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National News

- ❖ **India home to 718 snow leopards: Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India (SPAI) report**
- ❖ **Punjab CM Flagged Off Sadak Suraksha Force**
- ❖ **Toyota keeps crown as world's top-selling automaker in 2023**
- ❖ **Five more Indian wetlands added to Ramsar list**
- ❖ **Dharmendra Pradhan launches MoE – AICTE Investor Network**
- ❖ **BHU gets automated DNA extractor machine**
- ❖ **SARVATRA: A Multispan Mobile Bridging System Developed by DRDO**
- ❖ **Indian Navy Declares 2024 As 'Year of Naval Civilians'**
- ❖ **Annual Mass Drug Administration Campaign to Eradicate Filariasis by UP**
- ❖ **40,000 rail bogies to be converted to Vande Bharat standards**
- ❖ **PM SVANIDHI provided credit assistance to 78 lakh street vendors**
- ❖ **Record Rs 6.21 lakh crore allocation to Defence in Interim Budget 2024-25**
- ❖ **India, Oman ink pact for collaboration in defence sector**
- ❖ **Govt to focus on vaccination against cervical cancer**
- ❖ **Tamil Superstar Vijay launches his political party "Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam"**
- ❖ **President Murmu inaugurated 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2024**
- ❖ **Uttarakhand Police Adopt Self-Balancing e-scooters For Smart Patrols**
- ❖ **PM Modi inaugurates Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) – Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference (CASGC) 2024 Conference in New Delhi**
- ❖ **India launches UPI Payments at Eiffel Tower in Paris**
- ❖ **Chhattisgarh govt launched Mahtari Vandan Yojana**
- ❖ **PM Narendra Modi Unveils Projects Worth ₹1330 crore In Goa**

- ❖ **Dr Jitendra Singh** launches the **theme** for **National Science Day 'Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat'**
- ❖ **Maharashtra Govt** decides to introduce '**Chief Minister Vayoshree Yojana**'
- ❖ **Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet** Approves **2 new district; Keyi Panyor & Bichom**
- ❖ **Govt** plans to have **25,000 Janaushadhi Kendras** by **March 2026**
- ❖ **Dharmendra Pradhan** launches **EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme**
- ❖ **Anurag Singh Thakur** kicks off **1st BIMSTEC Aquatics Championships**
- ❖ **Iran** announces **visa-free travel** for **Indian nationals**
- ❖ **Aether Industries** to **commission 15 MW solar power plant** in **Gujarat**
- ❖ **India** to be **world's biggest oil demand growth driver** through **2030: IEA**
- ❖ **India** Decided to **Fence its Border** with **Myanmar**
- ❖ **Bihar** govt launched **Device '(Novel Initiative Technological Intervention for Safety of Humanlives)'** for **farmers**
- ❖ **Microsoft** to train over **2 million people** in **India** in **generative AI skills** by **2025**
- ❖ **Divya Kala Mela 2024** inaugurated in **Agartala, Tripura**
- ❖ **Uttarakhand CM** launches "**Dhami against drugs campaign**"
- ❖ **Cabinet** approves **telecom spectrum auctions** at base price of **Rs 96,317.65 cr**
- ❖ **Cabinet** approves **Rs 6,000 crore** scheme for **formalisation** of **fisheries sector**
- ❖ **Govt** launches **SARATHI portal** to **help insurance companies** reach out to **farmers**
- ❖ **Tata Trusts** inaugurated **India's first small animal hospital** in **Mumbai**
- ❖ **Indian Oil-Adani Gas joint venture** announces **Rs 2,500 crore investment**
- ❖ **Google** partners with **Maharashtra govt** to **provide AI-led services**
- ❖ **India** ranks **3rd** in **US Green Building Council's (USGBC) list** on **green building certification** for **2023**
- ❖ **Varanasi** to have **country's first conservation centre** for **Gangatiri cows**
- ❖ **Papanasam** beach at **Kerala's Varkala** secures spot among **world's 100 best beaches**

- ❖ **India and ADB sign \$200 million loan to tackle flood and erosion risk along Brahmaputra River**
- ❖ **VP Dhankhar inaugurates World Sustainable Development Summit in Delhi**
- ❖ **Tata Steel and South East Railway join hands to develop green infra**
- ❖ **Miss World pageant to take place in India from February 18 to March 9**
- ❖ **Railway Protection Force (RPF) to host the 67th All India Police Duty Meet in Lucknow**
- ❖ **IREDA and IIT Bhubaneswar sign MoU for Clean Energy Innovation**
- ❖ **PM inaugurates projects worth Rs 7300 crores in Madhya Pradesh**
- ❖ **Defence Minister unveils statue of Gen Bipin Rawat in Dehradun**
- ❖ **Ashok Leyland invests ₹537 cr. in UK subsidiary**
- ❖ **Wipro acquires Aggne for \$66 mn to boost capabilities in insurance sector**
- ❖ **Odisha govt to give interest-free loans to youth under 'Swayam' scheme**
- ❖ **Dharmendra Pradhan Inaugurates National Conference on APAAR: One Nation One Student ID Card**
- ❖ **Assam declares 'Kaji Nemu' as state fruit**
- ❖ **Government Names of 'Indira' and 'Nargis' Dropped From National Film Awards**
- ❖ **CIAL partnered with BPCL to set up first green hydrogen plant at Cochin airport**
- ❖ **NTPC commissioned 14 MW unit of Ayodhya solar project**
- ❖ **PM Modi inaugurates grand BAPS Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi**
- ❖ **Armed Forces Medical Service (AFMS) & IIT Roorkee join hands to foster research**
- ❖ **Supreme Court declares electoral bonds scheme unconstitutional**
- ❖ **MeitY to hold first-ever Future Skills Summit in Guwahati**
- ❖ **16th conference of World Social Forum 2024 commences in Kathmandu**
- ❖ **India's 1st helicopter emergency medical service to start from Uttarakhand**
- ❖ **Haryana launched 'Van Mitra' Scheme to Boost Green Cover**

- ❖ **Pashupati Paras Launches 'SUFALAM(Start-Up Forum for Aspiring Leaders and Mentors)' For Food Entrepreneurs**
- ❖ **UP govt. boosts Kanya Sumangala Yojana grant**
- ❖ **Sonowal inaugurates Kalughat Inland Waterways Transport terminal in Bihar**
- ❖ **Odisha CM inaugurates Bagchi Sri Shankara Cancer Center in Bhubaneswar**
- ❖ **India, Colombia sign MoU on Cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions**
- ❖ **Arunachal Pradesh achieves 100% coverage under Har Ghar Jal**
- ❖ **UP emerges as top state in total vehicle sales, Maharashtra 2nd: SIAM**
- ❖ **SBI launches digital enrolment for Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) Schemes**
- ❖ **Karnataka boasts highest number of EV charging stations in India: BEE**
- ❖ **Government raises authorized capital of FCI from Rs 10,000 cr to Rs 21,000 cr**
- ❖ **Govt launches 'Sagar Aankalan' guidelines to boost efficiency, competitiveness**
- ❖ **PM Modi lays foundation stone of Kalki Dham temple in UP**
- ❖ **11th International Puppet Festival begins in Chandigarh**
- ❖ **INDUS-X Summit held in New Delhi**
- ❖ **Henley Passport Index for 2024: India at 85th; topped by France**
- ❖ **India contributes \$1 mn to IBSA Fund to alleviate poverty, hunger**
- ❖ **Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates first Skill India Centre in Odisha**
- ❖ **PM Modi inaugurated 9th edition of Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi**
- ❖ **Japan commits 232.2 billion Yen for Nine Development Projects in India**
- ❖ **Nirmala Sitharaman presides over 19th Foundation Day celebrations of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) in New Delhi**
- ❖ **PM Modi Inaugurates IIT Hyderabad Campus**
- ❖ **Govt allows 100% FDI in space sector to realize the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat**
- ❖ **Centre decides to continue Women's safety scheme till 2025-26**

- ❖ **NTPC to set up India's largest green hydrogen production facility in Andhra Pradesh**
- ❖ **Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates 211 PM SHRI Schools in Chhattisgarh**
- ❖ **Goa Collaborated with World Bank for Blended Finance Facility**
- ❖ **India's First Gati Shakti Research Chair to be established at IIM Shillong**
- ❖ **SJVN commissions 50 MW Gujrai Solar Power Station in Uttar Pradesh**
- ❖ **Power Finance Corporation (PFC) ties with Italian export credit agency SACE to boost India-Italy cooperation**
- ❖ **Kalyani Steels signs MoU with Odisha govt to set up manufacturing unit**
- ❖ **Haryana govt launched 'Savera' programme**
- ❖ **PM Modi inaugurates India's longest cable-stayed bridge Sudarshan Setu**
- ❖ **India's poverty level down to 5% of population: NITI Aayog**
- ❖ **India to be the third largest economy by 2027: Jefferies**
- ❖ **Anurag Thakur announced setting up Film Certification Facilitation Office in Chandigarh**
- ❖ **Bihar, SIDBI to collaborate on enhancing startup ecosystem**
- ❖ **13th WTO Ministerial Conference held in Abu Dhabi**
- ❖ **Rajeev Chandrasekhar launches 'Investor Information and Analytics Platform'**
- ❖ **PM Modi laid foundation stone of Sikkim's First Railway Station**
- ❖ **PM Modi inaugurates 'Bharat Tex 2024' in New Delhi**
- ❖ **PM Modi launches World's Largest Grain Storage Scheme**
- ❖ **PM Modi announces 4 astronauts for Gaganyaan**
- ❖ **Ministry of Ayush signed MoU with Research and Information System (RIS)**
- ❖ **PM Modi inaugurates ISRO's Second Spaceport in Tamil Nadu**
- ❖ **Nagaland govt launched universal life insurance scheme**
- ❖ **Reliance foundation unveils animal welfare initiative 'Vantara'**
- ❖ **PM Modi unveils India's first hydrogen fuel cell ferry**

- ❖ **Reliance-Disney merger will drive consolidation**

International News

- ❖ **India slips 8 places on Transparency International's corruption perception index**
- ❖ **WHO awards countries for progress in eliminating industrially produced trans fats for first time**
- ❖ **Mukesh Ambani tops Brand Guardianship Index 2024 among Indians**
- ❖ **India, Türkiye & Qatar Named Guests of Honor at 2024 World Governments Summit in Dubai**
- ❖ **Malta becomes 119th member of International Solar Alliance**
- ❖ **Scientists discover world's largest snake in Amazon rainforest**
- ❖ **PayU, NPCI join hands to roll out Credit Lines on UPI' feature**
- ❖ **India, Nepal sign pact to link UPI, NPI for faster remittances**
- ❖ **South Indian Bank gets Best Technology Bank of the Year award**
- ❖ **RBI extends deadline for Paytm Payments Bank restrictions to March 15**
- ❖ **IRDAI reconstitutes expert committee for Ind AS/IFRS implementation**
- ❖ **Paytm shifts nodal account to Axis Bank for seamless transactions**
- ❖ **LIC launched 'Amritbaal' plan for children**
- ❖ **Bandhan Bank authorized to collected revenues of West Bengal govt**
- ❖ **Mitsubishi Corp to acquire 32% stake in TVS Vehicle Mobility**
- ❖ **IEPFA and DBS Bank signs MoU to spread awareness on investment and fraudulent schemes**
- ❖ **IREDA and PNB join hands to Co-Finance Renewable Energy Projects**
- ❖ **Morgan Stanley projects India's GDP growth for FY25 to 6.5%**
- ❖ **PayPal registers with FIU of India under anti-money laundering law**
- ❖ **Whirlpool sells 24% stake in India unit for \$468 million**
- ❖ **RBI grants payment aggregator licence to Mswipe Technologies**

- ❖ UAE removed from money laundering 'grey list'
- ❖ Algeria Inaugurates World's Third-Largest Mosque
- ❖ New Zealand set to scrap world's first law banning tobacco sale

Banking and Financial

- ❖ RBI Imposes Major Restrictions on Paytm Payments Bank
- ❖ GST collections rise 10% to ₹1.72 lakh crore in January
- ❖ Saudi Arabia, UAE, Ethiopia, Iran, Egypt confirmed they are joining BRICS
- ❖ Government allocates 3.4% of GDP for Capital Expenditure Boost
- ❖ Govt revised the fiscal deficit estimates at 5.8% in FY24
- ❖ 97.50% of Rs 2,000 Notes Returned to System: RBI
- ❖ ESAF Small Finance Bank and Edelweiss Insurance partner to offer Life Insurance
- ❖ UPI transactions reach a record Rs 18.41 trillion in January: NPCI
- ❖ Government Boosts Sovereign Gold Bond Issuance to 3,500 Crore in FY 25
- ❖ Digital payments rise 10.94 pc annually at September-end 2023: RBI
- ❖ SBI's Q3FY24 net profit drops 35.5% due to one-time provisions
- ❖ CCI approves acquisition of 70% stake by Zurich Insurance Company in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance
- ❖ HDFC Bank rolls out 4 SME credit cards for entrepreneurs, freelancers
- ❖ Max Financial gets IRDAI nod for capital infusion of Rs 1,612 cr by Axis Bank into Max Life Insurance
- ❖ HDFC Bank raises \$300 million through maiden sustainable finance bond issue
- ❖ SBI partners with Flywire to modernize international education payments for students
- ❖ LIC launches new plan "Index Plus" Policy
- ❖ RBI repo rate unchanged at 6.5 percent
- ❖ Karnataka Bank launches centenary campaign

- ❖ **RBI Grants Payment Aggregator Licences to Juspay, Zoho, and Decentro**
- ❖ **Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) Raises Interest Rate on PF Deposits to 8.25%**
- ❖ **Paytm E-commerce rebrands to Pai Platforms**
- ❖ **RBI increases ceiling on fees payable to non-executive directors of banks to Rs 30 lakh per year**
- ❖ **India launches UPI payment services in Sri Lanka, Mauritius**
- ❖ **India's Retail inflation is at 3-mth low to 5.1% in January**
- ❖ **India's WPI inflation eases to three-month low of 0.27 per cent in January**
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- ❖ **Zurich Insurance to acquire 70% stake in Kotak General**
- ❖ **India's GDP to grow at around 6.75-6.8% in FY25: BoB**

- ❖ EPFO organizing its **monthly district outreach programme Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0**
- ❖ **Amazon Pay** gets **final approval** from **RBI** to **operate as payment aggregator**
- ❖ **Mahanagar Gas** acquires **30.97% share** in **3EV Industries**
- ❖ **MobiKwik** introduces **Pocket UPI** to **facilitate payments without linking bank account**

Appointment and Resignation

- ❖ **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** approves **Sanjay Mudaliar** as **ED of Bank of Baroda**
- ❖ **Champai Soren** to be **next Jharkhand CM**
- ❖ **Jay Shah** reappointed as **chairman** of **Asian Cricket Council**
- ❖ **AU SFB** appoints former **RBI deputy gov Harun Rashid Khan** as **non-executive chairman**
- ❖ **Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar** sworn in as **Malaysia's 17th king**
- ❖ **Sanjay Verma** takes the oath of **Office and Secrecy** as **Member, UPSC**
- ❖ **Bandhan Bank** appoints **Santosh Nair** as its **consumer lending and mortgages head**
- ❖ **Apurva Chandra** appointed as **Health Secretary**
- ❖ **Ritu Bahri** Took Oath as the **First Woman Chief Justice** of **Uttarakhand HC**
- ❖ **ADB** Appoints **Mio Oka** as **New Country Director** for **India**
- ❖ **El Salvador's Bukele** re-elected as **president**
- ❖ **Yemen** Appoints **Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak** as **New Prime Minister**
- ❖ **Venkatachalam H** appointed as **MD & CEO** of **Tata AIA Life**
- ❖ **Kazakhstan** appoints **Olzhas Bektenov** as **new Prime Minister**
- ❖ **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** appoints **Ajay Kumar Choudhary** as **non-executive chairman** of **board**
- ❖ **Ravi Kumar Jha** appoints as **MD & CEO** of **LIC Mutual Fund**

- ❖ IRS Officer **Narendra Kumar Yadav** appointed as **Brand Ambassador** for **Fit India Movement**
- ❖ **Katrina Kaif** Joins **CSK** as **Brand Ambassador** for **IPL 2024**
- ❖ **Southern Railway** appoints first **Transwoman TTE**, **Sindhu Ganapathy**
- ❖ **Sundaram AMC** appoints **Radhakrishnan** as **CEO**
- ❖ **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** elects **Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal** as its **new President** and **Charanjot Singh** as its **Vice President**
- ❖ Former PM **Alexander Stubb** wins **Finland Presidential election**
- ❖ **Sanjay Kumar Jain** appoints as **CMD** of **IRCTC**
- ❖ **Virendra Bansal** appointed new **MD & CEO** of **SBI Capital Markets**
- ❖ **Axis Bank** appoints **Pranam Wahi** as **Additional Director**
- ❖ **Nikhil Joshi** appointed as **MD** of **Boeing Defence India**
- ❖ **Nand Kishore Yadav** elected as **Bihar Legislative Assembly Speaker**
- ❖ **Prabowo Subianto** elected as **Indonesia President**
- ❖ **Pradeep Kumar Sinha** to take over as **Non-Executive Part-time Chairman** of **ICICI Bank**
- ❖ **KVS Manian** appointed as **JMD** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
- ❖ **Shubman Gill** designated as **Punjab 'state icon'** for **Lok Sabha polls**
- ❖ **Upendra Dwivedi** assumes charge as **VC** of **Army Staff**
- ❖ **SBM Bank India** appoints **Ashish Vijayakar** as **MD & CEO**
- ❖ **City Union Bank** wins **IBA's banking technology awards**
- ❖ **Gulzar** and **Jagadguru Rambhadracharya** Awarded **Prestigious Jnanpith Award 2023**
- ❖ **REC Ltd** receives '**Innovative Technology Development Award**'
- ❖ **Shashi Tharoor** conferred **France's highest civilian honour 'Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur**
- ❖ **Tatung Padi** appointed as **Director** in **Skill Development Ministry**
- ❖ **Bhupinder Kumar (IAS)** appointed as **DCR** of **J&K and Ladakh**
- ❖ **Geeta Batra** is **1st Woman Director** of **World Bank Body**

- ❖ **Sunil Sharma** appointed as **Director** in **Department of School Education & Literacy**
- ❖ **Nitin Jain** appointed as **Deputy Secretary** in **Ministry of Steel**
- ❖ **Sureshwar Bonal** appointed as **Director** in **Heavy Industries Ministry**
- ❖ **Maryam Nawaz** becomes **first Woman CM** of **Punjab province**
- ❖ **Ravindra Kumar** assumes charge as **Director (Operations)** of **NTPC**
- ❖ Justice **AM Khanwilkar** to be **new Lokpal** of **country**
- ❖ **Sachin Jain** appointed as **CEO** of **WGC India**
- ❖ **Arkaja Das** appointed as **Director** in **Women & Child Development Ministry**

