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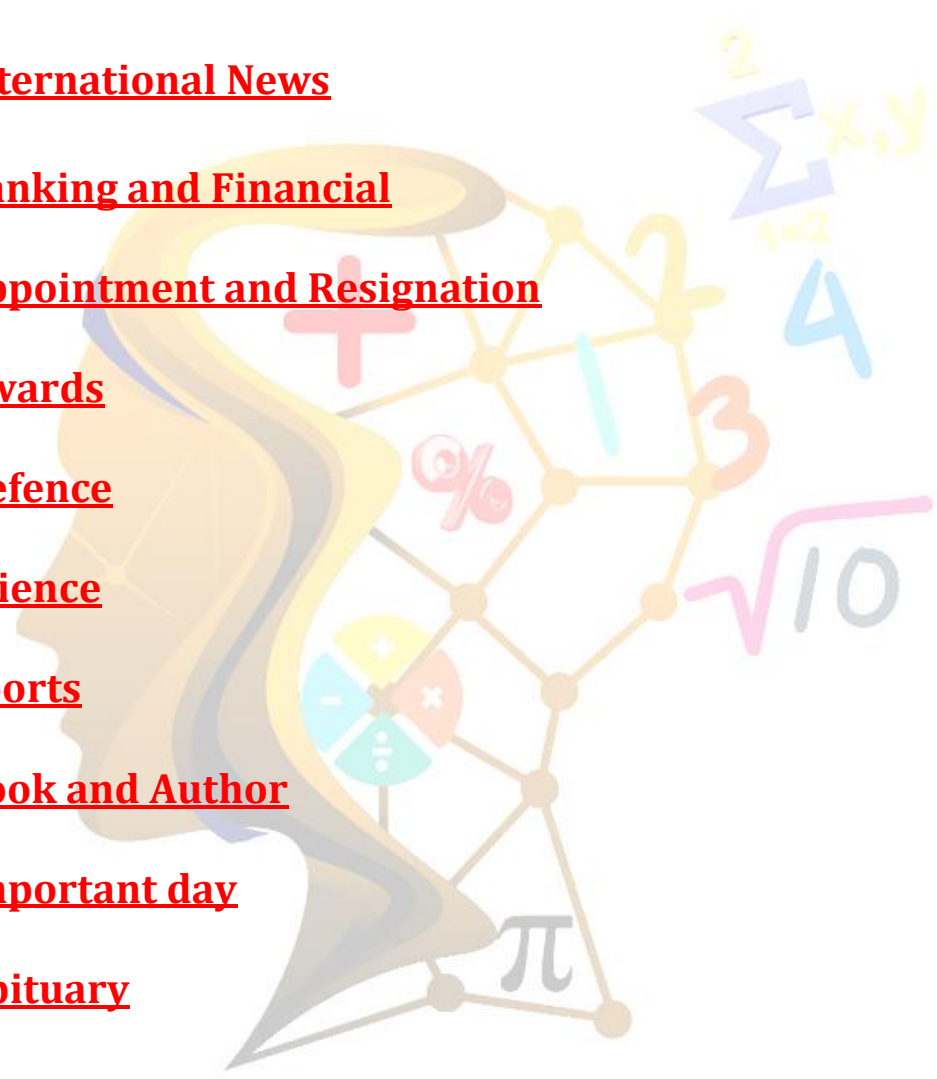
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National News

- ❖ **UAE** initiates process of investing **\$2 billion** in **food parks** in **India**
- ❖ **Gujarat** To Unveil **India's First Submarine Tourism** In **Dwarka**
- ❖ **Defence Secretary** Opens **HAL's Aero Engine R&D Facility** In **Bengaluru**
- ❖ **Hardeep Puri** inaugurates **India's first 'Zero Waste Street Food Festival'** in **Delhi**
- ❖ **Guinness world record** of performing **mass Surya Namaskar** created in **Gujarat** on **New Year Day**
- ❖ **Assam CM** flags off **200 green buses** for **pollution-free Guwahati**
- ❖ **Reliance Power** to sell **Kalai II hydropower project** to **THDC India**
- ❖ **PM** to attend **DGP conference** at **Jaipur**
- ❖ **India** inaugurated its **first all-girls Sainik School** in **Vrindavan, UP**
- ❖ **PM Modi** inaugurates **new terminal building** at **Tiruchirappalli airport**
- ❖ **Udhampur** achieved **100% saturation** in **'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra'**
- ❖ **Surat** Hosts **12th Divya Kala Mela 2023**
- ❖ **J&K** becomes **first UT** to implement **PM Vishwakarma Yojana**
- ❖ **Flipkart co-founder, Binny Bansal** launched e-commerce start-up **'OppDoor'**
- ❖ **IREDA** Declared **2024** as **'Year of HR Development and Discipline'**
- ❖ **Reliance Industries** first in **India** to receive **ISCC-Plus certification**
- ❖ **KABIL (Khanij Bidesh India Ltd)** to invest over **₹200 cr** towards **securing lithium supplies** in **Argentina**
- ❖ **CCI** approved **Punjab government's** buy of **private thermal plant**
- ❖ **Hyderabad, Bengaluru airports** score **high** in **global on-time ranking**
- ❖ **Maharashtra** aims to become **Global Drone hub**

- ❖ **PM inaugurates Kochi-Lakshadweep Islands Submarine Optical Fibre Connection**
- ❖ **ArcelorMittal partners with IIT Madras to create Hyperloop facility**
- ❖ **P. tops in entry rate on Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) platform**
- ❖ **Kerala launches K-Smart tech solution**
- ❖ **Czech PM to be chief guest at Vibrant Gujarat Summit**
- ❖ **Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated Startup Expo in Kathua**
- ❖ **Jharkhand govt reduces qualifying age for old-age pension to 50**
- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh CM boosts social security pension to Rs 3,000**
- ❖ **NHAI collaborates with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) to develop 'Green Cover Index'**
- ❖ **REC limited signs with Rail Vikas Nigam (RVN) to finance multi-modal**
- ❖ **UP distributed loans over Rs 6 lakh crore to boost MSME sector**
- ❖ **Ayodhya to host International Kite Festival ahead of Ram Temple consecration**
- ❖ **Amit Shah inaugurates 58th DGSP/IGSP conference 2023 in Jaipur**
- ❖ **Cabinet Approves India-USAID MoU For Railways' Net-Zero Emission Goal**
- ❖ **Ayodhya Airport Renamed As 'Maharishi Valmiki International Airport'**
- ❖ **Sarbananda Sonowal chair first Inland Waterways Development Council Meeting in Kolkata**
- ❖ **Amit Shah chairs 'National PACS Mega Conclave' in New Delhi**
- ❖ **Suchetha Satish sets new world record for singing in most languages during single concert in Dubai**
- ❖ **Union Cabinet Approved India-Guyana MoU For Hydrocarbon Sector**
- ❖ **68 Rajya Sabha Members Set to Retire in 2024**
- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh to set up pharma park in Lalitpur, Bundelkhand**

