

# 1st March

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated World's first Vedic clock '**Vikramaditya Vedic Clock**' based on the Indian 'panchang' (almanack) in which of the following cities?

- A. Ujjain
- B. Jaipur
- C. Varanasi
- D. Bhopal

**Answer: A. Ujjain**

## More Information

- Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** addressed the '**Viksit Bharat Viksit Madhya Pradesh**' program and laid the foundation stone and dedicated multiple development projects worth about **Rs 17,000 crores** across **Madhya Pradesh**.

- **Cyber Tehsil project**

- The Cyber Tehsil project in Madhya Pradesh will ensure **paperless, faceless, end-to-end online disposal of mutation of sale-purchase** of complete **khasra** and **record correction** in revenue records.

- The project, which is implemented in **all 55 districts of the state**, will also provide a **single revenue court** for the entire M.P.

- It also uses **email/ WhatsApp** for communicating a **certified copy** of the **final order** to the applicant.

- **Irrigation projects worth more than Rs 5500 crores**

- These projects include the **Upper Narmada Project, Raghavpur Multipurpose Project, and Basaniya Multipurpose Project**.

- These projects will irrigate **over 75000 hectares** of **agricultural land** in **Dindori, Anuppur and Mandla districts** and augment the **power supply** and **drinking water** in the region.

- **Two micro-irrigation projects** worth more than **800 crore** in the state.

- These include the **Parasдох Micro Irrigation project** and the **Aulliya Micro Irrigation project**.

- These **micro-irrigation projects** will cater to the needs of more than **26,000 hectares** of **land** in **Betul and Khandwa districts**.

- **Railway projects worth more than Rs 2200 crores.**

- These include projects for **third line** in **Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi – Jakhlaun & Dhaura – Agasod route**;

- Gauge conversion project in **New Sumaoli-Jora Alapur railway line** and

- project for **Powarkheda-Jujharpur rail line flyover**

- **Industrial Projects worth about Rs 1000 crore across Madhya Pradesh.**

- The projects include **Mega Leather, Footwear and Accessories Cluster** at Sitapur in **Morena district**

- **Plug and Play Park** for garment Industry in Indore;

- **Industrial Park Mandsaur** (Jaggakhedi Phase-2); and

- **upgradation of Industrial Park Pithampur** in Dhar district.

- **Power Sector**

- Foundation stones for **six substations** located in **Panna, Raisen, Chhindwara** and **Narmadapuram districts**.

- **These substations** will benefit the people of the region in **eleven districts** of the state namely **Bhopal, Panna, Raisen, Chhindwara, Narmadapuram, Vidisha, Sagar, Damoh, Chhatarpur, Harda** and **Sehore**.

- The substations will also benefit the **industries of Mandideep industrial area**.

Q2) What is the rank of India in the recently released **International IP Index for 2024** by US Chamber of Commerce?

- A. 39<sup>th</sup>
- B. 40<sup>th</sup>
- C. 41<sup>st</sup>
- D. 42<sup>nd</sup>

**Answer: D. 42<sup>nd</sup>**

Q3) Recently, which of the following has become the first Indian government firm to collaborate with **SACE**, an **Italian export credit agency**, to boost the cooperation between the two countries?

- A. Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- B. NTPC Limited
- C. GAIL (India) Limited
- D. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

**Answer: A. Power Finance Corporation (PFC)**

Q4) Recently, which of the following ministries has launched the “**Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye**” campaign?

- A. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- D. All of the Above

**Answer: D. All of the Above**

Q5) Recently, new Airstrip and St. James Jetty along with six community development projects have been inaugurated at the **Agalega Island**. It is in which of the following countries?

- A. Maldives
- B. Mauritius
- C. Comoros
- D. Oman

**Answer: B. Mauritius**

Q6) Recently, ‘**10,000 Genomes Project**’ under the Genome India Project has been successfully completed. Its entire dataset, up to 8 petabytes of data, will be stored at which of the following institutions?

- A. CSIR Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), New Delhi
- B. IISER Regional Centre for Genomic Technologies (RCGT) in Bhopal
- C. Institute of Life Sciences (ILS) in Bhubaneswar
- D. Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC), Faridabad

**Answer: D. Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC), Faridabad**

Q7) Recently, Ministry of Education has launched the **SWAYAM Plus Platform**. It will be operated by which of the following institutions?

- A. Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad
- B. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
- C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- D. Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara

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

Q8) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book “**Basic Structure and Republic**”?

- A. Bandaru Dattatreya
- B. Anandiben Patel
- C. P S Sreedharan Pillai
- D. Arif Mohammad Khan

**Answer: C. P S Sreedharan Pillai**

Q9) Recently, an expert committee on **uniform Know Your Customer** (KYC) rules has been formulated. It is headed by who amongst the following?

- A. Piyush Goyal
- B. Shaktikanta Das
- C. TV Somanathan
- D. Nirmala Sitharaman

**Answer: C. TV Somanathan**

Q10) Recently, which of the following companies has signed a Joint venture Agreement with **Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited** (MAHAGENCO), for development of Renewable Energy Parks in Maharashtra?

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

**Answer: C. NTPC Green Energy Limited**

Q11) Recently, **Tawi Festival** has commenced in which of the following states/union territories?

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

**Answer: A. Jammu and Kashmir**

Q12) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the **Honorary Knighthood** (Knight Commander) by **King Charles III** of the United Kingdom?

- A. Anil Agarwal
- B. Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- C. Sunil Bharti Mittal
- D. Mukesh Ambani

**Answer: C. Sunil Bharti Mittal**

Q13) Recently, which of the following countries has announced to **repeal** the world's first **law banning tobacco** sales for future generations?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Australia
- C. Canada
- D. Mexico

**Answer: A. New Zealand**

Q14) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the **7<sup>th</sup> Romain Rolland Book Prize 2024** for the Bengali translation '**Staliner Divan**'?

- A. Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee

- B. Trinanjan Chakraborty
- C. S. A. Vengada Soupraya Nayagar
- D. Monica Singh

**Answer: A. Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee**

Q15) Recently, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has honoured who amongst the following as the 'Global Jain Peace Ambassador' during an event at the Jain pilgrim centre, Navagraha Tirtha Kshetra, in Hubli Varur, Karnataka?

- A. Acharya Ravinder Muni
- B. Acharya Lokesh Muni
- C. Acharya Sudarshan Muni
- D. Acharya Prashant Muni

**Answer: B. Acharya Lokesh Muni**

Q16) Recently, Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the establishment of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) with a one-time budgetary support of how much amount?

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

**Answer: C. Rs 150 crore**

• Under this, **seven big cats are included** - Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Puma, Jaguar and the Cheetah

Q17) Recently, Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has approved PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana with a total outlay of how much amount?

- A. Rs.75,021 crore
- B. Rs.70,081 crore
- C. Rs.79,023 crore
- D. Rs.78,034 crore

**Answer: A. Rs.75,021 crore**

Q18) Recently, the Keel Laying Ceremony of the first Cadet Training Ship (Yard-18003) was held at which of the following places?

- A. Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam
- B. Cochin Shipyard, Kochi
- C. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
- D. Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Shipyard, Kattupalli

**Answer: D. Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Shipyard, Kattupalli**

## 2nd March

Q1) Recently, Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of creation of the post of Director at the National Institute of One Health. It is in which of the following cities?

- A. Pune

- B. New Delhi
- C. Nagpur
- D. Kolkata

**Answer: C. Nagpur**

Q2) Recently, the establishment of **Semiconductor Fab** by **Tata Electronics Private Limited** in partnership with Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp (PSMC), Taiwan has been approved by the Union Cabinet. It will be established at which of the following places?

- A. Dholera, Gujarat
- B. Sanad, Gujarat
- C. Moirang, Assam
- D. GIFT City, Gujarat

**Answer: A. Dholera, Gujarat**

● **More Information**

○ **Semiconductor Fab with 50,000 wafer starts per month capacity:**

■ **Tata Electronics Private Limited** (“TEPL”) will set up a **semiconductor fab** in partnership with **Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp (PSMC), Taiwan in Dholera, Gujarat**

■ **Investment:** Rs.91,000 crore.

○ **Semiconductor ATMP unit in Assam:**

■ **Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Pvt Ltd** (“TSAT”) will set up a semiconductor unit in **Morigaon, Assam.**

■ **Investment:** Rs.27,000 crore.

■ **Capacity:** 48 million per day

○ **Semiconductor ATMP unit for specialized chips:**

■ **CG Power**, in partnership with **Renesas Electronics Corporation, Japan and Stars Microelectronics, Thailand** will set up a semiconductor unit in **Sanand, Gujarat.**

■ **Investment:** Rs.7,600 crore.

■ **Capacity:** 15 million per day

Q3) According to the recently released **Second Advance Estimates** of Major Agricultural Crops for the year 2023-24, what is the estimated **Kharif foodgrain production**?

- A. 1551.61 lakh metric tons (LMT)
- B. 1114.58 lakh metric tons (LMT)
- C. 1541.87 lakh metric tons (LMT)
- D. 228.42 lakh metric tons (LMT)

**Answer: C. 1541.87 lakh metric tons (LMT)**

● **Second Advance Estimates of Major Agricultural Crops for 2023-24**

○ **Kharif Foodgrains**– 1541.87 lakh metric tons (LMT)

○ **Rabi Foodgrains**– 1551.61 LMT

○ **Kharif Rice** -1114.58 LMT as compared to 1105.12 LMT in 2022-23, showing an increase of 9.46 LMT.

○ **Rabi Rice** – 123.57 LMT

○ **Wheat** – 1120.19 LMT: which is higher by 14.65 LMT as compared to previous year production of 1105.54 LMT.

○ **Kharif Maize** – 227.20 LMT

○ **Rabi Maize**– 97.50 LMT

○ **Kharif Shree Anna (Millets)**– 128.91 LMT

○ **Rabi Shree Anna**– 24.88 LMT

○ The production of **Jowar (Kharif)** and **Jowar (Rabi)** is estimated at 15.46 LMT and 24.88 LMT

respectively, which is higher by 0.66 LMT and 1.66 LMT respectively, from last year

- **Production of Nutri/Coarse Cereals** (kharif) is estimated at 356.11 LMT and **Production of Nutri/Coarse Cereals** (Rabi) is estimated at 144.61 LMT.
- **Tur** – 33.39 LMT
- **Gram** –121.61 LMT
- **Kharif Oilseeds**–228.42 LMT
- **Rabi Oilseeds**– 137.56 LMT
- **Soybean** –125.62 LMT
- **Rapeseed & Mustard** – 126.96 LMT
- **Sugarcane** – 4464.30 LMT
- **Cotton** – 323.11 Lakh Bales (170 Kgs. each)
- **Jute** – 92.17 Lakh Bales (180 Kgs. each)

Q4) Recently, which of the following organizations has conducted successful flight tests of **Very Short-Range Air Defence System** (VSHORADS) missile from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur?

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

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

Q5) Recently, which of the following ships has embarked on an expedition from the **INS Mandovi, Goa to Port Louis** (Mauritius), hence becoming the first-ever transoceanic sortie undertaken by Indian women in a double-handed mode?

- A. Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Padmavati
- B. Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Durga
- C. Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini
- D. Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Mhadei

**Answer: C. Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini**

Q6) Recently, the Ministry of Earth Sciences hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> ‘**Blue Talks**’ meeting in **New Delhi**. The meeting was co-chaired by which of the following countries?

- A. Germany and Italy
- B. Ghana and Portugal
- C. France and Costa Rica
- D. Canada and China

**Answer: C. France and Costa Rica**

#### ● **More Information**

○ **About High-Level Event on Ocean Action (HLEOA) event ‘Immersed in Change’, San Jose, Costa Rica**

■ The meeting will serve as a **platform for the exchange of best practices and successful experiences** related to ocean governance and health.

○ **About 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), Nice, France**

■ The conference will be **co-chaired** by the governments of **France and Costa Rica**.

■ It aims to support the **Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14** (Ocean Health)

■ **Theme:** “Accelerating action and mobilizing all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean”.

■ The Conference shall adopt “**Nice Ocean Action Plan**”.

■ The **President of the UN General Assembly** will also convene a **preparatory meeting**, in July 2024 at **United Nations Headquarters in New York**.

- The UN Secretary-General has appointed the **Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Li Junhua**, as the **Secretary-General of the Conference** to oversee its preparations; and
- the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, **Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares**, as **Special Adviser to the Presidents of the Conference** on ocean and legal matters.

Q7) According to the recently released **Status of Leopards in India 2022** report, which of the following states has largest population of leopards?

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

**Answer: A. Madhya Pradesh**

Q8) According to the recent information, total how many **railway stations** across India have been certified as “**Eat Right Stations**” till February 2024?

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

**Answer: C. 150**

Q9) Recently, National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has signed a MoU with which of the following to facilitate **Urban Frame Survey** (UFS) in a digital mode?

- A. Map My India
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. National Remote Sensing Centre
- D. Agnikul Cosmos

**Answer: C. National Remote Sensing Centre**

Q10) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book ‘**Swallowing the Sun**’?

- A. Kewal Singh
- B. Naresh Chandra
- C. Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri
- D. Nina Vaskunlahti

**Answer: C. Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri**

Q11) Recently, Hungary’s parliament has voted to ratify **Sweden**’s bid to join **North Atlantic Treaty Organisation** (NATO). With Sweden’s inclusion, NATO will have total how many members?

- A. 33
- B. 32
- C. 31
- D. 30

**Answer: B. 32**

Q12) Recently, which of the following companies has launched its fully indigenous Micro Turbojet Engine “**INDRA RV25: 240N**”?

- A. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- B. Bharat forge
- C. Raghu Vamsi Machine Tools Private Limited

D. Paras Defence and Space

**Answer: C. Raghu Vamsi Machine Tools Private Limited**

Q13) Recently, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the “**Project ODISERV**” in Sambalpur, Odisha. It is an initiative by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and which of the following companies?

- A. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- B. HDB Financial Services
- C. Bajaj Finserv Limited
- D. Aditya Birla Finance Limited

**Answer: C. Bajaj Finserv Limited**

Q14) Recently, the third edition of the **Naval Exercise “Samudra Laksamana”** was held at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh between India and which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: C. Malaysia**

Q15) Recently, the **Coal India Limited** has signed a MoU with which of the following institutions for enhancing multimodal connectivity infrastructure for **coal transportation**?

- A. Indian Institute of Managements (IIM) Mumbai and Sambalpur
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and Delhi
- C. University of Delhi
- D. Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya

**Answer: A. Indian Institute of Managements (IIM) Mumbai and Sambalpur**

### **More Information**

- Recently, Union Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** addressed the **100 Cube Conclave** at **Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Sambalpur**
- He also inaugurated the **I-Hub foundation** at **IIM Sambalpur** that has been established to **identify the need for a dedicated entity for incubation.**
- **Several MoUs** were exchanged between **industry partners** and **IIM Sambalpur** and **IIM Mumbai** for the establishment of the **Center of Management Education in Angul.**
- **100 Cube Startup Conclave** is a symposium of startups, industry, academics, government and students.
  - It aims to **create 100 Start-ups each** with an average worth of **Rs. 100 crore** by the time **Odisha celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2036.**
  - **Earlier**, Union Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated the **initiative** at **IIT Bhubaneswar, Research and Entrepreneurship Park (REP).**

Q16) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the **Director General (DG)** of the **National Security Guard (NSG)**?

- A. Nina Singh
- B. Rashmi Shukla
- C. Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- D. Sanjay Arora

**Answer: C. Daljit Singh Chaudhary**



Q17) Recently, which of the following universities topped the medal tally in the 4<sup>th</sup> Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2023?

- A. Jain University, Bengaluru
- B. Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar
- C. Punjab University, Chandigarh
- D. Chandigarh University

**Answer: D. Chandigarh University**

● **More Information: 4<sup>th</sup> Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2023**

○ **Individual feats**

■ **Swimmers Pratyasa Ray** of Utkal University and **Michael Dsouza** of Jain University Xavier took the honours of the **most successful female and male athletes, respectively.**

● **Ray won four gold, one silver and one bronze** while **D'Souza won four gold medals.**

○ **Five new Games records were also set**, all in athletics.

1. **Vikash** (Chandigarh University) in men's 1500m;
2. **Jyoti** (Chaudhary Devi Lal University) in women's javelin throw;
3. **M Gowtham** (University of Madras) in men's pole vault;
4. **Vishnu** (University of Madras) in men's long jump;
5. **Amandeep Kaur** (Panjab University) in women's 800m.

Q18) Recently, new species “**Melanochlamys Droupadi**” has been discovered. It is a type of which of the following species?

- A. Frog
- B. Butterfly
- C. Head-shield sea slug
- D. Lobster

**Answer: C. Head-shield sea slug**

## 3rd March

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) **Sindri Fertiliser Plant**. It is in which of the following districts of Jharkhand?

- A. Koderma
- B. Dumka
- C. Dhanbad
- D. Giridih

**Answer: C. Dhanbad**

**More Information**

● Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** laid the **foundation stone** and dedicated **multiple development projects** worth **Rs 35,700 crores** in **Sindri, Dhanbad, Jharkhand**

● **Rail projects worth more than Rs 17,600 crore**

- 3rd & 4th Lines connecting **Sone Nagar-Andal**
- **Tori- Shivpur** first & second and **Biratoli- Shivpur** third railway line (part of Tori- Shivpur Project);
- **Mohanpur – Hansdiha** new rail line;
- **Dhanbad-Chandrapura** rail line
- **Deoghar – Dibrugarh** train service
- **MEMU Train Service** between **Tatanagar and Badampahar** (Daily)
- **Long-haul freight** train from **Shivpur station.**

● **Power Projects**

- **Unit 1** (660 MW) of **North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project** (STPP), Chatra district.
- It is developed at a cost of more than **Rs 7500 crore** by **NTPC Limited**

Q2) Recently, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Indian Oil Limited's **Haldia-Barauni Crude Oil Pipeline**. What is its total length?

- A. 320 Km
- B. 267 Km
- C. 518 Km
- D. 984 Km

**Answer: C. 518 Km**

### **More Information**

- Recently, PM Narendra Modi dedicated and laid the foundation stone for multiple **development projects** worth **Rs 7,200 crore** in **Arambagh, Hooghly, West Bengal**

- **Indian Oil's LPG Bottling plant**

- The PM also inaugurated **Indian Oil's LPG Bottling plant** with a capacity of **120 Thousand Metric Tonnes Per Annum (TMTPA)** at **Vidyasagar Industrial Park, Kharagpur**.

- Developed at a cost of **more than Rs 200 crore**, the LPG bottling plant will be the **first LPG bottling plant in the region**.

- It will supply LPG to about **14.5 lakh customers** in **West Bengal**.

- **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata**

- The PM **dedicated** and laid the **foundation stone** of multiple projects for **strengthening infrastructure**

at **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata** worth about **Rs 1000 crore**.

- The projects whose **foundation stone** were laid include **the reconstruction of Berth No. 8 NSD** and the **mechanization of berth no. 7 & 8 NSD of Kolkata Dock System**.

- The PM also dedicated the project for **augmentation of the firefighting system** at **oil jetties of Haldia Dock Complex, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port**.

- The PM dedicated the **third Rail Mounted Quay Crane (RMQC)** of **Haldia Dock Complex** with a lifting capacity of **40 Tonnes**.

- **Rail projects worth about Rs 2680 crores.**

- The projects include the third rail line connecting **Jhargram - Salgajhari** (90 Kms);

- doubling of **Sondalia – Champapukur rail line** (24 Kms); and

- doubling of **Dankuni – Bhattanagar – Baltikuri rail line** (9 Kms).

- **Three projects related to Wastewater treatment and sewerage**

- These projects, developed at a cost of about **Rs 600 crore** have been funded by the **World Bank**.

1. The projects include **Interception and Diversion (I&D) works** and **Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs)** at **Howrah** with a capacity of **65 MLD** (Megaliters per day) and a sewage network of **3.3 km**;

2. **I&D works** and **STPs** at **Bally** with capacity of **62 MLD** and a sewage network of **11.3 km**, and

3. **I&D works** and **STPs** at **Kamarhati & Baranagar** with a capacity of **60 MLD** and a **sewage network of 8.15km**.

Q3) Recently, India has successfully flagged off its first **commercial trial shipment** of **Pomegranates** to which of the following countries through the sea route?

- A. United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- B. USA
- C. France
- D. Singapore

**Answer: B. USA**

Q4) Recently, Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which of the following companies for procurement of **RD-33 Aero-engines** for **MiG-29 aircraft**?

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- C. Saab
- D. Boeing

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

**More Information**

- Recently, the **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** has signed **five major capital acquisition contracts** worth **Rs 39,125.39 crore**
- One contract with **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** for procurement of **RD-33 Aero-engines** for **MiG-29 aircraft** at a cost of **Rs 5,249.72 crore**.
  - These aero engines will be produced by the **Koraput Division of HAL**.
  
- **Two Contracts** with **Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T)** for procurement of **Close-in Weapon System (CIWS)** and procurement of **High-Power Radar (HPR)**
  - **The contract** for procurement of **CIWS** is of **Rs 7,668.82 crore**.
  - **The contract** for procurement of **HPR** is of **Rs 5,700.13 crore**.
- **Two Contracts** with **BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL)** for procurement of **BrahMos missiles** and procurement of **Ship borne BrahMos system** for the Indian Defence Forces.
  - The contract for procurement of **BrahMos missiles** is of **Rs 19,518.65 crore**.
  - The contract for **Procurement of Ship borne BrahMos system** is of **Rs 988.07 crore**.

Q5) Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated new **Admin-cum-Training building** of the **Naval War College** at Goa. What is the name of the building?

- A. Maurya
- B. Chola
- C. Pallava
- D. Chera

**Answer: B. Chola**

Q6) Recently, which of the following companies has commissioned its first indigenously-manufactured electrolyser at the **Green Hydrogen Plant** at **A M Naik Heavy Engineering Complex** in Hazira, Gujarat?

- A. Larsen and Toubro (L&T)
- B. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- C. Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL)
- D. NTPC Limited

**Answer: A. Larsen and Toubro (L&T)**

Q7) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the **head of Parliament security** (joint secretary (security))?

- A. Sheel Vardhan Singh
- B. Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- C. Anurag Agarwal
- D. Shubham Bajaj

**Answer: C. Anurag Agarwal**

Q8) Recently, which of the following companies has partnered with “**Shakti - India Election Fact-Checking Collective**” project?

- A. Microsoft

- B. Meta
- C. Google
- D. X (Twitter)

**Answer: C. Google**

Q9) Recently, **Chapchar Kut festival** was celebrated in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: C. Mizoram**

Q10) Recently, which of the following countries has successfully launched the "**Pars-I**" remote sensing and imaging satellite into orbit from Russia?

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

**Answer: C. Iran**

Q11) Recently, which of the following states has announced to establish a **State Water Informatics Centre (SWIC)**?

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

**Answer: B. Odisha**

Q12) Recently, which of the following has become the first state in India to issue **five crore Ayushman cards**?

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

**Answer: D. Uttar Pradesh**

Q13) Recently, Bison Resorts, Madhai, in Narmadapuram, Madhya Pradesh has received the first 5 Leaf (5 Star) rated **Swachhata Green Leaf Rating** Certificate of Recognition. This initiative was launched by which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Jal Shakti and Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Jal Shakti and Ministry of Tourism
- C. Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Ministry of Commerce & Industry

**Answer: B. Ministry of Jal Shakti and Ministry of Tourism**

Q14) Recently, the International Trade Centre (ITC) and which of the following organizations has launched a USD 50 million **Women Exporters in the Digital Economy (WEIDE) Fund**?

- A. World Trade Organization (WTO)
- B. World Bank
- C. International Monetary Fund (IMF)

D. World Economic Forum (WEF)

**Answer: A. World Trade Organization (WTO)**

Q15) Recently, Trade Ministers at the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC13) in Abu Dhabi, UAE, have approved the **World Trade Organization (WTO)** membership for **Comoros** and **Timor-Leste**. With their accession, WTO will have total how many members?

- A. 165
- B. 166
- C. 167
- D. 168

**Answer: B. 166**

Q16) Recently, which of the following countries has become the first Spanish speaking nation in the world to recognise **Indian Pharmacopeia standards**?

- A. Argentina
- B. Mexico
- C. Bolivia
- D. Nicaragua

**Answer: D. Nicaragua**

Q17) Recently, the Ministry of Minority Affairs has signed a MoU with which of the following institutions to establish "**Centre for Avesta-Pahlavi Studies**"?

- A. University of Delhi
- B. Banaras Hindu University (BHU)
- C. University of Mumbai
- D. Osmania University

**Answer: C. University of Mumbai**

Q18) Recently, which of the following countries has won the **Turkish Women's Cup 2024 football tournament**?

- A. India
- B. Kosovo
- C. Estonia
- D. Hong Kong

**Answer: B. Kosovo**

### **Important Days**

- **Zero Discrimination Day**: It is celebrated on **March 1** every year. The day aims to **promote equality, eradicate all forms of discrimination**, and encourage actions to create a more inclusive and equitable world.

- **Theme**: To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights

- **World Civil Defence Day**: It is celebrated on **March 1** every year. The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of **civil protection** and **emergency preparedness**.

- It also signifies the crucial **role played by civil defense** in promoting resilience, **reducing the impact of disasters**, and ensuring the safety and **well-being** of individuals during crises.

- **Theme**: Honor Heroes and Promote Safety Skills

- **International Wheelchair Day**: It is celebrated on **March 1** every year. It aims to promote a more **positive perception of wheelchair users** and to address barriers they face. It was **first observed in 2008**

○ **Theme:** Access for All

● **Civil Accounts Day:** The **Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS)** celebrates its Foundation Day on **March 1** every year. In **2024**, the **48<sup>th</sup> Civil Accounts Day** is celebrated

○ The **Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS)** was constituted in **1976** and is headed by the **Controller General of Accounts (CGA)**

● **World Seagrass Day:** It is celebrated on **March 1** every year. It aims to raise awareness of the **importance of seagrass in marine ecosystems** and the need for its conservation.

○ The **first World Seagrass Day** was celebrated on **1 March, 2023**

○ **Theme:** Healthy Seagrass, Healthy Planet

● **International Polar Bear Day:** It is celebrated on **February 27** every year. It is celebrated to raise awareness about the **challenges facing polar bears** and the need to **protect their habitats**.

○ Polar bears are considered a **keystone species in the Arctic ecosystem**, playing a **crucial role in maintaining the balance** of their habitat

● **Rare Disease Day:** It is observed on the **last day of February** every year. In **2024**, it falls on **29 February** (Leap year). Its purpose is to **raise awareness about rare diseases** and their **impact on the lives** of patients.

○ The **World Health Organization (WHO)** defines a **rare disease** as a condition that affects **one in 1,000 people** or less. In **India**, the **definition is one in 2,500**.

○ **Theme:** Share Your Colours

## 4th March

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the **Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPe)** at which of the following places?

A. Begusarai, Bihar

B. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

C. Jamnagar, Gujarat

D. Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**Answer: B. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

### More Information

● Recently, **PM Narendra Modi** dedicated and laid the foundation stone for **multiple oil and gas sector projects** worth about **Rs 1.48 lakh crore** across the country, and several **development projects in Bihar** worth more than **Rs 13,400** in **Begusarai, Bihar**

● **Oil and gas sector projects across India**

○ The projects are spread across various states like **Bihar, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Karnataka** along with **KG Basin**.

○ The PM laid the **foundation stone** of the **Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPe)**, **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**.

○ The PM dedicated '**First Oil**' from **KG Basin** to the nation and **flagged off the first crude oil tanker** from the **ONGC Krishna Godavari deepwater project**.

○ Expansion of the **Panipat Refinery & Petrochemical Complex** in **Haryana**;

○ **3G ethanol plant** and **Catalyst Plant** at **Panipat Refinery**;

○ **Visakh Refinery Modernization Project (VRMP)** in **Andhra Pradesh**;

○ **City Gas Distribution Network project**, encompassing **Fazilka, Ganganagar, and Hanumangarh**

districts of Punjab;

- new **Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants (POL)** depot at **Gulbarga Karnataka**
- **Mumbai High North Redevelopment Phase -IV** in Maharashtra
- **Oil and gas sector projects** worth about **Rs 14,000 crore in Bihar.**
  - This includes the **foundation stone** laying of the expansion of the **Barauni Refinery** with a **project cost** of more than **Rs 11,400 crore** and
  - the inauguration of projects like **Grid Infrastructure at Barauni Refinery; Paradip – Haldia – Durgapur LPG Pipeline's extension** to Patna and Muzaffarpur
  - **Inaugurated Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Ltd (HURL) fertilizer plant** in **Barauni, Begusarai, Bihar**
  - It is developed at more than **Rs 9500 crore.** This was the **fourth fertilizer plant** to be **revived in the country.**
  - **Earlier, Sindri in Dhanbad, Jharkhand** was the **third fertiliser plant** to be **revived in the country,** after the revival of **fertiliser plants at Gorakhpur and Ramagundam, Telangana**
  - **Railway projects** worth about **Rs 3917 crore.**
  - These include the project for **Raghopur – Forbesganj Gauge Conversion**
  - doubling of **Mukuria-Katihar-Kumedpur** rail line;
  - project for **Barauni-Bachhwara** 3rd and 4th line
  - Electrification of **Katihar-Jogbani** rail section.
  - The PM also **flagged off four trains** also including **Danapur - Jogbani Express** (via Darbhanga – Sakri); **Jogbani- Saharsa Express; Sonpur-Vaishali Express; and Jogbani- Siliguri Express.**
  - **Other Projects**
  - The PM launched '**Bharat Pashudhan**' - a **digital database** for **livestock animals** in the country.
  - Developed under the **National Digital Livestock Mission (NDLM), ' Bharat Pashudhan'** utilizes a unique **12-digit Tag ID** allocated to each **livestock animal.**
  - Under the project, out of an **estimated 30.5 crore bovines,** about **29.6 crore** have **already been tagged** and their details are available in the database.
  - The PM also launched '**1962 Farmers App**', which **records all data and information** present under the '**Bharat Pashudhan**' database

Q2) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of **Unity Mall** in which of the following cities of Bihar?

- A. Gaya
- B. Sasaram
- C. Patna
- D. Bhagalpur

**Answer: C. Patna**

**More Information**

- Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** dedicated and laid the foundation stone for **multiple development projects** worth **Rs 21,400 crores** in **Aurangabad, Bihar.**
- **National Highway projects** worth more than **Rs 18,100 crores.**
  - The projects inaugurated include a **63.4 km long two-lane** with **paved shoulder Jaynagar-Narahia section** of NH-227;
  - section of **six lane Patna ring road** from **Kanhaul to Ramnagar** on NH-131G;
  - a **3.2 km long second flyover** parallel to existing flyover in **Kishanganj town**
  - **four laning** of 47 km long **Bakhtiyarpur-Rajauli**
  - four laning of 55 km long **Arra - Parariya section** of NH-319.



- The PM also laid the **foundation stone** for six **National Highway projects** including the construction of **55 km** long four-lane access-controlled **Greenfield National Highway** from **Amas to village Shivrampur**
- **54 km** long four-lane access-controlled **Greenfield National Highway** from **Shivrampur to Ramnagar**;
- **47 km** long four-lane access controlled greenfield National Highway from **village Kalyanpur to village Balbhadarpur**
- **42 km** long four-lane access controlled greenfield National Highway from **Balbhadarpur to Bela Nawada**;
- **25 km** long four lane elevated corridor from **Danapur – Bihta Section**
- **upgradation** of existing **two lane** to **four lane** carriageway of **Bihta - Koilwar section**.
- The PM laid the **foundation stone** of the **six lane bridge** across **River Ganga** that will be developed as a **part of Patna Ring Road**.
- In **December 2023**, the Union Cabinet has approved the **construction of a new 4.56 KM** long, **six-lane bridge** on the **river Ganga**, connecting **Patna's Digha** and **Sonepur in the state**.
- The **total cost** for the project is estimated at **Rs 3,064.45 crore**, including **Rs 2,233.81 crore** for **civil construction**
- **Namami Gange**
- The PM inaugurated **twelve projects** under **Namami Gange in Bihar** developed at a cost of about **Rs 2,190 crore**.
- The projects include **Sewage Treatment Plant** at **Saidpur & Pahari**
- **Sewerage Network** for **Saidpur, Beur, Pahari Zone IVA**;
- Sewerage system with **Sewer network** at **Karmalichak**;
- Sewerage scheme at **Pahari Zone V**; and
- **Interception, Diversion & Sewage Treatment Plant** at **Barh, Chhapra, Naugachia, Sultanganj** and **Sonepur town**.
- **Railway Projects**
- The PM also dedicated **three railway projects** in Bihar including the project for doubling of **Patliputra to Pahleza railway line**;
- **26 km** long **new rail line** between **Bandhua – Paimar**; and
- a **MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) Shed** in **Gaya**.
- The PM also laid the **foundation stone** of the **Ara Bye Pass rail line**.

Q3) Recently, which of the following state governments has announced to launch the “**Indiramma Indlu**”(Indiramma housing) scheme?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Telangana

**Answer: D. Telangana**

Q4) Recently, which of the following state governments has announced to launch the “**Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan** (MYUVA)” scheme?