Awards

- ❖ **Best Republic Day tableaux: Odisha** wins **1st prize**
- ❖ **Three Indian Scientists, Rahul R Nair, Mehul Malik, and Tanmay Bharat** To Be Honored With **Prestigious UK Prize** In **London**
- ❖ **LK Advani** to be awarded **Bharat Ratna**
- ❖ **Maha Gaurav 2024 award** presented to **Nikhil Wagh** by **Maharashtra govt**
- ❖ **Bina Modi** selected as '**Outstanding Business Woman of the Year 2023**'
- ❖ **PT Usha** honoured with **lifetime award** by **Sports Journalists Federation of India** and **Delhi Sports Journalists Association**
- ❖ **Stunning Sleepy Polar Bear Image** By **UK Photographer Nima Sarikhani** Wins **Top Picture Prize**
- ❖ **Bharat Ratna** For **Former PMs Charan Singh, PV Narasimha Rao**
- ❖ **Pyarelal Sharma** awarded **Lakshminarayana International Award**
- ❖ **Neeraj Chopra** honoured by **Swiss tourism** with **plaque** at **Jungfrau's Ice Palace**
- ❖ **National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)** receives **WHO Nelson Mandela Award** for **health promotion**
- ❖ **ISRO Chairman S Somanath** awarded **KPP Nambiar Award**
- ❖ **India** wins **9th GovTech Prize** for **AI-Powered Government Services** at **World Government Summit 2024**
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Defence

- ❖ **US State Department approves 31 armed drones to India**
- ❖ **Indian Air Force to conduct Exercise Vayu Shakti-2024**
- ❖ **IIT Madras to create India's first 155mm smart ammunition**
- ❖ **Embraer teams up with Mahindra to bid for IAF's medium transport aircraft deal**
- ❖ **Navy Chief Inaugurates New Defence System 'Precision Approach Radar'**
- ❖ **Defence Ministry Signs Rs 2,269 Crore Contract with BEL**
- ❖ **MoD signs contract with Advanced Weapon Equipment India Ltd (AWEIL) for 463 Stabilised Remote-Control Guns for Indian Navy & Indian Coast Guard**
- ❖ **12th Edition of MILAN Naval Exercise will be held in Visakhapatnam**
- ❖ **North Korea launched new surface-to-sea missiles**
- ❖ **Aeronautical Development Agency Signs MoU with Indian Air Force**
- ❖ **India - Japan Joint Exercise "DHARMA GUARDIAN" begins in Rajasthan**

Science

- ❖ **Russian cosmonaut sets world record for most cumulative time spent in space**
- ❖ **IIT Kanpur develops India's first hypervelocity expansion tunnel test facility**
- ❖ **ISRO launched INSAT-3DS Satellite from Sriharikota**
- ❖ **NASA, Japan to launch world's 1st wooden satellite soon**
- ❖ **PM Modi announced India's own Space Station by 2035**

Sports

- ❖ **Khelo India Winter Games 2024 mascot, snow leopard 'Sheen-e She' (Shan) reveals**
- ❖ **Abhinav Bindra selected as torchbearer for the 2024 Paris Olympics**
- ❖ **India finished fifth at FIH Hockey5s World Cup**
- ❖ **SCA Stadium Renamed in Honor of Niranjan Shah**
- ❖ **India declared joint winners Of SAFF Women's U-19 Championships with Bangladesh**
- ❖ **Australia lifts the Under-19 Men's World Cup trophy 2024**
- ❖ **Drass Warriors clinch victory in 15th CEC Ice Hockey Cup Championship**
- ❖ **Shamar Joseph and Amy Hunter awarded ICC Players of The Month for Jan 2024**
- ❖ **Anurag Thakur hands over Chess Olympiad Torch to Hungary**
- ❖ **Indian hammer thrower Rachna Kumari banned for 12 years for doping**
- ❖ **R Ashwin joins elite 500 test wicket club**
- ❖ **ICC bans UK cricketer Rizwan Javed for over 17.5 years for Match-Fixing**
- ❖ **India women clinch Badminton Asia Team Championships title**
- ❖ **MS Dhoni Named Captain of IPL's Greatest All-Time Team**
- ❖ **Manoj Tiwary announces retirement from all forms of cricket**
- ❖ **8-year-old Ashwath becomes youngest chess player to beat grandmaster**
- ❖ **Pakistan's Babar Azam becomes quickest to 10,000 runs in T20s**
- ❖ **Indian Squash player Abhay Singh wins Goodfellow Classic squash**
- ❖ **India bags nine gold medals at Archery Asia Cup 2024 in Baghdad**
- ❖ **Namibia's Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton smashes fastest T20I Hundred**
- ❖ **New Zealand's Neil Wagner retires from international cricket**

Book and Author

- ❖ **'Ek Samandar, Mere Andar' book written by Sanjeev Joshi**

- ❖ **Jagdeep Dhankhar** Released the book titled '**9 Incredible Years of Haryana Government**
- ❖ **CDS Anil Chauhan** reveals book "**AI and National Security**"
- ❖ **The Great Flap of 1942** authored by **M Padmanabhan**

Important day

- ❖ **1 February – Indian Coast Guard Day**
- ❖ **1-7 February – World Interfaith Harmony Week**
- ❖ **2 February – Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day**
- ❖ **2 February – World Wetlands Day** (Theme 2024 – Wetlands and Human Wellbeing)
- ❖ **4 February – International Day of Human Fraternity**
- ❖ **11 February – International Day of Women and Girls in Science** (Theme – Women and Girls in Science Leadership, a New Era for Sustainability and the subtheme is "Think Science ... Think Peace")
- ❖ **10 February – World Pulses Day** (Theme 2024 – Pulses: Nourishing Soils and People)
- ❖ **12 February – International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and When Conducive to Terrorism** (Theme 2024 – Living Together: Fostering Community Resilience to Prevent Violent Extremism as and When Conducive to Terrorism)
- ❖ **11 February – World Day of the Sick**
- ❖ **12 February – National Productivity Day** (Theme 2024 – Artificial Intelligence (AI)- Productivity Engine for Economic Growth)
- ❖ **15 February 2024 (third Thursday in February) – World Anthropology Day**
- ❖ **17 February – Global Tourism Resilience Day** (Theme 2024 – Resilient Tourism: Building Back Better)
- ❖ **17 February – World Human Spirit Day**
- ❖ **18 February 2024 – World Whale Day 2024**
- ❖ **20 February – Mizoram Foundation Day**
- ❖ **20 February – World Day of Social Justice** (Theme 2024 – Bridging Gaps, Building Alliances)

- ❖ **21 February – International Mother Language Day** (Theme 2024 – Multilingual education is a pillar of intergenerational learning)
- ❖ **22 February – World Thinking Day** (Theme 2024 – Our World, Our Thriving Future)
- ❖ **22 February – World Scout Day** (Theme 2024 – Scouts for a Better World)
- ❖ **23 February – World Understanding and Peace Day**
- ❖ **24 February – Central Excise Day**
- ❖ **27 February – World NGO Day** (Theme 2024 – Building a Sustainable Future: The Role of NGOs in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals {SDGs})
- ❖ **28 February – National Science Day** (Theme 2024 – Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat)
- ❖ **26 February to 1 March – Financial Literacy Week** (“Make a Right Start – Become Financially Smart”)
- ❖ **29 February – Rare Disease Day** (Theme 2024, “Share Your Colours,” emphasizes collaboration and support)

Obituary

- ❖ **Namibia’s President Hage Geingob** passes away
- ❖ **Veteran journalist Farooq Nazki** dies
- ❖ **Chile’s former President Sebastian Pinera** dies in helicopter crash
- ❖ **India’s oldest Test cricketer Dattajirao Gaekwad** dies
- ❖ **World Marathon Record Holder Kelvin Kiptum** Dies in Road Accident
- ❖ **Udaan’ actor Kavita Chaudhary** Passes Away
- ❖ **Young ‘Dangal’ Star Suhani Bhatnagar** passes away
- ❖ **South Africa all-rounder Mike Procter** dies
- ❖ **Germany’s Andreas Brehme** passed away
- ❖ **Supreme Court Lawyer Fali Nariman** passed away
- ❖ **Ameen Sayani** passed away at 91
- ❖ **Legendary Ghazal Singer Pankaj Udhas** passes away

❖ India's oldest MP, Shafiqur Rahman Barq dies at 94

Current Affairs MCQ

Q1: Who is the first Indian to receive an honorary Knighthood under King Charles III?

- a) Ratan Tata
- b) Sachin Tendulkar
- c) **Sunil Bharti Mittal**
- d) Narendra Modi

Q2. What is the highest honor bestowed by the Sangeet Natak Akademi?

- a) Sangeet Natak Ratha
- b) Akademi Purana
- c) **Akademi Ratna (Akademi Fellow)**
- d) Natya Natak Samman

Q3. What is the name of India's first human spaceflight program?

- a) Chandrayaan
- b) Aditya-1
- c) **Gaganyaan**
- d) LVM3

Q4. What is the literal meaning of the word "Gaganyaan" in Sanskrit?

- a) Lunar Chariot
- b) **Celestial Vehicle**
- c) Solar Probe
- d) Orbital Station

Q5. How many astronauts will be part of the first crewed Gaganyaan mission?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) **3**
- d) 4

Q6: National Science Day in India is celebrated on which date?

- a) January 26th
- b) **February 28th**
- c) March 12th

d) May 11th

Q7: Which scientist is credited with the discovery of the “Raman Effect”?

- a) S. N. Bose
- b) Homi J. Bhabha
- c) **C. V. Raman**
- d) Vikram Sarabhai

Q8: What year did Sir C. V. Raman win the Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on the Raman Effect?

- a) **1928**
- b) 1930
- c) 1935
- d) 1940

Q9: Who has been appointed as the new Lokpal of India?

- a) Justice Lingappa Narayana Swamy
- b) **Justice AM Khanwilkar**
- c) President Droupadi Murmu
- d) Sushil Chandra

Q10: What was Pankaj Udhas famous for?

- a) Pop music
- b) Bollywood item songs
- c) **Ghazals**
- d) Classical music

Q11: When will the provisions of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023 come into force?

- a) July 1, 2023
- b) **July 1, 2024**
- c) January 1, 2023
- d) December 31, 2023

Q12: What is the name of India’s first septic tank cleaning robot?

- a) Swachhata Atom
- b) **Homosep Atom**
- c) RoboCleaner 1.0
- d) Sanitech Pro

Q13: Bharat Tex 2024 event, inaugurated by PM Modi in Feb 2024 in New Delhi is related to which sector:

- a) Technology
- b) Agriculture
- c) **Textiles**
- d) Tourism

Q14: According to the Education Ministry, from which academic session onwards should the age of admission to Grade 1 be 6 years?

- a) 2026-27
- b) 2023-24
- c) **2024-25**
- d) 2025-26

Q15: What legislation mandates the age of admission to Grade 1 to be 6 years?

- a) National Education Policy Act
- b) Right to Education Amendment Act
- c) **Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009**
- d) Educational Reforms Act, 2010

Q16: What is the name of the country's longest signature stayed bridge, recently inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Gujarat?

- a) Bharati Setu
- b) **Sudarshan Setu**
- c) Dwarka Bridge
- d) Vishwa Setu

Q17: What is the name of the first private spacecraft to land on the Moon?

- a) Apollo 11
- b) Odyssey
- c) **Odysseus**
- d) Artemis

Q18: Which private company built the Odysseus spacecraft?

- a) SpaceX
- b) **Intuitive Machines**
- c) Blue Origin
- d) Boeing

Q19: Who emerged as the most popular global leader with a 78% approval rating by Morning Consult 2024?

- a) President of Mexico
- b) **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
- c) President of Argentina
- d) US President Joe Biden

Q20: What is the total investment in the two new Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors at Kakrapar Atomic Power Station?

- a) 20,000 crore rupees
- b) **22,500 crore rupees**
- c) 25,000 crore rupees
- d) 30,000 crore rupees

Q21: How many gram panchayats are expected to benefit from the Bharat Net Phase-II – Gujarat Fibre Grid Network Limited project?

- a) Over 5,000
- b) Over 6,000
- c) Over 7,000
- d) **Over 8,000**

Q22: What recent change has been approved by the Centre regarding Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in space sector?

- a) Increased restrictions on FDI in space sector
- b) **100% foreign investment allowed in the space sector**
- c) Limiting FDI to 50% in space sector
- d) Complete ban on foreign investment space sector

Q23: What is the 24-hour emergency helpline service number for the safety of women?

- a) **112**
- b) 100
- c) 108
- d) 181

Q24: What is the Raisina Dialogue?

- a) A music festival in New Delhi
- b) **An annual conference on geopolitics and geo-economics**
- c) A literary award ceremony
- d) A sports event promoting cultural exchange

Q25: What is the theme of the 2024 edition of the Raisina Dialogue?

- a) "Tech Frontiers: Regulations & Realities"
- b) "Peace with the Planet: Invest & Innovate"
- c) **"Chaturanga: Conflict, Contest, Cooperate, Create"**
- d) "Decolonising Multilateralism: Institutions & Inclusion"

Q26: Which is the largest multinational naval exercise of the Indian Navy?

- a) Operation Trident
- b) Exercise Varuna
- c) **MILAN**
- d) Operation TROPEX

Q27: Who is the current Prime minister of Greece?

- a) **Kyriakos Mitsotakis**
- b) Giorgos Gerapetritis
- c) Nikos Dendias
- d) Katerina Sakellariopoulou

Q28: Where did the Khelo India University Games Ashtalakshmi commence?

- a) Kolkata
- b) Mumbai
- c) **Guwahati**
- d) New Delhi

Q29: Which initiative aims to ensure the safety and quality of food consumed by millions of Indians?

- a) PM-CARES
- b) PM-KISAN
- c) **PM-ABHIM**
- d) PM-JAY

Q30: Who was awarded the Player of the Match in the Rajkot test?

- a) Shubman Gill
- b) Sarfaraz
- c) **Ravindra Jadeja**
- d) Mark Wood

Q31: Who won the women's Badminton Asia Team Championships title 2024 ?

- a) **India**
- b) Thailand
- c) China
- d) Indonesia

Q32: What is the purpose of satellite INSAT-3DS?

- a) Communication
- b) Earth observation
- c) **Meteorological observations**
- d) Space exploration

Q33: Which rocket was used to launch INSAT 3DS?

- a) PSLV
- b) GSLV Mk III
- c) GSLV Mk II
- d) **GSLV-F14**

Q34: Who has been honored with the 58th Jnanpith Award?

- a) Gulzar

- b) Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
- c) **Both A and B**
- d) None of the above

Q35: Which song from the film "Slumdog Millionaire" contributed to Gulzar's international acclaim?

- a) "Jai Ho"
- b) "Tere Bina"
- c) "Dil Se Re"
- d) "Chaiyya Chaiyya"

Q36: Who is the company operating Paytm Payments Bank?

- a) Paytm
- b) **One97 Communications**
- c) Reserve Bank of India
- d) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

Q37: Who is the only other Indian cricketer to have taken 500 wickets in Test history before Ravichandran Ashwin?

- a) Jasprit Bumrah
- b) Anil Kumble
- c) Harbhajan Singh
- d) Ishant Sharma

Q38: Who is the current Chief of the Indian Army?

- a) Gen Bipin Rawat
- b) Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag
- c) Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane
- d) **Gen Manoj Pande**

Q39: What did the Supreme Court do regarding the electoral bonds scheme for political funding?

- a. Upheld its constitutionality
- b. **Invalidated the scheme**
- c. Proposed amendments to the scheme
- d. Requested more information from the government

Q40: On what grounds did the Supreme Court declare the electoral bonds scheme as violating citizens' rights?

- a. Violation of privacy
- b. **Violation of the right to information**
- c. Unfair distribution of funds
- d. Lack of transparency in political funding

Q41: Who has been confirmed as the captain of the Indian cricket team for the 2024 T20 World Cup?

- a. Virat Kohli
- b. **Rohit Sharma**
- c. Ajinkya Rahane
- d. KL Rahul

Q42: Where is the 2024 T20 World Cup scheduled to be held?

- a. India and Sri Lanka
- b. Australia and New Zealand
- c. **Caribbean and the USA**
- d. South Africa and Zimbabwe

Q43: What is the significance of the BAPS Mandir in Abu Dhabi?

- a) It is the largest Hindu temple in the Middle East
- b) **It is the first traditional Hindu stone temple in the Middle East**
- c) It is a modern architectural marvel
- d) It is dedicated to promoting unity in the Indian community

Q44: What makes the proposed project at Kochi airport unique globally?

- a) Largest hydrogen plant in an airport
- b) **First Green Hydrogen plant in an airport**
- c) Most powerful hydrogen plant in an airport
- d) First solar-powered airport

Q45: What does APAAR stand for?

- a) **Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry**
- b) Academic Bank of Credits
- c) One Nation, One Student ID Card
- d) Digital India Initiative

Q46: What is the purpose of APAAR?

- a) **To track students' academic progress and achievements**
- b) To issue digital ID cards for government schools
- c) To facilitate streamlined admissions
- d) To promote cultural exchange

Q47: What is the objective of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana?

- a. Provide free water supply
- b. Promote rooftop gardening
- c. **Light up one crore households with free electricity**
- d. Enhance public transportation

Q48: Where was the recently discovered ancient stone wall located?

- a. Pacific Ocean
- b. **Baltic Sea**

- c. Mediterranean Sea
- d. North Sea

Q49: What city is launching the world's first air taxi service?

- a) Singapore
- b) **Dubai**
- c) Tokyo
- d) New York

Q50: What was the reason for the detention of the Indian Navy personnel in Qatar?

- a) Drug trafficking
- b) **Espionage**
- c) Terrorism
- d) Illegal immigration

Q51: After the announcement of Bharat Ratna to former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh, which political party decided to join the ruling NDA alliance?

- a. Biju Janta Dal (BJD)
- b. **Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD)**
- c. Rashtriya Janta Dal (RJD)
- d. Indian National Lok Dal (INLD)

Q52: Independent candidates who won the majority of seats in the general elections are largely affiliated with:

- a. Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)
- b. Pakistan People's Party (PPP)
- c. Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM)
- d. **Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)**

Q53: Where is the New Delhi World Book Fair 2024 being held?

- a) **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**
- b) India Expo Centre, Greater Noida
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi
- d) Thyagaraj Sports Complex, New Delhi

Q54: What is the full form of EPFO?

- a) **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation**
- b) Economic Protection and Financial Oversight
- c) Employment Promotion and Financial Operations
- d) Essential Provident Fund Obligation

Q55: Who emerged victorious in the Tennis Chennai Open ATP Challenger finale held on February 11, 2024?

