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Who is Who

Constitutional Head :-

President	-Smt. Droupadi Murmu (15th)
Vice President	- Jagdeep Dhankhar (14th)
Prime Minister	- Shri Narendra Modi (15th)

Judiciary Head :-

Chief Justice, Supreme Court	-Sanjiv Khanna (51st)
Attorney General of India	- R. Vankataramani (16th)
Solicitor General of India	-Tushar Mehta
Chairperson, National Green Tribunal	- Prakash Shrivastava

Parliamentary Head :-

Speaker (Rajya Sabha)	- Jagdeep Dhankhar
Deputy Speaker (Rajya Sabha)	-Harivansh Narayan Singh
Secretary General (Rajya Sabha)	-Pramod Chandra Mody
Leader of Opposition (Rajya Sabha)	- Mallikarjun Kharge
Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Rajya Sabha)	-Pramod Tiwari
Speaker (18th Lok Sabha)	-Om Birla
Leader of Opposition (Lok Sabha)	- Rahul Gandhi
Secretary General (Lok Sabha)	-Utpal Kumar Singh

Election Commission Of India :-

Chief Election Commissioner	- Rajiv Kumar (25th)
Election Commissioners	-Gyanesh Kumar and -Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu

Comptroller and Auditor General :-

Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)	- Kundu Sanjay Murthy
Controller General of Accounts (CGA)	- Shyam S. Dubey

Armed Forces :-

Supreme Commander	- President Droupadi Murmu
Chief of Air Staff	- Amar Preet Singh (28th)
Chief of Naval Staff	-Dinesh Kumar Tripathi (26th)
Chief of Army Staff	-Upendra Dwivedi (30th)
Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)	-Anil Chauhan (2nd)

Union Cabinet Ministers :-

Prime Minister	- Narendra Modi
Ministry of Defence	- Raj Nath Singh
Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Cooperation	- Amit Shah
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways	- Nitin Jairam Gadkari
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	- Jagat Prakash Nadda
Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	- Jagat Prakash Nadda
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare	- Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Ministry of Rural Development	- Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Corporate Affairs	- Nirmala Sitharaman
Ministry of External Affairs	- Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Ministry of Power	- Manohar Lal
Ministry of Heavy Industries and Ministry of Steel	- H. D. Kumaraswamy
Ministry of Commerce and Industry	- Piyush Goyal
Ministry of Education	- Dharmendra Pradhan
Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	- Jitan Ram Manjhi
Ministry of Panchayati Raj	- Rajiv Ranjan Singh
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	- Rajiv Ranjan Singh

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways - Sarbananda Sonowal
 Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment - Dr. Virendra Kumar
 Ministry of Civil Aviation - Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu
 Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

- Pralhad Joshi

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy - Pralhad Joshi

Ministry of Tribal Affairs - Jual Oram

Ministry of Textiles - Giriraj Singh

Ministry of Railways - Ashwini Vaishnaw

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting - Ashwini Vaishnaw

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

- Ashwini Vaishnaw

Ministry of Communications - Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

- Bhupender Yadav

Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Tourism

- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Ministry of Women and Child Development - Annpurna Devi

Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs - Kiren Rijiju

Ministry of Minority Affairs - Kiren Rijiju

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas - Hardeep Singh Puri

Ministry of Labour and Employment - Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports - Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Ministry of Coal and Mines - G. Kishan Reddy

Ministry of Food Processing Industries - Chirag Paswan

Ministry of Jal Shakti - C R Patil

Important Appointments :-

Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Chairman - S. Gopalakrishnan

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Chairman

- Rahul Singh

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Chairman

- Anil Kumar Lahoti

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO),

Chairman - Dr Samir V Kamat

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Chairman

- Sreedhara Panicker Somanath

Chairperson Railway Board - Satish Kumar

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NITI Aayog - B.V.R. Subrahmanyam

Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Chairman

- Preeti Sudan

22nd Law Commission, Chairman - Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi

Head of International Organizations :-

United Nations, Secretary-General - António Guterres

79th United Nations General Assembly, President

- Philemon Yang

World Bank Group, President - Ajay Banga (14th)

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

(UNICEF), Executive Director - Catherine Russell

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC),

Secretary General - Md. Golam Sarwar

Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and

Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), Secretary General

- Indra Mani Pandey (India)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization (UNESCO), Director-General - Audrey Azoulay

Chief Ministers and Governors

S. No.	State	Chief Minister	Governor
1	Andhra Pradesh	N. Chandrababu Naidu	S. Abdul Nazeer
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Pema Khandu	Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik
3	Assam	Himanta Biswa Sarma	Lakshman Prasad Acharya
4	Bihar	Nitish Kumar	Arif Mohammed Khan
5	Chhattisgarh	Vishnu Deo Sai	Ramen Deka
6	Goa	Pramod Sawant	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
7	Gujarat	Bhupendrabhai Patel	Acharya Devvrat
8	Haryana	Nayab Singh Saini	Bandaru Dattatraya
9	Himachal Pradesh	Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu	Shiv Pratap Shukla
10	Jharkhand	Hemant Soren	Santosh Gangwar
11	Karnataka	Siddaramaiah	Thaawarchand Gehlot
12	Kerala	Pinarayi Vijayan	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
13	Madhya Pradesh	Mohan Yadav	Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
14	Maharashtra	Devendra Fadnavis	C. P. Radhakrishnan
15	Manipur	N. Biren Singh	Ajay Kumar Bhalla
16	Meghalaya	Conrad Sangma	C.H. Vijayshankar
17	Mizoram	LALDUHOMA	Vijay Kumar Singh
18	Nagaland	Neiphiu Rio	La. Ganesan
19	Odisha	Mohan Charan Majhi	Kambhampati Hari Babu
20	Punjab	Bhagwant Mann	Gulab Chand Kataria
21	Rajasthan	Bhajan Lal Sharma	Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde
22	Sikkim	Prem Singh Tamang	Om Prakash Mathur
23	Tamil Nadu	M. K. Stalin	R.N. Ravi
24	Telangana	Anumula Revanth Reddy	Jishnu Dev varma

25	Tripura	Manik Saha	N. Indrasena Reddy
26	Uttar Pradesh	Yogi Adityanath	Anandiben Patel
27	Uttarakhand	Pushkar Singh Dhami	Gurmit Singh
28	West Bengal	Mamata Banerjee	C.V. Ananda Bose

	Union Territory	Chief Minister	Administrator/Lt. Governor
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	—	D.K. Joshi
2	Chandigarh	—	Gulab Chand Kataria
3	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	—	Praful Khoda Patel
4	Delhi	Atishi Marlena	Vinai Kumar Saxena
5	Jammu and Kashmir	Omar Abdullah	Manoj Sinha
6	Ladakh	—	B.D. Mishra
7	Lakshadweep	—	Praful Patel
8	Puducherry	N. Rangasamy	K. Kailashnathan

Newly Appointed Chief Justice of High Court in 2024

High Court	Chief Justice
Allahabad	Justice Arun Bhansali
Delhi	Justice Manmohan
Himachal Pradesh	Justice G. S. Sandhawalia
Kerala	Justice Nitin Madhukar Jamdar
Madhya Pradesh	Justice Suresh Kait
Madras	Justice Shriram Kalpathi Rajendran
Meghalaya	Justice Indra Prasanna Mukerji
Uttarakhand	Justice Narender G

Union Budget & Economic Survey

The Union Budget for 2024-25, presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, emphasizes employment generation, skill development, support for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and relief for the middle class. Key highlights include:

Inflation: India's inflation is stable and approaching the 4% target, with core inflation (excluding food and fuel) at 3.1%.

GDP Growth: The economy is projected to grow between 6.5% and 7% in the current fiscal year.

Major Initiatives:

Employment and Skilling: A package of five schemes with an outlay of ₹2 lakh crore aims to provide opportunities for 4.1 crore youth over five years.

Agriculture: Allocation of ₹1.52 lakh crore for agriculture and allied sectors, including the release of 109 high-yielding, climate-resilient crop varieties and promoting natural farming among 1 crore farmers over the next two years.

Rural Development: Provision of ₹2.66 lakh crore for rural development, including infrastructure projects like Phase IV of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to provide all-weather connectivity to 25,000 rural habitations.

Urban Housing: Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban 2.0, the housing needs of 1 crore urban poor and middle-class families will be addressed with an investment of ₹10 lakh crore.

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Taxation:

Income Tax: Standard deduction increased from ₹50,000 to ₹75,000 for those in the new tax regime; deduction on family pension increased from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000.

Corporate Tax: Corporate tax on foreign companies reduced from 40% to 35% to attract investments.

Capital Gains: Exemption limit increased to ₹1.25 lakh per year to benefit lower and middle-income classes.

Fiscal Metrics:

Expenditure: Total expenditure is estimated at ₹48.21 lakh crore, an 8.5% increase over the previous year.

Receipts: Total receipts (excluding borrowings) are projected at ₹32.07 lakh crore, a 15% increase over the previous year.

Fiscal Deficit: Targeted at 4.9% of GDP, down from 5.6% in the previous year.

Sectoral Allocations:

Education and Skilling: Allocation of ₹1.48 lakh crore for education, employment, and skilling initiatives.

Infrastructure: Capital expenditure outlay increased by 11.1% to ₹11.11 lakh crore, focusing on long-term infrastructure projects.

Defense: Specific allocations were not detailed in the available sources.

Other Notable Announcements:

Natural Farming: Initiation of 1 crore farmers into natural farming over the next two years.

Industrial Training: Upgradation of 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes to enhance skill development.

Space Economy: Emphasis on expanding the space economy by five times in the next ten years, with a venture capital fund of ₹1,000 crore.

This budget reflects the government's commitment to fostering economic growth, generating employment, and enhancing infrastructure, while maintaining fiscal discipline.

Economic Survey 2024

The Economic Survey 2023-24 of India, presented on July 22, 2024, provides a comprehensive analysis of the nation's economic performance over the past year and offers projections for the upcoming fiscal period.

Key Highlights:

GDP Growth: The Indian economy exhibited robust growth, with a real GDP increase of 8.2% in FY2023-24. Looking ahead, the Survey projects a moderate

growth rate of 6.5% to 7% for FY2024-25, reflecting a cautious optimism amid global economic uncertainties.

Inflation: Retail inflation declined to 5.4% in FY2023-24, attributed to effective administrative and monetary policies. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) forecasts a further reduction to 4.5% in FY2024-25, aiming to maintain price stability.

Fiscal Deficit: The fiscal deficit is projected to decrease to 4.5% of GDP or lower by 2025, aligning with the government's commitment to fiscal consolidation.