- ❖ **Gangasagar Mela** begins in **West Bengal**
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu** receives **investment proposals** worth **₹6.64 lakh crore**
- ❖ **India** and **Mauritius** collaborate on **Rs 20 crore small satellite project**
- ❖ **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurates and lays foundation stone of **12 National Highway projects** in **Kerala**
- ❖ **Indian Railways** Electrifies **6,577 Route Kilometers** in **2023**
- ❖ **Dharmendra Pradhan** attends **inaugural ceremony** of **Kala Utsav**
- ❖ **Parshottam Rupala** Lays Foundation Stone For Upgradation Of **Paradip Fishing Harbour**
- ❖ **West Bengal CM** launches **'Yogyasree'** for **SC/ST students**
- ❖ **India** To Host **UNESCO's World Heritage Committee** In **July 2024**
- ❖ **Ujjain** Unveils **India's First Hygienic Food Street 'Prasadam'**
- ❖ **Wings India** To Be Held At **Hyderabad's Begumpet Airport**
- ❖ **Piyush Goyal** Inaugurates **Indus Food 2024** in **Greater Noida**
- ❖ **Maharashtra govt** declares **new Atpadi Conservation Reserve** in **Sangli district**
- ❖ **Chhattisgarh govt** launches **'Ramlala Darshan'** scheme
- ❖ **Boeing** opens its **first distribution center** in **India**, located in **Khurja, Uttar Pradesh**
- ❖ **IndoSpace** Signs **Rs 2000 Cr Deal** With **Tamil Nadu Govt**
- ❖ **L&T** wins **Rs 10,000 crore electrification order** for **high-speed rail project**
- ❖ **Haldia Petrochemicals** becomes **India's first BSI Certified ISO 27001:2022 Petrochemical firm**
- ❖ **BEL** bags **₹695-crore order** from **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders**
- ❖ **Parshotham Rupala** Launches **Project for Artificial Reefs** in **Vizhinjam**
- ❖ **Amit Shah** Inaugurates **New Cooperative Office** for **Strengthening Societies and Rural Economy** in **New Delhi**

- ❖ **Jagdeep Dhankhar** inaugurates **12th General Assembly** of the **Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace**
- ❖ **MeitY Secretary, S Krishnan** launches “**Centre of Excellence in Intelligent Internet of Things Sensors and India Innovation Centre for Graphene**” in **Kerala**
- ❖ **Jyotiraditya Scindia** Inaugurates **Asia’s Largest Aviation Expo Wings India 2024**
- ❖ **Adani Group** plans to invest **Rs12,400 crore** in **Telangana**
- ❖ **UAE** unveils groundbreaking ‘**EcoMark**’ green accreditation framework
- ❖ **Farsi** as **India’s New Classical Language**
- ❖ **PM Modi** inaugurates **Boeing’s India Engineering and Technology Center** near **Bengaluru city**
- ❖ **PM Modi** released **commemorative postage stamps, book** on **Ram Temple**
- ❖ **India, France** to jointly fund **science research projects**
- ❖ **Cabinet** approves **Coal India power projects** through **JVs**
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- ❖ **PM Modi** Launched '**PM Suryodaya Yojana**'
- ❖ **Indian Stock Market** Surpasses Hong Kong To Become **4th Biggest Equity Market Global**
- ❖ **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurates, lays foundation stones of **29 highway** projects worth **Rs 4,000 crore** in **Punjab**
- ❖ **PM Modi** inaugurated & laid foundation stone of **multiple development projects** in **Maharashtra** worth over **30,500 crore**
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu** launched **special vehicle** to **restore coastal ecosystems**
- ❖ **Denmark** introduced **green fuels alliance** in **India**
- ❖ **IIT Madras** to open **new campus** at **Kandy** in **Sri Lanka**
- ❖ **Sarbananda Sonowal** Laid Foundation Stone Of The **Regional Research Institute For Homoeopathy** At **Guwahati**
- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** To Welcome **5 New Airports** In **Expansion Drive**
- ❖ **2024** Is '**Year Of Technology Absorption**' For **Army**
- ❖ **Karnataka Govt.** Launched '**Yuva Nidhi**' Scheme For **Jobless Youth**
- ❖ **International Camel Festival** Organized In **Bikaner, Rajasthan**
- ❖ **PM Modi** Inaugurates **27th National Youth Festival** In **Nashik**
- ❖ **First 'Made In India' Memory Chip** Is Expected To Be Produced In **2024**: **Ashwini Vaishnav**
- ❖ **2nd International AYUSH Conference** Inaugurated In **Dubai**
- ❖ **South Korean firm Simmtech** signs **MoU** for creating **semiconductor ecosystem** in **Gujarat**
- ❖ **Maharashtra's Pench Tiger Reserve** becomes **India's First Dark Sky Park**

- ❖ **PM Modi Releases First Instalment of PM-JANMAN Scheme for Pucca Homes**
- ❖ **Defense Minister Sanctions Insurance Scheme for BRO Workers**
- ❖ **Maiden National Highway steel slag road on NH-66 Mumbai-Goa inaugurated**
- ❖ **MP govt declares January 22 as dry day to mark consecration of Ram temple in Ayodhya**
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- ❖ **IIM Kashipur** to host **Uttishtha 2024**
- ❖ **14th All India Police Commando Competition** organized in **Visakhapatnam**
- ❖ **Vice-President** inaugurated ‘**Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman**’ campaign
- ❖ **DGCA** slaps **Rs 1.10 crore penalty** on **Air India** for **safety violations**