- a) Prajnesh Gunneswaran
- b) Roger Federer

- c) Luca Nardi
- d) **Sumit Nagal**

Q56: Which country won the 2024 Under-19 Men's ODI Cricket World Cup?

- A) India
- B) **Australia**
- C) South Africa
- D) England

Q57: What is the primary objective of the Aadi Mahotsav 2024?

- a) To promote urban art and culture
- b) **To showcase the rich diversity of India's tribal heritage**
- c) To celebrate international cuisines
- d) To focus on modern technological advancements

Q58: Which Indian Prime Minister, also having served as Deputy Prime Minister, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, and Union Minister for Home Affairs and Finance?

- a) P V Narasimha Rao
- b) Dr. MS Swaminathan
- c) **Chaudhary Charan Singh**
- d) Narendra Modi

Q59: Which Prime Minister is credited with opening up the Indian economy during his term?

- a) Chaudhary Charan Singh
- b) **P V Narasimha Rao**
- c) Dr. MS Swaminathan
- d) Narendra Modi

Q60: Who is referred to as the "Father of India's Green Revolution"?

- a) Chaudhary Charan Singh
- b) P V Narasimha Rao
- c) **Dr. MS Swaminathan**
- d) Norman Borlaug

Q61: What is the primary purpose of the repo rate?

- a) **To regulate the money supply in the market and combat price inflation**
- b) To determine the operating bank rates
- c) To enhance the availability of funds for banks
- d) To stimulate consumer demand

Q62: What does FMR stand for in context of India and Myanmar?

- a. Foreign Ministry Resolution
- b. **Free Movement Regime**
- c. Federal Movement Restriction
- d. Frontier Management Regulation

Q63: Who won the SAFF U-19 Women's Championship in 2024?

- a. Bangladesh
- b. Nepal
- c. Bhutan
- d. **India**

Q64: Who introduced the Finance Bill, 2024, in the Lok Sabha?

- a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- b) Home Minister Amit Saha
- c) **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**
- d) Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary

Q65: What technology is the government planning to implement for toll collection on national highways?

- a) RFID technology
- b) **Satellite-based GPS**
- c) Facial recognition
- d) QR code scanning

Q66: How will toll charges be deducted under the new system for toll collection on national highways?

- a) Cash payments at toll booths
- b) Mobile wallet transactions
- c) **Direct deduction from bank accounts**
- d) Toll tickets issued manually

Q67: Who is the current Prime Minister of Guyana visiting India in February 2024?

- a) Justin Trudeau
- b) Droupadi Murmu
- c) **Mark Phillips**
- d) Boris Johnson

Q68: What is the name of the brand launched by government to provide subsidized rice directly to consumers in February 2024?

- a) Bharat Grains
- b) **Bharat Rice**
- c) Bharat Essentials
- d) Bharat Food

Q69: The main objective of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill is to:

- a) Increase the difficulty level of exams
- b) Reduce the number of public examinations
- c) **Ensure fair and just public examinations**

d) Introduce online exams for all subjects

Q70: What is the length of the Indo-Myanmar border that the Indian government plans to fence?

- a) **1,643 kilometers**
- b) 2,000 kilometers
- c) 1,000 kilometers
- d) 3,500 kilometers

Q71: What was the purpose of the free movement regime (FMR) along the Indo-Myanmar border?

- a) To promote tourism
- b) To facilitate trade
- c) **To allow people to venture 16 kilometers into each other's territory without documents**
- d) To strengthen border security

Q72: Why is the Indian government fencing the Indo-Myanmar border?

- a) To prevent wildlife trafficking
- b) **To curb insurgencies and smuggling**
- c) To promote cultural exchange
- d) To facilitate cross-border trade

Q73: Who leads the alliance government that won the trust vote in the Jharkhand State Assembly?

- a. Hemant Soren
- b. **Champai Soren**
- c. Ramdas Soren
- d. Indrajit Mahatha

Q74: Which prominent Indian musicians, who are part of the fusion band Shakti, won the Grammy Award in the Best Global Music Album category for their latest album "This Moment"?

- a) A.R. Rahman and Lata Mangeshkar
- b) **Shankar Mahadevan and Zakir Hussain**
- c) Hariharan and Kavita Krishnamurthy
- d) Sonu Nigam and Shreya Ghoshal

Q75: Which musical instrument does Rakesh Chaurasia, a veteran Indian classical musician, play?

- a) Sitar
- b) Tabla
- c) **Bansuri (Indian bamboo flute)**
- d) Harmonium

Q76: With which award will LK Advani be conferred in February 2024?

- a. Padma Bhushan
- b. **Bharat Ratna**
- c. Padma Vibhushan
- d. Param Vir Chakra

Q77: What is the name of the woman robot astronaut that will fly into space ahead of ISRO's "Gaganyaan" mission?

- a. Vyomnaut
- b. Gaganyaatri
- c. **Vyommitra**
- d. Astronautila

Q78: What specific functions will Vyommitra perform to ensure a smooth journey for future astronauts?

- a. Operating panels and responding to simple questions
- b. **Testing life support and communication systems**
- c. Piloting the spacecraft
- d. Conducting scientific experiments

Q79: Where is the Surajkund Crafts Mela held?

- a) Surajkund, Gurgaon
- b) Surajkund, Noida
- c) **Surajkund, Faridabad**
- d) Surajkund, Ghaziabad

Q80: Who built the historic reservoir in Surajkund in the 10th century?

- a) Akbar
- b) King Suraj Pal
- c) **Tomar dynasty**
- d) Draupadi Murmu

Q81: Which payment bank faced restrictions from RBI for "Breach of regulatory norms and non-compliance"?

- a. Airtel Payments Bank
- b. Fino Payments Bank
- c. **Paytm Payments Bank**
- d. Jio Payments Bank

Q82: What is the theme of World Wetlands Day 2024?

- a) Wetlands and Climate Change
- b) Wetlands and Sustainable Use
- c) **Wetlands and Human Wellbeing**
- d) Wetlands and Economic Development

Q83: How many Ramsar sites does India have after adding 5 new ones in 2024?

- a) 75
- b) **80**
- c) 85
- d) 90

Q84: What is the fiscal deficit target set in the interim budget for FY 2024-25?

- a. 3.5% of GDP
- b. 4.5% of GDP
- c. **5.1% of GDP**
- d. 6.0% of GDP

Q85: What is the status of income tax slabs or rates in the interim budget 2024-2025?

- a. Increased rates
- b. Decreased rates
- c. **No changes**
- d. Abolished

Q86. What was the reason behind Hemant Soren's resignation as Chief Minister of Jharkhand?

- a) He lost a vote of confidence in the assembly.
- b) **He was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a corruption case.**
- c) He resigned due to health reasons.
- d) He was asked to step down by his party.

Q87. Who will be the new Chief Minister of Jharkhand?

- a) Hemant Soren
- b) **Champai Soren**
- c) CP Radhakrishnan
- d) None of the above

Q88: What is the term used for the budget presented during the Budget Session before the general elections?

- a) Full budget
- b) **Interim budget**
- c) Supplementary budget
- d) Vote-on-account budget

Q89: Which state hosted the 2024 Khelo India Youth Games?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Haryana
- c) **Tamil Nadu**
- d) Karnataka

Q90. India is home to around 718 snow leopards, according to the first-ever population estimation exercise conducted by the Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India (SPAI) Programme. The highest number of snow leopards were recorded in which place?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Arunachal Pradesh
- e) **Ladakh**

Q91. Which state government has launched a new initiative called the 'Sadak Suraksha Force' to improve traffic movement and reduce road accidents in the state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) **Punjab**
- (e) Haryana

Q92. Which company sold a record 11.2 million vehicles in 2023, taking the crown as the world's top-selling automaker for a fourth straight year?

- (a) **Toyota Motor**
- (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd
- (c) Suzuki Motor Corporation
- (d) Mercedes-Benz
- (e) Tata Motors Ltd

Q93. In January 2024, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed which payments bank to cease all deposits and credit transactions after 29 February 2024?

- (a) Airtel Payments Bank
- (b) India Post Payments Bank
- (c) FINO Payments Bank
- (d) **Paytm Payments Bank**
- (e) Jio Payments Bank

Q94. Consider the following statements about the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2023:

- (i) **The index prepared by Economist Intelligence Unit.**
- (ii) **On a scale of 0 to 100 on which countries are judged, 0 is very clean and 100 is highly corrupt.**
- (iii) **India is at 93rd spot.**
- (iv) **India's overall score was 49 in 2023.**
- (v) **Denmark is the first place.**
- (vi) **Sudan is the most corrupt country.**

How many of the statements given above are INCORRECT?

- (a) only two
- (b) only three
- (c) **only four**
- (d) all are incorrect
- (e) all are correct

Q95. Sanjay Vinayak Mudaliar has been appointed as Executive Director of which bank?

- (a) **Bank of Baroda**
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank
- (c) Union Bank of India
- (d) Karnataka Bank
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank

Q96. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)?

- (a) Roger Binny
- (b) Rajeev Shukla
- (c) Zaka Ashraf
- (d) **Jay Shah**
- (e) Arjuna Ranatung

Q97. Consider the following statements about the Republic Day Parade 2024:

i. Best Marching Contingent – Rajputana Rifles Regimental Marching Contingent; by the panel of judges

ii. Odisha (Woman Empowerment in Viksit Bharat) Tableau at first position in the state/UTs; by the panel of judges

iii. Ministry of Culture (Bharat: Mother of Democracy) is Best Tableau in Ministries and Departments; by the panel of judges

iv. Best Marching Contingent– Sikh Regiment Contingent; by the citizens' vote

v. Gujrat (Dhordo: A Global Icon of Gujarat's Border Tourism) Tableau at first position in the state/UTs; by the citizens' vote

Find the Correct Statements?

- (a) only iii
- (b) only iii & iv
- (c) **only ii, iii & v**
- (d) only i, ii & iv
- (e) All are correct

Q98. What is the mascot of the Khelo India Winter Games 2024?

- (a) Nokki, Lekki, and Tsukki
- (b) Neve, Gliz and Aster

- (c) Miga, Quatchi, Sumi
- (d) **Sheen-e She**
- (e) Tun Tun

Q99. Who is the author of the book titled 'Ek Samandar, Mere Andar'?

- (a) Amitav Ghosh
- (b) Vikram Seth
- (c) Jhumpa Lahiri
- (d) **Sanjeev Joshi**
- (e) Priya A.S.

Q100. World Interfaith Harmony Week is celebrated annually on _____.

- (a) **1-7 February**
- (b) 2-7 February
- (c) 3-8 February
- (d) 1-6 February
- (e) 1-5 February

Q101. Indian Coast Guard Day is observed every year on February 1. The Indian Coast Guard was established on which year?

- (a) 1952
- (b) 1959
- (c) 1969
- (d) **1977**
- (e) 1988

Q102. How many sites recently added to Ramsar Sites from India?

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) **5**
- (d) 6
- (e) 7

Q103. Who has launched 'Ministry of Education - AICTE Investor Network' in New Delhi?

- (a) Anurag Thakur
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Smriti Irani
- (d) **Dharmendra Pradhan**
- (e) Amit Shah

Q104. North India's first human DNA bank has been established in which university?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru University

- (b) Lucknow University
- (c) Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University
- (d) **Banaras Hindu University**
- (e) University of Delhi

Q105. Which of the following countries are not join BRICS group recently?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) UAE
- (c) Egypt
- (d) Iran
- (e) **Iraq**

Q106. WHO has awarded its first-ever certificates validating progress in eliminating industrially produced trans fatty acids to five countries. What is the name of these five countries?

- (a) Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand
- (b) Denmark, India, Sweden, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand
- (c) Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, UAE, and Bangladesh
- (d) Finland, Sri Lanka, USA, China and Thailand
- (e) **Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand**

Q107. How much lakh crore rupees was GST collected in January 2024?

- (a) 1,45,867 crore
- (b) 1,64,882 crore
- (c) 1,72,003 crore
- (d) 1,60,122 crore
- (e) **1,72,129 crore**

Q108. As per Union Budget 2024, Government has allocated how much percent of GDP for Capital Expenditure Boost?

- (a) 3.2%
- (b) 3.3%
- (c) **3.4%**
- (d) 3.5%
- (e) 3.6%

Q109. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has revised estimate of the fiscal deficit for FY24 stands at what percent?

- (a) 5.2%
- (b) 5.4%
- (c) 5.6%
- (d) **5.8%**
- (e) 6.3%

Q110. Former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Harun Rashid Khan has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of which Small Finance Bank?

- (a) **AU Small Finance Bank Limited**
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited
- (c) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank
- (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited

Q111. Ibrahim Iskandar has become the new Sultan of which country?

- (a) **Malaysia**
- (b) Maldives
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Mauritius
- (e) Sri Lanka

Q112. In February 2024, who has taken oath as the Member of UPSC?

- (a) Smita Sarangi
- (b) **Sanjay Verma**
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey
- (d) Tanu Singh
- (e) Vivek Murthy

Q113. What is SARVATRA, which was seen in the news recently?

- (a) Military Operation
- (b) New alloy of steel
- (c) Missile System
- (d) **Multispan Mobile Bridging System**
- (e) New Version of INS Sarvan

Q114. Consider the following statements about 69th Filmfare Awards 2024:

- (i) The 69th edition of the Filmfare Awards 2024 took place in Goa.**
- (ii) Best Film - 12th Fail**
- (iii) Best Director -Vidhu Vinod Chopra (12th Fail)**
- (iv) Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male) – Ranbir Kapoor (Animal)**
- (v) Best Debut Director -Tarun Dudeja (Dhak Dhak)**

- (a) **only two**
- (b) only three
- (c) only four
- (d) all are incorrect
- (e) all are correct

Q115. Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 1 February
- (b) **2 February**

- (c) 3 February
- (d) 4 February
- (e) 5 February

Q116. Indian Navy has declared 2024 as " _____ ".

- (a) Year of Navy
- (b) Year of Naval Servants
- (c) Year of Naval INS
- (d) **Year of Naval Civilians**
- (e) Year of Civic

Q117. Which state government will launch the annual Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign to eradicate filariasis diseases from February 5 to 15?

- (a) **Uttar Pradesh**
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Q118. The Centre has announced an ambitious programme to upgrade how many standard rail coaches to Vande Bharat standards in Budget 2024?

- (a) 400
- (b) 4000
- (c) **40000**
- (d) 400000
- (e) 10000

Q119. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced that PM SVANIDHI, a flagship initiative focusing on street vendors has extended credit assistance to _____ street vendors across the country.

- (a) 68 lakh
- (b) **78 lakh**
- (c) 88 lakh
- (d) 98 lakh
- (e) 58 lakh

Q120. The Defence Budget has touched Rs 6.21 lakh crore in the Financial Year 2024-25. This comes out to be _____ of total Union Budget 2024.

- (a) 11.04%
- (b) 12.04%
- (c) **13.04%**
- (d) 14.04%
- (e) 15.04%

Q121. India and which country have signed an agreement to provide a framework for collaboration in new areas of defence engagement including procurement of military equipment?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Ghana
- (c) Sudan
- (d) Zimbabwe
- (e) **Oman**

Q122. For which age group did Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has proposed to “encourage vaccination as a preventive measure against cervical cancer”?

- (a) 10 -18 Years
- (b) 9 -15 Years
- (c) **9 -14 Years**
- (d) 10 -14 Years
- (e) 9 -18 Years

Q123. Tamil Superstar Vijay has recently launched his political party. What is the name of party?

- (a) Tamilaga Kazhagam
- (b) Tamilaga Metri Kazhagam
- (c) Tamil Vetri Kazhagam
- (d) Tamilaga Vetri Kazim
- (e) **Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam**

Q124. According to RBI, what percentage of Rs 2,000 notes have returned to the system by January 31, 2024?

- (a) **97.50%**
- (b) 98.50%
- (c) 99.50%
- (d) 96.50%
- (e) 95.50%

Q125. Consider the following statements about Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2024:

- (i) **PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Surajkund International Crafts Mela - 2024 at Surajkund in Faridabad.**
- (ii) **This is 37th edition of Surajkund International Crafts Mela.**
- (iii) **Tanzania is a partner country for the mela.**
- (iv) **Uttar Pradesh is the theme state.**

How many of the statements given above are INCORRECT?

- (a) **only two**
- (b) only three
- (c) only one
- (d) all are incorrect

(e) all are correct

Q126. Who has been selected as a torchbearer for 2024 Paris Olympic Games?

- (a) Sakshi Malik
- (b) **Abhinav Bindra**
- (c) Gagan Narang
- (d) Mary Kom
- (e) Neeraj Chopra

Q127. Who has been given the "Maha Gaurav 2024" award by Maharashtra government?

- (a) Smriti Irani
- (b) **Nikhil Wagh**
- (c) Chalu Pandey
- (d) Ratan Tata
- (e) Lal Krishna Advani

Q128. US State Department has approved how many Q-9B SkyGuardian drones to India for nearly \$4 billion?

- (a) 11
- (b) 21
- (c) **31**
- (d) 41
- (e) 52

Q129. International Day of Human Fraternity is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 1 February
- (b) 2 February
- (c) 3 February
- (d) **4 February**
- (e) 5 February

Q130. Which state's police have adopted Self-Balancing e-scooters for Smart patrols?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) **Uttarakhand**

Q131. Who has inaugurated the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) - Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference (CASGC) 2024 in New Delhi?

- (a) **Narendra Modi**
- (b) Amit Shah

- (c) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
- (d) Droupadi Murmu
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Q132. NPCI International Payments (NIPL) has partnered with which company to enable UPI payments from the Eiffel Tower in France?

- (a) Adyen
- (b) Payoneer
- (c) Global Payment
- (d) Shopify
- (e) **Lyra**

Q133. Consider the following statements about Brand Guardianship Index 2024:

- (i) The index is compiled by World Economic Forum.**
- (ii) Mukesh Ambani ranked first among all the Indians and second globally in the index.**
- (iii) The score of Mukesh Ambani in index is 81.6.**
- (iv) The Index is topped by Huateng Ma.**

How many of the statements given above are INCORRECT?

- (a) **only two**
- (b) only three
- (c) only one
- (d) all are incorrect
- (e) all are correct

Q134. Digital payments across the country registered a growth of how much per cent in a year through March 2023, as per RBI's index that measures the adoption of online transactions?

- (a) 9.94 percent
- (b) **10.94 percent**
- (c) 11.94 percent
- (d) 12.94 percent
- (e) 13.94 percent

Q135. What is the allocated budget for Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) issuance in the upcoming fiscal year 2024-25?

- (a) 1600 crore
- (b) 2100 crore
- (c) 3000 crore
- (d) **3500 crore**
- (e) 4000 crore

Q136. Which small finance bank has partnered with Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance to offer Life Insurance?