Sectoral Performance:

Agriculture and Allied Activities: This sector registered an average annual growth rate of 4.18% over the past five years, with allied activities emerging as significant contributors to farm incomes.

Industry: The industrial sector achieved a growth rate of 9.5%, driven by increased manufacturing output and infrastructure development.

Services: India's services exports constituted 4.4% of the world's commercial exports in 2022, underscoring the sector's global competitiveness.

Employment: Net payroll additions to the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) more than doubled from 61.1 lakh in FY2018-19 to 131.5 lakh in FY2023-24, indicating significant employment generation.

External Sector: India maintained stability in its external sector, with the Current Account Deficit (CAD) improving to 0.7% of GDP during FY2023-24, down from 2.0% in the previous fiscal year.

Social Sector Initiatives: Over 34.7 crore Ayushman Bharat cards were generated, facilitating healthcare access for millions. Additionally, 22 mental disorders are now covered under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, expanding the scope of mental health support.

Climate Action: India made significant progress in climate action, with 45.4% of installed electricity generation capacity now sourced from non-fossil fuels, reflecting a commitment to sustainable energy transitions.

Policy Recommendations:

The Survey outlines six key focus areas for the 'Amrit Kaal' period:

Boosting Private Investment:
Encouraging private sector participation to drive economic growth.

Expansion of MSMEs: Strengthening Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises to enhance employment and innovation.

Agriculture as a Growth Engine:
Leveraging agricultural advancements to propel the economy.

Financing Green Transition: Mobilizing resources for sustainable and eco-friendly initiatives.

Bridging Education-Employment Gap:
Aligning educational outcomes with market demands to improve employability.

Capacity Building of States: Enhancing state-level capabilities for effective policy implementation.

The Economic Survey 2023-24 underscores India's resilient economic performance and outlines strategic priorities to sustain growth, ensure macroeconomic stability, and promote inclusive development in the forthcoming fiscal year.

Schemes and Policies

Flagship Schemes

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) 2014 - It aims at financial inclusion for all households, ensuring universal access to banking facilities with over 53 crore accounts opened by 2024.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana 2015 (PMMY) - Launched on April 8, 2015, it provides loans up to ₹10 lakh to small/micro-enterprises under three categories: Shishu, Kishore, and Tarun. Recently, in 2024, the loan limit was increased to ₹20 lakh with the introduction of a new 'Tarun Plus' category.

Stand Up India (2016) - Launched on April 5, 2016, it provides loans ranging from ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore to SC/ST and women entrepreneurs for setting up greenfield enterprises. Recently, in 2024, the scheme was extended till 2026 to further boost entrepreneurship in underrepresented communities.

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)- Launched in 2013 and revamped in 2014, it aims to streamline subsidy and benefits delivery directly into beneficiaries' accounts. Recently, new AI-based tracking systems were introduced in 2024 to enhance transparency and efficiency in fund disbursement.

PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) (2020) - Launched in 2020, it provides working capital loans up to ₹10,000 to street vendors.

One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) - Launched in 2019, it ensures the portability of ration benefits across states.

National Pension Scheme for Traders and Self-Employed (NPS-Traders)- Launched in 2019, it offers pension benefits of ₹3,000/month to small traders and self-employed individuals.

Atal Pension Yojana (APY) - Launched in 2015, it provides pension benefits ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 per month to unorganized sector workers.

PM Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)- Launched in 2017, it offers a guaranteed pension scheme for senior citizens with an assured return of 7.4% annually. In

2024, the scheme extended its enrollment period till March 2026.

Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) - Launched in 2015, it provides life insurance coverage of ₹2 lakh at an annual premium of ₹436 for individuals aged 18-50 years. In 2024, the maximum age of eligibility was increased to 55 years.

Smart Cities Mission (2015) - It aims to develop 100 smart cities across India with a focus on sustainable and inclusive urban development. In 2024, the mission's implementation period was extended to 2026 to complete ongoing projects and enhance urban infrastructure.

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) - Launched in 2015, it aims to provide basic urban infrastructure such as water supply, sewerage, and non-motorized transport. Recently, in 2024, AMRUT 2.0 allocated additional funds to support smart water management systems in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)- Launched in 2015, it aims to provide affordable housing to all by 2022, with a focus on urban and rural areas. In 2024, the government extended the scheme till 2027 to achieve the pending targets for housing construction.

Bharatmala Pariyojana - Launched in 2017, it focuses on highway development to improve connectivity across India. Recently, in 2024, Phase II of the project was launched with a target to develop an additional 20,000 km of highways by 2027.

Sagarmala Programme - Launched in 2015, it aims at port-led economic development through modernization of ports and connectivity enhancements.

Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) -Launched in 2015, it aims to improve the financial health of DISCOMs by reducing losses and improving operational efficiency.

National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP)- Launched in 2020, it provides a roadmap for ₹111 lakh crore investment in infrastructure projects across sectors by 2025.

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – (DAY-NULM)- Launched in 2014, it focuses on reducing urban poverty

through skill development, self-employment, and capacity building.

Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN)- Launched in 2016, it aims to make air travel affordable by connecting under-served and unserved airports.

Digital India - Launched in 2015, it aims to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)- Launched in 2016, it provides crop insurance to farmers against natural calamities.

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) - Launched in 2015, it aims to improve irrigation efficiency and ensure water access for agriculture.

Soil Health Card Scheme - Launched in 2015, it provides farmers with soil health cards to monitor soil fertility and recommend nutrient management.

Rashtriya Gokul Mission - Launched in 2014, it aims to conserve and develop indigenous cattle breeds.

eNAM (National Agriculture Market) - Launched in 2016, it provides a digital platform for farmers to sell agricultural produce across India.

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) - Launched in 2019, it provides direct income support of ₹6,000 annually to eligible farmer families.

Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) - Launched in 2016, it aims to develop rural clusters with urban amenities while preserving rural characteristics.

PM Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY)- Launched in 2016, it provides livelihood support and food security to the poor.

National Livestock Mission (NLM) - Launched in 2014, it focuses on sustainable development of livestock and fisheries.

Ayushman Bharat (PMJAY) - Launched in 2018, it provides health insurance coverage of ₹5 lakh per family annually for secondary and tertiary care.

Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) - Launched in 2014, it aims to eliminate open defecation and improve sanitation across India.

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) - Launched in 2017, it provides cash incentives of ₹5,000 to pregnant women for their first live birth. Recently, in 2024, the scheme extended benefits to the second live birth for women belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes

Mission Indradhanush - Launched in 2014, it aims to achieve universal vaccination for children and pregnant women.

PM Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) - Launched in 2016, it provides free antenatal care to pregnant women on the 9th of every month.

Fit India Movement - Launched in 2019, it aims to promote fitness and healthy lifestyles among citizens.

Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers- Launched in 2018, it aims to transform sub-centers and primary health centers into Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) for comprehensive primary healthcare.

Jal Jeevan Mission - Launched in 2019, it aims to provide functional tap water connections to every rural household.

Poshan Abhiyaan - Launched in 2018, it aims to reduce malnutrition among children, pregnant women, and lactating mothers.

Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS, revamped) - Launched in 1975 and re-emphasized in 2015, it provides nutrition, healthcare, and preschool education to children under six years and pregnant/lactating women.

Skill India Mission - Launched in 2015, it aims to promote skill development and enhance employability among the youth.

PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) - Launched in 2015, it provides skill training to youth across various sectors.

Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA) - Launched in 2015, it aims to make at least one person in every rural household digitally literate.

Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan - Launched in 2018, it focuses on improving school education from preschool to senior secondary levels.

National Education Policy (NEP) - Launched in 2020, it aims to transform

the education system with a focus on holistic, flexible, multidisciplinary learning.

Betiyan Bachao Betiyan Padhao (BBBP) - Launched in 2015, it aims to prevent gender-biased sex selection and promote education for girls.

PM Rozgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) - Launched in 2016, it provides financial incentives to employers for generating new employment.

Self-Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) - Launched in 2014, it aims to rehabilitate manual scavengers by providing them with skill training and self-employment opportunities.

PM YUVA Yojana - Launched in 2016, it focuses on providing entrepreneurship education, training, and mentorship to young people.

Deendayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) - Launched in 2014, it aims to enhance the employability of rural youth through skill development.

Bima Sakhi Yojana - Launched in 2024, it aims to empower women by appointing 2 lakh women as insurance agents within three years, promoting financial independence.

One Nation One Subscription Scheme (ONOS) - Approved in 2024, it aims to provide nationwide access to research articles and journals, boosting higher education and research, with ₹6,000 crore allocated for 2025-2027.

PAN 2.0 Project - It aims to make PAN a common business identifier for all digital government systems, improving taxpayer registration services, with a proposed allocation of ₹1,435 crore.

PM Vidyalakshmi Scheme - Launched in 2015, it aims to provide financial assistance to meritorious students for higher education through a single-window platform without requiring collateral.

PM Internship Scheme - It aims to offer a 12-month internship program with ₹5,000 monthly support and a one-time grant of ₹6,000 for youth aged 21-24, promoting skill development.

PM E-Drive Scheme - It aims to accelerate the adoption of electric

vehicles, develop EV manufacturing ecosystems, and set up charging infrastructure, with a proposed allocation of ₹10,900 crore.

PM National Agricultural Development and Krishonnati Yojana - Launched in 2007 as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), it aims to promote sustainable farming and ensure food security, with a total outlay of ₹1,01,321.61 crore.

Skill Loan Scheme - Launched in 2015, it aims to provide financial assistance of up to ₹7.5 lakh for skill development, benefitting 25,000 students annually.

PM Solar Home Scheme - It aims to subsidize the installation of solar panels on rooftops to promote clean energy and reduce electricity bills.

Ayushman Bharat Senior Citizens Health Expansion - Launched in 2024, it provides Rs 5 lakh free health cover to all senior citizens of the age 70 years and above irrespective of their socio-economic status.

Multiple Choice Questions

Q.1. Which initiative was launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to enhance the capacity building of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members?

- (a) Gram Swaraj Abhiyan
- (b) Viksit Panchayat Karmayogi
- (c) Rashtriya Gram Vikas Yojana
- (d) Digital Panchayat Mission

Sol.1.(b) Viksit Panchayat Karmayogi.

This initiative aims to empower local bodies and enhance their role in achieving sustainable development goals at the grassroots level.

Q.2. Which political party launched the Dr. Ambedkar Samman Yojana in December 2024 to support Dalit students pursuing higher education abroad?

- (a) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- (b) Indian National Congress (INC)
- (c) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)
- (d) Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)

Sol.2.(c) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal announced the 'Dr. Ambedkar Samman Scholarship Yojana' to fully fund travel and stay for Delhi's Dalit students studying at top global universities. The scheme aims to empower education and honor Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision.