- ❖ **Odisha to Setup World's First 'Black Tiger Safari' in Mayurbhanj**
- ❖ **Cabinet Approved for India-Oman IT Cooperation MoU**
- ❖ **India's second VLF communication station to come up in Telangana**
- ❖ **MoD inks ₹1,070 crore pact with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders for 14 fast patrol vessels for Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**
- ❖ **Cabinet approves setting up of two coal gasification plants in West Bengal and Odisha**
- ❖ **PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries invited as "special guests" to witness the Republic Day Parade 2024**
- ❖ **Cabinet approves Protocol for establishment of joint Economic and Trade Committee between India and Dominican Republic**
- ❖ **Krutrim becomes India's first \$1 billion AI startup**
- ❖ **Reliance Jio and OnePlus join hands to set up 5G innovation lab in India**
- ❖ **Nirmala Sitharaman To Become 2nd FM To Present 6 Consecutive Union Budgets**
- ❖ **Tata Group, Airbus team up to make helicopters**
- ❖ **63rd Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB) Meeting Convened In Bhopal**
- ❖ **IREDA releases vigilance journal 'Pahal'**
- ❖ **PM Modi inaugurates Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Supreme Court**
- ❖ **Rubber meet to be held in Guwahati**
- ❖ **4th Orange Festival 2024 In Nagaland**
- ❖ **PM Modi Unveils Infrastructure Boost in Bulandshahr, UP**
- ❖ **Election Commission collaborates with Rajkumar Hirani for a short film**
- ❖ **World Sustainable Development Summit to be held in New Delhi**
- ❖ **THDC dedicates India's largest Green Hydrogen pilot project**
- ❖ **Odisha CM inaugurates 4th National Chilika Birds Festival**

- ❖ **MoHA extends ban** imposed on **Students Islamic Movement of India** for 5 years
- ❖ **GAIL signs long-term LNG deal** with **UAE's ADNOC Gas**
- ❖ **India's employable youth up** from **33.9% in 2014** to **51.3% in 2024**: **Department of Economic Affairs**
- ❖ **Ola launches e-Bike taxi service** in **Delhi & Hyderabad**

International News

- ❖ **Argentina Rejects BRICS Membership** Under **President Javier Milei**
- ❖ **Francoise Bettencourt Meyers** becomes **first woman** with a **\$100 billion**
- ❖ **Russia** takes over the **BRICS chairmanship**
- ❖ **France** becomes **first European country** to issue **digital Schengen visas**
- ❖ **EAM Jaishankar** to **represent India** at **Uganda NAM Summit** in **January 2024**
- ❖ **Kyrgyzstan** Declares **Snow Leopard** As **National Symbol**
- ❖ **2023** Recorded **Hottest Year Ever** As **Earth Nears Critical 5C Limit**
- ❖ **Global unemployment** seen inching up to **5.2% in 2024**: **International Labour Organization (ILO)**
- ❖ **Henley Passport Index 2024**; **India Ranks 80th**; **topped** by **France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and Spain**
- ❖ **Greece** Drafts **Bill To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage**
- ❖ **South Korea** Bans **Trade Of Dog Meat** In **New Law**
- ❖ **Switzerland** to **Host Ukraine Peace Summit**
- ❖ **TCS** ranked **second most valuable IT brand** in **global list**
- ❖ **WHO** certifies **Cabo Verde** as **malaria-free**
- ❖ **North Korea** conducts **test of underwater nuclear weapons system**
- ❖ **Saudi Arabia** to **Open First Alcohol Store** for **Diplomats**

Banking and Financial

- ❖ **Sukanya Samridhi Schemes' interest rates hiked up to 20 bps for Q4FY24**
- ❖ **GST collection rises 10% in December to Rs 1.64 lakh cr**
- ❖ **UPI ends 2023 with record transactions worth ₹18-lakh crore**
- ❖ **India Ratings revises PNB Housing Finance NCD ratings from AA to AA+**
- ❖ **Bank of India introduced Super Special Fixed Deposit**
- ❖ **India Ratings raises GDP growth forecast for FY'24 to 6.7% from 6.2%**
- ❖ **Canara Bank to launch Data Analytics center in Bengaluru**
- ❖ **REC Limited and Bank of Baroda join hands to finance Power, Infra, and Logistics Projects**
- ❖ **SBI raises \$250 mn via Green Bonds to fund sustainable projects**
- ❖ **Indian economy to grow at 3 percent in current financial year; NSO**
- ❖ **Fino Payments Bank applies to RBI for SFB license**
- ❖ **Indusind Bank Introduces The 'Samman Rupay Credit Card'**
- ❖ **World Bank Keeps India's FY25 GDP Growth Estimate Unchanged At 6.4%**
- ❖ **Rural Development Ministry signs pact with SBI to facilitate loans for SHGs**
- ❖ **Indian Bank Launches 'Indian Bank One Co-Branded Credit Card'**
- ❖ **SBI Launches Green Rupee Term Deposit**
- ❖ **RBI imposes fine on Dhanlaxmi Bank, ESAF Small Finance Bank, Punjab and Sind Bank over non-compliances**
- ❖ **DLabs at ISB launches 'Build for Billions' jointly with RBI Innovation Hub, Union Bank of India**
- ❖ **Tata Consumer signs pacts to buy Capital Foods, Organic India**
- ❖ **Wholesale inflation rises to 0.73% in December**
- ❖ **Yes Bank deploys VeeFin's SmartFin supply chain finance solution**
- ❖ **IndusInd Bank ties up with EazyDiner to launch credit card**

- ❖ LIC overtakes SBI to become the **most valuable PSU**
- ❖ ICICI Bank Canada Launches '**Money2India (Canada)**' Mobile Banking App
- ❖ Cabinet approves **creation of posts for 16th Finance Commission**
- ❖ IREDA, Indian Overseas Bank ink **pact to co-finance renewable energy projects**
- ❖ BoB launches new '**bob 360**' deposit scheme
- ❖ LIC launches **Jeevan Dhara II plan**
- ❖ CCI approves proposed **merger of Fincare SFB with AU Small Finance Bank**
- ❖ SBI Life Insurance launches two **new term plans with return of premium**
- ❖ Yes Bank becomes **first Indian bank** to conduct **export finance transactions on RXIL's ITFS**
- ❖ REC to lend **2 trillion for solar panels**
- ❖ HDFC Bank **first lender** to issue **20 million credit cards**
- ❖ LIC gets **RBI nod for 9.99% stake buy in HDFC Bank**
- ❖ Zomato receives **RBI nod to operate as payment aggregator**
- ❖ Bank of Baroda's arm rebranded as '**BOBCARD Limited**'
- ❖ Entero Healthcare Solutions, JNK India, Exicom Tele-Systems and Akme Fintrade (India) get **SEBI's nod to launch IPOs**
- ❖ BoB raises **Rs 5,000 Crore via 10-year infrastructure bonds**
- ❖ Mahila Samman Savings Certificate collected over **₹14,500 crore in 9 months**
- ❖ FY 2023-24 marks **third successive year** of over **7% growth of Indian economy: Economic Review**
- ❖ IMF upgrades **India's GDP growth rate to 6.7 per cent for current financial year**