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited

- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited
- (c) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited
- (d) **ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited**
- (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited

Q137. What percentage of increase in volume and value did January's 2024 UPI transactions have compared to the same month in the previous financial year?

- (a) 42% volume, 52% value
- (b) 60% volume, 40% value
- (c) 35% volume, 65% value
- (d) 42% volume, 38% value
- (e) **52% volume, 42% value**

Q138. Which country has won the first FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup 2024?

- (a) Malaysia
- (b) **Netherland**
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) India
- (e) Sri Lanka

Q139. Who has been appointed as the head of its consumer lending and mortgages in Bandhan Bank?

- (a) Smita Sarangi
- (b) **Santosh Nair**
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey
- (d) Tanu Singh
- (e) Vivek Murthy

Q140. The Indian Air Force will be conducting Exercise Vayu Shakti-24 on 17 February 2024 at which place?

- (a) **Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**
- (b) Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- (e) Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand

Q141. 59-year-old cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko has broken the world record for the most cumulative time spent in space. He is from which country?

- (a) Australia
- (b) **Russia**
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) China

Q142. Who has released a book titled "9 Incredible Years of Haryana Government: Emergence of a New and Vibrant Haryana" in Surajkund, Faridabad?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Manohar Lal Khattar
- (d) Droupadi Murmu
- (e) **Jagdeep Dhankhar**

Q143. World Cancer Day is observed globally on which day?

- (a) 6 February
- (b) 7 February
- (c) 8 February
- (d) **4 February**
- (e) 5 February

Q144. Hage Geingob passed away recently at the age of 82. He was the president of which country?

- (a) Mangolia
- (b) Ghana
- (c) Sudan
- (d) **Namibia**
- (e) Oman

Q145. Which state government has launched a welfare scheme "Mahtari Vandan Yojana" to provide financial assistance for married women?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Assam
- (d) Bihar
- (e) **Chhattisgarh**

Q146. In February 2024, Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of projects worth over ₹1330 crore in which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) **Goa**
- (d) Himachal Pradesh
- (e) Punjab

Q147. Dr Jitendra Singh has released the theme for the "National Science Day 2024" titled _____.

- (a) Indigenous Technologies for Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- (b) **Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat**
- (c) Indigenous Technologies for Vikas Sheel Bharat
- (d) Indigenous Technologies for Amrit Kaal

(e) Indigenous Technologies for 2047

Q148. Which state government has launched 'Chief Minister Vayoshree Yojana' for senior citizens who suffer from some physical or mental disability?

- (a) **Maharashtra**
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Himachal Pradesh
- (e) Punjab

Q149. Which state's cabinet has approved the creation of two new districts for ease of administration to carve out Keyi Panyor district from Lower Subansiri and Bichom from East and West Kameng districts?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Assam
- (d) **Arunachal Pradesh**
- (e) Meghalaya

Q150. President Nayib Bukele has re-elected as the president of which country?

- (a) Finland
- (b) Scotland
- (c) **El Salvador**
- (d) Eritrea
- (e) Finland

Q151. State Bank of India (SBI) has reported a drop in net profit for the first time in 12 quarters, with its third quarter (Q3FY24) standalone net profit declining how much per cent year-on-year (yoy) to ₹9,164 crore?

- (a) 25.5%
- (b) **35.5%**
- (c) 45.5%
- (d) 15.5%
- (e) 23.5%

Q152. Who has been appointed as the Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare?

- (a) Smita Sarangi
- (b) Arindam Bagchi
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey
- (d) Tanu Singh
- (e) **Apurva Chandra**

Q153. Justice Ritu Bahri was sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of the which High Court?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) **Uttarakhand**

Q154. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed _____ as its country director for India.

- (a) **Mio Oka**
- (b) Arindam Bagchi
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey
- (d) Tanu Singh
- (e) Senthil Pandian C

Q155. Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak has been elected the new Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) **Yemen**
- (b) Ghana
- (c) Sudan
- (d) Zimbabwe
- (e) Oman

Q156. The government has set a target to have 25,000 Janaushadhi Kendras across the country by which year?

- (a) March 2025
- (b) **March 2026**
- (c) December 2025
- (d) December 2026
- (e) June 2025

Q157. Safer Internet Day is celebrated every year on which day?

- (a) **6 February**
- (b) 7 February
- (c) 8 February
- (d) 9 February
- (e) 10 February

Q158. International Day of Zero Tolerance against Female Genital Mutilation is observed every year on which day?

- (a) **6 February**
- (b) 7 February
- (c) 8 February
- (d) 9 February
- (e) 10 February

Q159. Mir Mohammad Farooq Nazki died at the age of 83. Who was he?

- (a) **Poet**
- (b) Politician
- (c) Actor
- (d) Social Worker
- (e) Historian

Q160. Who has launched the EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme in New Delhi?

- (a) Anurag Thakur
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Smriti Irani
- (d) **Dharmendra Pradhan**
- (e) Amit Shah

Q161. Who has kicked off the BIMSTEC Aquatics Championships 2024 in New Delhi?

- (a) **Anurag Thakur**
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Jitendra Singh
- (d) Nitin Gadkari
- (e) Amit Shah

Q162. In February 2024, which country has approved a visa-free policy for Indian citizens for a maximum stay of 15 days?

- (a) **Iran**
- (b) Iraq
- (c) UAE
- (d) Syria
- (e) Saudi Arabia

Q163. Aether Industries will commission a 15 MW solar power project (Auto-Tracker Modules) under the Captive Power Producer (CPP) segment in which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) **Gujarat**
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Q164. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), by which year India will become the largest source of global oil demand growth as its domestic production is down by 22 per cent?

- (a) 2028
- (b) **2030**
- (c) 2035

(d) 2032

(e) 2029

Q165. Bihar State Disaster Management Authority and IIT Patna have collaborated to develop a pendant-shaped device called NITISH for farmers. What is the meaning of second "I" in "NITISH"?

(a) Initiative

(b) Innovation

(c) **Intervention**

(d) Insurance

(e) Inclusive

Q166. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of how much percent stake by Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. (Acquirer) in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Target)?

(a) 35%

(b) 55%

(c) 50%

(d) **70%**

(e) 85%

Q167. Which bank has launched four new small and medium enterprises (SME)-focused credit cards "BizFirst, BizGrow, BizPower, and BizBlack" to cater to the specific needs of entrepreneurs, freelancers, and professionals?

(a) South Indian Bank

(b) Axis Bank

(c) Yes Bank

(d) **HDFC Bank**

(e) ICICI Bank

Q168. Max Financial Services has received approval from Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for capital infusion of Rs 1,612 crore by which bank into the company's material subsidiary, Max Life Insurance?

(a) Federal Bank

(b) **Axis Bank**

(c) Yes Bank

(d) HDFC Bank

(e) IndusInd Bank

Q169. IIT Madras has partnered with which company to develop India's first indigenously-designed 155mm Smart Ammunition to achieve indigenization in the defence sector?

(a) **Munitions India Limited**

(b) Armoured Vehicles Nigam

(c) Advanced Weapons and Equipment India

- (d) Tata Advanced Systems
- (e) Bharat Electronics Limited

Q170. Which IIT has achieved a major milestone by successfully establishing and testing India's first hypervelocity expansion tunnel test facility?

- (a) IIT Guwahati
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) **IIT Kanpur**
- (e) IIT Roorkee

Q171. Who has been honored with the 'Outstanding Business Woman of the Year 2023' award by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh?

- (a) Tina Modi
- (b) Parul Modi
- (c) Anshika Modi
- (d) Sapna Modi
- (e) **Bina Modi**

Q172. Who has recently received the 'Lifetime Achievement' award from the Sports Journalists Federation of India and the Delhi Sports Journalists Association?

- (a) Ravi Shastri
- (b) **PT Usha**
- (c) Rahul Dravid
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- (e) Neeraj Chopra

Q173. National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 6 February
- (b) **7 February**
- (c) 8 February
- (d) 9 February
- (e) 10 February

Q174. Microsoft has announced an ambitious initiative "Dubbed ADVANTA(I)GE INDIA" to equip 2 million people in India with skills in artificial intelligence by which year?

- (a) **2025**
- (b) 2026
- (c) 2027
- (d) 2028
- (e) 2029

Q175. Divya Kala Mela 2024 has been organized in which state?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Assam
- (d) Manipur
- (e) Meghalaya

Q176. Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami has initiated the "Dhami against drugs campaign". The campaign aims to eradicate drug abuse and cultivate a healthier, drug-free society by which year?

- (a) 2025
- (b) 2026
- (c) 2027
- (d) 2028
- (e) 2029

Q177. Which countries have been declared the guests of honor at the 2024 World Governments Summit which set to take place in Dubai from February 12 to 14?

- (a) India, UAE & Qatar
- (b) India, Türkiye & Saudi Arabia
- (c) India, UK & Ukraine
- (d) India, Iran & Qatar
- (e) **India, Türkiye & Qatar**

Q178. According to the recent RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), which of the following rate(s) is/are INCORRECT?

- (i) Repo Rate – 6.5%
 - (ii) Bank Rate – 6.25%
 - (iii) MSF – 6.5%
 - (iv) SDF – 6.75%
 - (v) GDP Growth Rate FY 25 – 7%
- (a) only i
 - (b) only i, ii
 - (c) only ii, iii
 - (d) **only ii, iii, iv**
 - (e) only iii, iv, v

RBI Current Policy Rate are as

- Policy Repo Rate – 6.50%
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) - 6.25%
- Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) - 6.75%
- Bank Rate - 6.75%
- Reverse Repo Rate – 3.35%
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) – 4.50%
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) – 18

Q179. Which company has launched a new life insurance plan "Index Plus"?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
- (d) **Life Insurance Corporation of India**
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance

Q180. In February 2024, which bank has raised \$300 million through its first-ever sustainable finance bond issue?

- (a) South Indian Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) Yes Bank
- (d) **HDFC Bank**
- (e) ICICI Bank

Q181. Name the bank that has partnered with Flywire Corporation to revolutionise the landscape of international education payments for Indian students.

- (a) **State Bank of India**
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) Yes Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) Canara Bank

Q182. Karnataka Bank has launched its centenary campaign, 'Bharat Ka Karnataka Bank'. What is the tagline of Karnataka Bank?

- (a) India's International Bank
- (b) Experience our Expertise
- (c) Badhti Ka naam Zindagi
- (d) Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka
- (e) **Your Family Bank Across India**

Q183. Venkatachalam H has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of which private life insurer company?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz Insurance
- (b) Bharti AXA Insurance
- (c) SBI Life Insurance
- (d) Max Life Insurance
- (e) **Tata AIA Life Insurance**

Q184. Olzhas Bektenov has been appointed as the new prime minister of which country?

- (a) **Kazakhstan**
- (b) Uzbekistan
- (c) Tajikistan
- (d) Kyrgyzstan

(e) Turkmenistan

Q185. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has appointed whom as non-executive chairman of the Board and independent director for a period of three years?

- (a) Rajnish Kumar
- (b) **Ajay Kumar Choudhary**
- (c) Deepak Mohanty
- (d) Tablesh Pandey
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty

Q186. In February 2024, Which stadium has been re-named as the Niranjn Shah Stadium?

- (a) **Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium, Rajkot**
- (b) Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai
- (c) MA Chidambaram Stadium, Bengaluru
- (d) Eden Gardens, Kolkata
- (e) Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Hyderabad

Q187. Who is the author of the book titled "Artificial Intelligence and National Security"?

- (a) **Anil Chauhan**
- (b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Ajit Doval
- (e) S Jaishankar

Q188. A stunning picture of a sleeping polar bear 'Ice Bed' has won the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award. The portrait titled 'Ice Bed' has been clicked by which photographer?

- (a) Farhan Qurashi
- (b) Atul Kasbekar
- (c) Ansel Adams
- (d) Dorothea Lange
- (e) **Nima Sarikhani**

Q189. In February 2024, the Union Cabinet has approved auctions in how many spectrum bands for mobile phone services at a base price of Rs 96,317.65 crore to improve the quality of telecom services?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) **8**
- (e) 11

Q190. In February 2024, Union Cabinet has approved a Rs 6,000 crore sub-scheme under the flagship Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with the objective of formalizing the largely unorganized fisheries sector in the country. In which year Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) was launched?

- (a) 2019
- (b) **2020**
- (c) 2021
- (d) 2022
- (e) 2017

Q191. The Centre Government has launched a portal 'SARATHI' that aims to help insurance companies reach out to farmers and rural population with tailored products as well as the government's subsidized insurance products including Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). What is the full form of 'SARATHI'?

- (a) Smart for Agricultural and Rural Security, Technology and Insurance
- (b) Sandbox for Agricultural and Rural Safety, Technology and Insurance
- (c) Sandbox for Agricultural and Rural Security, Terms and Insurance
- (d) **Sandbox for Agricultural and Rural Security, Technology and Insurance**
- (e) Subsidized for Agricultural and Rural Security, Technology and Insurance

Q192. In February 2024, Tech giant Google has signed an MoU with which state government to provide artificial intelligence (AI)-led solutions across key sectors in the state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) **Maharashtra**
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Q193. Adani Gas Pvt Ltd and which company will invest 25 billion rupees (\$301.24 million) over four years to double gas sales to small industries and households in India?

- (a) Hindustan Petroleum
- (b) **Indian Oil Corporation**
- (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- (d) Reliance Petroleum
- (e) Bharat Petroleum

Q194. Tata Trusts has launched India's first state-of-the-art Small Animal Hospital to save the lives of pets and strengthen the bond between pet parents and veterinarians in which city?

- (a) Varanasi
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Bhubaneswar
- (d) Ahmedabad

(e) Mumbai

Q195. What is the rank of India in the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) annual list of top 10 countries and regions in the world for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification in 2023?

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) **3rd**
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

Q196. The Uttar Pradesh government will set up the country's first conservation centre for Gangatiri cows in which city?

- (a) Ayodhya
- (b) **Varanasi**
- (c) Kanpur
- (d) Lucknow
- (e) Noida

Q197. Papanasam beach, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) **Kerala**

Q198. Ravi Kumar Jha has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which of the following company?

- (a) Muthoot Finance
- (b) SBI Life Insurance
- (c) **LIC Mutual Fund**
- (d) LIC Housing Finance
- (e) State Bank of India

Q199. Former PM PV Narasimha Rao, Charan Singh, and scientist Dr MS Swaminathan will be conferred with the Bharat Ratna. In which year Bharat Ratna was established?

- (a) 1947
- (b) 1949
- (c) 1950
- (d) 1952
- (e) **1954**

Q200. India was declared joint winners of SAFF Women's U-19 Championships with which country?

- (a) Tanzania
- (b) **Bangladesh**
- (c) Oman
- (d) Singapore
- (e) UAE

Q201. World Pulses Day is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 11 February
- (b) 12 February
- (c) 8 February
- (d) 9 February
- (e) **10 February**

Q202. The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is celebrated every year on which day?

- (a) **11 February**
- (b) 12 February
- (c) 8 February
- (d) 9 February
- (e) 10 February

Q203. Sebastian Pinera, who recently died in a helicopter crash, was the former president of which country?

- (a) Netherland
- (b) Denmark
- (c) **Chile**
- (d) Finland
- (e) Scotland

Q204. In February 2024, how much amount of loan has been signed by ADB to tackle the flood and erosion risk along Brahmaputra River?

- (a) \$100 million
- (b) **\$200 million**
- (c) \$300 million
- (d) \$400 million
- (e) \$500 million

Q205. In February 2024, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated the World Sustainable Development Summit in New Delhi. The summit has been organized by which of the following?

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

- (d) **The Energy and Resources Institute**
(e) India Global Forum

Q206. Which company will jointly work with South Eastern Railway (SER) to develop sustainable rail infrastructure by utilizing its slag-based aggregates?

- (a) ReNew Power
(b) Jindal Steel and Power
(c) **Tata Steel**
(d) Reliance Steel
(e) Torrent Power

Q207. Which edition of Miss World will be held in India from February 18 to March 9?

- (a) 70th
(b) **71st**
(c) 72nd
(d) 73rd
(e) 74th

Q208. Railway Protection Force (RPF) will host the 67th All India Police Duty Meet (AIPDM) in which city?

- (a) **Lucknow**
(b) New Delhi
(c) Bhubaneswar
(d) Ahmedabad
(e) Mumbai

Q209. In February 2024, which of the following companies have received the final authorization from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as payment aggregators?

- (i) Juspay
(ii) Zoho
(iii) Instamojo
(iv) Freecharge
(v) Decentro
(a) only i & ii
(b) only ii & iii
(c) **only i, ii & v**
(d) only i, ii & iv
(e) only i, v

Q210. The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has fixed how much percent interest rate on provident fund deposits for 2023-24, the highest in three years?

- (a) 8.10%

- (b) 8.15%
- (c) **8.25%**
- (d) 8.45%
- (e) 8.65%

Q211. Who has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of The Fit India movement, a flagship initiative by the Government of India?

- (a) Anshika Singh
- (b) Radhika Goel
- (c) Vasudha Gupta
- (d) Shivani Tyagi
- (e) **Narendra Kumar Yadav**

Q212. Aerospace giant Embraer has partnered with Indian conglomerate Mahindra Group to work on C-390 Millennium aircraft. Embraer is the company of which country?

- (a) France
- (b) Italy
- (c) UK
- (d) USA
- (e) **Brazil**

Q213. Which of the following has been awarded the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award (NMA) by the World Health Organization (WHO) for Health Promotion?

- (a) IIT Hyderabad
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) **National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences**
- (e) AIIMS Delhi

Q214. Who has been felicitated with the Lakshminarayana International Award?

- (a) Alka Yagnik
- (b) Shreya Ghoshal
- (c) Sonu Nigam
- (d) Udit Narayan
- (e) **Pyarelal Sharma**

Recent Awards :

Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award - Stunning Sleepy Polar Bear (Ice Bed); clicked by Nima Sarikhani.

Lifetime Achievement award by Sports Journalists Federation of India & Delhi Sports Journalists Association - PT Usha

Outstanding Business Woman of the Year 2023 by Rajnath Singh - Dr. Bina Modi

Maha Gaurav 2024 award by Maharashtra govt - Nikhil Mukund Wagh.

The UK's Blavatnik Awards - 3 Indian Scientist (Rahul R Nair, Mehul Malik, and Tanmay Bharat)

Q215. Who has been honoured with a plaque at the famous Ice Palace at Jungfrauoch, known as the 'Top of Europe', in Switzerland?

- (a) **Neeraj Chopra**
- (b) DP Manu
- (c) Rohit Yadav
- (d) Kishore Kumar
- (e) Arshad Nadeem

Q216. Consider the following statements about Under-19 Men's World Cup 2024:

(i) Australia has won the Under 19 Men's ODI World Cup beating India.

(ii) This is the sixth title of Australia.