Q.3. What is the main purpose of the Ken-Betwa River Linking Project, launched by PM Modi on December 25, 2024?

- (a) Improve roads in Bundelkhand
- (b) Solve water scarcity in Bundelkhand
- (c) Boost industries in Bundelkhand
- (d) Promote tourism in Bundelkhand

Sol.3.(b) Solve water scarcity in Bundelkhand. The Ken-Betwa River Linking Project aims to address water scarcity in Bundelkhand by providing irrigation, drinking water, and hydropower benefits. This initiative is part of the National Perspective Plan for interlinking rivers to enhance water resources across India.

Q.4. Which state government launched the 'Banglar Bari' housing initiative in December 2024 to provide affordable housing to its residents?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Bihar
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Assam

Sol.4.(c) West Bengal. In December 2024, the West Bengal government, under Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, launched the 'Banglar Bari' housing initiative. This state-funded scheme aims to provide affordable housing to the people of West Bengal, addressing housing needs and improving living conditions.

Q.5. In December 2024, India established AYUSH academic chairs in which of the following countries to promote traditional medicine systems globally?

- (a) Bangladesh, Australia, Mauritius, Latvia, and Malaysia
- (b) Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives, and Singapore
- (c) USA, UK, Canada, Germany, and France
- (d) China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam

Sol.5.(a) The AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa, and Homoeopathy) chairs enhance research and teaching of Ayurveda and Yoga. They are part of India's global soft power strategy, aligning with WHO's endorsement of traditional medicine systems for healthcare integration.

Q.6. Which organization launched the 'CHARAK' initiative in December 2024 to provide free treatment for life-threatening diseases to economically weaker sections in Singrauli and Sonbhadra districts?

- (a) Coal India Limited (CIL)

(b) Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)

(c) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

(d) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)

Sol.6.(b) Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL). NCL, a subsidiary of Coal India Limited, launched the 'CHARAK' initiative to provide free treatment for critical diseases to families earning below ₹8 lakh annually in Singrauli and Sonbhadra.

Q.7. In December 2024, which scheme was launched by the Indian government to promote long-haul cargo movement via inland waterways?

- (a) Jal Marg Vikas
- (b) Sagarmala
- (c) Jalvahak
- (d) Bharatmala

Sol.7.(c) Jalvahak. The Jalvahak Scheme promotes long-distance cargo transport on key National Waterways with up to 35% cost reimbursement. A similar initiative, Jal Marg Vikas Project (2014), focuses on improving navigation on National Waterway 1 for eco-friendly transport.

Q.8. In December 2024, which scheme was launched by the Indian government to promote electric mobility in India?

- (a) FAME-I
- (b) FAME-II
- (c) FAME-III
- (d) PM E-DRIVE

Sol.8.(d) PM E-DRIVE. In December 2024, the Indian government launched the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) scheme with an outlay of ₹10,900 crore for two years (April 2024 to March 2026). This initiative aims to promote electric mobility and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Q.9. Under the "New Cities Scheme" launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, how many smart cities are planned to be developed?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 8
- (d) 10

Sol.9.(c) 8. The "New Cities Scheme," introduced by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, aims to develop eight smart cities across India with an allocation of ₹8,000 crore as a performance-based challenge fund.

Q.10. Under the LIC's Bima Sakhi Yojana, what is the primary aim of the initiative?

- (a) Promote women's entrepreneurship
- (b) Train women as LIC agents
- (c) Provide women-specific insurance schemes
- (d) Financial literacy for women

Sol.10.(b) Train women as LIC agents.

LIC's Bima Sakhi Yojana aims to empower women by training them as LIC agents, providing stipends, and enhancing financial independence. LIC is headquartered in Mumbai, and its Chairman is Siddhartha Mohanty.

Q.11. Under the Central SMILE sub-scheme, implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, how many families have been rehabilitated?

- (a) 150
- (b) 169
- (c) 200
- (d) 185

Sol.11.(b) 169. The SMILE (Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) sub-scheme, run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, has rehabilitated 169 families and 970 individuals, focusing on social and economic reintegration.

Q.12. Which ministry launched the eMaap portal to promote fair trade and consumer protection in India?

- (a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (b) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Sol.12.(b) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution. The eMaap portal, introduced by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution, aims to streamline legal metrology processes, ensuring transparency and accountability in trade practices.

Q.13. Which state government launched the 'Bijli Sakhi Yojana' to empower women in tribal areas and assist with electricity meter reading in remote villages?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Sol.13.(b) Chhattisgarh. The 'Bijli Sakhi Yojana' empowers women from SHGs in the tribal-dominated Jashpur district by training them for meter reading, providing them an annual income of Rs 50,000-60,000. This initiative supports the vision of creating 'Lakhpati Didis'.

Q.14. What is the target number of solar installations under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana by 2027?

- (a) 50 lakh
- (b) 75 lakh
- (c) 1 crore
- (d) 1.5 crore

Sol.14.(c) 1 crore. The Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana aims to achieve 1 crore solar installations by 2027, providing up to 300 units of free electricity to households.

Q.15. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), what does the letter "D" stand for?

- (a) Development (b) Digital
(c) Distribution (d) Deployment

Sol.15.(b) Digital. The full form of PMGDISHA is Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan, which translates to Prime Minister's Rural Digital Literacy Campaign. This initiative aims to promote digital literacy in rural India, targeting 6 crore rural households to bridge the digital divide.

Q.16. SheSTEM 2024, focusing on Battery Technology and Energy Storage (BEST) systems, was organized by which mission in collaboration with the Swedish Embassy?

- (a) Digital India Mission
(b) Atal Innovation Mission
(c) Make in India
(d) Startup India

Sol.16.(b) Atal Innovation Mission. SheSTEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) 2024 was organized by the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in collaboration with the Swedish Embassy, engaging students from grades 6–12 across India to present innovative ideas on Battery Technology and Energy Storage systems. AIM, established by NITI Aayog, fosters a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in India.

Q.17. What is the primary objective of the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) scheme?

- (a) To promote digital literacy among women
(b) To provide financial empowerment to women
(c) To offer health insurance to women
(d) To support women entrepreneurs exclusively

Sol.17.(b) To provide financial empowerment to women. The Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) scheme is designed to empower women and minor girls by encouraging small savings with attractive interest rates and financial security benefits.

Q.18. Which technology was recently introduced at the National Zoological Park in Delhi to improve pond water

quality?

- (a) Ultraviolet Filtration
(b) Nano Bubble Technology
(c) Reverse Osmosis
(d) Biofiltration

Sol.18.(b) Nano Bubble Technology.

Union Minister Kirti Vardhan Singh launched a 15-day trial of Nano Bubble Technology at the Delhi Zoo to enhance pond water quality, aiming to remove algae, foul odors, and discoloration.

Q.19. As of November 25, 2024, how many Ayushman Vay Vandana cards have been issued to senior citizens aged 70 and above under the AB-PMJAY scheme?

- (a) 1 million (b) 1.2 million
(c) 1.4 million (d) 1.6 million

Sol.19.(c) 1.4 million. As of November 25, 2024, approximately 1.4 million Ayushman Vay Vandana cards have been issued to senior citizens aged 70 and above under the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) scheme.

Q.20. When and where was the third regional event of the 'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman' campaign held?

- (a) October 19, 2024, in Bikaner
(b) November 19, 2024, in Guwahati
(c) December 19, 2024, in Prayagraj
(d) January 19, 2024, in New Delhi

Sol.20.(b) November 19, 2024, in Guwahati. The 'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman' campaign is an initiative to promote constitutional awareness and legal literacy among citizens, especially youth. It includes regional events and online engagement to highlight the significance of constitutional values.

Q.21. Which organization collaborated to develop The TeacherApp, recently launched to provide digital resources for enhancing educators' skills?

- (a) Ministry of Education
(b) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
(c) Bharti Airtel Foundation
(d) Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)

Sol.21.(c) Bharti Airtel Foundation.

The TeacherApp, launched by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, was developed by the Bharti Airtel Foundation. It offers over 260 hours of curated digital content to improve teaching methodologies and classroom engagement.

Q.22. What is the primary objective of the 'One Nation One Subscription' (ONOS) scheme approved by the Union Cabinet?

- (a) To provide universal access to international academic journals
(b) To unify all government digital services under one platform
(c) To implement a single subscription for all public transport services
(d) To offer a nationwide health insurance scheme

Sol.22.(a) To provide universal access to international academic journals.

The 'One Nation One Subscription' (ONOS) scheme, approved by the Union Cabinet with a ₹6,000 crore budget for 2025-2027, aims to provide seamless access to over 13,000 international e-journals for 1.8 crore students, faculty, and researchers across 6,300 government institutions, thereby promoting research and innovation in India.

Q.23. What is the primary goal of the 'One Day One Genome' initiative launched by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC)?

- (a) To sequence human genomes daily
(b) To release annotated microbial genomes daily
(c) To map plant genomes across India
(d) To develop personalized medicine for citizens

Sol.23.(b) To release annotated

microbial genomes daily. The 'One Day One Genome' initiative aims to publicly release a fully annotated microbial genome each day, highlighting India's unique bacterial species and their roles in the environment, agriculture, and human health.

Q.24. Which bank launched the 'Nari Shakti' branches to empower women entrepreneurs, inaugurated by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman?

- (a) State Bank of India
(b) Punjab National Bank
(c) Union Bank of India
(d) Bank of Baroda

Sol.24.(c) Union Bank of India. Union Bank of India launched 'Nari Shakti' branches in Bengaluru, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, and Jaipur, focusing on providing credit, advisory services, skill development, mentorship, and networking opportunities to women entrepreneurs.

Q.25. Which scheme was launched on 8th Nov by Union Minister J.P. Nadda to strengthen India's medical device industry?

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
- (b) Scheme for Strengthening the Medical Device Industry
- (c) National Medical Devices Policy
- (d) Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio-RIDE) Scheme

Sol.25.(b) Scheme for Strengthening the Medical Device Industry. Union Minister J.P. Nadda launched the "Scheme for Strengthening the Medical Device Industry," aiming to boost the sector and make India self-reliant in medical devices. The scheme, with a total outlay of ₹500 crore, covers critical areas such as manufacturing of key components, skill development, clinical studies, and infrastructure development.

Q.26. What is the primary objective of South Africa's Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS) recently introduced for Indian and Chinese tourists?

- (a) To provide discounted travel packages
- (b) To streamline visa processing
- (c) To offer guided tours
- (d) To promote cultural exchange programs

Sol.26.(b) To streamline visa processing. South Africa's Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS) aims to simplify and expedite visa applications for tourists from India and China, enhancing tourism by reducing processing times and bureaucratic hurdles.