Appointment and Resignation

- ❖ Arvind Panagariya appointed as **16th Finance Commission Chairman**

- ❖ **Andrew Saberton** appointed as the **Deputy Executive Director** of **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**
- ❖ **Ashok Vaswani** assumes charge as **Kotak Mahindra Bank's MD and CEO**
- ❖ **Ravindra Kumar Tyagi** takes over as **CMD** of **Power Grid Corporation**
- ❖ **Tshisekedi** re-elected **president** of **Congo**
- ❖ **Denmark's Queen Margrethe II** to **step down** after 52 years on throne
- ❖ **Vivek Srivastava** appoints as **DG** of **Fire Service**
- ❖ **Dong Jun** Named As **China's New Defense Minister**
- ❖ **Kia India** names **Gwanggu Lee** as new **MD & CEO**
- ❖ Justice **BR Gavai** appoints **chairperson** of **SC legal services committee**
- ❖ **Nadia Calviño** takes over as **European Investment Bank (EIB) President**
- ❖ **Randhir Jaiswal** became **Spokesperson** of **Ministry of External Affairs**
- ❖ **Sanjay Jasjit Singh** took charge of **Western Naval Command**
- ❖ **P Santhosh** appoints as **MD & CEO** of **National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)**
- ❖ **Shashi Singh** appointed as **new president** of **All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA)**
- ❖ Vice Admiral **Dinesh K. Tripathi** appointed as **Vice Chief of the Naval Staff**
- ❖ **Sanjiv Aggarwal** appoints as **MD & CEO** of **Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (IIFL)**
- ❖ **Raghuram Iyer** appointed as **CEO** of **Indian Olympic Association**
- ❖ **Vikas Sheel** appointed as **ED** of **Asian Development Bank**
- ❖ **Rajiv Shah** named as '**Class C**' **director** on **Board of Directors** of **Federal Reserve Bank of New York**
- ❖ **Indra Mani Pandey** assumes charge of **Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Secretary General**
- ❖ **Ashwani Gupta** appointed as **CEO** of **Adani Ports**

- ❖ **Sheikh Hasina** wins **fifth term** in **Bangladesh PM**
- ❖ **Rashmi Shukla** becomes **Maharashtra's first woman DGP**
- ❖ **SEBI** Appoints **G Ram Mohan Rao** As **Executive Director**
- ❖ **Puneet Chhatwal** Appointed **Chairman** of **Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH)**
- ❖ **NIVEA** India Appoints **Geetika Mehta** As **New MD**
- ❖ **Aruna Nayar** takes over as **Secretary** of **Railway Board**
- ❖ **Seema Kumar** takes charge as **Member** of **Railway Board**
- ❖ **Gabriel Attal** becomes **France's youngest PM**
- ❖ **Satish Kumar** appoints as **Member** of **(TRACTION & ROLLING STOCK), Railways Board**
- ❖ **PhonePe** Appoints **Ritesh Pai** As **CEO** For **International Payments Division**
- ❖ **Samir Kumar Sinha** Takes Over As **DG (Acquisition)** In **Defence Ministry**
- ❖ **Credit bureau Experian** appointed **Manish Jain** as **MD** for **India**
- ❖ **Sheel Vardhan Singh** Assumes **Role** As **UPSC Member**
- ❖ **Maheshwar Rao** Appointed As **MD** Of **Bangalore Metro**
- ❖ **Vivek Murthy** Appoints As **US Representative** On **WHO Board**
- ❖ **Bhutan's Tshering Tobgay** becomes **PM** for **second time**
- ❖ **Denmark's King Frederik X** Takes **The Throne** After **Abdication** Of **Queen**
- ❖ **William Lai** Elected **President** Of **Taiwan**
- ❖ **Govt** approves **reappointment** of **RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra** for **1 year**
- ❖ **Vineet McCarty** appointed as **Commandant** in **Indian Naval Academy**
- ❖ **AN Pramod** assumed charge as the **Director General Naval Operations (DGNO)**
- ❖ **Shantanu Jha** Takes Over as **Chief Staff Officer** at **Eastern Naval Command**

- ❖ **Hrithik Roshan** Onboards as **Brand Ambassador** for **RuPay Prime Volleyball League**
- ❖ **Daljit Singh Chaudhary** appointed **Director General** of **Sashastra Seema Bal**
- ❖ **Praveen Achuthan Kutty** appointed as **MD & CEO** of **DCB Bank**
- ❖ **PepsiCo India** appoints **Jagrut Kotecha** as new **CEO**
- ❖ **Bernardo Arevalo** sworn in as **Guatemala's president**
- ❖ **Tarun Khulbe** appoints as **CEO** of **Jindal Stainless**
- ❖ **Sankey Prasad** appointed as **CMD** for **Project Leaders Middle East**
- ❖ Karnataka HC Chief Justice **Prasanna B Varale** appointed as **Supreme Court judge**
- ❖ **Nitish Kumar** takes oath as **Bihar chief minister** for record **ninth time**
- ❖ **Preeti Rajak** Becomes **Indian Army's 1st Woman Subedar**
- ❖ **Anil Kumar Lahoti** appoints as **Chairman** of **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)**
- ❖ **Sharat Chauhan** appointed as **Puducherry's New Chief Secretary**
- ❖ **Azali Assoumani** re-elected as **President** of the **Comoros**

Awards

- ❖ **Prof B R Kamboj** honoured with **M S Swaminathan Award**
- ❖ **Divyakriti Singh** Becomes **1st Indian Woman Arjuna Awardee** for **Equestrian Sports**
- ❖ **Major Dhyan Chand** **Khel Ratna Award for 2023**
- ❖ **Dronacharya Award (regular category)** for **outstanding coaches**; **Lalit Kumar** (wrestling), **B. Ramesh** (chess), **Mahaveer Prasad Saini** (para-athletics), **Shivendra Singh** (hockey), **Ganesh Prabhakar Devrukhkar** (mallakhamb)
- ❖ **Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023**: **Indore, Surat 'cleanest cities'** in **India**
- ❖ **Sheetal Devi**, the **world's first armless woman archer** won **Arjuna Award**