(iii) New Zealand was the host country of this world cup.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) **only one**
- (b) only two
- (c) All are correct
- (d) All are incorrect

Q217. Which team has won the 15th CEC Ice Hockey Cup Championship at Khree Sultan Choo Ice Hockey Rink, Kargil, Ladakh?

- (a) Kharu
- (b) Bodhkharbo
- (c) Wakha Mulbkeh
- (d) **Drass Warriors**
- (e) None of above

Q218. International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and When Conducive to Terrorism (PVE Day) is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 11 February
- (b) **12 February**
- (c) 13 February
- (d) 14 February
- (e) 15 February

Q219. World Day of the Sick is observed every year on which day?

- (a) **11 February**
- (b) 12 February
- (c) 13 February
- (d) 14 February
- (e) 15 February

Q220. National Productivity Day is celebrated every year in India on 12 February.

What is the theme of National Productivity Day 2024?

- (a) Self-Reliance through Productivity
- (b) Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability
- (c) Industry 4.0 Leapfrog Opportunity for India
- (d) **Artificial Intelligence (AI)- Productivity Engine for Economic Growth**
- (e) A chance to set goals 2047

Q221. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has signed an MoU with which IIT for clean energy innovation?

- (a) IIT Guwahati
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) **IIT Bhubaneswar**
- (e) IIT Roorkee

IITs in News

- IIT Kanpur develops India's first hypervelocity expansion tunnel test facility
- IIT Madras to open new campus at Kandy in Sri Lanka
- ArcelorMittal partners with IIT Madras to create Hyperloop facility in Tamil Nadu
- Reliance Jio joins hands with IIT Bombay to launch Bharat GPT
- IIT Guwahati collaborated with Assam govt's Arohan Scheme over STEM
- Indian Navy signed MoU with IIT Kanpur to promote technology development

Q222. In February 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched multiple development projects worth about 7,300 crore rupees in which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) **Madhya Pradesh**

Q223. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has unveiled a life-size statue of General Bipin Rawat in which city?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) **Dehradun**
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram

Q224. Which company has made an additional investment of ₹537 crore in its UK subsidiary Optare PLC in the electric vehicle arm Switch Mobility field?

- (a) Blue Energy Motors

- (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd
- (c) Suzuki Motor Corporation
- (d) **Ashok Leyland**
- (e) Tata Motors Ltd

Q225. According to data released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, what is India's retail inflation in January 2024?

- (a) **5.1%**
- (b) 5.2%
- (c) 5.3%
- (d) 5.4%
- (e) 5.5%

Q226. Who has been appointed as CEO of Sundaram Asset Management (SMC)?

- (a) Smita Sarangi
- (b) Arindam Bagchi
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey
- (d) Tanu Singh
- (e) **Anand Radhakrishnan**

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Non-executive Chairman of NPCI Board** - Ajay Kumar Choudhary (replace Biswamohan Mahapatra)
- **MD & CEO of Tata AIA Life Insurance** - Venkatachalam H (replace Naveen Tahilyani)
- **Consumer lending and mortgages head of Bandhan Bank** - Santosh Nair (replace Shantanu Sengupta)
- **Non-executive chairman of AU Small Finance Bank** - HR Khan (replace Raj Verma)
- **Executive Director of Bank of Baroda** - Sanjay Vinayak Mudaliar

Q227. The RBI has increased the ceiling on fees payable to non-executive directors of banks to how much rupees per year from the existing level of 20 lakh rupees?

- (a) 25 lakh
- (b) **30 lakh**
- (c) 40 lakh
- (d) 50 lakh
- (e) 1 crore

Q228. In February 2024, Following France India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI) services were roll out in _____ and _____.

- (a) Sri Lanka and Bangladesh
- (b) Sri Lanka and Bhutan
- (c) Nepal and Mauritius

- (d) Bhutan and Mauritius
(e) **Sri Lanka and Mauritius**

Q229. In February 2024, Paytm E-commerce has rebranded itself as Pai Platforms, marking a shift in its corporate identity. Paytm has recently acquired which of the following E-commerce Platform?

- (a) Kia Fashion
(b) Snapdeal
(c) Smart Point
(d) **Bitsila**
(e) Kinley

Q230. Chennai Super Kings have appointed whom as its brand ambassador for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024?

- (a) Anushka Sharma
(b) Alia Bhatt
(c) Priyanka Chopra
(d) **Katrina Kaif**
(e) Aishwarya Rai

Recent Brand Ambassador

- Fit India Movement - IRS Officer Narendra Kumar Yadav
- Hrithik Roshan - 3rd RuPay Prime Volleyball League
- Katie Moon - 19th edition of the Tata Mumbai Marathon ambassador
- Rishabh Pant – Iodex Ultra Gel+
- Deepika Padukone - Bisleri (Campaign Name - #DrinkItUp)

Q231. Sindhu Ganapathy has been appointed as the first transwoman Travelling Ticket Examiner (TTE) of _____.

- (a) Eastern Railway
(b) Western Railway
(c) **Southern Railway**
(d) Northern Railway
(e) South-Western Railway

Q232. Consider the following statements about 'PAR' and 'IUHDSS', that was seen in news recently:

- (i) **PAR stands for Potable Approach Radar.**
(ii) **IUHDSS stands for Integrated Underwater Harbour Defence and Surveillance System.**
(iii) **IUHDSS will be helpful in safely landing the aircraft in low visibility conditions like heavy rain and fog.**

(iv) PAR is capable of detecting, identifying and tracking surface and underwater targets in the vicinity of Naval Dockyards.

How many of the above given statements are INCORRECT.

- (a) only one
- (b) only two
- (c) **only three**
- (d) all are correct
- (e) all are incorrect

Q233. Who has been awarded KPP Nambiar Award for 2024 by Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Kerala Section?

- (a) **S Somanath**
- (b) Ritu Karidhal
- (c) A. S. Kiran Kuma
- (d) Kailasavadivoo Sivan
- (e) P Veeramuthuvel

Recent Awards

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Q234. World Radio Day is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 11 February
- (b) 12 February
- (c) **13 February**
- (d) 14 February
- (e) 15 February

Q235. International Epilepsy Day has been observed every on which day?

- (a) **Second Monday of February**
- (b) Second Tuesday of February
- (c) Second Wednesday of February
- (d) Second Thursday of February
- (e) Second Sunday of February

Q236. Dattajirao Gaekwad passed away recently at the age of 95. He was related to which sport?

- (a) Hockey
- (b) Tennis
- (c) Kabaddi
- (d) Football
- (e) **Cricket**

Q237. The men's marathon world record holder, Kelvin Kiptum, 24, has died in a road accident. He was from which country?

- (a) **Kenya**
- (b) Uganda
- (c) USA
- (d) Zambia
- (e) Egypt

Q238. Which company has acquired a 60 per cent stake in US-based insurtech Aggne Global for \$66 million to strengthen its competitive advantage in the insurance sector?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Apple
- (c) Infosys
- (d) **Wipro**
- (e) IBM

Q239. Which state government has decided to provide interest-free loans up to Rs 1 lakh to youth of the state under the new government scheme 'Swayam'?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) **Odisha**
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Telangana

About Odisha

- **Capital** – Bhubaneswar
- **Chief Minister** – Naveen Patnaik
- **Governor** – Raghubar Das (26th)

Recent Scheme in News

- **CM Vayoshree Yojana (Maharashtra)** – For senior citizens who suffer from some physical or mental disability
- **Mahtari Vandan Yojana (Chhattisgarh)** – To provide Rs 1,000 financial assistance for married women.
- **Yuva Nidhi Scheme (Karnataka)** - To provide aid for Jobless Youth
- **Yogyasree Scheme (West Bengal)** - To provide free training modules for SC & ST Students

Q240. Consider the following statements about "APAAR: One Nation One Student ID Card":

- (i) **APAAR stands for Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry.**
 - (ii) **It is a distinct and permanent 10-digit ID to each student.**
 - (iii) **This ID serves to centralize their academic accomplishments, providing easy access to their educational records.**
 - (iv) **The Education Ministry has proposed a deadline of 2027-28 for 100% integration of the education records of all students through the ID.**
- Find the incorrect statements.**

- (a) only i & ii
- (b) only ii & iii
- (c) only iii & iv
- (d) **only ii & iv**
- (e) all are correct

Q241. Which state government has declared 'Kaji Nemu' (citrus lemon) as its state fruit?

- ?
- (a) Tripura
 - (b) Mizoram
 - (c) Assam
 - (d) Manipur
 - (e) Meghalaya

About Assam

- **Capital** – Dispur
- **Chief Minister** – Himanta Biswa Sarma
- **Governor** – Gulab Chand Kataria
- **State Fruit** - Kaji Nemu

Q242. The 'Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director', which is part of the National Film Awards, has been renamed on the recommendation of the Committee for Rationalization of Film Awards. What is the new name of this award?

- (a) Sushma Swaraj Award Best Debut Film of a Director
- (b) Best Debut Promoting Film of a Director
- (c) Dadasaheb Phalke Award Best Debut Film of a Director
- (d) **Best Debut Film of a Director**
- (e) Best Film of a Director

Q243. Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) has signed an MoU with which company for setting up a green hydrogen plant in the premises of Cochin Airport?

- (a) Hindustan Petroleum

- (b) Indian Oil Corporation
- (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- (d) Steel Authority of India Limited
- (e) **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited**

Q244. Who has been elected the President and Vice President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) respectively?

- (a) Parul Agarwal and Charanjot Singh Nanda
- (b) Rohit Kumar Agarwal and Charanjot Singh Nanda
- (c) Richa Agarwal and Chanchal Singh Nanda
- (d) **Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal and Charanjot Singh Nanda**
- (e) Rajnish Goel and Charanjot Singh Nanda

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- **Consumer lending and mortgages head of Bandhan Bank** - Santosh Nair (Shantanu Sengupta)

Q245. Former Prime Minister Alexander Stubb has been elected the president of which country?

- (a) Netherland
- (b) Denmark
- (c) Brazil
- (d) **Finland**
- (e) Scotland

About Finland

- Capital- Helsinki
- Currency- Euro
- Prime Minister- Petteri Orpo
- President - Alexander Stubb

Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President

- Prime Minister of Kazakhstan - Olzhas Bektenov
- Prime Minister of Yemen - Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak
- President of El Salvador - Nayib Bukele (2nd time)
- Sultan of Malaysia - Ibrahim Iskandar

Q246. According to the Ministry of Commerce data, what is India's wholesale price index-based inflation in January 2024?

- (a) 0.73%
- (b) 0.69%
- (c) **0.27%**
- (d) 0.47%
- (e) 0.37%

Recent WPI-based Wholesale inflation in India

- **August 2023** – (-) 0.52%
- **September 2023** – (-) 0.26%
- **October 2023** – (-) 0.52%
- **November 2023** – 0.26%
- **December 2023** – 0.73%

Q247. Which company has commissioned 14 MW of capacity at its Ayodhya Solar Photovoltaic Project?

- (a) ReNew Power
- (b) Adani Enterprises
- (c) JSW Energy
- (d) **NTPC Green Energy**
- (e) Torrent Power

About Uttar Pradesh

- **Capital** - Lucknow
- **Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

Q248. India has won the 9th GovTech Prize for AI-Powered Government Services at World Government Summit 2024. The annual award is instituted by the government of _____?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) USA
- (c) Russia
- (d) UK
- (e) **UAE**

Recent Awards

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- **WHO Nelson Mandela Award for health promotion** - National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)
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- **Lakshminarayana International Award** - Pyarelal Sharma (For My Name Is Lakhan)

- **Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award** - Stunning Sleepy Polar Bear (Ice Bed) clicked by Nima Sarikhani.

Q249. _____ and _____ have won the ICC Men's and Women's Player of the Month for January 2024, respectively.

- (a) Shamar Joseph, Harleen Deol
- (b) Kevin Sinclair, Amy Hunter
- (c) Sikandar Raza, Ellyse Perry
- (d) **Shamar Joseph, Amy Hunter**
- (e) Suryakumar Yadav, Harleen Deol

ICC Men's Player of the Month

- September 2023 - Shubman Gill (India)
- October 2023 - Rachin Ravindra (New Zealand)
- November 2023 - Travis Head (Australia)
- December 2023 - Pat Cummins (Australia)

ICC Women's Player of the Month

- September 2023 - Chamari Athapaththu (Sri Lanka)
- October 2023 - Hayley Matthews (West Indies)
- November 2023 - Nahida Akter (Bangladesh)
- December 2023 – Deepti Sharma (India)

Q250. The Ministry of Defence has signed a worth Rs 2,269 Crore contract with which company for the procurement of 11 Shakti Electronic Warfare Systems for the Indian Navy?

- (a) BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited
- (b) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
- (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- (d) Tata Advanced Systems
- (e) **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**

About Shakti EW System

- The Shakti EW System is indigenously designed, developed and manufactured.
- The Shakti EW System is capable of accurately intercepting electronic emissions and implementing countermeasures in dense electromagnetic environment.

Q251. International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 16 February
- (b) 17 February
- (c) 18 February

- (d) 14 February
(e) **15 February**

Q252. World Hippo Day is celebrated every year on which day?

- (a) 16 February
(b) 17 February
(c) 18 February
(d) 14 February
(e) **15 February**

What is Hippo?

- Hippos are semiaquatic mammals, native to sub-Saharan Africa, and weigh up to 2,000 kg, making them the third-largest land mammal after elephants and rhinos.
- They are mostly found in rivers, lakes, and mangrove swamps, and have adapted to a semiaquatic lifestyle.
- Their diet consists mostly of leaves, roots, and stems, supported by a robust digestive system that is adapted to conserve nutrients.

Q253. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the first Hindu temple in the United Arab Emirates. What is the name of this temple?

- (a) Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Sansthan Hindu Mandir
(b) Birjumaharaj Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha Hindu Mandir
(c) **Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha Hindu Mandir**
(d) Bochasanwasi Annpurana Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha Hindu Mandir
(e) Bochasanwasi Akshardham Swaminarayan Sanstha Hindu Mandir

About United Arab Emirates (UAE)

- **Capital** - Abu Dhabi
- **Currency** - Dirham
- **President** - Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- **Prime Minister** - Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
- **Official language** -Arabic

Q254. Armed Forces Medical Service has signed an MoU with which IIT to promote collaborative biomedical research?

- (a) IIT Guwahati
(b) IIT Delhi
(c) IIT Madras
(d) IIT Indore
(e) **IIT Roorkee**

Q255. Consider the following statements about electoral bonds which were in the news recently:

- (i) Supreme Court declares electoral bonds scheme unconstitutional.
- (ii) The Supreme Court has found the Electoral Bonds Scheme, along with certain provisions of the Income Tax Act and Finance Act 2015, to be violative of Article 19(2)(a) of the Constitution.
- (iii) Electoral bonds are bearer instruments that function as interest-free banking instruments and promissory notes.
- (iv) They can be purchased by Indian citizens or Indian-incorporated bodies in denominations of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1,00,000, Rs 10,00,000, and Rs 1,00,00,000 from any SBI branches.
- (v) The Electoral Bonds Scheme was introduced in 2018 through a Finance bill and implemented in 2019.

How many of given statements are INCORRECT?

- (a) only one
(b) only two
(c) **only three**
(d) only four
(e) all are correct

Sol. Supreme Court declares electoral bonds scheme unconstitutional
The Supreme Court has declared the electoral bonds scheme as "unconstitutional," stating that anonymous corporate contributions to political parties are "violative of the right to information."

The decision was announced by a bench led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud. The verdict underscores the importance of transparency in political funding and upholding the right to information. It also reflects the judiciary's commitment to safeguarding the principles of democracy.

Key Observations and Directions from the Bench

- The Supreme Court has found the Electoral Bonds Scheme, along with certain provisions of the Income Tax Act and Finance Act 2015, to be violative of Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution.
- The issuing bank, State Bank of India (SBI), has been directed to cease issuing electoral bonds immediately.
- SBI is required to provide details of the political parties that have received electoral bonds, including particulars such as purchase dates, purchaser names, and bond denominations, to the Election Commission (EC) by March 6.
- Additionally, SBI must disclose details of each encashed bond.
- The EC has been instructed to publish the information received from SBI on its official website by March 13.
- Electoral bonds that remain encashed by political parties are to be returned and refunded to the purchasers.

What is Electoral Bonds?

- Electoral bonds are bearer instruments that function as interest-free banking instruments and promissory notes.

- They can be purchased by Indian citizens or Indian-incorporated bodies in denominations of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1,00,000, Rs 10,00,000, and Rs 1,00,00,000 from specified SBI branches.
- These bonds are available for purchase for a limited period in January, April, July, and October, with an additional 30-day period specified by the Central Government in the year of the General election to the House of People.
- The Electoral Bonds Scheme was introduced in 2017 through a Finance bill and implemented in 2018

Q256. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with the National Institute of Electronics and IT (NIELIT) will host the Future Skills Summit in which city?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) **Guwahati**
- (d) Ahmedabad
- (e) Mumbai

Q257. In February 2024, which bank has won seven awards in various categories in the '19th Banking Technology Conference, Expo & Citations 2023' by the Indian Banks Association (IBA) in Mumbai?

- (a) **City Union Bank**
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank
- (c) Union Bank of India
- (d) Karnataka Bank
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank

About City Union Bank

- Founded- 1904
- Founders- R. Santhanam Iyer; S. Krishna Iyer; V. Krishnaswami Iyengar
- Headquarters- Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu
- CEO- Dr. N. Kamakodi

Q258. Which company has collaborated with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to roll out the 'Credit Lines on UPI' feature on its platform, which will create avenues of financial security and growth for the merchants?

- (a) PhonePe
- (b) GooglePay
- (c) Paytm
- (d) BHIM
- (e) **PayU**

Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

- SBI partners with Flywire to modernize international education payments for students
- ESAF Small Finance Bank and Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Partner to Offer Life Insurance
- IREDA and Indian Overseas Bank ink pact to co-finance renewable energy projects
- Rural Development Ministry signs pact with SBI to facilitate loans for SHGs
- REC Limited and Bank of Baroda join hands to finance Power, Infra, and Logistics Projects

Q259. The 16th conference of the World Social Forum (WSF) 2024 commenced in which city?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Gandhinagar
- (e) **Kathmandu**

Q260. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Boeing Defence India (BDI)?

- (a) Rajnish Kumar
- (b) **Nikhil Joshi**
- (c) Deepak Mohanty
- (d) Tablesh Pandey
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty

Recent Appointment

- **President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** - Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal (72nd)
- **Vice President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** - Charanjot Singh Nanda
- **First Transwoman TTE of Southern Railway** - Sindhu Ganapathy's
- **Department of Health & Family Welfare Secretary** - Apurva Chandra
- **Information and Broadcasting Secretary** - Sanjay Jaju
- **CEO of Sundaram Asset Management Company** - Anand Radhakrishnan (replace Sunil Subramaniam)
- **MD & CEO of LIC Mutual Fund** - Ravi Kumar Jha
- **Non-executive Chairman of NPCI Board** - Ajay Kumar Choudhary (replace Biswamohan Mahapatra)

Q261. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IRCTC?