Q.27. What is the primary objective of the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme approved by the Union Cabinet?

- (a) To provide scholarships for international studies
- (b) To offer collateral-free education loans to meritorious students
- (c) To fund infrastructure development in educational institutions
- (d) To subsidize tuition fees for all undergraduate courses

Sol.27.(b) To offer collateral-free education loans to meritorious students. The PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme, approved by the Union Cabinet on November 6, 2024, aims to provide financial support to meritorious students by offering collateral-free, guarantor-free education

loans. It targets students admitted to the top 860 Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs) in India, covering tuition fees and related expenses, with an outlay of ₹3,600 crore to benefit over 22 lakh students annually.

Q.28. On November 1, 2024, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister launched the Deepam 2.0 scheme to provide what benefit to women?

- (a) Free health check-ups
- (b) Subsidized education loans
- (c) Three free gas cylinders annually
- (d) Monthly financial assistance

Sol.28.(c) Three free gas cylinders annually. The Deepam 2.0 scheme, launched on November 1, 2024, aims to promote clean cooking energy by providing three free gas cylinders annually to women, reducing indoor pollution and enhancing their quality of life.

Q.29. What is the primary objective of the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS) 2024 launched by the Rajasthan government?

- (a) To provide subsidies for agricultural development
- (b) To enhance financial incentives for private investment across various sectors
- (c) To promote tourism exclusively
- (d) To support only small-scale industries

Sol.29.(b) The Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS) 2024 aims to boost economic growth by offering substantial financial incentives to a wide range of sectors, including emerging industries like Aero & Space, Defence, Drones, and Agri-Tech.

Q.30. Which scheme recently converged with the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Scheme to improve healthcare access for ESI beneficiaries in October 2024?

- (a) Unified Pension Scheme
- (b) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
- (c) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
- (d) Atal Pension Yojana

Sol.30.(c) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. It was launched in 2018, provides ₹5 lakh annual health insurance to over 10 crore families, ensuring universal healthcare access in India.

Q.31. Which program was organized on 2nd October 2024 in New Delhi to

commemorate the 10-year completion of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)?

- (a) Sadbhavana Diwas
- (b) Akhil Bharitya Shiksha Samagam
- (c) Swachh Bharat Diwas
- (d) Yashasvini Campaign

Sol.31.(c) Swachh Bharat Diwas.

The event coincided with the 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Initiated on 2nd October 2014 by PM Narendra Modi, SBM has achieved significant milestones, including the construction of over 10 crore toilets and the declaration of 6 lakh villages as Open Defecation-Free (ODF) by 2019. The theme of the 2024 campaign was 'Swabhav Swachhata -Sanskar Swachhata'.

Q.32. Which state government launched the GREEN Plus scheme in October 2024 to conserve and protect natural forests?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Meghalaya

Sol.32.(d) Meghalaya. The GREEN Plus scheme, also known as Grassroot level Response Towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing (GREEN) Meghalaya Plus, was launched by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma. This initiative offers financial incentives of up to Rs 20,000 per hectare annually to communities and individuals engaged in forest conservation.

Q.33. What is the new name of the Rajiv Gandhi Swavalamban Yojana as renamed by the Chhattisgarh state government in October 2024?

- (a) Pandit Deendayal Swavalamban Yojana
- (b) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Aajeevika Kendra Yojana
- (c) Pradhan Mantri Swavalamban Yojana
- (d) Chhattisgarh Mukhyamantri Swavalamban Yojana

Sol.33.(a) Pandit Deendayal

Swavalamban Yojana. This decision was made by the Urban Administration Department of Chhattisgarh and reflects an effort to honor Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, an ideologue of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the forerunner of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Q.34. Which initiative, focused on improving regional air connectivity, celebrated its 8th anniversary on 21st October 2024?

- (a) Jal Jeevan Mission
- (b) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and

- Urban Transformation
(c) Regional Connectivity Scheme – UDAN
(d) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana

Sol.34.(c) Regional Connectivity Scheme - UDAN. Launched on 21st October 2016 under the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016, this scheme was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi, connecting Shimla to Delhi on 27th April 2017. It has transformed India's aviation sector by operationalizing 601 routes, including helicopter routes, and reaching the remotest locations. Today, India is the 3rd largest aviation market globally, with a 15% year-on-year passenger growth in FY24.

Q.35. What is the revised limit of the Mudra loan amount under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) introduced in the new "Tarun Plus" category?
(a) Rs 12 lakh (b) Rs 15 lakh
(c) Rs 20 lakh (d) Rs 25 lakh

Sol.35.(c) Rs 20 lakh. Yojana was launched in 2015. It has three categories: Shishu (loans up to ₹50,000), Kishore (loans above ₹50,000 and up to ₹5 lakh), and Tarun (loans above ₹5 lakh and up to ₹10 lakh). In October 2024, the government introduced a new category, Tarun Plus, increasing the loan limit to ₹20 lakh to further support emerging entrepreneurs.

Q.36. Under which mission is the 'Namo Drone Didi' Scheme providing drones to Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) with an outlay of Rs 1,261 crore?
(a) Mission Shakti
(b) Mahila Shakti Kendra
(c) Sukanya Samridhi Yojana
(d) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission

Sol.36.(d) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission. It provides drones to Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) with an allocated outlay of Rs 1,261 crore. This initiative empowers women SHGs to leverage drone technology for various livelihood activities, promoting rural development and entrepreneurship.

Q.37. What was the primary focus of the nationwide volunteering initiative 'This Diwali with MY Bharat' launched in October 2024?
(a) Distributing sweets to underprivileged children

- (b) Cleaning marketplaces, assisting in hospitals, and managing traffic
(c) Organizing cultural events in urban areas
(d) Providing free education workshops

Sol.37.(b) The 'This Diwali with MY Bharat' initiative, launched by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya from October 27 to 30, 2024, engaged over 200,000 volunteers across 500 locations in activities such as market cleaning, hospital volunteering, and traffic management to promote social service during the Diwali festivities.

Q.38. In October 2024, the Pradhan Mantri Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (PMVKY) was launched to empower which community in India?
(a) Dalit Community
(b) Tribal Community
(c) Minority Community
(d) Backward Class Community

Sol.38.(b) Tribal Community. The Pradhan Mantri Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (PMVKY) focuses on the holistic development of India's tribal communities by improving education, health, livelihoods, and infrastructure. Similar initiatives like the PMJVK cater to the development of minority communities.

Q.39. In October 2024, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched which initiative to provide land rights to indigenous people?
(a) Mission our Land
(b) Mission Basundhara 3.0
(c) Mission Land Rights
(d) Mission Indigenous Empowerment

Sol.39.(b) Mission Basundhara 3.0. Mission Basundhara 3.0, launched on October 20, 2024, aims to empower indigenous communities in Assam by providing formal land rights, enhancing security and recognition of their land holdings.

Q.40. On 'Police Smriti Diwas' in October 2024, what welfare measures were announced by Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath for police personnel?
(a) Increase in uniform and housing allowances
(b) New pension scheme for police personnel
(c) Free healthcare for police families
(d) Scholarships for children of police personnel

Sol.40.(a) Increase in uniform and housing allowances. On 'Police Smriti Diwas' in October 2024, CM Yogi Adityanath announced a 70% hike in uniform allowances and a 25% increase in housing allowances for police constables in barracks, improving their financial welfare and living standards.

Q.41. Which recently launched initiative aims to improve the skills and effectiveness of India's civil servants, aligning with the nation's long-term development goals?
(a) Civil Services Reform Week
(b) Karmayogi Saptah
(c) Civil Services Empowerment Mission
(d) Bureaucratic Excellence Programme

Sol.41.(b) Karmayogi Saptah. Launched on October 19, 2024, Karmayogi Saptah is part of Mission Karmayogi, focusing on capacity building for civil servants through modern training modules, fostering efficiency and accountability in governance.

Q.42. In October 2024, the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship partnered with which company to launch an AI-powered assistant on the Skill India Digital Portal?
(a) Google (b) Microsoft (c) Meta (d) IBM

Sol.42.(c) Meta. In October 2024, the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship collaborated with Meta to introduce an AI-powered assistant on the Skill India Digital Portal, aiming to enhance learning experiences and improve skill development outcomes for Indian youth.

Q.43. As of FY 2024-25, how many total enrollments has the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) achieved?
(a) 5 crore (b) 6 crore
(c) 7 crore (d) 8 crore

Sol.43.(c) 7 crore. The Atal Pension Yojana (APY), launched in 2015 to provide a universal social security system for underprivileged and unorganized sector workers, has surpassed 7 crore enrollments as of FY 2024-25, with over 56 lakh new enrollments added in the current financial year.

Q.44. Which Indian government initiative focuses on enhancing traveler experience by providing facilities like clean toilets, EV charging stations, and baby care rooms along national highways?

- (a) BharatMala Pariyojana
- (b) Humsafar Policy
- (c) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- (d) National Highway Development Project

Sol.44.(b) Humsafar Policy. The Humsafar Policy, introduced by the government, aims to improve the travel experience on national highways by offering modern amenities such as EV charging stations, clean toilets, baby care rooms, and more, ensuring safety and convenience for commuters.

Q.45. In October 2024, the Union Cabinet approved the consolidation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the Ministry of Agriculture into which two umbrella schemes?

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Krishi Unnati Yojana
- (b) Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Krishonnati Yojana
- (c) National Food Security Mission and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana
- (d) Krishi Unnati Yojana and National Horticulture Mission

Sol.45.(b) Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Krishonnati Yojana. The integration focuses on sustainable agriculture and food security, consolidating schemes like the National Food Security Mission and the National Horticulture Mission under these umbrellas.

Q.46. Which Indian government initiative, launched in October 2024, aims to achieve holistic development in tribal villages by addressing gaps in social infrastructure, health, education, and livelihoods?

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana
- (b) Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana
- (c) Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan
- (d) Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission

Sol.46.(c) Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan. Launched on October 2, 2024, from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, the scheme aims to benefit 63,843 tribal villages across 30 states/UTs with an outlay of ₹79,156 crore.

Q.47. Which Indian government initiative, launched in October 2024, aims to position India as a global hub for cruise tourism by doubling passenger traffic by 2029?

- (a) Cruise India Mission

- (b) Sagar Mala Project
- (c) Cruise Bharat Mission
- (d) Maritime Tourism Initiative

Sol.47.(c) Cruise Bharat Mission.

Launched by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on October 1, 2024, from Mumbai port, the Cruise Bharat Mission seeks to enhance India's cruise tourism sector, with a target to achieve 5 million passengers by 2047.

Q.48. Which Indian government initiative, launched in September 2024, focuses on developing generative AI systems in various Indian languages to promote social equity and cultural preservation?

- (a) BharatGen
- (b) IndiaAI
- (c) Anuvadini
- (d) Morni AI

Sol.48.(a) BharatGen. BharatGen, inaugurated on September 30, 2024, is India's first government-funded multimodal large language model initiative. Led by IIT Bombay, it aims to create AI systems that generate high-quality text and multimodal content in multiple Indian languages, fostering social equity and preserving cultural heritage.

Q.49. Which initiative, launched in September 2024, focuses on water conservation and community participation in Gujarat?

- (a) Jal Jeevan Mission
- (b) Atal Bhujal Yojana
- (c) Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari
- (d) Catch the Rain Campaign

Sol.49.(c) Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari.

The program focuses on constructing 24,800 rainwater harvesting structures across Gujarat with public participation to address water shortages. It aims to enhance groundwater levels and boost water infiltration in districts such as Surat, Tapi, Dang, Navsari, and Valsad. This initiative aligns with the National Water Mission (NWM) and complements efforts like the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign to combat India's water scarcity.

Q.50. In September, which state launched the 'CM-KISAN Yojana' to provide financial assistance of Rs 12,500 annually in three installments to landless agricultural households?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Haryana

Sol.50.(c) Odisha. On September 8, 2024, Odisha's Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi launched the 'CM-KISAN

Yojana' during the Nuakhai festival. The scheme replaces the 'Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA)' scheme and targets small, marginal, and landless farmers.

Q.51. Which program was launched by the Telangana government to provide government school students with free educational tours to historical and tourist sites?

- (a) Telangana Darshini
- (b) Vidya Vihar Yatra
- (c) Heritage Telangana
- (d) Student Tourism Initiative

Sol.51.(a) Telangana Darshini. The Telangana Darshini program offers government school students experiential learning opportunities through free visits to historical and tourist sites, enhancing their educational experiences beyond traditional classroom lessons.

Q.52. Which initiative was launched by the Ministry of Tourism to enhance tourist experiences by empowering local communities as ambassadors and storytellers?

- (a) Incredible India 2.0
- (b) Paryatan Mitra and Didi
- (c) Swadesh Darshan
- (d) Dekho Apna Desh

Sol.52.(b) Paryatan Mitra and Didi.

The initiative aims to train local communities in hospitality and storytelling to improve tourist experiences across India.

Q.53. Which India-specific fashion trend book was launched by the Union Minister of Textiles in September 2024?

- (a) Vastra 2024
- (b) Paridhi 24x25
- (c) Trend India 2024
- (d) Fashion Forward 2024

Sol.53.(b) Paridhi 24x25. On September 5, 2024, Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh, launched "Paridhi 24x25," an India-specific fashion trend book, alongside the bilingual web portal of VisioNxt and an AI Taxonomy e-book, aiming to enhance India's presence in global fashion trend prediction.

Q.54. Which Indian state launched the CM-SATH scheme to provide financial assistance to meritorious students for higher education?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Tripura
- (c) Assam
- (d) Odisha

Sol.54.(b) Tripura. Launched by Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha, the CM-SATH scheme offers financial support to 200 top students from the Madhyamik and Higher Secondary examinations, providing a monthly stipend of ₹5,000 to aid their higher education pursuits.

Q.55. In September 2024, which Indian state launched the 'Bana Kaih' scheme to provide financial assistance to farmers and entrepreneurs?

- (a) Assam (b) Mizoram
(c) Manipur (d) Nagaland

Sol.55.(b) Mizoram. Mizoram's 'Bana Kaih' (Handholding) Scheme, launched on September 19, 2024, offers financial support, including collateral-free, interest-free loans up to ₹50 lakh, to promote economic growth and self-sufficiency among farmers and entrepreneurs.

Q.56. Which village in Uttarakhand was selected under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan to enhance socio-economic conditions of tribal communities?

- (a) Mana (b) Niti (c) Malari (d) Lata

Sol.56.(a) Mana. Mana village, located in the Joshimath block of Chamoli district, was selected under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan, a central government initiative aimed at improving the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities.

Q.57. Which international financial institution funded the ₹530 crore water supply project launched in Tripura to improve drinking water infrastructure in 12 cities?

- (a) World Bank
(b) International Monetary Fund
(c) Asian Development Bank
(d) New Development Bank

Sol.57. (c) Asian Development Bank.

The Asian Development Bank funded the ₹530 crore 'Mukhyamantri Nagar Unnayan Prkalp' project, launched by Tripura's Chief Minister Manik Saha, aiming to enhance drinking water infrastructure in 12 cities, benefiting over 75,000 families.

Q.58. Which Indian government initiative, approved in September 2024, aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities by covering 63,000 villages and benefiting over 5 crore tribal people?

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram

Yojana

- (b) Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana
(c) Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan
(d) Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission

Sol.58.(c) Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan. Approved in September 2024, this scheme aims to enhance tribal development across 63,000 villages with an outlay of ₹79,156 crore, focusing on education, healthcare, livelihoods, and infrastructure in tribal-dominated areas.

Q.59. Which scheme, launched by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in September 2024, allows parents to invest in pension accounts for their children?

- (a) Sukanya Samridhi Yojana
(b) NPS Vatsalya
(c) Balika Pension Scheme
(d) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana

Sol.59.(b) NPS Vatsalya. NPS Vatsalya, launched in September 2024, enables parents to secure their children's future through flexible pension investments. Managed by PFRDA, it supports long-term wealth creation with options for partial withdrawals under specific conditions.

Q.60. Which Indian government scheme, approved in September 2024, aims to boost biotechnology research and innovation with an outlay of ₹9,197 crore?

- (a) Bio-India Initiative
(b) Bio-RIDE Scheme
(c) Biotech Advancement Program
(d) National Bio-Innovation Mission

Sol.60.(b) Bio-RIDE Scheme. The Bio-RIDE Scheme consolidates biotechnology programs to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in India's bio-manufacturing sector.

Q.61. Which scheme, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September 2024, aims to provide financial assistance to women in Odisha?

- (a) Kanya Sumangala Yojana
(b) Subhadra Yojana
(c) Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Yojana
(d) Mahila Samman Yojana

Sol.61.(b) Subhadra Yojana. Launched on September 17, 2024, Subhadra Yojana provides ₹10,000 annually to eligible women aged 21 to 60 in Odisha, disbursed in two installments on Rakhi Purnima and International Women's Day.

Q.62. Under which mission was the Jal Hi AMRIT scheme launched in September 2024 to promote effective water management?

- (a) Jal Jeevan Mission
(b) Smart City Mission
(c) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)
(d) Swachh Bharat Mission

Sol.62.(c) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). The Jal Hi AMRIT scheme was launched under AMRUT 2.0 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to enhance water management in urban areas. The scheme aims to support efforts in recycling, processing, and reusing water in urban and rural regions.

Q.63. What is the new name for the Rural Enterprise Acceleration Project (REAP) as directed by Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami in September 2024?

- (a) Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyam Vikas Abhiyan
(b) Upvan Yojana
(c) Gramothan Yojana
(d) Udyamshala Yojana

Sol.63.(c) Gramothan Yojana. The scheme focuses on enhancing the livelihoods of rural poor families by connecting them with entrepreneurship opportunities. Additionally, the Rural Business Incubator (RBI) Scheme was renamed as 'Chief Minister Udyamshala Yojana', offering financial assistance and training to rural entrepreneurs.

Q.64. Which initiative, aimed at creating a comprehensive digital health ecosystem in India, completed its 3-year journey on 27th September 2024?

- (a) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
(b) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
(c) Smart Cities Mission
(d) Swachh Bharat Mission

Sol.64.(b) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. Launched on 27th September 2021, ABDM aims to revolutionize India's digital healthcare ecosystem by enhancing accessibility, efficiency, and transparency. Implemented by the National Health Authority (NHA) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Q.65. Which Union Minister launched the official website for the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav to promote Northeastern states' culture and economy?

- (a) Amit Shah
(b) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
(c) Nirmala Sitharaman
(d) Dharmendra Pradhan

Sol.65.(b) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.

It was launched to enable digital promotion of the festival celebrating the Northeastern states' cultural and economic heritage.

Q.66. What is the financial outlay of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme approved by the Union Cabinet to promote electric mobility in India?

- (a) ₹5,000 crore (b) ₹10,900 crore
(c) ₹15,000 crore (d) ₹20,000 crore

Sol.66.(b) ₹10,900 crore. The scheme focuses on boosting the adoption of electric vehicles by supporting infrastructure development and incentivizing EV manufacturing.

Q.67. How many e-buses are expected to be deployed under the PM-eBus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) scheme?

- (a) 25,000 (b) 38,000
(c) 45,000 (d) 50,000

Sol.67. (b) 38,000. The PM-eBus Sewa-PSM scheme facilitates the deployment of 38,000 e-buses nationwide, ensuring timely payments to operators and strengthening urban public transport systems.

Q.68. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate SEMICON India 2024?

- (a) Bengaluru (b) Hyderabad
(c) Greater Noida (d) Gandhinagar

Sol.68.(c) Greater Noida. SEMICON India 2024 was inaugurated at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, on September 11, 2024.

Q.69. What is the primary objective of India's BioE3 Policy approved in August 2024?

- (a) To promote biotechnology innovation
(b) To foster high-performance biomanufacturing
(c) To enhance space bioresearch
(d) To develop bioenergy solutions

Sol.69.(b) To foster high-performance biomanufacturing. The BioE3 Policy focuses on advancing R&D in biomanufacturing, creating hubs, and promoting sustainable practices, aligning with India's vision of becoming a global leader in the bioeconomy.

Q.70. Which state launched the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) program in August 2024 to strengthen its higher education system?

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Assam
(c) Uttarakhand (d) Odisha

Sol.70.(d) Odisha. The initiative, aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, is a collaboration between the Odisha government and the Ministry of Education (MoE). The program aims to ensure access, equity, and excellence in higher education.

Q.71. Which fund was launched in 2024 to support startups and rural enterprises in the agriculture sector with an outlay of Rs. 750 crores?

- (a) AgriSTART Fund
(b) AgriSURE Fund
(c) KrishiVikas Fund
(d) NABARD Rural Fund

Sol.71.(b) AgriSURE Fund. The AgriSURE (Agri Fund for Startups and Rural Enterprises) Fund, launched by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, is a Rs. 750 crore initiative aimed at supporting startups and rural enterprises in agriculture.

Q.72. Which scheme was launched by the Madhya Pradesh government in August 2024 to enhance rural development and promote milk production in villages?

- (a) NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme
(b) Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina
(c) Brindavan Gram Scheme
(d) Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme

Sol.72.(c) Brindavan Gram Scheme.

The scheme aims to increase farmers' income by establishing 'Gaushalas' (cow sheds) and supporting milk production initiatives. It was implemented by the Panchayat and Rural Development Department.

Q.73. In August 2024, which state launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina Asoni' (MMNMA) scheme to combat child marriage and promote higher education for girls?

- (a) West Bengal (b) Odisha
(c) Assam (d) Jharkhand

Sol.73.(c) Assam. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the scheme aimed at eradicating child marriage in Assam by 2026. The scheme will provide monthly financial assistance as admission incentives for 10 lakh girls pursuing higher education.

Q.74. In August 2024, which state launched the 'HIM-UNNATI' initiative to promote natural farming under the third phase of the Rajiv Gandhi Start-up Yojana?

- (a) Uttarakhand (b) Himachal Pradesh
(c) Punjab (d) Jammu & Kashmir

Sol.74.(b) Himachal Pradesh. The Himachal Pradesh (HP) Government launched 'HIM-UNNATI', aimed at promoting natural farming practices in the state. The scheme is the third phase of the Rajiv Gandhi Start-up Yojana, with an allocation of Rs. 150 crore.

Q.75. On 15th August 2024, which scheme was launched by Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath to empower youth with interest-free loans for entrepreneurial projects?

- (a) CM-KISAN Yojana
(b) Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyam Vikas Abhiyan
(c) Mukhyamantri Rozgar Srijan Yojana
(d) Udyog Mitra Scheme

Sol.75.(b) Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyam Vikas Abhiyan. Objective: To empower youth and promote self-employment by creating 1 lakh entrepreneurs annually. Support: Provides interest-free loans for projects up to Rs. 5 lakh.

Q.76. Which scheme was launched by Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on 18th August 2024 to provide nutritious food to children in government schools?

- (a) Himachal Shishu Aahar Yojana
(b) Mukhyamantri Bal Poshan Yojana
(c) Mukhyamantri Bal Paushtik Aahar Yojana
(d) Himachal Child Nutrition Mission

Sol.76.(c) Mukhyamantri Bal Paushtik Aahar Yojana. Objective: To provide nutritious food to children in government-run schools. Allocation: The state government allocated an additional Rs. 12.75 crore for FY25.

Q.77. Which scheme was launched by the Himachal Pradesh government to provide financial assistance to widows, destitute women, divorced women, and disabled parents for the education and well-being of their children?

- (a) Himachal Bal Sewa Yojana
(b) Mukhya Mantri Sukh Shiksha Yojana
(c) Shiksha Samridhi Yojana
(d) Mukhya Mantri Poshan Sahayata Yojana

Sol.77.(b) Mukhya Mantri Sukh Shiksha Yojana. Objective: To provide financial assistance to widows, destitute women, divorced women, and disabled parents for their children's education and well-being.

Q.78. What is the aim of the SPICED scheme launched by the Spices Board of India under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry?

- (a) To promote organic farming
- (b) To enhance spice exports and productivity
- (c) To develop e-commerce for spices
- (d) To create employment opportunities in the spice sector

Sol.78.(b) To enhance spice exports and productivity. The SPICED scheme, launched by the Spices Board of India, stands for "Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative, and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development".

Q.79. What does the 'G' in the GREAT scheme under the Ministry of Textiles stand for?

- (a) Grant
- (b) Growth
- (c) General
- (d) Governance

Sol.79.(a) Grant. The GREAT scheme stands for "Grant for Research & Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles". Under this scheme, start-ups receive a grant of approximately Rs. 50 lakhs each. It is part of the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM), which aims to promote innovation in key areas like composites, sustainable textiles, and smart textiles.

Q.80. Under which scheme was the National Fisheries Development Program (NFDP) portal launched to provide digital identities to fisheries workers?

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- (b) Blue Revolution Scheme
- (c) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana
- (d) Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund

Sol.80.(c) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana. The portal facilitates digital identities for fisheries workers, ensuring better access to benefits and services.

Q.81. What is the primary objective of the PAIR programme launched by the Indian government?

- (a) To enhance sports facilities in

universities

- (b) To promote cultural exchange among institutions
- (c) To boost research capabilities in higher education
- (d) To improve digital literacy among students

Sol.81.(c) To boost research capabilities in higher education. The PAIR programme fosters collaboration between top-tier and emerging research institutions to strengthen innovation.

Q.82. Which Indian ministry launched the Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack to provide Blockchain-as-a-Service (BaaS) with a distributed infrastructure?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (c) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (d) Ministry of Communications

Sol.82.(b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology .

The Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack was launched to support permissioned blockchain applications, promoting transparent and secure digital services in India.

Q.83. Which Indian ministry launched the SHe-Box portal to enhance workplace safety for women?

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (c) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (d) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Sol.83.(c) Ministry of Women and Child Development.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the SHe-Box portal on August 29, 2024, providing a centralized platform for women to file and monitor complaints of workplace sexual harassment.

Q.84. Which state became the first to adopt the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for its employees in August 2024?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Sol.84.(b) Maharashtra. In August 2024, Maharashtra became the first state to adopt the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for its employees, benefiting approximately 13.5 lakh state employees across various sectors.

Q.85. In August 2024, the Union Cabinet approved which scheme to strengthen India's Science, Technology, and Innovation ecosystem with an outlay of ₹10,579.84 crore?

- (a) Vigyan Dhara
- (b) Science India Initiative
- (c) Tech Bharat Mission
- (d) Innovation India Program

Sol.85.(a) Vigyan Dhara.

The Vigyan Dhara scheme consolidates three umbrella schemes into a unified central sector initiative, focusing on S&T capacity building, research, innovation, and technology development to bolster India's STI ecosystem.

Q.86. What is the primary objective of the Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana launched by the Department of Posts?

- (a) To promote digital literacy among rural youth
- (b) To encourage philately among school students
- (c) To provide scholarships for higher education
- (d) To support postal employees' welfare

Sol.86.(b) To encourage philately among school students. The Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana aims to foster interest in philately by offering scholarships to students from classes VI to IX who excel in philately-related activities and competitions.

Q.87. Which scheme implemented by the Ministry of Textiles provides financial assistance for upgraded looms, solar lighting units, and marketing of handloom products?

- (a) National Handloom Development Programme
- (b) Raw Material Supply Scheme
- (c) Weavers' MUDRA Loan Scheme
- (d) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

Sol.87.(a) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP).

The NHDP supports upgraded looms, solar units, and marketing, while the Raw Material Supply Scheme ensures timely and affordable access to yarn for weavers, promoting handloom sector sustainability. Both aim to uplift handloom workers' livelihoods.

Q.88. Which state launched the Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana?

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

Sol.88.(b) Maharashtra.

The scheme provides ₹1,500 monthly financial assistance to women aged 21 to 65 from economically weaker families, aiming to empower and improve their financial stability.

Q.89. Which Indian ministry launched the 'FloodWatch India' 2.0 app to enhance flood monitoring capabilities?

- (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (d) Ministry of Science and Technology

Sol.89.(c) Ministry of Jal Shakti.

The Ministry of Jal Shakti launched 'FloodWatch India' 2.0, developed by the Central Water Commission, to provide real-time flood forecasts from 592 monitoring stations and data on 150 major reservoirs, enhancing flood preparedness and response.

Q.90. Which initiative was launched by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana -National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) to empower rural leaders with systems design skills?

- (a) Digital India Programme
- (b) Million Designers, Billion Dreams
- (c) Skill India Mission
- (d) Rural Innovation Scheme

Sol.90.(b) Million Designers, Billion Dreams. Launched on August 6, 2024, this initiative aims to equip rural leaders, frontline change agents, and village entrepreneurs with systems design know-how to create impactful, scalable solutions for complex societal challenges.

Q.91. Which state launched the Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana to provide financial assistance to women?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Odisha
- (d) West Bengal

Sol.91.(b) Jharkhand.

The Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana, launched by the Jharkhand government, offers ₹1,000 monthly financial assistance to eligible women aged 21 to 50 from households with an annual income below ₹8 lakh.

Q.92. Which state launched the 'Goem Vinamulya Veej Yevjan' scheme to promote solar rooftop installations for residential consumers?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Goa
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Sol.92.(c) Goa. Launched on July 26, 2024, by Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, the 'Goem Vinamulya Veej Yevjan' scheme aims to provide free installation of residential solar power plants up to 5 kW for consumers using 400 units or less annually, promoting sustainable energy in the state.

Q.93. Which Indian minister launched the National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme (NATS) 2.0 portal and disbursed ₹100 crore in stipends to apprentices via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)?

- (a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (d) Rajnath Singh

Sol.93.(c) Dharmendra Pradhan.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the NATS 2.0 portal and disbursed ₹100 crore in stipends through DBT to enhance apprenticeship training for young graduates and diploma holders across various sectors.

Q.94. Which organization launched the 'Suvidha Software Version 1.0' to enhance training protocols and ensure consistency across its platforms?

- (a) Indian Navy
- (b) Indian Coast Guard
- (c) Indian Air Force
- (d) Border Security Force

Sol.94.(b) Indian Coast Guard.

The Indian Coast Guard launched 'Suvidha Software Version 1.0' during its inaugural Annual Operational Sea Training Conference in Visakhapatnam on July 30, 2024, aiming to standardize and improve training procedures across all its platforms.

Q.95. Which state government launched the Shramik Basera Scheme to provide temporary housing facilities for construction workers and laborers?

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

Sol.95. (a) Gujarat. The Gujarat state government introduced the Shramik Basera Scheme 2024 to offer affordable temporary housing for financially unstable construction workers and laborers, enhancing their living standards.

Q.96. Which state launched the 'Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayastam' scheme to provide financial assistance to civil services aspirants?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Karnataka

(c) Tamil Nadu

(d) Telangana

Sol.96.(d) Telangana. On July 20, 2024, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched the 'Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayastam' scheme, offering ₹1 lakh to civil services aspirants from SC, ST, OBC, women, and economically weaker sections who qualify for the mains examination.

Q.97. What is the primary objective of the Mukhyamantri Yuva Karya Prashikshan Yojana launched by the Maharashtra government?

- (a) To provide free education to underprivileged youth
- (b) To offer internship opportunities enhancing employability
- (c) To grant scholarships for higher education
- (d) To promote sports among rural youth

Sol.97.(b) To offer internship opportunities enhancing employability.

The scheme provides six-month internships with stipends to improve youth employability through practical experience.

Q.98. What is the primary objective of the 'One Scientist, One Product' scheme launched by ICAR?

- (a) To assign each scientist a unique research product
- (b) To promote collaborative research among scientists
- (c) To reduce the number of agricultural products
- (d) To focus on a single product for the entire organization

Sol.98.(a) To assign each scientist a unique research product. The 'One Scientist, One Product' scheme, launched by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) on July 16, 2024, aims to enhance specialization and research efficiency by assigning specific products or research areas to individual scientists.

Q.99. Which Indian shipyard launched the 'GRSE Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme (GAINS 2024)' to promote technological advancements through startups?

- (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- (b) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- (c) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited
- (d) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

Sol.99. (c) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited. On July 10, 2024, Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth

launched GAINS 2024 at GRSE in Kolkata, aiming to enhance shipyard technology through Indian MSMEs and Start-Ups under the 'Make in India' and 'Start-up India' initiatives.

Q.100. Until when has the Government of India extended the Smart Cities Mission to allow completion of ongoing projects?
(a) June 2024 (b) December 2024
(c) March 2025 (d) June 2025

Sol.100.(c) March 2025. The Smart Cities Mission, initially set to conclude in June 2023, was first extended to June 2024 and has now been further extended to March 2025 to facilitate the completion of urban development projects and enhance living standards in 100 selected cities.

Q.101. Which state launched the NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme to provide financial support to vulnerable groups?
(a) Telangana (b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Karnataka (d) Tamil Nadu

Sol.101. (b) Andhra Pradesh. The NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme, launched on July 1, 2024, by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, offers financial aid to senior citizens, differently-abled individuals, and widows in the state.

Q.102. The "Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao" initiative, recently launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), focuses on:
(a) Financial inclusion for rural women
(b) Monsoon-related sanitation measures
(c) Urban housing development
(d) Digital literacy in urban areas

Sol.102.(b) Monsoon-related sanitation measures. The initiative by MoHUA emphasizes promoting sanitation practices to combat health risks during the monsoon season.

Q.103. The National Stop Diarrhea Campaign 2024, launched by J.P. Nadda, primarily aims to:
(a) Reduce child malnutrition
(b) Improve rural sanitation
(c) Address preventable child deaths
(d) Promote immunization for adolescents

Sol.103.(c) Address preventable child deaths. The campaign focuses on reducing child mortality caused by diarrhea through a comprehensive approach involving zinc supplementation, oral rehydration salts (ORS), and awareness campaigns.

Q.104. The Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme approved by the Cabinet is associated with which sector?
(a) Agriculture
(b) Renewable energy
(c) Infrastructure development
(d) Space exploration

Sol.104. (b) Renewable energy. The VGF scheme supports offshore wind energy projects to promote renewable energy development and reduce reliance on conventional energy sources.

Q.105. India's Deep Sea Mission aims to explore which of the following?
(a) Space debris
(b) Marine resources
(c) Renewable energy sources
(d) Polar ice caps

Sol.105. (b) Marine resources. The mission focuses on deep-sea exploration, including mining and biodiversity studies, making India the 6th country to pursue such an initiative.

Q.106. The "Golden Visa Scheme," recently used by Portugal, is primarily aimed at:
(a) Promoting international tourism
(b) Assisting migrant integration
(c) Boosting technological investments
(d) Enhancing border security

Sol.106.(b) Assisting migrant integration. Portugal's Golden Visa Scheme facilitates residency for migrants and investors, supporting economic growth and promoting the integration of migrants.

Q.107. The Mahtari Vandan Yojana, launched by PM Modi in Chhattisgarh, focuses on:
(a) Skill development for women
(b) Maternity benefits for women
(c) Rural sanitation improvement
(d) Women's entrepreneurship

Sol.107.(b) Maternity benefits for women. The scheme, introduced in Chhattisgarh, aims to provide financial assistance and healthcare support to pregnant women to promote maternal and child welfare.

Q.108. The NAMASTE scheme aims to ensure the safety and dignity of which group of workers?
(a) Construction workers
(b) Sanitation workers
(c) Healthcare workers
(d) Agricultural workers

Sol.108.(b) Sanitation workers. The NAMASTE scheme focuses on improving the safety, dignity, and livelihoods of sanitation workers through mechanization and social welfare measures.

Q.109. The Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojna, announced by Himachal Pradesh, aims to benefit:
(a) Farmers (b) Women
(c) Senior citizens (d) Students

Sol.109. (b) Women. The scheme, introduced in Himachal Pradesh, provides ₹1,500 monthly financial assistance to women aged 18-60 years to promote their financial independence and welfare.

Q.110. The ADITI scheme, launched during DefConnect 2024, focuses on:
(a) Promoting women in the armed forces
(b) Boosting defence innovation
(c) Enhancing cybersecurity infrastructure
(d) Improving veterans' welfare

Sol.110. (b) Boosting defence innovation. The ADITI scheme, launched by Rajnath Singh, aims to foster defence innovation by providing support to startups and entrepreneurs in the defence technology sector.

Q.111. The Rashtriya Udyamita Vikas Pariyojana aims to empower beneficiaries of which scheme?
(a) PM-KISAN
(b) PM SVANidhi
(c) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
(d) PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana

Sol.111. (b) PM SVANidhi. The initiative focuses on enhancing the entrepreneurial capabilities of PM SVANidhi beneficiaries, supporting street vendors in scaling their businesses through skill development and financial assistance.

Q.112. The Women Safety Scheme, extended till 2025-26, primarily focuses on:
(a) Women's education
(b) Protection against cybercrimes
(c) Enhancing safety infrastructure for women
(d) Employment generation for women

Sol.112.(c) Enhancing safety infrastructure for women.

The scheme aims to improve women's safety by funding initiatives like CCTV installation, emergency response systems, and women help desks, ensuring safer public spaces.

Q.113. The SWAYAM scheme, approved by the Odisha Cabinet, aims to:

- (a) Promote women's education
- (b) Create self-employed youth
- (c) Enhance digital literacy
- (d) Provide healthcare benefits

Sol.113. (b) Create self-employed youth.

The scheme offers interest-free bank loans up to ₹1 lakh to rural unemployed youth aged 18–35 years (18–40 for special categories) to start or expand their businesses.

Q.114. The World Bank's INSPIRES project in Sikkim focuses on:

- (a) Tourism development
- (b) Skill development initiatives
- (c) Agricultural innovation
- (d) Infrastructure modernization

Sol.114.(b) Skill development initiatives.

The \$100 million Sikkim INSPIRES project aims to upskill women and youth for high-growth sectors while establishing an Employment and Entrepreneurship Promotion Facility.

Q.115. Under the Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana, the total grant per beneficiary has been increased from ₹15,000 to:

- (a) ₹20,000 (b) ₹22,000
- (c) ₹25,000 (d) ₹30,000

Sol.115.(c) ₹25,000. The Uttar Pradesh government has raised the total grant under the scheme from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000 per beneficiary, effective from the financial year 2024-25.

Q.116. The GROW initiative, recently unveiled by NITI Aayog, focuses on:

- (a) Promoting renewable energy
- (b) Agroforestry development
- (c) Enhancing rural sanitation
- (d) Developing irrigation infrastructure

Sol.116.(b) Agroforestry development.

The GROW initiative aims to revitalize India's wastelands through agroforestry, enhancing sustainable land use and improving rural livelihoods.

Q.117. Under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana 2024, households can receive:

- (a) Free electricity up to 200 units per month

- (b) Free solar panel installation for industries
- (c) Free electricity up to 300 units per month
- (d) Free electricity for irrigation purposes

Sol.117.(c) Free electricity up to 300 units per month. The scheme provides rooftop solar systems to one crore households, ensuring up to 300 units of free electricity monthly, with a budget allocation of ₹75,000 crore to promote sustainability and renewable energy.

Q.118. Recently, the government announced the inclusion of which group under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme?

- (a) Construction workers
- (b) ASHA and Anganwadi workers
- (c) Small-scale farmers
- (d) Self-help group members

Sol.118.(b) ASHA and Anganwadi workers. The government expanded the Ayushman Bharat Scheme to cover ASHA and Anganwadi workers, providing them with health insurance benefits of up to ₹5 lakh annually.

Q.119. The Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme, recently launched by Dharmendra Pradhan, aims to benefit:

- (a) Rural entrepreneurs
- (b) Students from underprivileged backgrounds
- (c) Women self-help groups
- (d) Small-scale businesses

Sol.119.(b) The Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme supports meritorious students from economically weaker sections by providing scholarships to ensure access to quality education and skill development.

Q.120. The Delhi government's recent free bus travel initiative, launched by CM Arvind Kejriwal, specifically targets:

- (a) Women
- (b) Senior citizens
- (c) The transgender community
- (d) Differently-abled individuals

Sol.120.(c) The transgender community.

This initiative exclusively provides free bus travel for the transgender community in Delhi, following similar benefits extended earlier to women in Oct 2019.

Q.121. The mobile health services "Kilkari" and "Mobile Academy" were launched to:

- (a) Provide health advice to senior citizens
- (b) Improve maternal and child health

awareness

- (c) Offer telemedicine for rural patients
- (d) Train healthcare professionals in urban areas

Sol.121.(b) Improve maternal and child health awareness.

The initiatives, launched in Maharashtra and Gujarat, aim to provide health messages to pregnant women, mothers, and train healthcare workers on maternal and child health issues.

Q.122. The Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana focuses on:

- (a) Providing solar-powered irrigation systems
- (b) Ensuring electricity supply to rural households
- (c) Promoting renewable energy adoption in industries
- (d) Subsidizing solar water heaters for households

Sol.122.(b) Ensuring electricity supply to rural households. The scheme aims to provide continuous electricity to rural households through solar power initiatives, promoting renewable energy and reducing dependency on conventional energy sources.

Q.123. The Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan, aimed at supporting women entrepreneurs, was launched in which state?

- (a) Assam (b) Bihar
- (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Rajasthan

Sol.123. (a) Assam. The scheme, launched by the Assam government, focuses on empowering women entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance and resources to enhance their businesses.

Q.124. The Mahtari Vandana Yojana 2024, recently launched in Chhattisgarh, focuses on:

- (a) Free education for girls
- (b) Financial assistance for pregnant women
- (c) Skill development for women
- (d) Providing employment to rural Women

Sol.124.(b) Financial assistance for pregnant women. The scheme provides monetary support to pregnant women in Chhattisgarh to ensure proper healthcare and nutrition during pregnancy.

Q.125. The PM JANMAN Scheme primarily focuses on:

- (a) Providing employment to rural youth

- (b) Constructing pucca homes for the underprivileged
- (c) Offering health insurance for families below the poverty line
- (d) Promoting digital literacy in rural areas

Sol.125.(b) Constructing pucca homes for the underprivileged.

The scheme aims to provide financial assistance for constructing pucca homes, with the first installment recently released by PM Modi to beneficiaries.

Q.126. The Yuva Nidhi Scheme, launched in Karnataka, is aimed at:

- (a) Promoting entrepreneurship among women
- (b) Providing financial aid to unemployed youth
- (c) Offering scholarships to meritorious students
- (d) Enhancing digital skills among rural youth

Sol.126.(b) Providing financial aid to unemployed youth.

The scheme, launched in Shivamogga, Karnataka, supports jobless youth by offering financial assistance to help them sustain during unemployment and seek better opportunities.

Q.127. The "Mulya Pravah 2.0" initiative by UGC focuses on:

- (a) Enhancing digital education
- (b) Promoting ethical and value-based education
- (c) Supporting research in emerging technologies
- (d) Improving vocational training programs

Sol.127.(b) Promoting ethical and value-based education.

The initiative aims to incorporate ethics, human values, and national integration into the education system to foster responsible and morally upright citizens.

Q.128. Which ministry launched the Prerana Program to promote foundational literacy and numeracy?

- (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (b) Ministry of Education
- (c) Ministry of Skill Development
- (d) Ministry of Social Justice

Sol.128. (b) Ministry of Education.

The Ministry of Education launched the Prerana Program to enhance foundational literacy and numeracy skills among young learners.

Q.129. The Prithvi Vigyan Scheme, launched by PM Modi, focuses on:

- (a) Promoting space exploration
- (b) Encouraging scientific research in earth sciences
- (c) Supporting renewable energy development
- (d) Enhancing agricultural productivity

Sol.129.(b) Encouraging scientific research in earth sciences.

The scheme aims to boost research and innovation in earth sciences, focusing on sustainable development and disaster management.

Important Appointments

Q.1. Who was recently appointed as a board member of the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) in December 2024?

- (a) Kiren Rijiju (b) Abhinav Bindra
(c) Ajay Singh (d) P.T. Usha

Sol.1.(c) Ajay Singh. ASBC was established to promote amateur boxing in Asia, with its headquarters in Dubai, UAE.

Q.2. Who was recently (in December 2024) appointed as the Chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)?

- (a) Dr. Anil Kumar
(b) Dr. Sandip Shah
(c) Dr. Sunil Mehta
(d) Dr. Arvind Chaturvedi

Sol.2.(b) Dr. Sandip Shah.

NABL ensures laboratories meet international standards like ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 15189, fostering trust in testing and calibration results. Headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana. ISO/IEC 17025 ensures competence in testing and calibration labs, while ISO 15189 focuses on quality in medical labs for patient safety.

Q.3. Who was appointed as the Revenue Secretary in the Ministry of Finance in December 2024?

- (a) Sanjay Malhotra (b) Ajay Seth
(c) Arunish Chawla (d) Amit Agrawal

Sol.3.(c) Arunish Chawla. The Revenue Secretary in India advises on tax policies, supervises CBDT (Central Board of Direct Taxes) and CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs), ensures efficient tax collection, and represents the Ministry in tax matters. The role is crucial for fiscal health and compliance with tax laws.

Q.4. Who was appointed as the Governor of Manipur in December 2024?

- (a) Arif Mohammed Khan
(b) Ajay Kumar Bhalla
(c) Hari Babu Kambhampati
(d) General (Dr.) V.K. Singh

Sol.4.(b) Ajay Kumar Bhalla. The Governor, established under Article 153 of the Indian Constitution, is the constitutional head of a state in India. Serving as the nominal head, the Governor oversees the state while executive powers are exercised by the

Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers.

Q.5. Who replaced Raghubar Das as the Governor of Odisha in December 2024?

- (a) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
(b) Hari Babu Kambhampati
(c) Arif Mohammed Khan
(d) General (Dr.) V.K. Singh

Sol.5.(b) Hari Babu Kambhampati. Four more newly appointed Governors: Ajay Kumar Bhalla (Manipur), Arif Mohammed Khan (Bihar), Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar (Kerala), General (Dr.) V.K. Singh (Mizoram).

Q.6. Who was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in December 2024?

- (a) Justice Rajiv Shakdher
(b) Justice Sheel Nagu
(c) Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia
(d) Justice Amjad Ahtesham Sayed

Sol.6.(c) Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia. The Himachal Pradesh High Court, established in 1971, is headquartered in Shimla. The first three High Courts in India were established in 1862: Calcutta High Court (the first), followed by Bombay and Madras High Courts.

Q.7. Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in December 2024?

- (a) Justice Arun Kumar Mishra
(b) Justice H.L. Dattu
(c) Justice V. Ramasubramanian
(d) Justice K.G. Balakrishnan

Sol.7. (c) Justice V. Ramasubramanian The NHRC, established on October 12, 1993, is headquartered in New Delhi.

Functions of NHRC: Investigates human rights violations, monitors safeguards, advises governments, promotes awareness, intervenes in court cases, and submits annual reports on human rights conditions.

Q.8. Who was appointed as Google's Country Manager and Vice President for India in December 2024?

- (a) Sanjay Gupta
(b) Roma Datta Chobey
(c) Preeti Lobana
(d) Sundar Pichai

Sol.8.(c) Preeti Lobana.

Google, founded in 1998, is headquartered in Mountain View, California, USA. Sundar Pichai is the CEO

of Google and Alphabet, Google's parent company.

Q.9. Who was appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of TransUnion CIBIL in December 2024?

- (a) Rajesh Kumar (b) Bhavesh Jain
(c) Sanjay Gupta (d) Amitabh Chaudhry

Sol.9.(b) Bhavesh Jain.

TransUnion CIBIL, established in 2000, is headquartered in Mumbai, India.

TransUnion CIBIL Functions: Maintains credit records, provides CIBIL scores and reports, aids in risk assessment, offers data analytics for decision-making, and promotes financial inclusion by enhancing credit access.

Q.10 Who was appointed as the Director in the Ministry of Steel with an extended tenure up to March 15, 2026?

- (a) Nitin Jain (b) Rajesh Kumar
(c) Sanjay Gupta (d) Amitabh Chaudhry

Sol.10. (a) Nitin Jain.

The Ministry of Steel: Headquarter - New Delhi. **Steel Plants and Establishment Year:** Tata Steel Plant (Jamshedpur): 1907. Bhilai Steel Plant (Chhattisgarh): 1959. Rourkela Steel Plant (Odisha): 1959. Durgapur Steel Plant (West Bengal): 1959. Bokaro Steel Plant (Jharkhand): 1964. Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (Andhra Pradesh): 1971. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL): 1973.

Q.11. Who was appointed as the 26th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in December 2024?

- (a) Shaktikanta Das (b) Sanjay Malhotra
(c) Urjit Patel (d) Raghuram Rajan

Sol.11.(b) Sanjay Malhotra.

The RBI, established on April 1, 1935, is headquartered in Mumbai, India.

Q.12. Who was appointed as the Director of the National Testing Agency (NTA) in December 2024?

- (a) Archana Shukla (b) Amit Kumar
(c) Sandip Kumar Mishra (d) Shivani

Sol.12.(c) Sandip Kumar Mishra.

The NTA, established in 2017, is headquartered in New Delhi, India. National Testing Agency (NTA) has been established as a premier, specialist, autonomous and self-sustained testing organization to conduct entrance examinations for admission/fellowship in higher educational institutions.

Q.13. Who was appointed as the brand ambassador for the inaugural Kho Kho

World Cup scheduled in January 2025?

- (a) Akshay Kumar (b) Salman Khan
(c) Shah Rukh Khan (d) Aamir Khan

Sol.13. (b) Salman Khan.

The tournament will feature teams from 24 countries, aiming to elevate the global profile of Kho Kho. The Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI), established in 1955, is headquartered in New Delhi.

Q.14. Who was appointed as the Chief of BrahMos Aerospace in November 2024?

- (a) Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy
(b) Dr. Jaiteerth Raghavendra Joshi
(c) Dr. S. Somnath
(d) Dr. Tessy Thomas

Sol.14.(b) Dr. Jaiteerth Raghavendra Joshi. BrahMos Aerospace, a joint venture between India and Russia, was established in 1998 and is headquartered in New Delhi, India.

Q.15. Who was appointed as the festival ambassador for the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024?

- (a) Nawazuddin Siddiqui
(b) Pankaj Tripathi
(c) Manoj Bajpayee
(d) Irrfan Khan

Sol.15.(b) Pankaj Tripathi. Arunachal Pradesh celebrates diverse festivals like Sangken, Tamladu, Chalo Loku, Ziro Music Festival, and Arunachal Orange Festival, highlighting cultural heritage and nature's bounty. Modern events like Adventure@Mechuka and Buddha Mahotsav promote tourism and spiritual traditions.

Q.16. Who was appointed as the mentor for Women's Cricket Operations by the Andhra Cricket Association in November 2024?

- (a) Jhulan Goswami
(b) Mithali Raj
(c) Harmanpreet Kaur
(d) Smriti Mandhana

Sol.16. (b) Mithali Raj.

Mithali Raj, the former captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team. She was honored with the Arjuna Award in 2003, Padma Shri in 2015 .

Q.17. Who was appointed as the next Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India in November 2024?

- (a) Rajiv Mehrishi
(b) Girish Chandra Murmu
(c) K Sanjay Murthy
(d) Ajay Bhushan Pandey

Sol.17.(c) K Sanjay Murthy.

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India is an independent constitutional authority responsible for auditing government accounts and ensuring transparency and accountability in public finances. Article 148: Establishes the CAG and ensures independence in its functioning.

Q.18. Who was announced as the new CEO of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) starting January 2025?

- (a) Shiv Kapur (b) Amandeep Johl
(c) Jeev Milkha Singh (d) Anirban Lahiri

Sol.18.(b) Amandeep Johl. PGTI was founded in 2006. Famous Golf Players :Jeev Milkha Singh, Anirban Lahiri, Arjun Atwal, Shiv Kapur, Gaganjeet Bhullar, Aditi Ashok, Smriti Mehra, Shubhankar Sharma, Jyoti Randhawa, Daniel Chopra.

Q.19. Who was elected as the new Secretary General of Interpol (International Criminal Police Organization) at the 92nd General Assembly in November 2024?

- (a) Jürgen Stock
(b) Valdecy Urquiza
(c) Meng Hongwei
(d) Ahmed Nasser Al Raisi

Sol.19.(b) Valdecy Urquiza. India was represented by: Praveen Sood, Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Vijayendra Bidari, Joint Director in the federal anti-corruption agency. