
- D. Shamar Joseph

**Answer: D. Shamar Joseph**

- **Amy Hunter** of **Ireland** has won the ICC Women's Player of the Month for January 2024

### **More Information**

- Recently, **Pathum Nissanka** has become the **first Sri Lankan cricket player** to score the **200 runs** in **One Day International (ODI)**.
  - He scored the **double century** during the **first ODI** of the series against **Afghanistan in Pallekele, Sri Lanka**
  - He **remained unbeaten on 210 off just 139 balls**, with 20 fours and eight sixes

### ● **Highest scorers in ODIs**

1. **Rohit Sharma** - 264 vs Sri Lanka, 2014
2. **Martin Guptill** - 237\* vs West Indies, 2015
3. **Virender Sehwag** - 219 vs West Indies, 2011
4. **Chris Gayle** - 215 vs Zimbabwe, 2015
5. **Fakhar Zaman** - 210\* vs Zimbabwe, 2018
6. **Pathum Nissanka** - 210\* vs Afghanistan, 2024

Q12) According to the information provided by the NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam, **NITI Aayog** has prepared a plan for **economic transformation** of which of the following 4 Indian cities?

- A. New Delhi, Jaipur, Varanasi and Lucknow
- B. Chennai, Kochi, Bhopal and Dehradun
- C. Mumbai, Surat, Varanasi and Vizag
- D. Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Ayodhya and Guwahati

**Answer: C. Mumbai, Surat, Varanasi and Vizag**

Q13) Recently, the Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which of the following companies for 463 indigenously manufactured **12.7 mm Stabilised Remote Control Guns (SRCG)** at a total cost of Rs. 1752.13 crores?

- A. Yantra India Limited, Nagpur
- B. Troop Comforts Limited, Kanpur
- C. Gliders India Limited, Kanpur
- D. Advanced Weapon Equipment India Limited, Kanpur

**Answer: D. Advanced Weapon Equipment India Limited, Kanpur**

Q14) Which of the following countries will host the **45<sup>th</sup> edition** of the **Chess Olympiad** in 2024?

- A. Minsk, Belarus
- B. Paris, France
- C. Budapest, Hungary
- D. Rome, Italy

**Answer: C. Budapest, Hungary**

Q15) **National Conference** on **Jal Jeevan Mission** and Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) will be held in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: C. Lucknow**

Q16) National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) will organize the first-ever **Future Skills Summit 2024** in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: A. Guwahati**

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Q17) Recently, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and which of the following institutions has signed an agreement for establishment of a “**Collaborative Centre for Translational Research in Head and Neck Cancer**”?

- A. Oxford University
- B. Harvard Medical School

- C. University of Liverpool
- D. University of Cambridge

**Answer: C. University of Liverpool**

- AIIMS Liverpool Collaborative Centre for Translational Research in Head and Neck Cancer - ALHNS

Q18) Recently, which of the following institutions has introduced "PURAN" system, to enhance the typing experience of the Gurmukhi script on the internet?

- A. Punjabi University, Patiala
- B. Panjab University, Chandigarh
- C. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
- D. Chandigarh University, Mohali

**Answer: A. Punjabi University, Patiala**