- (a) Anshika Singh
- (b) **Sanjay Kumar Jain**

- (c) Vasudha Gupta
- (d) Ipsita Dasgupta
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan

Q262. Virendra Bansal has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of which of the following?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) **SBI Capital Markets**
- (c) RuPay
- (d) PFRDA
- (e) SEBI

Q263. Pranam Wahi has been appointed as an additional independent director of which bank for four years?

- (a) South Indian Bank
- (b) **Axis Bank**
- (c) Yes Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) ICICI Bank

About Axis Bank

- Founded - 1993
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Chairman** - Rakesh Makhija
- **MD & CEO** - Amitabh Chaudhary
- **Tagline** - Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Q264. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur handed over the Chess Olympiad Torch to which country?

- (a) **Hungary**
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Oman
- (d) Singapore
- (e) UAE

Q265. Recently, Rachna Kumari was banned for 12 years for failing multiple dope tests. She is related to which sport?

- (a) **Hammer thrower**
- (b) Shotput
- (c) Wrestling
- (d) Wushu
- (e) Boxing

Q266. The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which company for the manufacturing & supply of a total of 463 indigenously manufactured 12.7 mm Stabilised Remote-Control Guns (SRCG) for the Indian Navy & Indian Coast Guard at a total cost of Rs 1752.13 crores?

- (a) BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited
- (b) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
- (c) **Advanced Weapon Equipment India Ltd**
- (d) Tata Advanced Systems
- (e) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

Q267. World Anthropology Day is observed every year on third _____ of February.

- (a) Tuesday
- (b) Wednesday
- (c) **Thursday**
- (d) Friday
- (e) Saturday

Q268. India's first Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) will be started from which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) **Uttarakhand**

About Uttarakhand

- **Capital** - Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)
- **Chief Minister** - Pushkar Singh Dhami
- **Governor** - Gurmit Singh

Q269. Which state government has launched the 'Van Mitra' scheme to encourage community participation in tree-planting activities in non-forest areas?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Punjab
- (e) **Haryana**

About Haryana

- **Capital** – Chandigarh
- **Chief Minister** – Manohar Lal Khattar
- **Governor** – Bandaru Dattatreya

Q270. Who has inaugurated "SUFALAM: Start-Up Forum for Aspiring Leaders and Mentors Startup Conclave 2024"?

- (a) **Pashupati Kumar Paras**
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Jitendra Singh
- (d) Sarbananda Sonowal
- (e) G Kishan Reddy

About SUFALAM

- The Startup Conclave for Food Processing Entrepreneurs has the potential to be a game-changing event, driving the sector towards a future marked by innovation, sustainability, and inclusive growth.
- As startups come together to exhibit their creativity and foresight, the conclave acts as a source of inspiration, encouraging the upcoming generation of food processing leaders to push the limits of what's possible.

Q271. Uttar Pradesh government has increased the grant amount for Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana from Rs 15,000 to how much rupees from the financial year 2024-25?

- (a) 20,000
- (b) **25,000**
- (c) 30,000
- (d) 40,000
- (e) 21,000

About Uttar Pradesh

- **Capital** - Lucknow
- **Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

Q272. Who has inaugurated the newly constructed Kalughat Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) terminal on National Waterways -1 in Bihar?

- (a) Anurag Thakur
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Jitendra Singh
- (d) **Sarbananda Sonowal**
- (e) G Kishan Reddy

Sarbananda Sonowal in News

- Sarbananda Sonowal laid foundation stone of the **Regional Research Institute for Homoeopathy** at Guwahati
- Sarbananda Sonowal launches **Port Health Organization** under Sagar Setu
- Sarbananda Sonowal launches **3rd edition of Global India Maritime Summit**

- Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurates **DGNSS "SAGAR SAMPARK**
- Sarbananda Sonowal launches '**SAGAR SAMRIDDHI**'

Q273. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated the Bagchi Sri Shankara Cancer Centre and Research Institute (BSCCRI) in which city?

- (a) Cuttack
- (b) **Bhubaneswar**
- (c) Brahmapur
- (d) Raurkela
- (e) Puri

About Odisha

- **Capital** – Bhubaneswar
- **Chief Minister** – Naveen Patnaik
- **Governor** – Raghubar Das

Q274. South Indian Bank has been honoured with the Best Technology Bank of the Year Award at the 19th IBA Annual Banking Technology Conference, Expo, & Citations. The bank's outstanding performance was recognized with how many prestigious awards?

- (a) 5
- (b) **6**
- (c) 7
- (d) 8
- (e) 9

About Nepal

- **Capital**- Kathmandu
- **Currency**- Nepalese rupee
- **President**- Ram Chandra Paudel
- **Prime minister**- Pushpa Kamal Dahal

Q275. Who has been elected as the Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly?

- (a) Tej Pratap Yadav
- (b) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- (c) Samrat Choudhary
- (d) Vijay Kumar Sinha
- (e) **Nand Kishore Yadav**

About Bihar

- **Capital** – Patna
- **Chief Minister** – Nitish Kumar (9th time)
- **Deputy CM** - Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha
- **Governor** – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

Q276. Prabowo Subianto has been elected as President of which country?

- (a) **Indonesia**
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Pakistan
- (e) Iran

About Indonesia

- Capital - Jakarta
- Currency - Rupiah
- Official language - Indonesian
- President - Prabowo Subianto

Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President

- President of Finland - Alexander Stubb
- Prime Minister of Kazakhstan - Olzhas Bektenov
- Prime Minister of Yemen - Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak
- President of El Salvador - Nayib Bukele (2nd time)
- Sultan of Malaysia - Ibrahim Iskandar

Q277. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the deadline for restrictions on deposit and credit transactions of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) to

- _____.
- (a) 29 February 2024
- (b) **15 March 2024**
- (c) 1 April 2024
- (d) 15 April 2024
- (e) 1 May 2024

Q278. Which edition of the MILAN naval exercise will be held in Visakhapatnam from February 19-27?

- (a) 10th
- (b) 11th
- (c) **12th**
- (d) 13th
- (e) 14th

Recent Exercise

- 12th edition of **MILAN Naval Exercise** – Visakhapatnam
- Indian Air Force conduct **Exercise Vayu Shakti-2024** - Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- 1st edition of **Military Exercise - SADA TANSEEQ** between India & Saudi Arabia - Rajasthan
- **Desert Knight Exercise** between India, France, UAE - over Arabian Sea

- 11th edition of **Khanjar Exercise** between India-Kyrgyzstan - Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- 2nd edition of '**Cyclone**' exercise between India and Egypt - Anshas, Egypt

Q279. Ravichandran Ashwin has become the _____ Indian and _____ bowler in the world to take 500 wickets in Test history.

- (a) second, fifth
- (b) **second, ninth**
- (c) first, fifth
- (d) first, ninth
- (e) third, fifth

Q280. Global Tourism Resilience Day is observed every year on which day

- (a) 16 February
- (b) **17 February**
- (c) 18 February
- (d) 19 February
- (e) 20 February

What is tourism resilience?

- Tourism is a sector that is particularly vulnerable to climate change and other natural disasters.
- The term "tourism resilience" is used to describe a tourist destination's capacity to withstand and recover from a crisis.
- There are many initiatives and programs that need to be put in place at the local, state, and global levels to help the tourism sector become more resilient.

Q281. Kavita Chaudhary passed away recently at the age of 67. Who was she?

- (a) Writer
- (b) Politician
- (c) **Actor**
- (d) Social Worker
- (e) Historian

Q282. India and which country have signed an MoU on cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions Implemented at Population Scale for Digital Transformation?

- (a) Mangolia
- (b) Ghana
- (c) **Colombia**
- (d) Namibia
- (e) Oman

Recently India signed MoUs with others countries

- India and Oman signed MoU on defence sector
- India and Oman signed MoU on IT Cooperation
- India and Cuba signed an MoU on digital public infrastructure collaboration
- India and France to jointly fund science research projects
- India and Mauritius collaborate on Rs 20 crore small satellite project
- India and Guyana signed MoU for Hydrocarbon Sector

Q283. Arunachal Pradesh has achieved 100 percent saturation in 'Har Ghar Jal' scheme under the Centre's Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The state has become _____ in the northeast and _____ state in the country to achieve a cent per cent saturation under the central government sponsored scheme.

- (a) **first, tenth**
- (b) first, eleventh
- (c) second, tenth
- (d) third, tenth
- (e) third, ninth

About Arunachal Pradesh

- **Capital** – Itanagar
- **Chief Minister** – Pema Khandu
- **Governor** – LG (Retd) Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

Q284. According to Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, which state has recorded the highest number of vehicle sales in October-December 2023?

- (a) **Uttar Pradesh**
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Q285. In February 2024, which bank has launched a self-subscribing journey for enrolment under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) schemes for its customers?

- (a) **State Bank of India**
- (b) Punjab National Bank
- (c) UCO Bank
- (d) Indian Bank
- (e) Canara Bank

About State Bank of India (SBI)

- **Founded** - 1 July 1955
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Chairman** - Dinesh Kumar Khara

- **Tagline** – (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
(2) With you all the way
(3) A bank of the common man
(4) The banker to every Indian
(5) The Nation banks on us

Q286. According to Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) data, which state tops the country in terms of public electric vehicle charging stations with 5,059?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) **Karnataka**
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

About Karnataka

- **Capital** – Bengaluru
- **Chief Minister** – Siddaramaiah
- **Deputy Chief Minister** - DK Shivakumar
- **Governor** – Thawar Chand Gehlo

Q287. In February 2024, which of the following has reconstituted the Expert Committee on the implementation of Ind AS/IFRS?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) RBI
- (c) **IRDAI**
- (d) SEBI
- (e) SIDBI

Q288. Fintech firm One97 Communications -- owner of the brand Paytm -- has shifted its nodal account to which bank from Paytm Payments Bank?

- (a) South Indian Bank
- (b) **Axis Bank**
- (c) Yes Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) ICICI Bank

Q289. Which insurance company has launched the “Amritbaal” insurance plan for children?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
- (d) **Life Insurance Corporation of India**
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector

- Karnataka Bank launched its centenary campaign 'Bharat Ka Karnataka Bank'
- LIC launched new plan policy "**Index Plus**"
- HDFC Bank launched 4 SME credit cards "**BizFirst, BizGrow, BizPower, and BizBlack**" for entrepreneurs, freelancers, and professionals
- SBI Life Insurance launched two products– '**SBI Life - Saral Swadhan Supreme**' and '**SBI Life - Smart Swadhan Supreme**'.
- LIC launched new saving and annuity plan **Jeevan Dhara II**.

Q290. Who will take over as Non-Executive Part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank after G. C. Chaturvedi's term ends on 30 June 2024?

- (a) Rajnish Kumar
- (b) **Pradeep Kumar Sinha**
- (c) Deepak Mohanty
- (d) Tablesh Pandey
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty

About Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank

- **Founded** - 1994
- **Headquarters** – Mumbai
- **MD & CEO** - Sandeep Bakhshi
- **Tagline** - Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Additional Director of Axis Bank** - Pranam Wahi
- **MD & CEO of SBI Capital Markets** - Virendra Bansal (replace Rajay Kumar Sinha)
- **President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** - Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal (72nd)
- **Vice President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** - Charanjot Singh Nanda
- **CEO of Sundaram Asset Management Company** - Anand Radhakrishnan (replace Sunil Subramaniam)

Q291. Rizwan Javed was banned from all cricket for 17.5 years for his part in match-fixing attempts during the 2021 Abu Dhabi T10 League. For which country does he play cricket?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Australia
- (d) **UK**
- (e) Bangladesh

Q292. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully launched INSAT-3DS satellite from SDSC-SHAR from Sriharikota. It is a which type of satellite?

- (a) Astronomical satellites
- (b) Defence Satellite
- (c) Geostationary satellite
- (d) **Meteorological satellite**
- (e) None of above

About INSAT-3DS

- INSAT-3DS Satellite is a follow-on mission of Third Generation Meteorological Satellite from geostationary orbit.
- It is designed for enhanced meteorological observations and monitoring of land and ocean surfaces for weather forecasting and disaster warning.
- The satellite will augment the Meteorological services along with the presently operational INSAT-3D and INSAT-3DR satellites.

About GSLV-F14

- GSLV is a three-stage 51.7 m long launch vehicle with a liftoff mass of 420 tonnes.
- The first stage (GS1) comprises a solid propellant (S139) motor having a 139-tonne propellant and four earth-storable propellant stages (L40) strap-ons, each carrying 40 tonnes of liquid propellant.
- The second stage (GS2) was also an earth-storable propellant stage loaded with 40-ton propellant. The third stage (GS3) was a cryogenic stage with a 15-ton propellant loading of liquid oxygen (LOX) and liquid hydrogen (LH2).

Q293. Renowned Urdu poet Gulzar and Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya have been named the recipients of ____ Jnanpith Award.

- (a) 56th
- (b) 57th
- (c) **58th**
- (d) 59th
- (e) 60th

About Jnanpith Award

- Established in 1961, the Jnanpith Award is given annually for outstanding contributions to Indian literature.
- The award carries a prize money of Rs 21 lakh, a statue of Vagdevi and a citation.
- The recipients for the award were decided by a selection committee chaired by Jnanpith awardee Pratibha Rai.

Q294. World Human Spirit Day is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 16 February
- (b) **17 February**
- (c) 18 February

- (d) 19 February
(e) 20 February

Q295. World Whale Day is observed every year on the third _____ of February.

- (a) **Sunday**
(b) Monday
(c) Tuesday
(d) Wednesday
(e) Saturday

Q296. Suhani Bhatnagar passed away recently at the age of 19. Who was she?

- (a) Writer
(b) Magician
(c) **Actress**
(d) Social Worker
(e) Sculptor

Q297. The government of India has increased the authorized capital of Food Corporation of India (FCI) from ₹10,000 crore to how much crore to enhance the operational capabilities and fulfill its mandate effectively?

- (a) 11,000 cr
(b) 15,000 cr
(c) **21,000 cr**
(d) 20,000 cr
(e) 25,000 cr

About FCI

- The Food Corporation of India (FCI) is a statutory body under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- It was set up in 1965 following the enactment of the Food Corporation Act, 1964.
- It was set up in 1965 with its initial headquarters at Chennai. Later this was moved to New Delhi.

Q298. Who has launched the 'Sagar Aankalan' guidelines for the Indian port performance index to boost their efficiency and improve competitiveness?

- (a) Anurag Thakur
(b) Piyush Goyal
(c) Jitendra Singh
(d) **Sarbananda Sonowal**
(e) Amit Shah

Q299. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Shri Kalki Dham temple in which state?

- (a) **Uttar Pradesh**

- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Uttarakhand

Q300. The 11th International Puppet Festival begins in which city?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) **Chandigarh**
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Greater Noida
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram

Q301. Which bank has been authorized by the West Bengal government to collect tax and non-tax receipts on its behalf?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) IndusInd Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) **Bandhan Bank**

About Bandhan Bank

- **Founded** - 2001
- **Founder** - Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- **Headquarters** - Kolkata
- **MD & CEO** - Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- **Chairperson** - Anup Kumar Sinha

Q302. Which country tested the new surface-to-sea missile "Padsuri-6"?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) **North Korea**
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) China

About North Korea

- **Capital** - Pyongyang
- **Currency** - won
- **President** - Kim Jong-un

Q303. Who has been appointed as the Joint Managing Director of Kotak Mahindra Bank?

- (a) Paul Parambi
- (b) Milind Nagnur
- (c) Devang Gheewalla

- (d) KVS Manian
(e) Shanti Ekambaram

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Non-Executive Part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank** - Pradeep Kumar Sinha (replace G. C. Chaturvedi; effect from 30 June 2024)
- **Additional Director of Axis Bank** - Pranam Wahni
- **MD & CEO of SBI Capital Markets** - Virendra Bansal (replace Rajay Kumar Sinha)
- **President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** - Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal (72nd)
- **Vice President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** - Charanjot Singh Nanda

Q304. The Punjab Chief Electoral Officer's office has designated which Indian cricketer as a "state icon" for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls?

- (a) Virat Kohli
(b) Rohit Sharma
(c) **Shubman Gill**
(d) Rishabh Pant
(e) Suryakumar Yadav

About Punjab

- **Capital** – Chandigarh
- **Chief Minister** – Bhagwant Mann
- **Governor** – Banwarilal Purohit

Q305. With which country NASA will launch the world's first wooden satellite "LingnoSat" in 2024?

- (a) India
(b) USA
(c) **Japan**
(d) Australia
(e) Germany

Q306. India's women's badminton team has defeated which country to win the Badminton Asia Team Championship title in Malaysia?

- (a) South Korea
(b) North Korea
(c) Japan
(d) **Thailand**
(e) UK

Q307. Which cricket player has been named as Captain of IPL's Greatest All-Time Team?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) AB de Villiers
- (d) **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**
- (e) Chris Gayle

All-time greatest IPL squad:

MS Dhoni (c), Virat Kohli, Chris Gayle, David Warner, Suresh Raina, AB de Villiers, Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Kieron Pollard, Rashid Khan, Sunil Narine, Yuzvendra Chahal, Lasith Malinga, and Jasprit Bumrah.

Q308. World Day of Social Justice is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 21 February
- (b) 22 February
- (c) 23 February
- (d) 24 February
- (e) **20 February**

Q309. Which of the following states are not celebrated its foundation day on February 20?

- I Tripura
 - II Sikkim
 - III Arunachal Pradesh
 - IV Mizoram
- (a) only i
 - (b) only ii
 - (c) **only i & ii**
 - (d) only ii & iii
 - (e) only iv & iii

Q310. Legendary cricketer Mike Procter passed away recently at the age of 77. He was from which country?

- (a) England
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) Australia
- (d) **South Africa**
- (e) Ireland

Q311. The 2-day INDUS-X Summit was held in which city in February 2024?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) **New Delhi**
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Washington DC

(e) New York

Q312. What is the rank of India in Henley Passport Index for 2024?

- (a) 84th
- (b) **85th**
- (c) 86th
- (d) 87th
- (e) 88th

Recent index

- **Corruption perception index 2023** - India ranked 93rd; topped by Denmark
- **Mercer's Quality of Living City Index 2023** - Rank 1. Vienna (Austria), Rank 2. Zurich (Switzerland), Rank 3. Vancouver (Canada), Hyderabad (153rd), Pune (154th), Chennai (161st), Mumbai (164th), Kolkata (170th), New Delhi (172nd), Khartoum (Sudan) at the bottom-most position (241st spot).
- **Climate Change Performance Index 2023** - India ranked 7th
- **World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2023** - India ranked 49th; topped by US
- **Global Unicorn Rankings** - Rank 1. USA, Rank 2. China, Rank 3. India
- **Inclusiveness index by US varsity** - India ranked 117th; topped by - New Zealand

Q313. India has contributed how much million to a fund established by India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) which undertake projects aimed at alleviating poverty and hunger?