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

**Answer: B. Uttar Pradesh**

Q5) Recently, which of the following has become the first European country to **criminalize ecocide** at both the national and international levels?



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

**Answer: C. Belgium**

Q6) Recently, which of the following companies has partnered with the **Unit of Science and Educational Development** (UNISED) to support the education of around 75,500 children of **Siddharthnagar district**, Uttar Pradesh?

- A. NTPC Limited
- B. REC Limited
- C. GAIL (India) Limited
- D. SJVN Limited

**Answer: B. REC Limited**

Q7) Recently, union minister Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the first make in India Approved Standardized Tug Design & Specifications (ASTDS) bollard pull tug named '**Ocean Grace**' at the Paradip Port, Odisha. It is developed by which of the following companies?

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

**Answer: A. Cochin Shipyard Limited**

Q8) Recently, who amongst the following has been elected as the **Prime Minister** of **Pakistan**?

- A. Nawaz Sharif
- B. Imran Khan
- C. Shehbaz Sharif
- D. Omar Ayub Khan

**Answer: C. Shehbaz Sharif**

Q9) Recently, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated "**DefConnect 2024**", organized by the Innovations for Defence Excellence-Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO), in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: B. New Delhi**

Q10) Recently, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the "**Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX**" (ADITI) scheme. Under the scheme, start-ups are eligible to receive grant-in-aid of up to how much amount?

- A. Rs 10 crore
- B. Rs 15 crore
- C. Rs 20 crore
- D. Rs 25 crore

**Answer: D. Rs 25 crore**

Q11) Recently, Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has inaugurated **India's 1st Green Hydrogen Plant in Stainless Steel Sector** at which of the following places?

- A. Tata Steel Limited, Jamshedpur
- B. Jindal Stainless Limited, Hisar
- C. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Bokaro
- D. JSW Steel, Vijayanagar

**Answer: B. Jindal Stainless Limited, Hisar**

Q12) Recently, the Indian Navy has commissioned the newly inducted **MH 60R Seahawk** multi-role helicopter as "**INAS 334**" at which of the following places?

- A. INS Baaz, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- B. INS Hansa, Goa
- C. INS Shikra, Mumbai
- D. INS Garuda, Kochi

**Answer: D. INS Garuda, Kochi**

Q13) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of **Raghunathpur Thermal Power Station Phase II** (2x660 MW) in which of the following districts of West Bengal?

- A. Purulia
- B. Nadia
- C. Bankura
- D. Howrah

**Answer: A. Purulia**

**More Information**

- Recently, PM Narendra Modi dedicated and laid the **foundation stone** for **multiple development projects** worth **Rs 15,000 crore** in **Krishnanagar, Nadia district, West Bengal**
- The PM laid the foundation stone of **Raghunathpur Thermal Power Station Phase II (2x660 MW)** located at **Raghunathpur in Purulia district**.
  - This **coal-based thermal power project** is of the **Damodar Valley Corporation**
  - It will be developed at a cost of **Rs. 4,527.68 crore**
- The PM inaugurated the **Flue gas desulfurization (FGD) system** of **Unit 7 & 8 of Mejia Thermal Power Station**.
  - It is developed at a cost of **about Rs 650 crore**
- The PM also inaugurated the **road project** for **four laning** of **Farakka-Raiganj Section of NH-12** (100 Km).
  - It is **developed** at a cost of about **Rs 1986 crore**
- The PM also dedicated **four rail projects** worth more than **Rs 940 crore**
  - doubling of **Damodar - Mohishila rail line**;
  - third line between **Rampurhat and Murarai**
  - doubling of **Bazarsau - Azimganj rail line**
  - New line connecting **Azimganj – Murshidabad**.

Q14) Recently, a tripartite agreement was signed between Government of India, **The Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance/TIPRA** and which of the following state governments to resolve all issues of indigenous people?

- A. Telangana

- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Tripura
- D. Nagaland

**Answer: C. Tripura**

Q15) **World Wildlife Day** is celebrated on which of the following days every year?

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> March
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- D. 4<sup>th</sup> March

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

- **Theme:** Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation

Q16) Recently, Indian Navy has commissioned **Naval Detachment Minicoy** as which of the following?

- A. INS Indra
- B. INS Jatayu
- C. INS Vajra
- D. INS Nandi

**Answer: B. INS Jatayu**

Q17) Recently, **Brian Mulroney** has passed away. He was the former Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- A. USA
- B. Canada
- C. Mexico
- D. France

**Answer: B. Canada**

Q18) Recently, which of the following teams has won the **10<sup>th</sup> edition** of the **Pro Kabaddi League (PKL)** 2023-2024?

- A. Puneri Paltan
- B. Haryana Steelers
- C. Dabang Delhi
- D. Jaipur Pink Panthers

**Answer: A. Puneri Paltan**

- **Award Winners of PKL Season 10**

- **PKL 10 Champions:** Puneri Paltan
- **Runners-up:** Haryana Steelers
- **Best Raider:** Ashu Malik from Dabang Delhi KC, with total of 276 raid points
- **Top Defender:** Mohammadreza Shadloui of Puneri Paltan, with a 99 tackle points
- **Best Emerging Player:** Yogesh Dahiya of Dabang Delhi KC, with 74 tackle points.
- **Most Valuable Player:** Aslam Inamdar, also from Puneri Paltan, with 142 raid points and 26 tackle points

## 5th March

Q1) What was India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate in the **third quarter** (October-December) of the **2023-2024** financial year (Q3FY24)?

- A. 7.6%
- B. 8.4%
- C. 6.6%
- D. 6.5%

**Answer: B. 8.4%**

#### **More Information**

- **Key Statistics**

- **FY 2023-24**

- **Real GDP** or GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in the year **2023-24** is estimated to attain a level of **₹172.90 lakh crore**, against the **First Revised Estimates** of GDP for the year **2022-23** of **₹160.71 lakh crore**.

- The **growth rate of GDP** during 2023-24 is estimated at **7.6 percent** as compared to growth rate of **7.0 percent in 2022-23**.

- **Nominal GDP** or GDP at Current Prices in the year **2023-24** is estimated to attain a level of **₹293.90 lakh crore**, against **₹269.50 lakh crore in 2022-23**, showing a growth rate of **9.1 percent**.

- **Q3 of 2023-24**

- **GDP at Constant** (2011-12) Prices in **Q3 of 2023-24** is estimated at **₹43.72 lakh crore**, against **₹40.35 lakh crore in Q3 of 2022-23**, showing a growth rate of **8.4 percent**.

- **GDP at Current Prices** in **Q3 of 2023-24** is estimated at **₹75.49 lakh crore**, as against **₹68.58 lakh crore in Q3 of 2022-23**, showing a growth rate of **10.1 percent**.

- **FY 2022-23 and 2021-22**

- **Real GDP** or GDP at constant (2011-12) prices for the years **2022-23** and **2021-22** stands at **₹160.71 lakh crore** and **₹150.22 lakh crore**, respectively, showing a growth of **7.0 per cent** during **2022-23** as compared to growth of **9.7 per cent** during **2021-22**.

- **Nominal GDP** or GDP at current prices for the year **2022-23** is estimated at **₹269.50 lakh crore**, against **₹235.97 lakh crore** for the year **2021-22**, showing a growth of **14.2 per cent** during **2022-23** as compared to growth of **18.9 per cent** during **2021-22**.

Q2) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 800 MW Unit 2 of the **NTPC's Telangana Super Thermal Power Project** (Stage-I) in which of the following districts?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Adilabad
- C. Peddapalli
- D. Hanumakonda

**Answer: C. Peddapalli**

#### **More Information**

- Recently, **PM Narendra Modi** inaugurated, dedicated and laid the foundation stone of **multiple developmental projects** related to power, rail and road sectors worth **more than Rs 56,000 crores** in **Adilabad, Telangana**

- **NTPC Limited's Power sector projects**

- **Projects Inaugurated**

- **800 MW Unit 2 of NTPC's Telangana Super Thermal Power Project** (Stage-I) Peddapalli district

- **660 MW Unit 2 of North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project** (3x660 MW) in Jharkhand

- **Fly Ash Based Light Weight Aggregate Plant** in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

■ **Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Water to Green Hydrogen Plant** at NTPC NETRA Campus, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh

○ **Foundation Stone Laid**

■ **Singrauli Super Thermal Power Project, Stage-III (2X800 MW)**, Sonebhadra, Uttar Pradesh

■ **Flue gas CO<sub>2</sub> to 4G Ethanol Plant** at Lara Super Thermal Power Station in Chhattisgarh

■ **Sea Water to Green Hydrogen Plant** at NTPC Simhadri, Visakhapatnam

■ **Fly Ash Based FALG Aggregate Plant** established at Korba Super Thermal Power Station, Chhattisgarh

● **Other Power Projects**

○ The PM inaugurated **seven projects** and also **laid the foundation stone** of **one project** of **Power Grid Corporation of India**.

○ The PM inaugurated **National Hydroelectric Power Corporation's (NHPC's) 380 MW Solar Project** at **Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**.

○ The PM laid the foundation of **Bundelkhand Saur Urja Limited's (BSUL's) 1200 MW Jalaun Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park** in **Jalaun, Uttar Pradesh**.

○ The PM inaugurated **three solar power projects** of **Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) in Jalaun and Kanpur Dehat in Uttar Pradesh**. These projects have a **total capacity of 200 MW**.

○ The PM inaugurated **Naitwar Mori Hydro Power** station along with associated **transmission line** in **Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand**.

○ The PM also laid the **foundation stone** of **two solar** projects of **SJVN in Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh & Dhubri, Assam**; and also of **382 MW Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project** in **Himachal Pradesh**.

○ The PM laid the **foundation** of **TUSCO's 600 MW Lalitpur Solar Power Project** in **Lalitpur district of UP**.

○ The PM inaugurated **ReNew's Koppal-Narendra Transmission Scheme** for evacuation of **2500 MW power** from **Renewable Energy**.

● **Other Projects**

○ The PM dedicated the **newly electrified Ambari - Adilabad - Pimpalkhuti rail line**

○ He also laid the **foundation** for **two major National Highway projects** connecting **Telangana** with **Maharashtra and Telangana** with **Chhattisgarh** through **NH-353B and NH-163**.

Q3) Recently, PM Narendra Modi witnessed the commencement of “Core Loading” at India’s first indigenous **Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam**, Tamil Nadu. What is its capacity?

A. 200 MWe

B. 300 MWe

C. 400 MWe

D. 500 MWe

**Answer: D. 500 MWe**

Q4) The Ayush - ICMR “**Advanced Centre** for Integrative Health Research in **Gastro-intestinal Disorders**” will be established at which of the following institutions?

A. Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth, New Delhi

B. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi

C. Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi

D. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jodhpur

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

### **More Information**

● **Recently, Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR)** have been announced at **4 selected AIIMS**

○ **AIIMS Delhi:**

1. Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in **Gastro-intestinal Disorders**
2. Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in **Women and Child Health**
  - **AIIMS- Jodhpur**: Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in **Geriatric Health**
  - **AIIMS Nagpur**: Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in **Cancer Care**
  - **AIIMS Rishikesh**: Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in **Geriatric Health**

Q5) Recently, which of the following organizations organized its inaugural edition of International Conference on '**Transparent Financial Reporting and Audit Quality: Pillars of Corporate Governance**' at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi?

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

**Answer: C. National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)**

Q6) Recently, which of the following organizations has launched a public-private partnership '**Social Defence Fellowship**' in collaboration with The/Nudge Institute?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. National Institute of Social Defence (NISD)
- C. National Institute of Epidemiology
- D. National Centre for Disease Control

**Answer: B. National Institute of Social Defence (NISD)**

Q7) Recently, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has laid the foundation stone of the first-ever "Science Experience Centre" and an exclusive "Biofuel Centre" at the **CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology** (CSIR-IICT). It is in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: B. Hyderabad**

Q8) Recently, International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT), Manesar, has awarded its **first PLI – Automotive Certificate** to which of the following companies under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme of Ministry of Heavy Industries for Automobiles and Auto Components?

- A. Ola Electric
- B. Hero MotoCorp
- C. TVS Motor Company
- D. Bajaj Auto

**Answer: A. Ola Electric**

Q9) Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated several infrastructure projects at the **Naval Base Karwar**. These infrastructure projects were developed under which of the following projects?

- A. Project 75I
- B. Project Jellyfish
- C. Project Seabird
- D. Project Octopus

**Answer: C. Project Seabird**

Q10) Recently, sub-inspector **Suman Kumari** has become the **first women sniper** of which of the following security forces?

- A. Border Security Force (BSF)
- B. Indian Army
- C. National Security Guard (NSG)
- D. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

**Answer: A. Border Security Force (BSF)**

Q11) Recently, which of the following companies has begun construction of its facility in Jhajjar, Haryana to produce **Carl-Gustaf M4 weapon**?

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Saab
- C. Adani Defence and Aerospace
- D. Bharat Forge

**Answer: B. Saab**

Q12) Recently, the US Consulate Mumbai has launched the first-ever **US-India Cyber Security Initiative** in collaboration with which of the following?

- A. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- B. National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)
- C. Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)
- D. Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA)

**Answer: D. Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA)**

Q13) Recently, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has appointed **S Chockalingam** as the new **chief electoral officer** (CEO) of which of the following states?

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

**Answer: D. Maharashtra**

### **More Information**

- Recently, **Dr Pradeep Mahajan**, the founder and CMD of StemRx, has received the **2024 Maharashtra Bhushan Award** for his work in **regenerative medicine**
  - The Maharashtra Bhushan is the **highest civilian award** given annually by the **Government of Maharashtra**.
  - It was **first given in 1996**.
  - The award includes a **cash prize of ₹25 lakhs**, a memento, and a citation.

Q14) Recently, **silver filigree** (Rupa Tarakasi) from which of the following states has received the geographical indication (GI) tag?

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

**Answer: B. Odisha**

Q15) Recently, which of the following has launched the '**Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP)**' and '**Chakshu (चक्षु)**' facility on Sanchar Saathi portal?

- A. NITI Aayog

- B. National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- C. Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications
- D. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

**Answer: C. Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications**

Q16) Recently, **Brajesh Mehrotra** has been appointed as the new chief secretary of which of the following states?

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

**Answer: A. Bihar**

Q17) Recently, the **world's first jet suit race** was held in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: C. Dubai**

Q18) Recently, **Bhamidipati Sai Praneeth** has announced his retirement. He was associated with which of the following sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Badminton
- C. Table Tennis
- D. Football

**Answer: B. Badminton**

## 6th March

Q1) Recently, which of the following has become the world's first country to include "**Right to Abortion**" as a **constitutional right**?

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

**Answer: B. France**

Q2) Recently, **Narasapur crochet lace products** from which of the following states has received the GI Tag?

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

**Answer: B. Andhra Pradesh**

Q3) Recently, **Ambaji White Marble** from which of the following states has received the GI Tag?

- A. Gujarat



- B. Rajasthan
- C. Odisha
- D. Karnataka

**Answer: A. Gujarat**

### **Other Recent GI Products**

- **Kutch Rogan Craft, Gujarat**

- Kutch Rogan Craft is a **400-year-old painting technique** that involves applying **oil-based paint to fabric**.

- **Banglar Muslin from West Bengal**

- Banglar muslin is a **traditional handloom craft made of cotton**.

- **Ratlam Riyawan Lahsun (Garlic) from Madhya Pradesh**

- Ratlam Riyawan Lahsun (Garlic) is a **type of garlic** from the **Ratiaon village** of **Madhya Pradesh's Ratlam district**

- **Assam Majuli Manuscript Paintings**

- They are done on **handmade paper** called **sanchi pat**, which is made from the bark of the **agar tree** (locally known as 'Sashi') and treated with **cow dung and earth**.

- **Tripura Risa Textile**

- It is one of the **garments worn by tribal women** in **Tripura**.

- It is usually **five feet in length** and is **wrapped** around the **upper body**.

- **Majuli Mask of Assam**

- **Majuli's Mukha Shilpa** traces its origins to **Srimanta Sankardev**, who used arts as **medium for Bhakti**.

- 'Mukha Shilpa' has been an **integral part** of the 'Sattriya' culture of Assam.

- **Hyderabad Lac Bangles (Laad Bazaar), Telangana**

- This is the **second GI tag** for a **Hyderabad product** after **Haleem** and **17th GI product from Telangana**

- Lac bangles are a **traditional form of jewellery** from Hyderabad made from **natural resin** and **decorated with beads and colorful stones**.

Q4) Recently, Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Sukhu has announced the **Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana**. Under this, women aged between 18 and 60 in the state will receive how much amount per month from the 2024-25 financial year?