- ❖ Varanasi wins 'Cleanest Ganga Towns' Award
- ❖ Former CJI Ranjan Gogoi to honoured with 'Assam Baibhav' Award
- ❖ Engineers India Limited (EIL) conferred with SCOPE Eminence Award
- ❖ President Murmu presented Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 19 children
- ❖ Bangalore & Delhi Airports jointly bagged best airport award
- ❖ UP Govt to Honour Dr. Ritu and Naveen with 'UP Gaurav Samman'
- ❖ Squadron Leader Nikita Malhotra conferred with Vayu Sena Medal
- ❖ IIT Guwahati scholar Satyam wins 'Best Product Design' at Vishwakarma Awards
- ❖ Thiruvananthapuram airport bags excellence award
- ❖ President Murmu approves 80 gallantry awards
- ❖ UP selected Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2024
- ❖ Former Bihar CM Karpoori Thakur Awarded Bharat Ratna Posthumously
- ❖ Foxconn CEO Young Liu honoured with Padma Bhushan
- ❖ 'India: Mother of Democracy' clinches First Spot at Republic Day Parade 2024
- ❖ Naorem Roshibina crowned Female Wushu Athlete of the Year
- ❖ NTPC Limited gets certified as a Top Employer 2024 in India

Defence

- ❖ India, UAE to conduct joint military exercise 'Desert Cyclone' in Rajasthan
- ❖ DRDO Launches 'Ugram' Assault Rifle For Armed Forces
- ❖ Adani Group Unveils India's First Medium Altitude, Long Endurance Drone
- ❖ Indian Navy to host multi-national naval exercise MILAN in Feb
- ❖ India, Thailand organized first bilateral exercise "Ex-Ayutthaya"
- ❖ India, Egypt begin 2nd edition of joint exercise 'CYCLONE'

- ❖ **India-Kyrgyzstan** Joint Special Forces Exercise '**Khanjar**' commences in **HP**
- ❖ **India, France, UAE** conduct **mega air exercise** over **Arabian Sea**
- ❖ **Joint military exercise** – **SADA TANSEEQ** between **India & Saudi Arabia** to be held in **Rajasthan**

Science

- ❖ **ISRO** launched **XPoSat** aboard **PSLV-C58**
- ❖ **Google DeepMind** Introduces **Mobile ALOHA Humanoid Technology**
- ❖ **Microsoft** launches **AI Odyssey** to skill **1 lakh developers** in **India**
- ❖ **LG** Unveils **World's 1st Wireless Transparent OLED TV**
- ❖ **Pixxel** opens **new spacecraft manufacturing facility** in **Bengaluru**
- ❖ **Japan** achieved a **historic soft moon landing** with **SLIM Mission**

Sports

- ❖ **Australian batter David Warner** announces his **retirement** from **ODI**
- ❖ **Anahat** wins **U-19 girls" title** at **Scottish Junior Open squash**
- ❖ **Beatrice Chebet** breaks **5 km world record** in **Barcelona event**
- ❖ **South Africa batter Heinrich Klaasen** announces **retirement** from **Test cricket**
- ❖ **Zverev-Led Germany** Beat **Swiatek's Poland** To **Win United Cup**
- ❖ **FIH and Viacom18** Ink **Four-Year Media Rights Deal**
- ❖ **New Zealand** appoints **Andre Adams** as **bowling coach**
- ❖ **MP** emerges **overall Champion** of **first ever Beach Games** held in **Diu**
- ❖ **Australian cricketer Shaun Marsh** announces **retirement**
- ❖ **Rohit Sharma** Become **First Men's Player** To **Play 150 T20Is**
- ❖ **Indian President** Inaugurated **5th Meghalaya Games**

- ❖ **Pat Cummins** and **Deepti Sharma** won **ICC Players of the Month** for **December 2023**
- ❖ **Yogesh Singh** wins **gold medal** in **men's 25m centre fire pistol**
- ❖ **Praggnanandhaa** Surpasses **Viswanathan Anand** to Become **India's No.1 Chess Player**
- ❖ **Rohit Sharma** becomes the **most prolific T20I centurion**
- ❖ **South Africa** host **ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2024**
- ❖ **Tata Group** to continue as **IPL title sponsor** until **2028**
- ❖ **Ravi Shastri** received **lifetime achievement award**
- ❖ **Tai Tzu Ying** clinches **first women's singles title** at **India Open**
- ❖ **Madrid** to host **Spanish F1 GP** from **2026**
- ❖ **Shastri, Engineer** honoured with **Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award**
- ❖ **Virat Kohli** wins **ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year Award 2023**
- ❖ **England** to host **2027 World Test Championship Final**
- ❖ **Indian pair of Rhythm Sangwan** and **Ujjwal Malik** claim **1st gold** at **ISSF Shooting World Cup**
- ❖ **Australian Open 2024: Rohan Bopanna** wins **men's doubles final**
- ❖ **Netherlands** won **FIH Hockey5s Women's World Cup**
- ❖ **Tanmay Agarwal's Record-Breaking Triple Century** Sets the **Ranji Trophy**
- ❖ **Indian women's hockey player Deep Grace Ekka** announces **international retirement**
- ❖ **ICC lifts ban** on **Sri Lanka Cricket** two months after suspension
- ❖ **Indian boxer Mandeep Jangra** wins **intercontinental title** in **S.**
- ❖ **Divyansh Singh Panwar** Clinches **ISSF World Cup Gold** In **10m Air Rifle Event**