- (a) **USD 1 million**
- (b) USD 2 million
- (c) USD 3 million
- (d) USD 4 million
- (e) USD 5 million

Q314. Union Minister for Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated India's inaugural Skill India Centre (SIC) in which city?

- (a) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- (b) **Sambalpur, Odisha**
- (c) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- (e) Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand

Q315. Malta has become the 119th country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA). What is the currency of Malta?

- (a) Dollar
- (b) Pound
- (c) Franc

(d) Peso

(e) **Euro**

About ISA

- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an action-oriented, member-driven, collaborative platform for increased deployment of solar energy technologies as a means for bringing energy access, ensuring energy security, and driving energy transition in its member countries.
- The ISA was conceived as a joint effort by India and France to mobilize efforts against climate change through the deployment of solar energy solutions.
- It was conceptualized on the sidelines of the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Paris in 2015.

About Malta

- Capital- Valletta
- Currency- Euro (€)
- Official languages- Maltese, Maltese Sign Language, English
- Continent- Europe

Q316. Mitsubishi Corporation will acquire 32% stake in TVS Vehicle Mobility for Rs 300 crore. Mitsubishi is the company of which country?

- (a) Germany
- (b) Russia
- (c) **Japan**
- (d) USA
- (e) China

Q317. Which bank has signed an MoU with Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) to spread awareness on investment and fraudulent schemes?

- (a) **DBS Bank**
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) IndusInd Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) Bandhan Bank

Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

- SBI partners with Flywire to modernise international education payments for students
- ESAF Small Finance Bank and Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Partner to Offer Life Insurance
- IREDA and Indian Overseas Bank ink pact to co-finance renewable energy projects
- Rural Development Ministry signs pact with SBI to facilitate loans for SHGs
- REC Limited and Bank of Baroda join hands to finance Power, Infra, and Logistics Projects

Q318. In February 2024, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd has signed an MoU with which bank to Co-Finance Renewable Energy Projects?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) **Punjab National Bank**
- (c) UCO Bank
- (d) Indian Bank
- (e) Canara Bank

About Punjab National Bank (PNB)

- **Founded** - 12 April 1894
- **Founder** - Dyal Singh Majithia and Lala Lajpat Rai
- **Headquarters** - New Delhi
- **MD & CEO** - Atul Kumar Goel
- **Tagline** - The Name You can Bank Upon
- **Punjab National Bank Merge** - (Oriental Bank of Commerce & United Bank of India)

Q319. Who has assumed charge as Vice Chief of the Army Staff?

- (a) Anish Dayal Singh
- (b) **Upendra Dwivedi**
- (c) Vineet McCarty
- (d) Umesh Mishra
- (e) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal

Recent Appointment in Defence Sector

- **DG of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)** - Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- **Chief Staff Officer at Eastern Naval Command HQ** - Shantanu Jha
- **Director General of Naval Operations (DGNO)** - AN Pramod
- **Commandant in Indian Naval Academy** - Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty
- **DG (Acquisition) of Defence Ministry** - Samir Kumar Sinha
- **Vice Chief of the Naval Staff** - Dinesh K. Tripathi

Q320. Which company has been honoured with the 'Innovative Technology Development Award' at the 'Building India 2047: Technology for Better Tomorrow'?

- (a) ReNew Power
- (b) Adani Enterprises
- (c) REC Limited
- (d) NTPC Limited
- (e) Torrent Power

Recent Awards

- **58th Jnanpith Award 2023** - Urdu poet Gulzar and Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
- **Best Technology Bank of the Year award by IBA** - South Indian Bank (6 categories)
- **Banking Technology Awards by IBA** - City Union Bank (7 categories)
- **9th GovTech Prize for AI-Powered Government Services at World Government Summit 2024** - India
- **KPP Nambiar Award for 2024** - ISRO Chairman, S Somanath

Q321. Manoj Tiwary has announced retirement from all forms of cricket. He is from which state?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) **West Bengal**
- (c) Assam
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Chhattisgarh

Recently Retired Players

- David Warner – International ODI & Test – Australia
- Dean Elgar - International cricket - South Africa
- Asad Shafiq - All forms of cricket - Pakistan
- Gurkeerat Singh Mann – International Cricket – India
- Meg Lanning – International Cricket – Australia
- Sunil Narine - International cricket – West Indies

Q322. International Mother Language Day is observed globally every year on February 21. What is the theme of International Mother Language Day 2024?

- (a) Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities
- (b) Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society
- (c) Indigenous languages matter for development, peace building and reconciliation
- (d) Languages without Borders
- (e) **Multilingual education is a pillar of intergenerational learning**

Q323. Andreas Brehme passed away recently at the age of 63. He was related to which sport?

- (a) Hockey
- (b) Tennis
- (c) Badminton
- (d) **Football**
- (e) Cricket

Q324. In February 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the which edition of Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi?

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 7th
- (d) 8th
- (e) **9th**

Q325. In February 2024, Japan has committed a 232.21-billion-yen (about \$1.55 billion) Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan for how many projects across various sectors in India?

- (a) 5 projects
- (b) 6 projects
- (c) 7 projects
- (d) 8 projects
- (e) **9 projects**

About Japan

- **Capital** – Tokyo
- **Currency** – Yen
- **Prime Minister** - Fumio Kishida

Q326. Who has presided over the 19th Foundation Day celebrations of the Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) through hybrid mode in New Delhi?

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- (b) S Jaishankar
- (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (d) **Droupadi Murmu**
- (e) Narendra Modi

ABOUT SPMCIL

- Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited is a Miniratna Category-I, Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE), under the administrative control of Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

Q327. In February 2024, who has virtually inaugurated and dedicated to the nation two central institutions in Telangana and five in Andhra Pradesh?

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- (b) S Jaishankar
- (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (d) Droupadi Murmu
- (e) **Narendra Modi**

Q328. Tech Mahindra has acquired how much percent stake in Orchid Cybertech Services (OCSI) through a wholly owned subsidiary for \$3.27 million?

- (a) **100 percent**
- (b) 80 percent
- (c) 70 percent
- (d) 50 percent
- (e) 25 percent

Q329. Whirlpool Corporation sold how much percent stake in its Indian unit Whirlpool of India through the open market for \$468 million?

- (a) 14%
- (b) **24%**
- (c) 34%
- (d) 44%
- (e) 22%

Q330. In February 2024, which company has registered its operations with the Financial Intelligence Unit of India, about six years after a protracted legal battle ensued between the two entities?

- (a) **PayPal**
- (b) eBay
- (c) Mobi Kwik
- (d) Zaak
- (e) Capital One

About FIU

- The FIU is a national agency responsible for receiving, processing, analyzing and disseminating information relating to suspect financial transactions in Indian economic channels to various enforcement agencies and foreign FIUs.
- The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 forms the core of the legal framework put in place by India to combat money laundering.
- PMLA and the Rules notified there under came into force with effect from July 1, 2005.
- Director, FIU-IND & Director (Enforcement) has been conferred with exclusive and concurrent powers under relevant sections of the Act to implement the act

Q331. Recently, Merchant-led digital payments provider Mswipe Technologies has been granted a payment aggregator (PA) licence by the Reserve Bank of India. PA is provided under which section of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act 2007?

- (a) Section 17
- (b) Section 5
- (c) **Section 7**
- (d) Section 12
- (e) Section 3

About Mswipe

- Founded - 2011
- Headquarters - Mumbai
- It provides payment solutions, including point-of-sale devices, unified payments interface (UPI), quick response codes and payment links to help offline merchants receive payments digitally.
- It also aids offline merchants with loans as well as store and inventory management solutions.

Q332. M R Kumar has been appointed as part time non official Director as well as non-executive Chairman of which bank for 3 years?

- (a) City Union Bank
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank
- (c) Union Bank of India
- (d) Karnataka Bank
- (e) **Bank of India**

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Joint MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank** - KVS Manian
- **Deputy MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank** - Shanti Ekambaram
- **President and Group Chief Financial Officer Kotak Mahindra Bank** - Devang Gheewalla
- **Chief Operating Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank** - Milind Nagnur
- **Group Chief Risk Officer Kotak Mahindra Bank** - Paul Parambi

Q333. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) SBM Bank India for a period of 3 years?

- (a) Rajnish Kumar
- (b) Joshit Ranjan Sikidar
- (c) **Ashish Vijayakar**
- (d) Tablesh Pandey
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Non-Executive Part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank** - Pradeep Kumar Sinha (replace G. C. Chaturvedi; effect from 30 June 2024)
- **Additional Director of Axis Bank** - Pranam Wahi
- **MD & CEO of SBI Capital Markets** - Virendra Bansal (replace Rajay Kumar Sinha)
- **President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** - Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal (72nd)
- **Vice President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** - Charanjot Singh Nanda

Q334. Shashi Tharoor was conferred which country highest civilian honour 'Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur' in February 2024?

- (a) **France**
- (b) Russia
- (c) UK
- (d) USA
- (e) Canada

Q335. Eight-year-old Ashwath Kaushik has become the youngest player to defeat a Grandmaster by defeating _____ during the Bergdorfer Stadthaus Open in Switzerland.

- (a) Hikaru Nakamura
- (b) Arjun Erigaisi
- (c) Jan-Krzysztof Duda
- (d) **Jacek Stopa**
- (e) Magnus Carlsen

Recent Awards

- **Innovative Technology Development Award** - REC Ltd
- **58th Jnanpith Award 2023** - Urdu poet Gulzar and Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
- **Best Technology Bank of the Year award by IBA** - South Indian Bank (6 categories)
- **Banking Technology Awards by IBA** - City Union Bank (7 categories)
- **9th GovTech Prize for AI-Powered Government Services at World Government Summit 2024** - India

Q336. Eminent Fali S Nariman passed away recently at the age of 95. Who was he?

- (a) Writer
- (b) Politician
- (c) Actor
- (d) **Lawyer**
- (e) Film Director

Q337. The Centre has approved an amendment in the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI policy) allowing how much percent foreign investment in the space sector?

- (a) 40%
- (b) 50%
- (c) 51%
- (d) 76%
- (e) **100%**

Q338. Union Government has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the continuation of the implementation of the Umbrella Scheme on 'Safety of Women' at a total cost of around 1,180 crore rupees during the period from 2021-22 to which year?

- (a) 2024-25

- (b) 2025-26
- (c) 2026-27
- (d) 2027-28
- (e) 2028-29

Q339. NTPC Limited will set up India's largest green hydrogen production facility in which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) **Andhra Pradesh**
- (e) Kerala

Q340. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan along with Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Vishnu Deo Sai have inaugurated how many PM SHRI schools in Raipur, Chhattisgarh?

- (a) 122
- (b) **211**
- (c) 111
- (d) 121
- (e) 221

Q341. At which place have scientists discovered world's largest snake in February 2024?

- (a) **Amazon rainforest**
- (b) Atlantic Forest
- (c) The Black Forest
- (d) Sinharaja Forest
- (e) Daintree Rainforest

Q342. Morgan Stanley projects India's GDP growth for FY25 to how much percent?

- (a) 6.3%
- (b) **6.5%**
- (c) 6.7%
- (d) 6.9%
- (e) 5.5%

Updated GDP List

- Morgan Stanley - 6.9%(FY24), 6.5% (FY25)
- IMF – 6.7% (FY24), 6.5% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- World Bank – 6.3% (FY24), 6.4% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- Goldman Sachs – 6.2% (FY24)
- Fitch Rating – 6.9% (FY24), 6.5% (FY25)
- ICRA –6.5% (FY24)
- Kotak Mahindra Bank - 6.8% (FY24)

- Citigroup – 6.7%
- DBS – 6.8%
- ADB –6.7% (FY24), 6.7% (FY25)

Q343. Which state has recently partnered with World Bank to set up a Blended Finance Facility?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) **Goa**
- (d) Himachal Pradesh
- (e) Punjab

About Goa

- **Formation** – 30 May 1987
- **Capital** – Panaji
- **Chief Minister** – Pramod Sawant
- **Governor** – P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

Q344. Which cricketer has become the fastest batter to notch 10,000 runs in T20 cricket?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) Glenn Maxwell
- (d) **Babar Azam**
- (e) Suryakumar Yadav

Q345. Which of the following has signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) for integration of futuristic Weapons and Sensors for LCA Tejas aircraft?

- (a) BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited
- (b) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
- (c) **Aeronautical Development Agency**
- (d) Tata Advanced Systems
- (e) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

Q346. World Scout Day is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 21 February
- (b) **22 February**
- (c) 23 February
- (d) 24 February
- (e) 20 February

Q347. World Thinking Day is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 21 February
- (b) **22 February**
- (c) 23 February

- (d) 24 February
- (e) 20 February

Q348. Ameen Sayani passed away recently at the age of 91. Who was he?

- (a) Writer
- (b) Politician
- (c) Theatre artist
- (d) **Radio personality**
- (e) Historian

Q349. Consider the following points with respect to India's First Gati Shakti Research Chair:

- (i) India's First Gati Shakti Research Chair to be established at IIM Shillong.
- (ii) This Research Chair to be established with the help of Ministry of MSME.
- (iii) This initiative aims to discuss the multimodal logistics development strategy focused on connecting the Eastern Region (ER).

Which of the point(s) given above is/are CORRECT?

- (a) **only i**
- (b) only ii
- (c) only iii
- (d) only ii & iii
- (e) All are correct

Q350. In February 2024, Which company has begun the successful commercial operation of its 50 MW Gujrai Solar Power Station in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) ReNew Power
- (b) Adani Enterprises
- (c) JSW Energy
- (d) NTPC Limited
- (e) **SJVN Limited**

Q351. Kalyani Steel Ltd has signed an MoU with which state government to set up a manufacturing facility with an investment of Rs 11,750 crore?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) **Odisha**
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Telangana

Q352. Which state government has launched 'Savera' program aimed at early detection and prevention of breast cancer?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Punjab

(e) Haryana

About Haryana

- Capital – Chandigarh
- Chief Minister – Manohar Lal Khattar
- Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

Recent Schemes launched by state governments

- Van Mitra (Haryana) – To encourage community participation in tree planting activities in non-forest areas.
- Swayam Scheme (Odisha) - To provide interest-free loans up to Rs 1 lakh to youth of the state
- CM Vayoshree Yojana (Maharashtra) – For senior citizens who suffer from some physical or mental disability
- Mahtari Vandan Yojana (Chhattisgarh) – To provide Rs 1,000 financial assistance for married women.
- Yuva Nidhi Scheme (Karnataka) - To provide aid for Jobless Youth
- Yogyasree Scheme (West Bengal) - To provide free training modules for SC & ST Student

Q353. In February 2024, which among the following companies has become the first government firm to collaborate with SACE, an Italian export agency, to boost the corporation between the two countries?

- (a) National Mineral Development Corporation
- (b) TP renewable Microgrid
- (c) **Power Finance Corporation**
- (d) NTPC Limited
- (e) Torrent Power

Q354. Who has inaugurated the Sudarshan Setu, India's longest cable-stayed bridge, connecting Okha mainland and Beyt Dwarka?

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- (b) S Jaishankar
- (c) Nitin Gadkari
- (d) Droupadi Murmu
- (e) **Narendra Modi**

Q355. In February 2024, which bank has projected India's gross domestic product (GDP) to grow by about 6.75 to 6.8 percent in FY 2025 and 6.8 percent for the current fiscal year?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Punjab National Bank
- (c) **Bank of Baroda**
- (d) Indian Bank

(e) Canara Bank

Q356. Zurich Insurance will acquire how much percent stake in Kotak General for Rs 5,560 crore in a single tranche?

- (a) 30%
- (b) 40%
- (c) 50%
- (d) 60%
- (e) **70%**

Q357. Who has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship?

- (a) Anshika Singh
- (b) Sadhna Saxena Nair
- (c) Vasudha Gupta
- (d) **Tatung Padi**
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan

Recent Appointment

- Punjab 'state icon' for Lok Sabha polls - Shubman Gill (Campaign - Is Vaar 70 Paar)
- Speaker of Bihar Legislative Assembly - Nand Kishore Yadav
- MD of Boeing Defence India - Nikhil Joshi
- CMD of IRCTC - Sanjay Kumar Jain
- President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) - Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal (72nd)

Q358. Who has been appointed as the Director of Citizen Registration (DCR) of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh?

- (a) Ganesan Kannabiran
- (b) Neeraj Akhoury
- (c) Pramod Sharma
- (d) **Bhupinder Kumar**
- (e) Vivek Srivastava

Q359. Who has been named as the new Director of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of the World Bank's Global Environment Facility (GEF)?

- (a) **Geeta Batra**
- (b) Sapna Singh
- (c) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- (d) Anshula Kant
- (e) Gita Gopinath

Recent Appointment in Foreign

- Country Director for India in ADB - Mio Oka (replace Takeo Konishi)
- US Representative on WHO Board - Vivek Murthy
- Secretary General of BIMSTEC - Indra Mani Pandey (replace Tenzin Lekphell Bhutan)
- 'Class C' Director on Board of Directors of Federal Reserve Bank of New York - Rajiv Shah
- Executive Director of Asian Development Bank (ADB) - Vikas Sheel (for 3 years)
- Adviser to the Executive Director of ADB - Smita Sarangi

Q360. Who is the author of book titled "The Great Flap of 1942: How the Raj Panicked over a Japanese Non-invasion"?

- (a) Amitav Ghosh
- (b) **Mukund Padmanabhan**
- (c) Salman Rushdie
- (d) Shashi Tharoor
- (e) Chetan Bhagat

Recent Books

- 50 Memories from Fifty of Service - Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum (PM of UAE)
- AI and National Security - CDS Anil Chauhan
- 9 Incredible Years of Haryana Government: Emergence of a New and Vibrant Haryana - Released by VP Jagdeep Dhankhar
- Ek Samandar, Mere Andar - Sanjeev Joshi
- Pranab My father – Sharmistha Mukherjee
- The Cooking Books – Ramchandra Guha
- Conversations with Aurangzeb - Charu Nivedita (translated by Nandini Krishnan)
- Assam's Braveheart Lachit Barphukan - Arup Kumar Dutta (launched by Amit Shah)

Q361. Which edition of the Joint Military Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' between the Indian Army and the Japan Ground Self Defence Force commenced at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan?