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

**Answer: C. Rs 1500**

- Recently, Aam Aadmi Party-led **Delhi government** has also announced another to transfer **Rs 1000 per month** to every woman above **18 years of age** under '**Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana for the financial year 2024-25**.'

Q5) Recently, PM Narendra Modi offered prayers at the **Sri Ujjaini Mahakali Devasthanam**. It is in which of the following states?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Telangana
- D. Tamil Nadu

**Answer: C. Telangana**

Q6) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Indian Oil Paradip-Hyderabad Product Pipeline**. What is its total length?

- A. 1110 Km
- B. 1212 Km
- C. 1675 Km
- D. 1438 Km

**Answer: B. 1212 Km**

### **More Information**

- Recently, PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated multiple **development projects** worth more than **Rs 6,800 crores** in **Sangareddy, Telangana**
- **National Highway projects.**
  - The **two National Highway projects inaugurated** include **four laning** of **40 km long Kandi to Ramsanpalle section** of **NH-161**.
  - The project is a part of **Indore - Hyderabad Economic Corridor**
  - Inaugurated the **upgradation of 47 km long Miryalaguda to Kodad Section** of **NH-167** to **two lanes** with paved shoulders.
  - Laid the **foundation stone for the six-laning of the 29 km long Pune-Hyderabad Section** of **NH-65**.
- **Other Projects**
  - The PM inaugurated the **doubling and electrification of Sanathnagar - Moula Ali rail line** along with **six new station buildings**.
  - The entire **22 Route Kms** of the project has been commissioned with **Automatic signalling** and has been completed as part of the **MMTS (Multi Modal Transport Service) Phase - II project**.
  - As part of it, **six new station buildings** have come up at **Ferozguda, Suchitra Centre, Bhudevi Nagar, Ammuguda, Neredmet and Moula Ali Housing Board** stations.
  - The PM flagged off the **inaugural MMTS Train Service** from **Ghatkesar - Lingampalli via Moula Ali - Sanathnagar**.
  - **Civil Aviation Research Organization (CARO) center** in **Hyderabad**.
    - It has been set up at **Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad** by **Airports Authority of India** to upgrade and enhance the **Research and Development (R&D) activities** in the **civil aviation sector**.

Q7) Recently, **Gevra coal mine** has been granted environmental clearance to expand production capacity to **70 million tons** per annum. It is in which of the following districts of Chhattisgarh?

- A. Bilaspur
- B. Raipur
- C. Korba
- D. Balod

**Answer: C. Korba**

### **More Information**

- Recently, Union Minister **Pralhad Joshi** has launched the initiative, the "**Coal Logistics Plan and Policy**"
  - This was **launched during** an event organized by the **Indian National Committee World Mining Congress** with the support of the **Ministry of Coal** in New Delhi
  - It focuses on **technologically advanced, cost-effective and integrated logistics ecosystem** for coal evacuation.
- The Coal Logistics Plan proposes a **strategic shift** towards a **railway-based system** in **First Mile Connectivity projects**, aiming for a **14% reduction** in **rail logistic costs** and an **annual cost saving of**

**Rs 21,000 Crore.**

- This approach is expected to **minimize air pollution, alleviate traffic congestion, and reduce carbon emissions** by approximately **100,000 tonnes per annum**.
- Moreover, a **10% saving in average turnaround time of wagons** nationwide is expected.

Q8) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has flagged off the **first Oil tanker**, carrying crude oil produced in state-owned ONGC's **Krishna Godavari deepwater block**. What is its name?

- A. Swarna Sindhu
- B. Pushpak
- C. Vishwa Bharat
- D. Sindhu Bharat

**Answer: A. Swarna Sindhu**

Q9) Recently, India's first **National Dolphin Research Center** (NDRC) has been inaugurated in which of the following cities?

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Patna
- C. Varanasi
- D. Chennai

**Answer: B. Patna**

Q10) Recently, which of the following ministries has been given the Award for **Best Performance in Accounts** during Financial Year **2023-24**?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- C. Ministry of Communications
- D. Ministry of Defence

**Answer: B. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**

Q11) Recently, which of the following countries has successfully conducted the test fire of **Yars** (RS-24 or SS-29) **intercontinental ballistic nuclear missile**?

- A. North Korea
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. Iran

**Answer: C. Russia**

Q12) Recently, a **Neolithic ancient burial site** of a child with a pot beside it, has been discovered at **Chettimedu Pathur village**. It is in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: C. Tamil Nadu**

Q13) Recently, Union Minister Jitender Singh has inaugurated the first-of-its-kind **technical centre**, focussed on satellites and payloads, built by Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE) in which of the following cities?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Kochi

- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Hyderabad

**Answer: C. Ahmedabad**

Q14) Recently, Union Minister Piyush Goyal has launched the 'e-Kisan Upaj Nidhi' (Digital Gateway). It is developed by which of the following organizations?

- A. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- B. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- C. Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA)
- D. Food Corporation of India (FCI)

**Answer: C. Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA)**

Q15) Recently, Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the first **Asian River Rafting Championship 2024** in Sunni, Shimla district. It was being organised on which of the following rivers?

- A. Indus river
- B. Sutlej river
- C. Beas river
- D. Chenab river

**Answer: B. Sutlej river**

Q16) Recently, **India's first small-scale liquified natural gas (LNG) unit** has been inaugurated at Vijaipur LPG plant, Guna District, Madhya Pradesh. It is operated by which of the following companies?

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

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

Q17) Recently, Central Water Commission (CWC) has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with which of the following institutions for establishment of an **International Centre of Excellence for Dams (ICED)**?

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

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

Q18) The **World Day of the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation** is observed on which of the following days every year?

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> March
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- D. 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Answer: D. 4<sup>th</sup> March**

## 7th March

Q1) Recently, which of the following has become the **27<sup>th</sup> district** of **Arunachal Pradesh**?

- A. Keyi Panyor

- B. Bichom
- C. Lower Subansiri
- D. East Kameng

**Answer: A. Keyi Panyor**

Q2) Recently, which of the following organizations has approved a \$452 million loan for “Assam Resilient Rural Bridges Program” to improve rural connectivity in Assam?

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

**Answer: B. World Bank**

Q3) According to the recently released fifth edition of the State Energy Efficiency Index 2023 (SEEI), which of the following is the top performing state (overall)?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Rajasthan

**Answer: A. Karnataka**

#### **More Information**

- Recently, the **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)** celebrated its **22nd Foundation Day** on **March 1, 2024**.
  - **Theme:** "Energy Transition through Electrification and Decarbonization in India"
  - The BEE was established on **March 1, 2002** by the Government of India as a **statutory body** under the **Energy Conservation Act, 2001**.
  - The BEE's **primary objective** is to **reduce the energy intensity** of the **Indian economy**.

Q4) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Mono Ethylene Glycol project** in **Paradip Refinery**. It is operated by which of the following companies?

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

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

#### **More Information**

- Recently, **PM Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone and dedicated multiple **development projects** worth over **Rs 19,600 crores** in **Chandikhole, Odisha**
  - The projects relate to sectors including **oil & gas, railways, road, transport & highways** and **atomic energy**.
  - The PM inaugurated the **Indian Oil Corporation Limited Mono Ethylene Glycol project** in **Paradip Refinery** which will further help in **reducing India's import dependency**.
  - PM inaugurated a **344 km long product pipeline** traversing from **Paradip in Odisha** to **Haldia in West Bengal**.
  - PM also inaugurated **0.6 MMTPA LPG Import facility at Paradip**.
  - **Road Projects**
    - PM Inaugurated four laning of **Singhara to Binjabahal Section** of NH-49;
    - four laning of **Binjabahal to Tileibani Section** of NH-49;
    - four laning of **Balasore-Jharpokharia Section** of NH-18

- four laning of **Tangi-Bhubaneswar Section** of NH-16.
- PM also laid the **foundation stone** for **eight laning of Chandikhole - Paradip Section** at **Chandikhole**.
- **Other Projects**
- The PM inaugurated **162 Km Bansapani - Daitari - Tomka - Jakhapura Rail Line**.
- The inauguration of **CONCOR Container Depot in Kalinga Nagar** was also done
- The **foundation stone** was laid for the **Electric Loco Periodical Overhauling Workshop** at **Narla**,
- the **Wagon Periodical Overhauling Workshop** at **Kantabanji**; and
- the **upgradation and augmentation** of maintenance facilities at **Baghuapal**.
- The PM also inaugurated a **5 MLD capacity seawater desalination plant** at **Odisha Sands Complex** of **IREL(I) Ltd**.

Q5) Recently, for the first time in India, Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and which of the following institutions has demonstrated integration of indigenous **Fiber based Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)** system with **Free Space QKD system**?

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

**Answer: D. Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad**

Q6) Recently, Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated Centre for Skilling and Technical Support (CSTS) of **Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET)** in which of the following districts of Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Panna
- B. Sagar
- C. Bhopal
- D. Gwalior

**Answer: D. Gwalior**

1. CIPET: CSTS in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh
2. CIPET: CSTS in Ranchi, Jharkhand
3. CIPET: CSTS in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Q7) Recently, which of the following state governments has announced to introduce ‘**Sabari K-Rice**’ initiative?

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

**Answer: B. Kerala**

Q8) Recently, which of the following state governments has signed a Letter of Intent with the World Economic Forum (WEF) to set up a **Centre for Artificial Intelligence**?

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

**Answer: C. Karnataka**

Q9) Recently, **Atal Innovation Mission** (AIM), NITI Aayog has partnered with which of the following companies to establish **Frontier Technology Labs** (FTLs) in schools across India?

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

**Answer: C. Meta**

Q10) Recently, who amongst the following has won the first prize in the fifth **National Youth Parliament Festival, 2024**?

- A. Vaishna Pitchai
- B. Kanishka Sharma
- C. Yatin Bhaskar Duggal
- D. Yash Rawat

**Answer: C. Yatin Bhaskar Duggal**

- **Theme:** Young Voices: Engage and Empower for Nation's Transformation

Q11) Recently, police force of which of the following states/union territories has launched the "**Operation Kamdhenu**" to curb cattle smuggling?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**Answer: A. Jammu and Kashmir**

Q12) Recently, which of the following state governments has launched the '**Vidhwa Punarvivah Protsahan Yojana**' (widow remarriage incentive scheme)?

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

**Answer: D. Jharkhand**

Q13) Recently, which of the following companies has partnered with the **Indian Institute of Management, Mumbai** (IIM-Mumbai) to provide aviation education to professionals?

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

**Answer: A. Airbus**

Q14) Recently, the first **Bharat Steam Boiler Expo 2024** was held in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Jamnagar
- C. Guwahati
- D. Paradip

**Answer: C. Guwahati**

Q15) Recently, Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has received an order from NTPC Limited to set up **Singrauli thermal power project (Stage-III)** in Sonebhadra District, Uttar Pradesh. What is its total capacity?

- A. 500 MW
- B. 1000 MW
- C. 1600 MW
- D. 2000 MW

**Answer: C. 1600 MW**

Q16) Recently, which of the following state governments has launched India's first state-owned OTT platform, "**CSpace**"?

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

**Answer: A. Kerala**

Q17) Recently, the Union Ministry of Law and Justice has amended Conduct of Election Rules 1961 to raise the minimum age for **senior citizen postal voting** to which of the following?

- A. 80 years
- B. 85 years
- C. 90 years
- D. 65 years

**Answer: B. 85 years**

Q18) Recently, **Tamás Sulyok** has been elected as the president of which of the following countries?

- A. Sweden
- B. Finland
- C. Hungary
- D. Estonia

**Answer: C. Hungary**

## 8th March

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Indian Oil Corporation Limited's **Muzaffarpur - Motihari LPG Pipeline**. What is its total length?

- A. 89 Km
- B. 99 Km
- C. 109 Km
- D. 129 Km

**Answer: C. 109 Km**

### **More Information**

● Recently, **PM Narendra Modi** has laid the **foundation stone** and dedicated **multiple infrastructure projects** related to rail, road and petroleum and natural gas worth around **Rs 12,800 Crores** in **Bettiah, West Champaran district, Bihar**



- The PM dedicated **Indian Oil's LPG Bottling Plant & storage terminal at Motihari.**
- The **new pipeline terminal** would also act as a **strategic supply point** for the **export of petroleum products to Nepal.**
- It would serve **8 districts of North Bihar** i.e. East Champaran, West Champaran, Gopalganj, Siwan, Muzaffarpur, Sheohar, Sitamarhi and Madhubani.
- The PM also laid the **foundation stone of City Gas Distribution project in East Champaran, West Champaran, Gopalganj, Siwan and Deoria and Grain-based Ethanol Projects at HCPCL's facilities at Sugauli & Lauriya.**
- **Road Projects**
- The PM inaugurated road projects including **two laning of Piprakothi - Motihari - Raxaul section of NH - 28A** with paved shoulder;
- **two laning of Sheohar-Sitamarhi-Section of NH-104.**
- The PM laid the **foundation stone of projects including the construction of six lane Cable Bridge on river Ganga parallel to Digha-Sonepur Rail-cum-Road Bridge at Patna on Ganga River;**
- **four laning of Bakarpur Hat- Manikpur section of NH-19 Bypass.**
- **Railway Projects**
- PM dedicated doubling of **62 km rail line from Bapudham Motihari - Piprahan and Narkatiaganj-Gaunaha Gauge Conversion**
- The PM laid the **foundation stone for doubling and electrification of 96 km long Gorakhpur Cantt – Valmiki Nagar rail line** and redevelopment of **Bettiah railway station.**
- The PM also flagged off **two new train services** between **Narkatiaganj - Gaunaha and Raxaul - Jogbani.**

Q2) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated India's first **under-river metro tunnel** in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: C. Kolkata**

Q3) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the first phase of the **Agra Metro** from Taj East Gate to Mankameshwar. What is the length of this priority corridor from **Taj East Gate to Mankameshwar**?

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

**Answer: C. 6 Km**

#### **More Information**

- Recently, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the **foundation stone** for multiple **connectivity projects worth Rs 15,400 crores in Kolkata.**
- PM inaugurated **Agra Metro's stretch from Taj East Gate to Mankameshwar**
- In the **first phase**, the Agra metro will run **for up to 6 kilometres**, including **six stations** in the **priority corridor**, with stops at **Taj Mahal East station, Captain Shubham Gupta station, Fatehabad Road station, Taj Mahal station and Mankameshwar Temple station.**
- PM Narendra Modi also inaugurated **Kolkata Metro's Howrah Maidan - Esplanade Metro section,**
- **Kavi Subhash - Hemanta Mukhopadhyay Metro section,**
- **Taratala - Majerhat Metro section** (part of Joka- Esplanade line);

- **Pune Metro** from **Ruby Hall Clinic** to **Ramwadi stretch**
- **Kochi Metro Rail Phase I Extension project** (Phase IB) from SN Junction Metro station to Tripunithura Metro station;
- **Duhai-Modinagar** (North) section of Delhi-Meerut RRTS Corridor.
- The PM also laid the **foundation stone** for extending **Pune Metro Rail project Phase 1** between **Pimpri Chinchwad Metro-Nigdi**.

Q4) Recently, **India's first AI teacher humanoid robot** has been unveiled at the KTCT Higher Secondary School in Trivandrum, Kerala. What is its name?

- A. Sophia
- B. Iris
- C. Lakshmi
- D. Jia

**Answer: B. Iris**

Q5) Recently, **Maldives** has signed a Military assistance **defence agreement** with which of the following countries for supply of "non-lethal" military equipment and training of soldiers?

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

**Answer: A. China**

Q6) Recently, which of the following countries has become the **97<sup>th</sup> member** of the **International Solar Alliance** (ISA)?

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. Panama
- D. Canada

**Answer: C. Panama**

Q7) Recently, who amongst the following has been conferred with the **IAA Golden Compass Award 2024** at the 45<sup>th</sup> IAA World Congress 2024 held in Penang, Malaysia?

- A. Kranti Gada
- B. Soumen Santara
- C. Janak Sarda
- D. Srinivasan Swamy

**Answer: D. Srinivasan Swamy**

● **Other Awards: 45<sup>th</sup> IAA World Congress 2024**

- **International Advertising Association-India Chapter** won **3 awards** at the 45<sup>th</sup> IAA World Congress in Penang, Malaysia.
- **Kranti Gada** won the **Young Leaders Award**
- **Soumen Santara** won the **best Executive Director Award**
- **Janak Sarda** was conferred the **Global Champion award**

Q8) Recently, **Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd** (MPVL) has received the ₹55 crore order from the Election Commission of India (ECI) for 26.55 lakh vials of **indelible ink**. The indelible ink was developed by which of the following organizations?