Important day

- ❖ Maharashtra govt to observe 15 January as state sports day
- ❖ 1 January – Global Family Day
- ❖ 1 January – World Day of Peace
- ❖ 1 January – Copyright Law Day
- ❖ DRDO celebrates 66th Foundation Day on January 1
- ❖ 2 January – World Introvert Day
- ❖ 4 January – World Braille Day
- ❖ Chhattisgarh declared dry day on January 22 to honor Ram temple
- ❖ 6 January – World Day of War Orphans
- ❖ 5 January – National Birds Day (Theme 2023 – Right To Fight)
- ❖ 8 January – Earth’s Rotation Day
- ❖ 8 January – South African Native National Congress (SANNC) Day
- ❖ 9 January – Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
- ❖ 10 January – World Hindi Day (Theme 2024 – Hindi–Bridging Traditional Knowledge and Artificial Intelligence)
- ❖ Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- ❖ Organizes Startup India Innovation Week 2024 from 10-18 January
- ❖ 12 January – National Youth Day
- ❖ 11 to 17 January – National Road Safety Week
- ❖ 14 January 2024 – 7th Armed Forces Veterans Day
- ❖ 14 January – International Kite Day
- ❖ 15 January – Indian Army Day (Theme 2024 – In Service of the Nation)
- ❖ 18 January 2024 (Thursday of the third week of January) – Women’s Healthy Weight Day

- ❖ Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya celebrate **52nd Statehood Day** on 21 January
- ❖ **23 January – Parakram Diwas**
- ❖ **24 January – National Girl Child Day**
- ❖ **24 January – International Day of Education** (Theme 2024 – Learning for lasting peace)
- ❖ **25 January – National Voters Day** (Theme 2024 – Nothing Like Voting, I Vote For sure)
- ❖ **26 January – International Day of Clean Energy**
- ❖ **27 January – International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust**
- ❖ **28 January – Indian Newspaper Day**
- ❖ **28 January 2024 (last Sunday of January) – World Leprosy Day** (Theme 2024 – Beat Leprosy)
- ❖ **30 January – Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas**
- ❖ **31 January – International Zebra Day**

Obituary

- ❖ **Professor Ved Prakash Nanda** died
- ❖ **Former India defender Prabir Majumdar** passes away
- ❖ **Music Maestro Ustad Rashid Khan** Dies
- ❖ **Football Player Franz Beckenbauer** Passed Away
- ❖ **Urdu poet Munawwar Rana** passes away
- ❖ **Renowned classical singer Prabha Atre** passes away
- ❖ **Dr Nitya Anand** dies at 99
- ❖ **Veteran banker Rana Talwar** passed away
- ❖ **First hockey Olympian, Sukhbir Singh Gill** of Chandigarh dies

Current Affairs MCQ January 2024

Q1: Which two countries participated in the joint military exercise SADA TANSEEQ in January 2024 in Rajasthan?

- a) India and China
- b) India and Pakistan
- c) **India and Saudi Arabia**
- d) India and Nepal

Q2: Which contingent won the award for the Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces?

- a) Sikh Regiment Contingent
- b) **Delhi Police Women Marching Contingent**
- c) Gujarat Border Security Force Contingent
- d) Tamil Nadu Naval Contingent

Q3: What is the estimated total number of snow leopards in India according to first-ever Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India (SPAI)?

- a) 500
- b) **718**
- c) 1000
- d) 2000

Q4: Which state has the highest number of snow leopards in India as per the Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India (SPAI)?

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) **Ladakh**
- d) Sikkim

Q5: 'Beating the Retreat' is held every year at which location?

- a) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
- b) Red Fort, Delhi
- c) India Gate, New Delhi
- d) **Vijay Chowk, New Delhi**

Q6: Who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces mentioned in the passage?

- a) Chief of Defence Staff
- b) **President of India**
- c) Prime Minister

d) Vice President

Q7: What is the significance of Rohan Bopanna's achievement?

- a) He is the first Indian player to win a Grand Slam title
- b) He is the oldest player to win the Australian Open
- c) **He is the oldest player to reach the World No. 1 ranking in Men's Doubles**
- d) He is the first athlete from Odisha to achieve a World No. 1 ranking

Q8: Who are the Grand Slam winners in Tanis from India?

- a) Rohan Bopanna, Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupathi,
- b) **Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupathi, Sania Mirza, and Rohan Bopanna**
- c) Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes
- d) Sania Mirza, Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupathi

Q9: Which pair won the Australian Open Men's Doubles tennis championship in 2024?

- a) Rohan Bopanna and Simone Bolelli
- b) Matt Ebden and Andrea Vavassori
- c) **Rohan Bopanna and Matt Ebden**
- d) Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori

Q10: Who emerged victorious in the men's singles final of the Australian Open tennis championship 2024?

- a) Daniil Medvedev
- b) Novak Djokovic
- c) **Jannik Sinner**
- d) Rafael Nadal

Q11: Who recently took oath as the Chief Minister of Bihar for the ninth time?

- a) Jitan Ram Manjhi
- b) **Nitish Kumar**
- c) Vijay Kumar Choudhary
- d) Rajendra Vishwanat Arlekar

Q12: What is the name of the Indian cricketer who won the ICC ODI Player of the Year award in 2023?

- a) Rohit Sharma
- b) **Virat Kohli**
- c) Shikhar Dhawan
- d) Hardik Pandya

Q13: Who was the Chief Guest at the Republic Day parade in 2024?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Droupadi Murmu
- c) **Emmanuel Macron**
- d) Virat Kohli

Q14: What were the twin themes of the Republic Day parade in 2024?

- a) Unity in Diversity and Military Strength
- b) **Viksit Bharat and Bharat – Loktantra ki Matruka**
- c) Cultural Heritage and Economic Progress
- d) Nari Shakti and Global Diplomacy

Q15: Which countries participated in Exercise Desert Knight alongside the Indian Air Force in January 2024?

- a) France and USA
- b) **France and UAE**
- c) USA and UAE
- d) France and China

Q16: When is National Girl Child Day celebrated annually?

- a) 1st January
- b) 15th August
- c) **24th January**
- d) 10th February

Q17: Halwa ceremony is associated with which of the following events?

- a) Independence Day celebrations
- b) **Budget preparation process**
- c) National Women's Day
- d) Republic Day Celebration

Q18: What is the significance of Parakram Diwas?

- a) **It is the birthday of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**
- b) It is the birthday of Maharana Pratap
- c) It is the birthday of Bhagat Singh
- d) It is the death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

Q19: What was the slogan of the Indian National Army?

- a) **Jai Hind**
- b) Inquilab Zindabad
- c) Vande Mataram

d) Swaraj now

Q20: Karpoori Thakur belonged to which state in India?

- a) Punjab
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) **Bihar**

Q21: What was a major initiative implemented by Karpoori Thakur during his Chief Ministership?