- (a) 4th
- (b) **5th**
- (c) 6th
- (d) 7th
- (e) 8th

Recent Exercise

- 12th edition of MILAN Naval Exercise – Visakhapatnam
- Indian Air Force Conduct Exercise Vayu Shakti-2024 - Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

- 1st edition of Military Exercise - SADA TANSEEQ between India & Saudi Arabia - Rajasthan
- Desert Knight Exercise between India, France, UAE - over Arabian Sea
- 11th edition of Khanjar Exercise between India-Kyrgyzstan - Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- 2nd edition of 'Cyclone' exercise between India and Egypt - Anshas, Egypt

Q362. World Understanding and Peace Day is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 21 February
- (b) 22 February
- (c) **23 February**
- (d) 24 February
- (e) 20 February

Q363. Central Excise Day is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 21 February
- (b) 22 February
- (c) 23 February
- (d) **24 February**
- (e) 25 February

Q364. NITI Aayog CEO B V R Subrahmanyam has said that the latest consumer expenditure survey indicates that poverty has come down to how much per cent in the country and people are becoming prosperous both in rural and urban areas?

- (a) 2%
- (b) **5%**
- (c) 6%
- (d) 7%
- (e) 9%

NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)

- Founded - 1st January 2015
- Preceding - Planning Commission (15th March 1950)
- Headquarters - New Delhi
- Chairperson - Narendra Modi
- Vice Chairperson - Suman K Bery
- CEO - BVR Subrahmanyam
- NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Q365. In February 2024, the Global anti-money laundering watchdog the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) removed the United Arab Emirates from its "grey list" of countries subject to increased monitoring. Where is the headquarters of FATF?

- (a) Nyon, Switzerland
- (b) Berlin, Germany

- (c) Paris, France
- (d) Sofia, Bulgaria
- (e) Vienna, Austria

About Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

- Founded - 1989
- Headquarters - Paris, France
- Membership - 39
- President - T Raja Kumar (Singapore)

Q366. In February 2024, Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur announced the setting up a regional facilitation office of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) in which city?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Chandigarh
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Greater Noida
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram

About Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)

- The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) operates as a statutory body under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.
- Its mandate involves overseeing the public screening of films in accordance with the Cinematograph Act 1952, which sets forth rigorous certification procedures for commercial films shown in public spaces.
- Films distributed in cinemas and on television must undergo board certification before public exhibition in India, often requiring editing to comply with regulatory standards.

Q367. Which edition of the Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) commenced in Abu Dhabi, UAE?

- (a) 11th
- (b) 12th
- (c) 13th
- (d) 14th
- (e) 15th

Q368. According to Global investment advisory firm Jefferies, India is to be the third largest economy by which year?

- (a) 2026
- (b) 2027
- (c) 2028
- (d) 2029

(e) 2030

Q369. The Bihar Startup Fund Trust (BSFT) has signed an MoU with which organization to boost the startup ecosystem in the eastern state?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) RBI
- (c) PFRDA
- (d) SEBI
- (e) **SIDBI**

About Bihar

- **Capital** – Patna
- **Chief Minister** – Nitish Kumar (9th time)
- **Deputy CM** - Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha
- **Governor** – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

Q370. Who has been appointed as Director in the Department of School Education & Literacy under the Ministry of Education?

- (a) **Sunil Sharma**
- (b) Neeraj Akhoury
- (c) Pramod Sharma
- (d) Parminder Chopra
- (e) Vivek Srivastava

Recent Appointment

- CMD of IRCTC - Sanjay Kumar Jain
- President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) - Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal (72nd)
- Vice President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) - Charanjot Singh Nanda
- First Transwoman TTE of Southern Railway - Sindhu Ganapathy's
- Department of Health & Family Welfare Secretary - Apurva Chandra

Q371. Who has been selected for the appointment as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Steel?

- (a) Smita Sarangi
- (b) **Nitin Jain**
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey
- (d) Tanu Singh
- (e) Senthil Pandian C

Recent Appointment

- CEO of Jindal Stainless Ltd - Tarun Khulbe
- CEO of PepsiCo India - Jagrut Kotecha (replace Ahmed El Sheikh)
- As a member of the UPSC - Sheel Vardhan Singh

- MD of Bangalore Metro - Maheshwar Rao
- MD of Experian India - Manish Jain

Q372. Who has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Heavy Industries?

- (a) Anshika Singh
- (b) Dinesh Dasa
- (c) Sureshwar Bonal
- (d) Manoj Soni
- (e) Lokesh M

Recent Appointment

- Secretary in Ministry of Steel - Nitin Jain
- Director in Department of School Education & Literacy - Sunil Sharma
- Director of Citizen Registration (DCR) of J&K and Ladakh - Bhupinder Kumar
- Director in Skill Development Ministry - Tatung Padi
- Punjab 'state icon' for Lok Sabha polls - Shubman Gill (Campaign - Is Vaar 70 Paar)

Q373. Senior PML-N leader Maryam Nawaz has become the first-ever woman Chief Minister of which province in Pakistan?

- (a) **Punjab**
- (b) Karachi
- (c) Balochistan
- (d) Khyber
- (e) Pakhtunkhwa

Q374. Who has won the Goodfellow Classic PSA Challenger Tour Title in Toronto, Canada?

- (a) **Abhay Singh**
- (b) Aravindh Chithambaram
- (c) Alexandr Predke
- (d) Anahat Singh
- (e) Jaykumar Sammed

Q375. India finished the Archery Asia Cup 2024 with 14 medals, including _____ medal in Baghdad, Iraq.

- (a) 5 Gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze
- (b) 8 Gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze
- (c) **9 Gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze**
- (d) 6 Gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze
- (e) 1 Gold, 9 silver and 4 bronze

Q376. World NGO Day is celebrated every year on which day?

- (a) 26 February

- (b) **27 February**
(c) 23 February
(d) 24 February
(e) 25 February

Q377. Kumar Shahani passed away recently at the age of 83. Who was he?

- (a) Writer
(b) Politician
(c) Actor
(d) Social Worker
(e) **Film Maker**

Q378. Pankaj Udhas passed away recently at the age of 72. Who was he?

- (a) Writer
(b) Politician
(c) **Singer**
(d) Journalist
(e) Composer

Q379. National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (NICDC) has signed an MoU with which IIT to enhance the development of greenfield smart cities?

- (a) IIT Guwahati
(b) **IIT Delhi**
(c) IIT Madras
(d) IIT Indore
(e) IIT Roorkee

IITs in News

- AFMS signed MoU with IIT Roorkee to foster research in improving combat medical support & patient care of serving personnel
- IREDA and IIT Bhubaneswar sign MoU for Clean Energy Innovation
- IIT Kanpur develops India's first hypervelocity expansion tunnel test facility
- IIT Madras to open new campus at Kandy in Sri Lanka
- ArcelorMittal partners with IIT Madras to create Hyperloop facility in Tamil Nadu

Q380. Union Minister of State, Rajeev Chandrasekhar has launched the 'Investor Information and Analytics Platform'. It is developed by which IITs?

- (a) IIT Guwahati
(b) IIT Delhi
(c) **IIT Madras**
(d) IIT Indore
(e) IIT Roorkee

Q381. In February 2024, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for Sikkim's first railway station at which city?

- (a) Singtam
- (b) **Rangpo**
- (c) Jorethang
- (d) Mangan
- (e) Gyalshing

About Sikkim

- **Capital** - Gangtok
- **Chief Minister** - Prem Singh Tamang
- **Governor** - Lakshman Prasad Acharya

PM Modi in News

- PM Modi inaugurates India's longest cable-stayed bridge Sudarshan Setu
- PM Modi inaugurated and dedicated to the nation two central institutions in Telangana and five in Andhra Pradesh.
- PM Modi lays foundation stone of Kalki Dham temple in UP
- PM inaugurates projects worth Rs 7300 crores in Madhya Pradesh
- PM Narendra Modi Unveils Projects Worth ₹1330 crore In Goa
- PM Modi inaugurated CLEA-CASGC 2024 Conference in New Delhi

Q382. In which country has the world's third-largest mosque and Africa's largest mosque been inaugurated in February 2024?

- (a) Iran
- (b) **Algeria**
- (c) UAE
- (d) Syria
- (e) Saudi Arabia

About Algeria

- Capital- Algiers
- Currency- Algerian Dinar
- Continent - Africa
- Official languages- Arabic, Tamazight
- President- Abdelmadjid Tebboune
- Prime minister- Nadir Larbaoui

Q383. In February 2024, which of the following companies received a payment aggregator licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- (a) Mobi Kwik
- (b) Google Pay
- (c) Kia Fashion
- (d) mCent

(e) Amazon Pay

Q384. Which entity has organized its monthly district outreach programme "Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0" in over 670 districts of the country?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) RBI
- (c) **EPFO**
- (d) SEBI
- (e) SIDBI

Q385. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated 'Bharat Tex 2024' in which city?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) **New Delhi**
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Greater Noida
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram

Q386. Who has been appointed as the Director (Operations) of NTPC?

- (a) Ganesan Kannabiran
- (b) Neeraj Akhoury
- (c) **Pramod Sharma**
- (d) Parminder Chopra
- (e) Ravindra Kumar

Recent Appointment

- Director in Heavy Industries Ministry - Sureshwar Bonal
- Secretary in Ministry of Steel - Nitin Jain
- Director in Department of School Education & Literacy - Sunil Sharma
- Director of Citizen Registration (DCR) of J&K and Ladakh - Bhupinder Kumar
- Director in Skill Development Ministry - Tatung Padi

Q387. Under which programme has PM Narendra Modi launched the world's largest cooperative grain storage scheme across the country in February 2024?

- (a) Food and Nutrition Security Programme
- (b) Mid-Day Meal Programme
- (c) Antyodaya Anna Yojana
- (d) Vikshit Bharat @ 2047
- (e) **Sahakar Se Samridhi Programme**

Q388. PM Narendra Modi has revealed the name of four astronauts who have been selected for the Gaganyaan Mission. Who among the following astronauts is NOT the part of Gaganyaan Mission?

- (a) Angad Pratap
- (b) Prashanth Balakrishnan

- (c) Ajith Krishnan
- (d) **Prashant Krishna**
- (e) Shubhanshu Shukla

About Gaganyaan Mission

- Under this mission, 4 crew members are to be delivered to an orbit of 400 kilometers.
- These 4 crew will remain on the mission for three days after which they have to be brought back safely to Earth.
- ISRO had tested this mission last year. Recently ISRO tested its cryogenic engine. Human Space Flight Center (HSFC) has a special contribution in this mission.
- After the success of Chandrayaan 3 and Aditya L-1, this Gaganyaan mission will take ISRO to greater heights. When PM Modi announced India's first manned space mission, Gaganyaan, in 2018

Q389. Who has been recently appointed as Lokpal by President Droupadi Murmu?

- (a) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde
- (b) **Justice AM Khanwilkar**
- (c) Justice Uday Lalit
- (d) Justice N. V. Ramana
- (e) Justice Ranjan Gogoi

About Lokpal

- The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Bill 2011 was passed by the Parliament on December 17, 2013. The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 received the Hon'ble President's assent and was notified on January 1, 2014.
- The act became effective on January 16, 2014, and was amended once in 2016 since its notification.
- The Lokpal is responsible for investigating allegations of corruption against public functionaries who fall within the scope and ambit of the Act.
- The Lokpal is composed of a chairperson and eight members, of which 50% are judicial members.
- The Lokpal has the authority to investigate allegations of corruption against individuals who hold certain positions in the government, including the prime minister, ministers in the Union government, members of Parliament, and officials of the Union government under Groups A, B, C, and D.
- The term for members is five years, or until they turn 70 whichever is earlier.

Recent Appointment

- Director (Operations) of NTPC - Ravindra Kumar
- Director in Heavy Industries Ministry - Sureshwar Bonal
- Secretary in Ministry of Steel - Nitin Jain
- Director in Department of School Education & Literacy - Sunil Sharma
- Director of Citizen Registration (DCR) of J&K and Ladakh - Bhupinder Kumar
- Director in Skill Development Ministry - Tatung Padi

Q390. Which ministry has signed a MoU with Research and Information System (RIS) to serve the continuation of academic cooperation and collaboration?

- (a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- (b) **Ministry of Ayush**
- (c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Finance
- (e) Ministry of Home Affairs

Q391. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is promoting financial literacy among young adults through their annual Financial Literacy Week (FLW) campaign, held from 26 February to 1 March 2024. What is the theme of Financial Literacy Week 2024?

- (a) Go Digital - Go Secure
- (b) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- (c) **Make a Right Start – Become Financially Smart**
- (d) Credit Discipline and Credit from Formal Institutions
- (e) Farmers

Q392. National Science Day is celebrated every year on 28 February in India to commemorate the discovery of 'Raman Effect' by Indian physicist Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman. In which year was CV Raman awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics?

- (a) **1930**
- (b) 1928
- (c) 1986
- (d) 1969
- (e) 1944

Q393. India's Oldest MP, Shafiqur Rahman Barq passed away recently at the age of 94. He was related to which political party?

- (a) Indian National Congress
- (b) **Samajwadi Party**
- (c) Bharatiya Janata Party
- (d) Aam Aadmi Party
- (e) Bahujan Samaj Party

Q394. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for the Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) second spaceport in which state?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) **Tamil Nadu**
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Telangana

Q395. Which state government has launched the Chief Minister's Universal Life Insurance Scheme to mitigate financial hardship caused by untimely demise?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) **Nagaland**
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Chhattisgarh

About Nagaland

- Formation - 1 December 1963
- Capital- Kohima
- Chief Minister- Neiphiu Rio
- Governor- La. Ganesan

Recent Schemes launched by state governments

- Savera programme (Haryana) - For early detection and prevention of breast cancer.
- Van Mitra (Haryana) – To encourage community participation in tree planting activities in non-forest areas.
- Swayam Scheme (Odisha) - To provide interest-free loans up to Rs 1 lakh to youth of the state
- CM Vayoshree Yojana (Maharashtra) – For senior citizens who suffer from some physical or mental disability
- Mahtari Vandan Yojana (Chhattisgarh) – To provide Rs 1,000 financial assistance for married women.
- Yuva Nidhi Scheme (Karnataka) - To provide aid for Jobless Youth

Q396. What is the name of the animal rescue, conservation, and rehabilitation initiative announced by Reliance Foundation in Jamnagar, Gujarat?

- (a) Van Yatra
- (b) Green Van
- (c) **Vantara**
- (d) Rakshak
- (e) Green Belt

Q397. Which country will scrap world's first law banning tobacco sale?

- (a) England
- (b) **New Zealand**
- (c) Australia
- (d) South Africa
- (e) Ireland

About New Zealand

- Capital – Wellington

- Currency – Dollar
- Prime Minister - Christopher Luxon
- Deputy Prime Minister - Carmel Sepuloni

Q398. Which fintech company has launched a new feature on its platform, 'Pocket UPI' to facilitate payments without linking bank account?

- (a) **Mobikwik**
- (b) Amazon Pay
- (c) PhonePe
- (d) Instamojo
- (e) Razorpay

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector

- Bandhan Bank authorised by the West Bengal govt to collect tax and non-tax receipts through the Government Receipt Portal System (GRIPS)
- SBI launches digital enrolment for PMJJBY and PMSBY Schemes
- LIC launches "Amritbaal" insurance plan for children
- Karnataka Bank launched its centenary campaign 'Bharat Ka Karnataka Bank'
- LIC launched new plan policy "Index Plus"

Q399. Mahanagar Gas has acquired how much per cent shareholding in 3EV Industries Private Limited?

- (a) 13.97%
- (b) 20.97%
- (c) 23.97%
- (d) **30.97%**
- (e) 33.97%

Q400. Which Small Finance Bank has partnered with Dvara Money for digital banking services?

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited
- (c) **Jana Small Finance Bank**
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank
- (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited

About Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

- Established - 2018
- Headquarters - Bengaluru
- CEO - Ajay Kanwal

Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

- IREDA and PNB join hands to Co-Finance Renewable Energy Projects
- IEPFA and DBS Bank signs MoU to spread awareness on investment and fraudulent schemes

- PayU, NPCI join hands to roll out Credit Lines on UPI' feature
- SBI partners with Flywire to modernise international education payments for students
- ESAF Small Finance Bank and Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Partner to Offer Life Insurance

Q401. Who has been appointed as the CEO of the World Gold Council for India?

- (a) **Sachin Jain**
- (b) Neeraj Akhoury
- (c) Pramod Sharma
- (d) Parminder Chopra
- (e) Vivek Srivastava

About World Gold Council

- Founded- 1987
- Headquarters- London, United Kingdom
- CEO- David Tait
- President- Kelvin Dushnisky

Q402. Who has been appointed as the Director of Ministry of Women & Child Development?

- (a) Smita Sarangi
- (b) **Arkaja Das**
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey
- (d) Tanu Singh
- (e) Vivek Murthy

Recent Appointment

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Q403. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off India's first indigenously built hydrogen fuel cell ferry boat in virtual mode. The vessel has been built at which company?

- (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- (b) Hindustan Shipyard
- (c) ABG Shipyard
- (d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- (e) **Cochin Shipyard Limited**

Q404. By which year will India establish its own space station in space?

- (a) 2030

- (b) 2032
- (c) **2035**
- (d) 2040
- (e) 2047

Q405. Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton scripted history by scoring the fastest century in T20 International (T20I) history during a bilateral match against Nepal. He is from which country?

- (a) Zimbabwe
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) Australia
- (d) **Namibia**
- (e) Ireland

Fastest T20I centuries

- Malla is ranked second on the list with a 34-ball T20I hundred. South Africa's David Miller, Indian skipper Rohit Sharma, and Czech Republic's Sudesh Wickramasekara have dropped to joint third in the list. All three have scored T20I hundreds in 35 balls.
- Miller hit 101* from 36 balls against Bangladesh in Potchefstroom in October 2017.
- Rohit scored 118 from 43 balls against Sri Lanka in Indore in December 2017, including 12 fours and 10 sixes.
- Wickramasekara scored 104* off 36 versus Turkey in the Continental Cup in Ilfov County in August 2019.

Q406. Neil Wagner has announced his retirement from international cricket. He is from which country?

- (a) England
- (b) **New Zealand**
- (c) Australia
- (d) South Africa
- (e) Ireland

Recently Retired Players

- Manoj Tiwary (West Bengal) - All forms of cricket
- Heinrich Klaasen (South Africa) - Test cricket
- David Warner (Australia) – International ODI & Test
- Dean Elgar (South Africa) – International cricket
- Asad Shafiq (Pakistan) – All forms of cricket

Q407. Reliance Industries Limited and which company have officially signed a binding agreement to merge their media businesses in India?

- (a) Netflix
- (b) Pixar

- (c) Star Sport
- (d) **Disney**
- (e) Espn

Q408. Rare Disease Day is observed every year on last day of February. What is the theme of Rare Disease Day 2024?

- (a) Express the feelings
- (b) **Share Your Colours**
- (c) Share your ideas
- (d) Nothing
- (e) none of above