- A. CSIR-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute, Bhopal

- B. CSIR-Centre for Cellular Molecular Biology, Hyderabad
- C. CSIR-Central Glass Ceramic Research Institute, Kolkata
- D. CSIR-National Physical Laboratory of India, Delhi

**Answer: D. CSIR-National Physical Laboratory of India, Delhi**

Q9) Recently, PM Narendra Modi paid respect to **Shankaracharya Hill**. It is in which of the following cities?

- A. Shimla
- B. Gangtok
- C. Srinagar
- D. Almora

**Answer: C. Srinagar**

Q10) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Rs. 5000 crore “**Holistic Agriculture Development Programme**” (HADP) in which of the following states/union territories?

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

**Answer: C. Jammu and Kashmir**

### **More Information**

- Recently, PM Narendra Modi addressed the **Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammu Kashmir program** in **Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir**

- He launched the **Holistic Agriculture Development Programme of the Jammu and Kashmir government** worth about **Rs 5000 crores**

- **Holistic Agriculture Development Programme**

- The program covers **three major domains of agri-economy: horticulture, agriculture, and livestock husbandry**
- The program includes **29 projects** that cover **every aspect of agriculture**
- The programme will equip about **2.5 lakh farmers** with **skill development** via a dedicated **Daksh Kisan portal**.
- Under the programme, about **2000 Kisan Khidmat Ghars** will be established and **robust value chains** will be put in place for the **welfare of the farming community**.

- **Tourism Projects**

- PM launched multiple initiatives under the **Swadesh Darshan** and **PRASHAD** schemes worth more than **Rs 1400 crore**.
- The projects include development of ‘**Integrated Development of Hazratbal Shrine**’ in **Srinagar, J&K**;
- development of **Jogulamba Devi Temple**, Jogulamba Gadwal District, Telangana; and
- development of **Amarkantak Temple**, Anupur District, Madhya Pradesh.
- **tourism facilities** developed in **Northeast circuit** in **Meghalaya**;
- **Spiritual Circuit** in **Bihar and Rajasthan**
- **Rural and Tirthankar Circuit** in **Bihar**

- **Other projects launched**

- The PM also launched **about 43 projects** that will develop a **wide range of pilgrimage and tourist sites** across the country.
- **Annaram Temple** in Kakinada district of **Andhra Pradesh**

- Navagraha Temples in Thanjavur and Mayiladuthurai District of Tamil Nadu and Karaikal district of Puducherry;
- Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysore District, Karnataka;
- Karni Mata Mandir, Bikaner District Rajasthan;
- Maa Chintpurni Temple, Una District, Himachal Pradesh;
- Basilica of Bom Jesus Church, Goa
- Mechuka Adventure Park in Arunachal Pradesh;
- Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand;
- Ecotourism zone at Ananthagiri forest, Ananathagiri, Telangana;
- Meghalayan Age Cave Experience and Waterfall Trails Experience at Sohra, Meghalaya;
- Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate, Jorhat, Assam;
- Ecotourism experience at Kanjli Wetland, Kapurthala, Punjab;
- Julley Leh Biodiversity Park, Leh
- **Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme**
- The PM announced **42 tourist destinations** selected under **Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme**.
- It is **sub-scheme** under **Swadesh Darshan** to **transform tourist spots** into **responsible destinations**
- **42 destinations** are spread across **25 States/UTs**,
- The **42 destinations** have been identified in **four categories** - **16 in Culture & Heritage Destination, 11 in spiritual destinations, 10 in Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar and 5 in Vibrant Village**.
- **First ever Dekho Apna Desh People's Choice 2024**
- The nationwide poll aims to **engage with citizens** to identify the **most preferred tourist attractions** and understand tourist perceptions across **5 tourism categories** –
- Spiritual, Cultural & Heritage, Nature & Wildlife, Adventure, and other categories.
- Besides the **four main categories**, the **'other' category** is where one can vote for their **personal favourites** and help **uncover hidden tourism gems** in the form of **unexplored tourism attractions** and destinations like **Vibrant Border Villages, Wellness Tourism, Wedding Tourism** etc.
- This poll exercise is being hosted on the **MyGov platform**
- **Chalo India Global Diaspora Campaign**
- It aims to **inspire the Indian diaspora** to become **Incredible India ambassadors** and promote tourism to India.
- PM requested **Indian diaspora members** to encourage **at least 5 non-Indian friends** to **travel to India**.

Q11) Recently, which of the following state governments has issued a notification to classify “**orans** (sacred groves)”, “**Dev-vans**” and “**Rundhs**” as deemed forests?

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

**Answer: B. Rajasthan**

Q12) Recently, which of the following has launched India's first city-specific **Zero Carbon Buildings Action Plan** (ZCBAP)?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Pune

D. Nagpur

**Answer: D. Nagpur**

Q13) Recently, the **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has signed an MoU with which of the following to promote the **use of local currencies** for bilateral transactions?

A. US Federal Reserve

B. Bank of England

C. Bank Indonesia

D. Swiss National Bank

**Answer: C. Bank Indonesia**

Q14) “**S223 U1**”, “**S202 N5**” and “**S2021 N1**”, recently seen in news, are a type of which of the following?

A. Exo-Planets

B. Moons

C. Asteroids

D. Blackholes

**Answer: B. Moons**

Q15) Recently, which of the following companies has launched the AI models “**Claude 3 Haiku**”, “**Claude 3 Sonnet**” and “**Claude 3 Opus**”?

A. OpenAI

B. Google Deepmind

C. Anthropic

D. Neuralink

**Answer: C. Anthropic**

Q16) Recently, “**MethaneSAT**” satellite has been launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon9 rocket from California. Which of the following companies is the mission partner for the project?

A. Google

B. Meta

C. Pixxel

D. Skyroot Aerospace

**Answer: A. Google**

Q17) Recently, the **National Payments Corporation of India** (NPCI) has partnered with which of the following institutions to research on **blockchain** and artificial intelligence (AI)?

A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras

C. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai

D. Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru

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

Q18) According to the recently released **Final Estimates of 2022-23**, what will be the **horticulture production** in 2022-23?

A. 355.48 Million Tonnes

B. 212.55 Million Tonnes

C. 355.25 Million Tonnes

D. 209.39 Million Tonnes

**Answer: A. 355.48 Million Tonnes**

- **Highlights of 2022-23 (Final Estimates)**

- The **horticulture production** is estimated to be about **355.48 Million Tonnes**
- It is an **increase of about 8.30 Million Tonnes (2.39%)** over **2021-22**.
- An **increase in area of 1.41% or 0.40 Million Ha** is observed in **2022-23 (Final Estimates)** over 2021-22.
- The **Fruit production** is estimated to be **110.21 Million Tonnes** in **2022-23 (Final Estimates)**
- **Production of vegetables** has increased from **209.14 Million Tonnes** in 2021-22 to **212.55 Million Tonnes in 2022-23 (Final Estimates)**.
- **Onion:** Production in **2022-23 (Final Estimates)** is estimated to be **302.08 Lakh Tonne** compared to **316.87 Lakh Tonne in 2021-22**.
- **Potato:** Production in **2022-23 (Final Estimates)** is estimated to be around **601.42 Lakh Tonne**, compared to **561.76 Lakh Tonne** estimated for **2021-22**.
- **Tomato:** Production in **2022-23 (Final Estimates)** is estimated to be around **204.25 Lakh Tonne**, compared to **206.94 Lakh Tonne** estimated for **2021-22**.

- **Highlights of 2023-24 (First Advance Estimates)**

- The **horticulture production** in the country in **2023-24 (First Advance Estimates)** is estimated to be about **355.25 Million Tonnes**.
- An **increase in area of 1.15% or 3.27 Lakh Ha** is observed in 2023-24 (First Advance Estimates) **over 2022-23 (Final Estimates)**
- The **production of Fruits** expected to reach **112.08 Million Tonnes**
- **Production of Vegetables** is envisaged to be around **209.39 Million Tonnes**.
- **Tomato:** Production of Tomato is expected to be **around 208.19 Lakh Tonne** compared to around **204.25 Lakh Tonne last year**, an increase by **1.93% Lakh Tonne**.
- **Onion:** Production of Onion in **2023-24 (First Advance Estimates)** is expected to be around **254.73 Lakh Tonne** compared to around **302.08 Lakh Tonne last year**
- **Potato:** Production of Potato in **2023-24 (First Advance Estimates)** is expected to be around **589.94 Lakh Tonne** compared to around **601.42 Lakh Tonne last year**

## 9th March

Q1) Recently the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has partnered with which of the following institutions to establish “**Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chair**” for **Tribal Entrepreneurship**, Technology & Innovation?

- A. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- B. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- C. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi

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

### **More Information**

- **Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chair of Tribal Health, Hematology & Tele-medicine at AIIMS, Delhi**
- The Chair will initially be **established for 3 years** and will be **extendable based on mutual agreement**.

● **Establishment of Training facility in Semi-conductor Fab at Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**

○ It proposes to establish a training facility (Fab) to educate Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in semiconductor courses, providing 2100 NSQF-certified level 6.0 & 6.5 training. The programme includes:

■ An Advanced Programme in Nano Science and Technology for 600 candidates over three years (200 per year).

■ A Foundation Programme in Nano Science and Technology for 1500 students (500 per year).

■ Exposure programmes on the semiconductor sector for school and diploma students (100 students per year)

● **Collaboration with ISRO to Establish Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) Stations:**

○ MoTA is partnering with ISRO to establish V-SAT stations at 80 Villages in 4 States on a pilot basis.

○ These stations will offer Wi-Fi capacity of 100 Mbps, expandable to another 100 Mbps with boosters, enhancing connectivity and access to essential services for tribal communities.

● **Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chair at IIT Delhi for Tribal Entrepreneurship, Technology & Innovation:**

○ It aims to develop a nation-wide entrepreneurship ecosystem for tribal youth

Q2) Recently, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched ‘NITI For States - Viksit Bharat Strategy Room’ in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: A. New Delhi**

Q3) Recently, CSIR Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun has signed a MoU with the Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST) to deploy the Pine Needles-based fuel-making technology in which of the following districts?

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

**Answer: D. Champawat**

Q4) Recently, which of the following have become the first states to launch auction of Exploration Licence (EL) blocks for critical and deep seated minerals?

- A. Jharkhand and Odisha
- B. Karnataka and Rajasthan
- C. Chhattisgarh and West Bengal
- D. Bihar and Tamil Nadu

**Answer: B. Karnataka and Rajasthan**

Q5) Recently, the Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme, 2024 (UNNATI – 2024) has been approved. What is the maximum eligible benefits to one unit from all components of the scheme?

- A. Rs. 100 crore
- B. Rs. 150 crore
- C. Rs. 200 crore
- D. Rs. 250 crore



Answer: D. Rs. 250 crore

### About Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme, 2024 (UNNATI – 2024)

- It will be implemented by the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- The financial outlay of the proposed scheme is **Rs.10,037 crore** for the scheme period from the date of **notification for 10 years. (Additional 8 years for committed liabilities).**
- This will be a **Central Sector Scheme.**
- The scheme is proposed to be **divided into two parts**
  - **Part A** caters to the incentives to the **eligible units (Rs. 9737 crores)**, and
  - **Part B**, is for implementation and **institutional arrangements** for the scheme. **(Rs. 300 Crore)**
- **Targets:**
  - The proposed scheme envisages approximately **2180 applications**, and it is anticipated that **direct employment opportunities of about 83,000** will be generated during the scheme period.
- **Implementation strategy:**
  - **DPIIT** will implement the **scheme in cooperation** with the **states.**
  - Implementation will be **overseen by following committees** at the **national and state levels.**
    - The **Steering Committee**, headed by the **Secretary, DPIIT (SIIT)**, will decide upon any interpretation of the scheme within its **overall financial outlay** and **issue detailed guidelines** for execution
    - **State Level Committee**, headed by the **state's Chief Secretary**, will monitor implementation, checks and balances, ensuring transparency and efficiency.
    - **Secretary Level Committee**, headed by the **senior Secretary of the state (Industries)**, will be responsible for implementing the scheme, including the recommendation of registration and incentives claims

Q6) Recently, the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the national-level **IndiaAI mission**. What is the total outlay under the scheme?

- A. Rs. 10,371.92 crore
- B. Rs. 14,745.23 crore
- C. Rs. 11,234.90 crore
- D. Rs. 18,562.58 crore

Answer: A. Rs. 10,371.92 crore

Q7) Recently, Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of **targeted subsidy** provided to the beneficiaries of **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)** during FY 2024-25. Under the scheme, what is the targeted subsidy per 14.2 kg cylinder (12 refills per year)?

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

Answer: C. Rs. 300

### More Information

- Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** has announced that the government has decided to **reduce LPG cylinder prices** by **₹100** on **International Women's Day** (8 March), effective immediately
- **Ujjwala beneficiaries** will now get LPG cylinders for **only ₹503**, & **other consumers** will get them only for **₹803 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder**
- **International Women's Day** is celebrated on **March 8th** every year.



● **The theme** for 2024 is "**Invest in women: Accelerate progress**".

○ This theme focuses on **addressing economic disempowerment** and the **essential roles of decent work and gender equality**

Q8) Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has approved the **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** of how much amount for **Raw Jute** (2024-25 season)?

- A. Rs. 5,050/- per quintal
- B. Rs. 5,335/- per quintal
- C. Rs. 4,980/- per quintal
- D. Rs. 4,875/- per quintal

**Answer: B. Rs. 5,335/- per quintal**

Q9) Recently, which of the following has become the first state to declare **man-animal conflict** as a ‘**state-specific disaster**’?

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

**Answer: D. Kerala**

Q10) Recently, which of the following state governments has launched the ‘**Neengal Nalama**’ (Are you fine?) **scheme**?

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

**Answer: D. Tamil Nadu**

Q11) Recently, who amongst the following has become the first member of the Sikh community in **Pakistan** to take oath as a minister in the **Punjab province**?

- A. Sardar Suran Singh
- B. Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora
- C. Sardar Meharwan Singh
- D. Sardar Gurpreet Singh

**Answer: B. Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora**

Q12) Recently, joint maritime exercise “**Sea Defenders-2024**” has commenced between **India** and which of the following countries off the coast of Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

- A. Australia
- B. Singapore
- C. USA
- D. China

**Answer: C. USA**

Q13) Recently, the first ever “**Global cervical cancer elimination forum: advancing the call to action**” was held in which of the following countries?

- A. Argentina
- B. Colombia
- C. Bolivia
- D. Peru

**Answer: B. Colombia**

Q14) Recently, the first-ever “India by the Creek” festival was inaugurated in which of the following cities?

- A. Oman
- B. Bangkok
- C. Dubai
- D. Colombo

**Answer: C. Dubai**

Q15) Recently, NPCI International Payments (NIPL) has partnered with Fonepay Payment Service, for cross-border UPI transactions between India and which of the following countries?

- A. Greece
- B. Nepal
- C. Spain
- D. United Kingdom

**Answer: B. Nepal**

Q16) Recently, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has partnered with T-Hub to set up a Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence Technology Hub (MATH). T-Hub is in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: A. Hyderabad**

Q17) Recently, who amongst the following has won the 2024 Pritzker Architecture Prize?

- A. Frank Gehry
- B. Norman Foster
- C. Riken Yamamoto
- D. Renzo Piano

**Answer: C. Riken Yamamoto**

Q18) Recently, Sahitya Akademi has announced to organize “Sahityotsav 2024”, the world's largest literary festival, in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: A. New Delhi**

## 10th March

Q1) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the “Disruptor of the Year award” in the first-ever National Creators Awards 2024?

- A. Naman Deshmukh
- B. Ranveer Allahbadia (BeerBiceps)
- C. Ankit Baiyanpuria
- D. Gaurav Chaudhary (Technical Guruji)

**Answer: B. Ranveer Allahbadia (BeerBiceps)**

### National Creators Award 2024: Full list of winners

1. **Disruptor of the Year award:** Ranveer Allahbadia (BeerBiceps)
2. **Best Creator in Education Category (Male & Female):** Naman Deshmukh
3. **Best Health and Fitness Creator:** Ankit Baiyanpuria
4. **Best Creator in Food Category:** Kabita Singh (Kabita's Kitchen)
5. **Celebrity Creator of the Year:** Aman Gupta
6. **Best Creator in Tech Category:** Gaurav Chaudhary (Technical Guruji)
7. **Favourite Travel Creator:** Kamiya Jani
8. **Green Champion' Category:** Pankhti Pandey
9. **Best Storyteller:** Keerthika Govindasamy
10. **Cultural Ambassador of the Year:** Maithili Thakur
11. **Most Creative Creator Female:** Shraddha Jain (Female); RJ Raunac (Male)
12. **Heritage Fashion Icon Award:** Jahnvi Singh
13. **Best Creator for Social Change Award:** Jaya Kishori
14. **Best Micro Creator Award:** Aridaman
15. **Best Creator in Gaming Category Award:** Nishchay
16. **Swachhta Ambassador Award:** Malhar Kalambe
17. **Best International Creator Award:** Drew Hicks, Kili Paul, Cassandra Mae Spittmann
18. **Best Nano Creator Award:** Piyush Purohit
19. **Most Impactful Agri Creator:** Lakshay Dabas
20. **The New India Champion Award:** Abhi and Niyu

Q2) According to the recently released "National Cooperative Database 2023: A Report", which of the following states has the **highest number of cooperative societies**?

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

**Answer: A. Maharashtra**

### More Information

- Recently, Union Minister **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the umbrella organization for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs), the “

**National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation Limited (NUCFDC)”**

- NUCFDC has received **RBI's approval** to function as a **non-banking finance company** and a **self-regulatory organisation** for the **urban cooperative banking sector**.
- The main objective of NUCFDC is to **help urban cooperative banks** adhere to the **Banking Regulations Act** and **bring professionalism** in their work.
- There are **more than 1,500 UCBs** with **11,000 branches**, having a deposit of **₹5 lakh crore** and **credit base of ₹3.50 lakh crore** across the country
- The NUCFDC aims to **raise capital**, with plans to reach a **capital base of Rs.300 crores**
- It intends to utilise this capital to **support Urban Cooperative Banks** and develop a **shared technology platform** to improve **service offerings** and **reduce costs**.

Q3) Recently, the President of India Droupadi Murmu has awarded the **President's Standard** to **45 Squadron** and **221 Squadron** of the Indian Air Force (IAF). The President's Standard is awarded after how many years of service?

- A. 15 years
- B. 18 years
- C. 22 years
- D. 25 years

**Answer: B. 18 years**

- Recently, the President of India **Droupadi Murmu** (**Supreme Commander** of the **Indian Armed Forces**) has **awarded the:**
  - **President's Standard** to **45 Squadron** and **221 Squadron** of the Indian Air Force (IAF)
  - **President's Colours** to **11 Base Repair Depot (BRD)** and **509 Signal Unit (SU)** of the Indian Air Force (IAF).

**More Information**

- Recently, the **first all-women maritime surveillance mission** was undertaken by the **Andaman & Nicobar Command** on the **40th anniversary** of **INAS 318** and **International Women's Day** on **March 8, 2024**.
- The **crew based** at **INS Utkrosh** comprised Lt Cdr Shubhangi Swaroop, Lt Cdr Divya Sharma and Lt Vaishali Mishra.
- **INAS 318** is the **elite Naval Air squadron** in the **Andaman & Nicobar Command**, continuously engaged in **surveillance role** since its commissioning on **March 08, 1984**.
- The squadron commenced its journey with the **induction of Islander aircraft** which were replaced by **Dornier aircraft in 1999**.

Q4) Recently, **India** has been awarded the **Measles and Rubella Champion Award** by The Measles and Rubella Partnership. India had set a target to eliminate Measles and Rubella (MR) by which of the following years?

- A. 2023
- B. 2024
- C. 2025
- D. 2026

**Answer: A. 2023**

Q5) Recently, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has launched the nationwide '**Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain-2024**' campaign. What is its theme?

- A. Source Sustainability for Drinking Water
- B. Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti
- C. Catch the Rain, where it falls, when it falls
- D. Water for Peace

**Answer: B. Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti**

Q6) Recently, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated the **fifth ONGC Para Games 2024** in which of the following cities?

- A. Guwahati
- B. Bengaluru
- C. New Delhi
- D. Panaji, Goa

**Answer: C. New Delhi**

Q7) Recently, **SJVN Limited** has received the order for development of Solar Power Projects of capacity 1,352 MW in which of the following states under the **Mukhya Mantri Saur Krushi Vahini Yojana 2.0?**

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

**Answer: C. Maharashtra**

Q8) Recently, **National Highways Authority of India** (NHAI) has signed a MoU with **HLL Lifecare Limited** to provide immediate assistance to accidents victims and strengthen the Incident Management System (IMS) on the National Highways. HLL Lifecare Limited is a Public Sector Undertaking under which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

**Answer: C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

Q9) Recently, PM Narendra Modi visited the **Kaziranga National Park** in Assam. It was declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in which of the following years?

- A. 1967
- B. 1985
- C. 2003
- D. 2012

**Answer: B. 1985**

Q10) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Barauni - Guwahati Natural Gas Pipeline** (part of Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Project). What is its total length?

- A. 612 Km
- B. 718 Km
- C. 856 Km
- D. 987 Km

**Answer: B. 718 Km**

### **More Information**

- Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** inaugurated, dedicated and laid the foundation stone for **multiple development projects** worth more than **Rs 17,500 crores** in **Jorhat, Assam**
- The PM laid the **foundation stone** for **projects** under the **Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE)** scheme including:
  - the **Medical College & Hospital at Sivasagar** and a **Hemato-Lymphoid center in Guwahati**.
- The PM inaugurated projects like **new Medical College and Hospital at Tinsukia**
- **718 Km long Barauni - Guwahati Natural Gas Pipeline** (part of **Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Project**)
- **Other Projects**
  - The PM inaugurated about **5.5 lakh homes** under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAYG)**, constructed at a **total cost** of about **Rs.8,450 crore**;
  - PM laid the **foundation stone** for the capacity expansion of **Digboi Refinery from 0.65 to 1 MMTPA** (million metric tonnes per annum);
  - **Guwahati Refinery Expansion** (1.0 to 1.2 MMTPA) along with installation of **Catalytic Reforming Unit (CRU)**; and
  - **augmentation** of Facilities at **Betkutchi (Guwahati) Terminal: Indian Oil Corporation Limited**, among others.
- **Railway Projects** worth more than **Rs 1300 crore**
  - **Dhupdhara-Chhaygaon section** (part of **New Bongaigaon – Guwahati Via Goalpara Doubling Project**)

○ **New Bongaigaon – Sorbhog Section** (part of New Bongaigaon – Agthori Doubling Project).

Q11) Recently, PM Narendra Modi unveiled the bronze statue of **Lachit Borphukan** named '**Statue of Valour**' in Jorhat district, Assam. What is its total height?

- A. 111 Feet
- B. 125 Feet
- C. 171 Feet
- D. 234 Feet

**Answer: B. 125 Feet**

Q12) Recently, Union Minister R K Singh has laid the foundation stone of **Barethi Solar Power Project** of NTPC Renewable Energy Limited in Chhatarpur District of Madhya Pradesh. What is its total capacity?

- A. 450 MW
- B. 570 MW
- C. 630 MW
- D. 1250 MW

**Answer: C. 630 MW**

Q13) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Sela Tunnel project** in Arunachal Pradesh. It has been constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) under which of the following projects?

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

**Answer: A. Project VARTAK**

Q14) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of **Dibang Multipurpose Hydropower Project** of NHPC Limited in the Lower Dibang Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh. What is its total capacity?

- A. 3876 MW
- B. 8923 MW
- C. 2880 MW
- D. 1875 MW

**Answer: C. 2880 MW**

Q15) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Land Port at Sabroom**. It is in which of the following states?

- A. Tripura
- B. Meghalaya
- C. West Bengal
- D. Bihar

**Answer: A. Tripura**

#### **More Information**

● Recently, PM Narendra Modi has addressed **Viksit Bharat Viksit North East Program** in **Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh**

○ **Explanation –**

■ During the event, the PM **inaugurated, dedicated** and laid the **foundation stone** for **multiple development projects** worth about **Rs 55,600 crores** in **Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura** and **Arunachal Pradesh**.

■ PM launched a new **Industrial Development Scheme** for **North East, UNNATI 2024 scheme** (Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme).

● **Tripura**

- Multiple development projects worth **more than Rs 8,500 crore** in Tripura.
- **Land Port at Sabroom in South Tripura district** constructed at a cost of about **Rs 230 crore**.
- **Other projects** whose **foundation stones** were laid include **construction of Agartala Western Bypass**;

- **Indian Oil Corporation's new Depot at Sekerkote** to be constructed;
- construction of **Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for drug Addicted Persons**.

● **Meghalaya**

- Development projects worth **more than Rs 290 crores** in Meghalaya.
- The important projects whose **foundation stone** will be laid include construction of **IT Park at Tura**;
- construction of **new four-lane road** and **conversion of existing two-lane** into **four-lane** at **New Shillong Township**.

- The PM also inaugurated **Farmers Hostel-cum-Training Centre** at **Upper Shillong**.

● **Arunachal Pradesh**

- Development projects worth **more than Rs 41,000 crore**.
- Inaugurated the **Sela Tunnel project**
- Foundation stone of **Dibang Multipurpose Hydropower Project in Lower Dibang Valley district**
- Foundation stone for **tourism projects** under the '**Vibrant Village Programme**'
- **upgradation of schools** into **50 Golden Jubilee schools**
- **Double lane road** to provide connectivity from **D**

**onyi-Polo airport to Naharlagun railway station**

- Inaugurated several road projects and about **1100 projects** of **Jal Jeevan Mission**
- **170 telecom towers** under **Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)** benefiting more than **300 villages**.

- Handed over **more than 35,000 houses** constructed at the cost of **Rs 450 crores** under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (both Urban and rural)** to the beneficiaries.

● **Nagaland**

- Development projects worth **more than Rs 1700 crores** in Nagaland.
- Foundation stone for the construction of **Unity Mall in District Chumoukedima**
- upgradation of **capacity transformation** at **132kv sub-station Nagarjan, Dimapur**.
- **Inaugurated** the project for the **upgradation of road** from **Chendang Saddle to Noklak (Phase-1)** and several **other road projects** including **Kohima-Jessami Road**.

● **Manipur**

- Development projects **worth more than Rs 3400 crores** in Manipur.
- Foundation stone for the construction of **Unity Mall at Nilakuthi**;
- Development of infrastructure of the **Processing Zone of Manipur IT SEZ** at **Mantripukhri**;
- Construction of **60-bedded state Hospital** in **Lampjhelpat** to provide specialized psychiatric care;
- Development of infrastructure for **Manipur Technical University, Imphal West District**.

● **Sikkim**

- Development projects worth **more than Rs 450 crores** in Sikkim.
- Foundation stone for **re-development of Rangpo Railway Station** (first in Sikkim) and **several road projects**.
- Inaugurated the **new road connecting Tharpu and Daramdin in Sikkim**.

Q16) "**Haiper**", recently seen in news, is a type of which of the following?

- A. Exo-Planet
- B. Humanoid Robot
- C. AI-powered video generation tool
- D. Communication Satellite

**Answer: C. AI-powered video generation tool**

Q17) The **tri-service exercise 'Bharat Shakti'** will be held in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: A. Rajasthan**

Q18) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has launched the '**Mahtari Vandan Yojana**' in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: B. Chhattisgarh**

### **Important Days**

● Recently, the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** has announced to organize **Poshan Pakhwada 2024** from **9th March till 23rd March, 2024**.

○ The focus of **mass sensitization** and **community activities** would be around the following **main themes**:

1. **Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi** (PBPB)- towards better Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE)
2. **Tribal, Traditional, Regional & Local dietary practices** focused on sensitization around nutrition
3. **Health of pregnant women & Infant and Young Child Feeding** (IYCF) practices

## **11th March**

Q1) Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the **Erasmus Prize 2024**?

- A. Jhumpa Lahiri
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Amitav Ghosh
- D. Vikram Seth

**Answer: C. Amitav Ghosh**

Q2) Recently, who amongst the following has been sworn in as **Pakistan's 14<sup>th</sup> President**?

- A. Asif Ali Zardari
- B. Arif Alvi
- C. Qazi Faez Isa
- D. Aseefa Bhutto

**Answer: A. Asif Ali Zardari**

Q3) Who amongst the following is the author of the new book "**The Conspiracy to oust me from the Presidency**"?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Donald Trump
- C. Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- D. Vladimir Putin

**Answer: C. Gotabaya Rajapaksa**



Q4) Recently, who amongst the following has won the title of the 71<sup>st</sup> edition of the **Miss World 2023**?

- A. Krystyna Pyszkova (Czech Republic)
- B. Yasmina Zaytoun (Lebanon)
- C. Aché Abrahams (Trinidad & Tobago)
- D. Lesego Chombo (Botswana)

**Answer: A. Krystyna Pyszkova (Czech Republic)**

Q5) Recently, Sea6 Energy has launched the world's first large-scale **mechanized tropical seaweed farm** off Ekas, on the island of **Lombok**. It is in which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: C. Indonesia**

Q6) Recently, who amongst the following has been elected as the **President** of the **Paralympic Committee of India** (PCI)?

- A. Devendra Jhajharia
- B. Jayawant Hammanawar
- C. R. Chandrashekhar
- D. Satya Prakash Sangwan

**Answer: A. Devendra Jhajharia**

Q7) Recently, who amongst the following has become the first fast bowler to take **700 wickets** in **Test matches** (Cricket)?

- A. Stuart Broad
- B. James Anderson
- C. Jasprit Bumrah
- D. Mitchell Starc

**Answer: B. James Anderson**

Q8) Asia's first **International Cooperative Museum** (ICM) is being developed in which of the following cities in India?

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

**Answer: D. Kozhikode**

Q9) Recently, Union Minister Arjun Munda has inaugurated the **National dairy Mela** and **Agricultural Exhibition 2024** at Chaibasa. It is in which of the following districts of Jharkhand?

- A. Dumka
- B. Bokaro
- C. West Singhbhum
- D. Giridih

**Answer: C. West Singhbhum**

Q10) Recently, which of the following companies has signed a MoU with **Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL)** for exploration and execution of 4,100 MW capacity power projects?

- A. Coal India Limited (CIL)
- B. REC Limited
- C. NTPC Limited
- D. GAIL (India) Limited

**Answer: A. Coal India Limited (CIL)**

### **More Information**

- Recently, **NLC India Limited** has signed MOU with the **Government of Rajasthan** for Formation of **Joint Venture** to set up **125 MW Lignite Based Power Plant** and **1000 MW Solar Power Plant**.
  - The MoU between **NLC India Limited** and **Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL)** entails an investment of **more than Rs 7000 Crores**.
  - The MoU outlines the establishment of a **125 MW Lignite Pit-head Thermal Power Plant in Bikaner district** and a **1000 MW Solar Power Plant (location not yet known)**
- Recently, **NTPC Limited** has signed a non-binding MoU with the **RVUNL** is to explore opportunities for **adding supercritical units** to the existing **Chhabra Thermal Power Plant, Baran district, Rajasthan**
  - The MoU also includes the undertaking of **15-year to 20-year annuity-based Renovation and Modernization (R&M)** of **old thermal units** of RVUNL, by NTPC or its affiliates.
- Also, **NTPC Green Energy Limited** and **RVUNL** have signed a non-binding MoU for development of **Renewable Energy Projects** up to **25 GW capacity** and **Green Hydrogen Derivatives** up to **1 million Ton capacity**, both in the state of Rajasthan.

Q11) Recently, INS Tir participated in **Exercise Cutlass Express - 24 (CE – 24)** held at **Port Victoria**. It is in which of the following countries?

- A. Maldives
- B. Mauritius
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Seychelles

**Answer: D. Seychelles**

Q12) Recently, Assam CM Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma has laid the foundation stone of **SJVN Green Energy Limited (SGEL)** **Solar power Project** in **Sonitpur, Assam**. What is its total capacity?

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

**Answer: A. 50 MW**

Q13) Recently, **India** and **European Free Trade Association** (Switzerland, Iceland, Norway & Liechtenstein) have signed a Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA). EFTA has committed to promote investments (foreign direct investments) by how much amount in India in the next 15 years?

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

**Answer: B. USD 100 Billion**

Q14) Recently, the Indian Army has announced to set up two **Army Girls Sports Companies** (AGSCs) at which of the following places?

- A. New Delhi and Leh
- B. Pune and Mhow
- C. Jaipur and Lucknow
- D. Bengaluru and Chennai

**Answer: B. Pune and Mhow**

Q15) Recently, which of the following companies has launched a new artificial intelligence (AI)-native learning platform “**LearnVantage**”?

- A. Infosys
- B. IBM
- C. Accenture
- D. Google

**Answer: C. Accenture**

Q16) Recently, which of the following has become the first Indian company to announce the production of **fuel for Formula 1 (F1) cars**?

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

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

Q17) **Right to Repair Portal** (India), recently seen in news, was launched by which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Communications
- D. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

**Answer: D. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution**

Q18) Recently, which of the following organizations has introduced the new ‘**Holistic Progress Card**’ (HPC) for students?

- A. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
- B. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
- C. University Grants Commission (UGC)
- D. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

**Answer: A. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)**

## 12th March

Q1) Recently, which of the following has become the first municipal corporation in Asia to raise Rs. 100 crores through **certified green municipal bonds**?

- A. Amdavad Municipal Corporation

- B. Vadodara Municipal Corporation
- C. Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation
- D. Indore Municipal Corporation

**Answer: B. Vadodara Municipal Corporation**

Q2) Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the **Chairman** of the **National Commission for Scheduled Castes** (NCSC), New Delhi?

- A. Luv Kush Kumar
- B. Kishor Makwana
- C. Vaddepalli Ramchander
- D. Dr P.L Punia

**Answer: B. Kishor Makwana**

Q3) Recently, which of the following organization's Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre has launched the **She Research Network in India** (SheRNI)?

- A. University Grants Commission (UGC)
- B. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- C. National Medical Commission (NMC)
- D. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

**Answer: A. University Grants Commission (UGC)**

Q4) Recently, which of the following countries has become the **second largest manufacturer** of **mobile phones** in the world?

- A. China
- B. India
- C. Taiwan
- D. Vietnam

**Answer: B. India**

Q5) Recently, the Central Government has ordered Punjab and Himachal Pradesh to maintain status quo on the **Shanan hydropower project**. It is built on which of the following rivers?

- A. Parbati river
- B. Spiti river
- C. Uhl river
- D. Tons river

**Answer: C. Uhl river**

Q6) Recently, Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the "**Khelo India Rising Talent Identification** (KIRTI)" programme in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: B. Chandigarh**

Q7) Recently, which of the following ministries has launched a **National Curriculum** for **Early Childhood Care** and Education for Children from Three to Six Years and a National Framework for Early Childhood Stimulation for Children from Birth to Three Years?

- A. Ministry of Education

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

**Answer: C. Ministry of Women and Child Development**

Q8) Recently, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the first-of- its-kind "**National Speed Breeding Crop Facility**" at the National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI). It is in which of the following cities?

- A. Mohali
- B. Pune
- C. Nagpur
- D. Kanpur

**Answer: A. Mohali**

Q9) Recently, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has launched its **24<sup>th</sup> Center of Entrepreneurship** (CoE) - at STPI-Gandhinagar, **GIFT City**, Gujarat. What is the name of the centre?

- A. FINN X
- B. FinGlobe
- C. Villgro
- D. WE Hub

**Answer: B. FinGlobe**

Q10) Recently, **25T Bollard Pull** (BP) Tug, **Yard 306** has been launched at Shoft Shipyard Pvt Ltd, Bharuch, Gujarat. What is its name?

- A. Amarjeet
- B. Baljeet
- C. Amritbaan
- D. Arjuna

**Answer: B. Baljeet**

Q11) Recently, Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal has launched a **digital exhibition** “**Subhash Abhinandan**”, based on the life of Subhash Chandra Bose, in which of the following cities?

- A. Kolkata
- B. Bhopal
- C. Kohima
- D. New Delhi

**Answer: D. New Delhi**

Q12) Recently, **Sudha Murty** has been nominated to the **Rajya Sabha** by President Droupadi Murmu. Article 80 of the Constitution allows the President to nominate total how many members to the Rajya Sabha?

- A. 6
- B. 12
- C. 18
- D. 24

**Answer: B. 12**

Q13) According to the recent data from the **World Poverty Clock** of **India's population** is living in “extreme poverty” in 2024?

- A. 4.6%

- B. 4.9%
- C. 3.3%
- D. 2.4%

**Answer: D. 2.4%**

Q14) According to the recent survey, there are total how many **Golden Langurs** (*Trachypithecus geei*) in India?

- A. 6,798
- B. 7,396
- C. 2,967
- D. 10,254

**Answer: B. 7,396**

Q15) Recently, who amongst the following have won the **2024 French Open men's doubles title** (Badminton)?

- A. Lee Jhe-Huei and Yang Po-Hsuan (Chinese Taipei)
- B. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty (India)
- C. Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik (Malaysia)
- D. Kang Min-hyuk and Seo Seung-jae (South Korea)

**Answer: B. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty (India)**

Q16) Recently, which of the following teams has won the **2023-24 Santosh Trophy** (Football)?

- A. Services
- B. Railways
- C. Goa
- D. Karnataka

**Answer: A. Services**

Q17) Recently, which of the following countries has officially disclosed a new baseline, outlining its **territorial claims** in the northern part of the **Gulf of Tonkin** (Beibu Gulf)?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Japan
- C. Russia
- D. China

**Answer: D. China**

Q18) Recently, who amongst the following has won the **ICC Men's Player of the Month for February 2024**?

- A. Shubman Gill
- B. Yashasvi Jaiswal
- C. Shamar Joseph
- D. Kane Williamson

**Answer: B. Yashasvi Jaiswal**

• **Annabel Sutherland of Australia** has won the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for February 2024

## 13th March

Q1) Recently, PM Narendra Modi witnessed the agricultural drone demonstrations conducted by Namoo Drone Didis at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi. The **Namoo Didi Drone**

**scheme** aims to provide drones to total how many Women Self Help Groups during the period 2023-24 to 2025-2026?

- A. 5,000
- B. 10,000
- C. 15,000
- D. 20,000

**Answer: C. 15,000**

Q2) Recently, DRDO has conducted the first successful flight test of indigenously developed **Agni-5 missile** with **Multiple Independently Targetable Re-Entry Vehicle (MIRV)** technology. What was the name of the mission?

- A. Mission Agniastra
- B. Mission Vayuastra
- C. Mission Divyastra
- D. Mission Devastra

**Answer: C. Mission Divyastra**

Q3) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 19-kilometre elevated section of the **Dwarka Expressway**. What is the total length of the Dwarka expressway?

- A. 26 Km
- B. 27 Km
- C. 28 Km
- D. 29 Km

**Answer: D. 29 Km**

#### **More Information**

● Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of **112 National Highway projects**

spread across the country worth about **Rs. One lakh crore at Gurugram, Haryana.**

● In order to help **improve traffic flow and ease congestion** between **Delhi and Gurugram** on **NH-48**, the PM inaugurated the **Haryana section of the Dwarka Expressway.**

● **Other major projects inaugurated by the Prime Minister include:**

○ the **9.6 km long six lane Urban Extension Road-II (UER-II)** - Package 3 from Nangloi - Najafgarh Road to Sector 24 Dwarka section in Delhi;

○ **three packages of Lucknow Ring Road** developed at cost of about Rs. 4,600 crores in Uttar Pradesh;

○ **Anandapuram - Pendurthi - Anakapalli section of NH16** developed at a cost of about Rs. 2,950 crores in Andhra Pradesh;

○ **Kiratpur to Nerchowk section of NH-21** (2 packages) worth around Rs. 3,400 crores in Himachal Pradesh;

○ **Dobaspet - Heskote section** (two packages) worth Rs. 2,750 crores in Karnataka,

○ along with **42 other projects** worth **Rs. 20,500 crores** in different states across the country.

● The PM also laid the **foundation stone for various National Highway projects:**

○ **14 packages of Bengaluru - Kadappa - Vijayawada Expressway** worth Rs. 14,000 crores in Andhra Pradesh;

○ six **packages of Belgaum - Hungund - Raichur Section** of NH-748A worth Rs. 8,000 crores in Karnataka;

○ **three packages of Shamli - Ambala Highway** worth Rs. 4,900 crores in Haryana;

○ **two packages of Amritsar - Bathinda corridor** worth Rs. 3,800 crores in Punjab;

○ along with **39 other projects** worth **Rs. 32,700 crores** in different states across the country.

Q4) Recently, **Viksit Bharat Ambassador Artist Workshop** was held at which of the following places?

- A. Taj Mahal, Agra
- B. Ajanta Caves, Aurangabad
- C. Purana Qila, Delhi
- D. Rani Ki Vav, Patan

**Answer: C. Purana Qila, Delhi**

Q5) Recently, who amongst the following has been sworn in as the **Chief minister of Haryana**?

- A. Anil Vij
- B. Dushyant Singh Chautala
- C. Nayab Singh Saini
- D. Bandaru Dattatreya

**Answer: C. Nayab Singh Saini**

Q6) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the redeveloped **Kochrab Ashram** in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: B. Ahmedabad**

### **More Information**

- Recently, PM **Narendra Modi** has dedicated and laid the foundation stone of various **developmental projects** worth over **Rs 1,06,000 crores** at **Western Dedicated Freight Corridor's Operation Control Centre in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.**

- **Important Projects**

- The PM laid the **foundation stone** of **Railway Workshops, Loco Sheds, Pit lines/ Coaching Depots**

- **Phaltan – Baramati New line**

- **Electric Traction System** upgradation work and

- dedicate to the Nation **two new sections** of **Dedicated Freight Corridor** between **New Khurja to Sahnewal** (401 Rkm) section of **Eastern DFC** and **New Makarpura to New Gholvad** section (244 Rkm) of **Western DFC**;

- **Western DFC's Operation Control Center (OCC)**, Ahmedabad.

- The **PM also flagged off ten new Vande Bharat trains** between:

- Ahmedabad - Mumbai Central, Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam, Mysuru- Dr. MGR Central (Chennai), Patna- Lucknow, New Jalpaiguri-Patna,

- Puri-Visakhapatnam, Lucknow - Dehradun, Kalaburagi – Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru, Ranchi-Varanasi, Khajuraho- Delhi (Nizamuddin).

- The **PM also flagged off the extension of four Vande Bharat trains.**

1. **Ahmedabad-Jamnagar** Vande Bharat is being extended till Dwarka,

2. **Ajmer- Delhi Sarai Rohilla** Vande Bharat is being extended till Chandigarh,

3. **Gorakhpur-Lucknow** Vande Bharat is being extended till Prayagraj and

4. **Thiruvananthapuram- Kasargod** Vande Bharat is being extended till Mangaluru; and

- PM flagged off **two new passenger trains** between **Asansol and Hatia & Tirupati and Kollam stations.**

- The PM also flagged off **freight trains** on **Dedicated Freight Corridor** from **various locations** - New Khurja Jn., Sahnewal, New Rewari, New Kishangarh, New Gholvad, and New Makarpura.

- The PM also dedicated **1045 Rkm of Automatic Signaling** in 80 sections.



- **Digital Controlling of Railway stations** at 2646 stations.
- **35 Rail Coach Restaurants** across India.
- **Other projects**
  - The PM dedicated **50 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras** at Railway Stations.
  - **51 Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminals** across India.
  - more than **1500 One Station One Product Stalls** across India.
  - **Solar Powered Stations/buildings** at 975 locations.
  - The PM also laid the foundation stone of **Petrochemicals complex** of **Petronet LNG** including **Ethane and Propane** handling facilities **worth over Rs. 20,600 crores** at **Dahej, Gujarat**.
  - The PM laid the **foundation stone** for **Ekta Malls** in two states; **Gujarat and Maharashtra** worth around **Rs. 400 crores**.
- **Ekta malls** celebrate and support the **rich and diverse heritage** of Indian **handlooms, handicrafts, traditional products** and **ODOP products**.

Q7) Recently, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched **India's fastest** and indigenously developed **IP/MPLS** (Multiprotocol Label Switching) **router** in Bengaluru. What is its capacity?

- A. 2.1 Terabytes per second
- B. 2.2 Terabytes per second
- C. 2.3 Terabytes per second
- D. 2.4 Terabytes per second

**Answer: D. 2.4 Terabytes per second**

Q8) Recently, the Ministry of Home Affairs has notified the **Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2024 rules**. Under this, the residence requirement for naturalisation of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi or Christian migrants from Pakistan, Afghanistan or Bangladesh, have been reduced to how many years?

- A. 5 years
- B. 6 years
- C. 7 years
- D. 8 years

**Answer: A. 5 years**

Q9) Recently, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in collaboration with Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education has extended the **school soil health programme**. Under this initiative, which of the following organizations will setup soil labs in schools?

- A. Krishi Vigyan Kendra's (KVKs)
- B. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

**Answer: B. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**

Q10) Recently, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has been asked to conduct a scientific survey of the **Bhojshala Temple-Kamal Maula Mosque complex**. It is in which of the following districts of Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Panna
- B. Damoh
- C. Dhar
- D. Sagar

**Answer: C. Dhar**

Q11) Recently, 11 African nations have signed the **Yaounde Declaration**. It is related to which of the following?

- A. Eradication of Malaria
- B. Blue Economy (Ocean Resources)
- C. Lithium Ion mining
- D. Regional Economic Corridor

**Answer: A. Eradication of Malaria**

Q12) Recently, the **Gorsam Kora festival** was held in which of the following states?

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

**Answer: D. Arunachal Pradesh**

Q13) Recently, which of the following countries has inaugurated the **world's first mosque** built using **3D printing technology**?

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

**Answer: C. Saudi Arabia**

Q14) Recently, **Justice Satyendra Kumar Singh** has been appointed as the new **Lokayukta** of which of the following states?

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

**Answer: B. Madhya Pradesh**

Q15) Recently, **INS Tushil**, the first Krivak-III frigate under Project 11356M, has commenced sea trials. It is constructed by which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: D. Russia**

Q16) Recently, which of the following organizations has partnered with the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police** (ITBP) to deploy its rescuers alongside the ITBP in high-altitude regions along the frontier with China?

- A. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- B. Central Reserve Police force (CRPF)
- C. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
- D. Border Security Force (BSF)

**Answer: C. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)**

Q17) Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved a Rs 15,000 crore project for India's fifth-generation fighter jet, the **Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft** (AMCA). It will be designed and developed by which of the following organizations?

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

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

Q18) According to the recent report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), which of the following countries was the **world's largest arms importer** during the period **2019-23**?

- A. India  
B. Saudi Arabia  
C. Qatar  
D. Ukraine

**Answer: A. India**

## 14th March

Q1) Recently, which of the following state governments has approved the formation of a development council for the **Kiran Sheikh community**?

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

**Answer: C. Assam**

Q2) **World Telecom Standardization Assembly 2024** (WTSA 2024) will be held in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: D. New Delhi**

### **More Information**

- Recently, Union Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** has launched the **Curtain Raiser of World Telecom Standardization Assembly Delhi 2024** (WTSA 2024) and **India Mobile Congress Delhi 2024** (IMC 2024).

- The **Union Minister** also **announced** guidelines for the **Spectrum Regulatory Sandbox (SRS)**, or **Wireless Test Zones (WiTe Zones)**, as part of the **Millennium Spectrum Regulatory Sandbox initiative** to foster innovation, enhance ease of doing business, promote "**Make in India**" in the telecommunications sector

- Minister also announced a **complete abolition of Wireless Operating License (WOL)** that further **simplifies the licensing processes** in telecom.

- **An MoU** was also signed between the **Department of Telecommunications** and **Ericsson** for offering accredited courses on **5G for students of DoT's 100 5G use case labs**.

- The project aims to **strengthen capacity building and skill development** in the **100 5G use case labs**

### **Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025**

- Recently, it was informed that the **Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025** will be held from **17th January- 22nd January, 2025**

- It will be organized at **three venues: Bharatmandapam** (Pragati Maidan, New Delhi); **Yashobhoomi** (India International Convention and Expo Center) Dwarka, and **India Expo Center & Mart**, Greater Noida, simultaneously
- It is organised by the **Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers** (SIAM) and **Automotive Component Manufacturers Association** (ACMA) under one umbrella.
- The **first edition** of the **Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024** was organised at **Pragati Maidan in New Delhi**.

Q3) Recently, President Droupadi Murmu visited the **UNESCO World Heritage** site “**Aapravasi Ghat**”. It is in which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: A. Mauritius**

Q4) Recently, **L&T Finance** Holdings has signed an agreement with which of the following organizations for **\$125 million** to support financing in rural and peri-urban areas in India?

- A. MUFG Bank
- B. European Investment Bank (EIB)
- C. New Development Bank (NDB)
- D. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

**Answer: D. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**

Q5) Recently, which of the following organizations has received **\$24.5 million** from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for its project, the **Avaana Sustainability Fund** (ASF)?

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

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

Q6) Recently, which of the following state governments has announced that **women employees** working in various government departments will now get an **additional 10 days of casual leave** annually?

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

**Answer: C. Odisha**

Q7) Recently, which of the following countries has secured the first position in the **2024 Youth World Boxing Cup** (Adriatic Pearl 2024) held in Budva, Montenegro?

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. Poland
- D. Montenegro

**Answer: B. Russia**

**Award Winners: 2024 Youth World Boxing Cup (Adriatic Pearl 2024)**

- The **best Referees & Judges (R&J)** of this event is **Evgenia Shestopalova** from **Russia**, and the **best local R&J** is **Rade Vujovic** from **Montenegro**.
- **Best male boxer:** Torekhan Sabyrkhan from Kazakhstan
- **Best female boxer:** Nikita Chang from India,
- **Boxer with the most technical skills:** Yurisniel Ardiles Abreu from Cuba,
- **Best local boxer:** Milos Roganovic from Montenegro.

Q8) Recently, Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar has inaugurated **India's first FutureLABS center** named "Centre for Semiconductor Chips & Systems for Strategic Electronics" at which of the following places?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- C. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Thiruvananthapuram
- D. Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad

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

### **More Information**

- Recently, an MoU has been signed between **National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT)**, an autonomous scientific society under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (India) and **Information Technology Institute (ITI) (Egypt)** affiliated by Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (Egypt)
- **The broad areas of collaboration includes**
  - **Curriculum and Training** Materials Development, Exchange of Trainers and Experts,
  - **Mutual Recognition** of Certification,
  - Sharing of **Virtual Labs** Facility,
  - Offering of **Post Graduate (PG) Diplomas/ Technical Certificates** to interns nominated by **ITI Egypt**,
  - Offering of **B.Tech/ M.Tech Programs** to **Egyptian students**,
  - **Free Digital literacy** flagship course to **Egyptian students** through **NIELIT Virtual Academy** etc.

Q9) Recently which of the following ministries has launched the **National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming (NAP-SE)** in India?

- A. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer: B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

### **More Information: Other Initiatives launched**

- **National Rabies Control Programme Website**
  - It is a comprehensive **online platform** dedicated to **providing resources, updates, and insights on Rabies**.
  - This website will serve as a **digital platform** for **States/UT** for **entering information related to animal bite and rabies**;
  - this will also help the **community to assess the nearest Anti Rabies Clinic and Infectious disease hospital** for management of animal bite and rabies cases.
  - The website will also help in **sending reminder SMS for vaccination follow up**.
- **National One Health Programme for Prevention and Control of Zoonoses** was onboarded on the **Integrated Health Initiative Platform**.

○ This initiative will help in strengthening the **surveillance of zoonotic diseases in the country**.

Q10) Recently, Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has launched the **first season** of "**Swaraj**" on which of the following OTT platform?

- A. Netflix
- B. Hotstar
- C. Sony Liv
- D. Amazon Prime Video

**Answer: D. Amazon Prime Video**

Q11) Recently, which of the following ministries has signed a MoU with the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi** for partnership in applications of geospatial technology and artificial intelligence, under the project "**BhuPRAHARI**"?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology

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

Q12) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation of **Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT)** facility, to be established by Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Pvt Ltd ("TSAT"), in which of the following regions of North East India?

- A. Morigaon, Assam
- B. Khonoma, Nagaland
- C. Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Shillong, Meghalaya

**Answer: A. Morigaon, Assam**

Q13) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has launched the '**Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan and Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan**' (PM-SURAJ) national portal. It is an initiative of which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

**Answer: C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**

Q14) Recently, Union Cabinet has approved the signing of MoU between **Department of Energy**, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (**Bhutan**) and which of the following Indian organizations, for cooperation in the field of **Energy Efficiency** and Energy Conservation Measures?

- A. NTPC Limited
- B. REC Limited
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)

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

**More Information**

● Recently, Union Cabinet chaired by PM **Narendra Modi** has approved the signing of an Agreement between **Bhutan Food and Drug Authority** (BFDA), Ministry of Health (Bhutan), and **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India** (FSSAI) regarding **cooperation** in the **areas of food safety**.

- It will **facilitate the trade** between **two neighbouring countries**.
- **BFDA** will issue a **Health Certificate** as a **proof of compliance** with the requirements **prescribed by FSSAI**, while **exporting the products to India**.
- This will promote **Ease of Doing Business** and will **reduce compliance cost** on both sides.
- Recently, Union Cabinet chaired by **PM Narendra Modi** has given its approval of signing of MoU between the **Government of India** and the **Royal Government of Bhutan** on **General Supply of Petroleum, Oil, Lubricants (POL)** and related products **from India to Bhutan**.
- This will promote **bilateral trade** in the **hydrocarbon** sector and will **ensure secured and long term supply of petroleum products to Bhutan**.

Q15) Recently, Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved **Inderlok – Indraprastha corridor** of Delhi Metro's Phase-IV project. What will be its length?

- A. 12.377 km
- B. 9.346 km
- C. 8.385 km
- D. 14.923 km

**Answer: A. 12.377 km**

Q16) What is the name of the brand which has been recently launched by the **NITI Aayog** under the ‘**Vocal for Local**’ initiative, as a part of its Aspirational Blocks Programme?

- A. Saheli
- B. Aakanksha
- C. Surya
- D. Samriddhi

**Answer: B. Aakanksha**

Q17) Recently, the Ministry of Heavy Industries has launched the **Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024** (EMPS 2024). What is the total outlay under the scheme?

- A. Rs. 250 crore
- B. Rs. 500 crore
- C. Rs. 750 crore
- D. Rs. 1000 crore

**Answer: B. Rs. 500 crore**

Q18) Recently, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has arrested the members of syndicate involved in **smuggling of foreign-origin gold** from **Indo-Myanmar border** and seized gold worth around Rs. 40 crore. What was the name of the operation?

- A. Operation Dawn
- B. Operation Rising Sun
- C. Operation Chakra
- D. Operation White Gold

**Answer: B. Operation Rising Sun**

### **Important Days**

● **National Safety Day**: In India, it is observed on **March 4 every year**. This day focuses on **making safety and precautionary measures** a top priority of any sector.



- It is also the foundation day of the **National Safety Council**, which was established on **March 4, 1972**
- Also, **National Safety Week in India** is celebrated from **March 4–10 each year**.
- **Theme:** Focus on Safety Leadership for ESG Excellence
  
- **World Hearing Day:** It is celebrated on **March 3 every year**. It is a day to raise awareness about **hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care**.
- **Theme:** Changing mindsets: Let's make ear and hearing care a reality for all!
  
- **Lineman Diwas:** The **Central Electricity Authority (CEA)**, Ministry of Power (India) in association with **Tata Power Delhi Distribution (Tata Power-DDL) Ltd.** Celebrated the **Fourth Edition** of Lineman Diwas on **March 4, 2024**.
  
- The **first edition** of **Lineman Diwas** was celebrated on **March 4, 2021** with subsequent chapters in **2022 & 2023**.
- **Theme:** Seva, Suraksha, Swabhiman
  
- **National Birth Defects Awareness Month 2024:** The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has announced **March** as the **National Birth Defects Awareness Month**.
- The campaign aims to raise **awareness about birth defects** and improve care and treatment for children
- This campaign is an effort for **observing Birth defect day**, which is observed on **March 3 every year**
- **Theme**  
: Breaking Barriers: inclusive support for children with birth defects
  
- **World Obesity Day:** It is observed on **March 4** every year. It is an internationally recognized event that serves as a platform to **raise awareness and advocate for solutions** to address the **global obesity crisis**
- **Theme:** Let's Talk About Obesity And
  
- **International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness:** It is observed on **March 5** every year.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the **dangers of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs)** and importance of **disarmament and non-proliferation** for peace and security
- The **United Nations General Assembly** established the day in **2021** after the **Kyrgyz Republic** put forward the **initiative in 2021**.
- **World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation:** It is observed on **March 4 every year**. The day's primary goal is to unite the world to take a **stand against all forms of sexual exploitation**
  
- **International Day of Women Judges:** It is celebrated on **March 10 every year**. The day recognizes the contributions of **women judges worldwide** and promotes their participation in **decision-making**. The campaign aims to promote the **equal participation of women at all levels of the judiciary**.
- **Theme:** Women in Justice, women for justice
  
- **Central Industrial Security Force Raising Day:** The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) celebrated its **55th Raising Day** on **March 12**. It was founded on **March 10, 1969**.
- CISF comes under the **Ministry of Home Affairs** and is headquartered in **New Delhi**. It is one of the **Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)**.
- **Motto:** Protection and Security



# 15th March

Q1) Recently, who amongst the following has won the **Best Director** award at the **96th Academy Awards** (The Oscars 2024)?

- A. Greta Gerwig (Barbie)
- B. Yorgos Lanthimos (Poor Things)
- C. Christopher Nolan (Oppenheimer)
- D. Alexander Payne (The Holdovers)

**Answer: C. Christopher Nolan (Oppenheimer)**

## **Winners: 96th Academy Awards (The Oscars 2024)**

- **Best Actor:** Cillian Murphy, “Oppenheimer”
- **Best Director:** Christopher Nolan, “Oppenheimer”
- **Best Actress:** Emma Stone, “Poor Things”
- **Best Picture:** “Oppenheimer”
- **Best Supporting Actress:** Da’Vine Joy Randolph, “The Holdovers”
- **Best Supporting Actor:** Robert Downey Jr., “Oppenheimer”
- **Best Score:** “Oppenheimer”
- **Best Song:** “What Was I Made For?” from “Barbie”
- **Best: Documentary (Short Subject):** “The Last Repair Shop”
- **Best Documentary Feature:** “20 Days in Mariupol”
- **Best Animated Short:** “War Is Over!”
- **Best Animated Feature:** “The Boy and the Heron”
- **Best Original Screenplay:** “Anatomy of a Fall”
- **Best Adapted Screenplay:** “American Fiction”
- **Best Makeup and Hairstyling:** “Poor Things”
- **Best Production Design:** “Poor Things”
- **Best Costume Design:** “Poor Things”
- **Best International Feature:** “The Zone of Interest”
- **Best Visual Effects:** “Godzilla Minus One”
- **Best Film Editing:** “Oppenheimer”
- **Best Cinematography:** “Oppenheimer”
- **Best Short Film (Live Action):** “The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar”
- **Best Sound:** “The Zone of Interest”

Q2) Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the India’s first **in-plant railway siding project** of Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) in which of the following districts of Gujarat?

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Bharuch
- C. Amreli
- D. Jamnagar

**Answer: A. Ahmedabad**

## **More Information**

- Recently, Union Minister **Pralhad Joshi** has released the “**PM Gati Shati-National Master Plan in coal sector**”
  - **PM Gati Shati-National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP)** is aimed at offering in-depth **insights into the coal sector** through the **geospatial layers available** on the **Ministry of Coal page** of the **PMGS-NMP portal**.

○ The PMGS-NMP, a comprehensive **GIS-based platform**, brings together **various ministries** to facilitate **synchronized planning** for the **movement of people, goods, and services**, leveraging **knowledge, technology, and innovation** to drive economic growth and development.

Q3) Recently, Ex-post facto approval has been given to the Inter-Governmental Framework Agreement (IGFA) for Cooperation on the **India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)**. It was signed between India and which of the following countries?

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

**Answer: C. United Arab Emirates**

### **More Information**

● Recently, the protocol for establishment of **Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO)** between **India and Dominican Republic** was signed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MIREX) of **Dominican Republic at Santo Domingo**.

- Earlier, the **Union Cabinet of India** had **approved the proposal** for signing of the said protocol for establishment of **JETCO** between **India and Dominican Republic**
- The protocol envisages to strengthen and develop **cooperation on trade, services, industrial technologies** and various other sectors by means of **technical assistance, training programmes and capacity building**.

Q4) Recently, **Yoga Mahotsav-2024** was organized by the Ministry of Ayush in New Delhi to commemorate 100 Days Countdown to **International Day of Yoga 2024** (21<sup>st</sup> June). What is the theme of the International Day of Yoga 2024?

- A. Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
- B. Yoga for Women Empowerment
- C. Yoga for World Peace
- D. Yoga for Inner Harmony

**Answer: B. Yoga for Women Empowerment**

Q5) Recently, total how many books have been selected for the **Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize 2023**?

- A. 21
- B. 22
- C. 23
- D. 24

**Answer: D. 24**

Q6) Recently, '**Agray**' and '**Akshay**', the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> ships of the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Shallow Water Craft (SWC) Project, have been launched. They are being built by which of the following companies?

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

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

Q7) Recently, the Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which of the following companies for the procurement of **693 Armament Upgrades** of Infantry Combat Vehicle **BMP2 to BMP2M**?

- A. Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL)
- B. Munitions India Limited (MIL)
- C. Yantra India Limited (YIL)
- D. Gliders India Limited (GIL)

**Answer: A. Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL)**

Q8) Recently, the Ministry of Defence has signed contracts worth **Rs 8073.17 crore** with which of the following companies for acquisition of 34 **Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH) Dhruv Mk III** along with Operational Role Equipment?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- C. Boeing
- D. Airbus

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

Q9) Recently, the Government of India has signed a **\$181 million loan** with which of the following organizations for the **Ahmedabad Peri-urban Livability Improvement Project**?

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

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

Q10) Recently, **Ministry of Heavy Industries** (MHI) has signed a MoU with which of the following institutions for establishment of Centre of Excellence (CoE) and an Industry Accelerator, under the Scheme for Enhancement of Competitiveness in the **Indian Capital Goods Sector Phase II**?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee
- C. Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi
- D. Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad

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

Q11) Recently, Union minister Narayan Rane has approved the establishment of “Export Acceleration and Experience Centre (EAEC)” and “Centre of Excellence for MSME Enablement of Technology (COMET)” at the **National Institute for MSME** (ni-msme). It is in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: C. Hyderabad**

Q12) Recently, which of the following countries has conducted successful tests of its first-ever **laser directed energy weapon** (LDEW) system, named “**DragonFire**”?

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

**Answer: C. United Kingdom**

Q13) Recently, the **16-member Committee on Digital Competition Law** (CDCL) has submitted its report and draft bill on the Digital Competition Law. It was headed by who amongst the following?

- A. Tarun Bajaj
- B. Injeti Srinivas
- C. Manoj Govil
- D. T Rabi Shankar

**Answer: C. Manoj Govil**

Q14) Recently, the Minister of Earth Sciences has inaugurated the **first phase** of the **Atmospheric Research Testbed in Central India** (ART-CI) in which of the following districts of Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Dhar
- C. Ujjain
- D. Sehore

**Answer: D. Sehore**

Q15) The **6<sup>th</sup> National Para Badminton Championship 2023-2024** will be held in which of the following cities?

- A. Jamshedpur
- B. Bhubaneswar
- C. Kolkata
- D. Bengaluru

**Answer: A. Jamshedpur**

Q16) The Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute is organizing “**ARCUREA 2024**” in which of the following cities?

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

**Answer: A. Kolkata**

Q17) Recently, the Ministry of Minority Affairs has approved the establishment of the ‘**Centre of Jain Manuscriptology**’ at which of the following institutions?

- A. University of Delhi
- B. Gujarat University
- C. Mumbai University
- D. Banaras Hindu University (BHU)

**Answer: B. Gujarat University**

#### **More Information**

- Recently, the Ministry of Minority Affairs has approved the ‘**Establishment of Centre for Jain Studies**’ in **Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya** (DAVV), **Indore Campus** with the total estimated cost of **Rs. 25 Crore**, under the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)**
  - **Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya** is a **Madhya Pradesh state university** located in Indore
  - It was named after **Ahilya Bai Holkar**, the **18th century Queen** and **ruler of Indore**
  - She was the **daughter in law** of **Malhar Rao Holkar**, founder of **Holkar Dynasty**.

Q18) **World Consumer Rights Day** is celebrated on which of the following days every year?

- A. 14<sup>th</sup> March

- B. 15<sup>th</sup> March
- C. 16<sup>th</sup> March
- D. 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Answer: B. 15<sup>th</sup> March**

- **Theme:** Fair and responsible AI for consumers

### **Obituaries**

- Recently, renowned archaeologist **Dr Arun Kumar Sharma** has **passed away**. He was 91.
- He was the **senior-most team member** which **excavated** the **Ram Janmabhoomi Ayodhya site** on order of **Allahabad High Court** and had submitted a report that a temple was demolished to make a mosque.
- He has published **35 books on archaeology**
- He was appointed as the archaeological **advisor to the Chhattisgarh state government** in **2004** and remained **active till 2017-18**
- He was awarded the **Padma Shri in 2017**
- Recently, **Akira Toriyama**, the creator of the popular "**Dragon Ball**" comics and anime, has **passed away** at the age of 68.
- **Akira Toriyama**, born on **April 5, 1955**, was a **renowned Japanese manga artist and character designer**.
- He **gained recognition** with his manga series "**Dr Slump**".
- He earned the **1981 Shogakukan Manga Award** for **best shōnen manga** with **Dr. Slump**, and it went on to **sell over 35 million copies** in Japan.
- He is also famous for "**Sand Land**", "**Dragon Quest**", and "**Chrono Trigger**"
- Recently, senior congress leader **Aziz Qureshi** has passed away. He was 83.
- He had served as **the governor of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Mizoram**.
- He was **first elected** as an **MLA in 1972** from **Madhya Pradesh's Sehore seat** and became a **Lok Sabha member in 1984**.