- a) Nationalization of banks
- b) Green Revolution
- c) **Abolition of the zamindari system**
- d) Introduction of Panchayati Raj

Q22: Who led the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Ramlalla in Ayodhya on January 22, 2024?

- a) UP Governor Anandiben Patel
- b) CM Yogi Adityanath
- c) **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
- d) RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat

Q23: Who is the President of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly?

- a) **Dennis Francis**
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) Antonio Guterres
- d) Joe Biden

Q24: Who won the gold medal at the Asian Marathon Championships 2024?

- a) Huang Yongzheng
- b) Tiapkin Ilya
- c) **Man Singh**
- d) Ashvini Jadhav

Q25: Who lost in the finals of the men's doubles at the India Open Badminton 2024?

- a) **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**
- b) Seo Seung-jae and Kang Min-hyuk
- c) Shi Yu Qi and Lee Cheuk Yiu
- d) Tai Tzu Ying and Chen Yu Fei

Q26: Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is awarded in which of the following categories?

- a) Educational Excellence, Scientific Achievement, and Leadership
- b) **Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Social Service, and Sports**
- c) Academic Achievements and Technological Advancements
- d) Environmental Conservation and Community Development

Q27: Which state is hosting the Khelo India Youth Games 2024?

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

Q28: Where will 'Bharat Parv 2024' take place as part of the Republic Day celebrations?

- a) India Gate, Delhi
- b) **Red Fort, Delhi**
- c) Rajpath, Delhi
- d) Feroz Shah Kotla, Delhi

Q29: What is the minimum age for students to enroll in coaching centers according to the new guidelines?

- a) 14 years
- b) 15 years
- c) **16 years**
- d) 18 years

Q30: What is the primary objective of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra?

- a) To promote tourism
- b) To conduct political rallies
- c) **To create awareness and ensure public participation in development and welfare schemes**
- d) To organize cultural festivals

Q31: What is the main cause of the recent tensions between Iran and Pakistan?

- a) Religious differences
- b) **Border disputes**
- c) Economic competition
- d) Cultural conflicts

Q32: Buddhism was born in which country?

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

Q33: Where did the Wings India 2024 event hold in January 2024?

- a) Mumbai Airport
- b) **Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad**
- c) Palam Airport, New Delhi
- d) Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi

Q34: 12th-century Shree Jagannath Temple is located in which city and state? a)

- Puri, Odisha**
- b) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- c) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- d) Madurai, Tamil Nadu

Q35: What is the reported decline in poverty rate in India over the last nine years according to NITI Aayog?

- a) 27 percent to around 9 percent
- b) 25 percent to around 17 percent
- c) **29 percent to around 11 percent**
- d) 20 percent to around 15 percent

Q36: Who currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog in India?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Amitabh Kant
- c) Arvind Panagariya
- d) **B.V.R. Subrahmanyam**

Q37: Who won The Best FIFA Men's Player award at the FIFA Football Awards ceremony in January 2024?

- a) Kylian Mbappe
- b) Erling Haaland
- c) **Lionel Messi**
- d) Aitana Bonmati

Q38: Which female football player received the Best FIFA Women's Player Award at the Award ceremony in January 2024?

- a) Mary Earps
- b) **Aitana Bonmati**
- c) Sarina Wiegman
- d) Kylian Mbappe

Q39: What is the significance of Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Uttarayan, and Magh Bihu festivals?

- a) End of summer
- b) Onset of monsoon
- c) **End of winter and onset of longer days**
- d) Celebration of spring

Q40: When does the Pran Pratishtha program for Ram Lala Virajman at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi complex begin?

- a) January 21, 2024
- b) January 16, 2024
- c) **January 22, 2024**
- d) January 15, 2024

Q41: Where is the 54th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum taking place?

- a) New York, USA
- b) Paris, France
- c) **Davos, Switzerland**
- d) Tokyo, Japan

Q42: What is the theme of the 54th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum?

- a) Global Challenges
- b) **Rebuilding Trust**
- c) Technological Advancements
- d) Economic Prosperity

Q43: Who were the Indian players in the men's doubles final at the Malaysia Open Super 1000?

- a) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Srikant Kidambi
- b) Chirag Shetty and Lakshya Sen
- c) **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**
- d) Srikant Kidambi and Lakshya Sen

Q44: Who succeeded Queen Margrethe II as the new King of Denmark on January 14, 2024?

- a) Crown Prince Christian

- b) **Prince Frederik X**
- c) King Christian IX
- d) Prince Mette Frederiksen

Q45: Who are the beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN)?

- a) Urban population
- b) **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)**
- c) General category citizens
- d) Women entrepreneurs

Q46: What is the name of India's longest bridge?

- a) Rajiv Gandhi Setu
- b) **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri – Nhava Sheva Atal Setu**
- c) Indira Gandhi Bridge
- d) Sardar Patel Crossing

Q47: What is the primary capability of the AKASH-NG missile system?

- a) Submarine warfare
- b) Anti-tank warfare
- c) **Interception of high-speed, agile aerial threats**
- d) Long-range artillery attacks

Q48: Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, is located in which state?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) **Odisha**
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Gujarat

Q49: Who will present the Interim Budget during the session?

- a) President Droupadi Murmu
- b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- c) **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**
- d) Speaker of the Lok Sabha Om Birla

Q50: Why is National Youth Day celebrated annually?

- a) To honor the Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- b) **To commemorate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda**
- c) To celebrate the ideals of Swami Dayananda Saraswathi
- d) To commemorate the birthday of Bhagat Singh

Q51: Which terrorist group captured a United Nations helicopter in Somalia in January 2024?

- a) Taliban
- b) **Al-Shabab**
- c) ISIS
- d) Boko Haram

Q52: Why is World Hindi Day commemorated on 10 January every year?

- a) To celebrate Hindi literature
- b) **To promote Hindi language abroad**
- c) To honor Hindi poets
- d) To recognize Hindi culture

Q53: Who participated as the Chief Guest in the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024?

- a) President of the Nepal
- b) President of the United States
- c) Prime Minister of Israel
- d) **President of the United Arab Emirates**

Q54: What is the primary goal of NASA's Artemis program?

- a) **Sending humans to Mars**
- b) Sending humans back to the moon
- c) Exploring asteroids
- d) Establishing a space station on Mars

Q55: Presidents from which two countries were present at the inauguration of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show?

- a) Mozambique and Maldives
- b) **Mozambique and Timor Leste**
- c) Mozambique and UAE
- d) Germany and UAE

Q56: At what age does Gabriel Attal become the youngest Prime Minister in modern French history?

- a) 30
- b) **34**
- c) 37
- d) 40

Q57: Who is elected as Bangladesh's prime minister for the fourth consecutive term?

- a) Mohammed Shahabuddin

- b) **Sheikh Hasina**
- c) Nawab Sharif
- d) Mohamed Asif

Q58: Where is the KG-DWN-98/2 block located, where the ONGC starts oil production from Cluster-2 project in January 2024?

- a) Arabian Sea
- b) **Bay of Bengal**
- c) Indian Ocean
- d) Andaman Sea

Q59: In which event did Varun Tomar win a gold medal to secure an Olympic quota place?

- a) Men's 10m Air Rifle
- b) Men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol
- c) Men's 50m Pistol
- d) **Men's 10m Air Pistol**

Q60: In which event did Esha Singh win a gold medal to secure an Olympic quota place?

- a) Women's 10m Air Rifle
- b) Women's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol
- c) Women's 50m Pistol
- d) **Women's 10m Air Pistol**

Q61: What was the cause of the nosedive in India-Maldives relations in December 2023?

- a) Trade disputes
- b) **Disparaging remarks about PM Modi's visit to Lakshadweep**
- c) Military conflicts
- d) Economic sanctions

Q62: Which institute has initiated the country's first smart lab in its OPD block?

- a) PGI Chandigarh
- b) **AIIMS New Delhi**
- c) Apollo Hospitals
- d) Fortis Healthcare

Q63: How many languages did Suchetha Satish sing in during the record-setting concert in Dubai?

- a) 100 languages
- b) 120 languages

- c) **140 languages**
- d) 160 languages

Q64: What is the Lagrangian Point (L1)?

- a) A point where two spacecraft collide
- b) A point where gravitational forces reach equilibrium between Earth and the Moon
- c) **A point where gravitational forces reach equilibrium between Earth and the Sun**
- d) A point in space where there is no gravitational force

Q65: Which elite commando unit conducted the operation to rescue the hijacked cargo ship near the coast of Somalia?

- a) Navy Seals
- b) **MARCOS**
- c) SAS (Special Air Service)
- d) GIGN (National Gendarmerie Intervention Group)

Q66: When will the 2024 T20 Men's Cricket World Cup be held in the West Indies and the United States?

- a) June 1 to June 15, 2024
- b) **June 1 to June 29, 2024**
- c) July 1 to July 15, 2024
- d) July 1 to July 29, 2024

Q67: Who assumed the position of Secretary General of BIMSTEC in January 2024?

- a) Mani Sankar Ayer
- b) **Indra Mani Pandey**
- c) Lal Mani Tripathi
- d) Mukesh Yadav

Q68: What is PRERANA, recently launched by the Government?

- a) A new sports activity program
- b) **An experiential learning program**
- c) A scholarship initiative
- d) A government employment scheme

Q69: What is the main focus of PRERANA?

- a) Academic research
- b) **Developing leadership qualities in students**
- c) Sports training for students
- d) Providing financial aid to students

Q70: Which company received the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar for Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility?

- a) Indian Railway
- b) **Odisha Mining Corporate Limited**
- c) Sports Control Boards
- d) Power Grid India Ltd

Q71: What is Jain Deemed to be University in Bengaluru awarded for in the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2023?

- a) Encouragement to Sports through CSR
- b) **Nurturing budding and young talent**
- c) Promotion of sports at the State level
- d) Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives

Q72: Where is the 16th edition of the India International Jewellery Trade Show taking place?

- a) Chennai
- b) Pune
- c) **Mumbai**
- d) New Delhi

Q73: When is World Braille Day celebrated annually?

- a) January 1st
- b) January 4th
- c) **February 4th**
- d) March 4th

Q74: What is Braille?

- a) A form of sign language
- b) **A tactile writing system for the blind and visually impaired**
- c) A system of spoken language for the hearing impaired
- d) A type of visual font used in print media

Q75: What is the full form of NCC?

- a) National Cadet Council
- b) **National Cadet Corps**
- c) North Cultural Convention
- d) National Cadre Committee

Q76: What is the main cause of the widespread demonstrations by truck drivers in India?

- a) Fuel prices
- b) **Recent criminal code (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita)**
- c) Labor disputes
- d) Environmental regulations

Q77: What penalty and jail term are prescribed in hit-and-run cases under the recently enacted criminal code called Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)?

- a) 5 lakh rupees penalty, 5 years jail term
- b) **7 lakh rupees penalty, 10 years jail term**
- c) 10 lakh rupees penalty, 7 years jail term
- d) No penalty, 15 years jail term

Q78: Who received the M.S. Swaminathan Award in 2024?

- a) **Prof. B.R. Kamboj**
- b) Thawar Chand Gehlot
- c) Chaudhary Charan Singh
- d) Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia

Q79: What is the name of the Joint Military Exercise conducted between India and UAE in Rajasthan in January 2024?

- a) Desert Storm 2024
- b) Desert Thunder 2024
- c) **Desert Cyclone 2024**
- d) Desert Mirage 2024

Q80: Which Indian state set a Guinness record for performing mass Surya Namaskar simultaneously at 108 places on the first day of 2024?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) **Gujarat**
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Karnataka

Q81: When was the Brics group initially formed, and which countries were its founding members?

- a) Formed in 2010 with Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
- b) **Formed in 2006 with Brazil, Russia, India, and China**
- c) Formed in 2012 with Argentina, China, India, and South Africa
- d) Formed in 2008 with Brazil, Russia, India, and South Africa

Q82: Who are the new members set to join the Brics group on January 1, 2024?

- a) Argentina, Brazil, South Africa

- b) **Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates**
c) Mexico, Australia, Turkey
d) Canada, Japan, Germany

Q83: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Sixteenth Finance Commission?

- a) **Dr. Arvind Panagariya**
b) Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey
c) Nirmala Sitharaman
d) Dr Subramanyam Swami

Q84: What is the role of Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey in the Sixteenth Finance Commission?

- a) Chairman
b) **Secretary**
c) Financial Advisor
d) Member

Q85: What is the primary objective of the X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat) launched by ISRO?

- a) Studying atmospheric conditions
b) **Analyzing polarisation of cosmic X-rays**
c) Monitoring space debris
d) Examining lunar surface features

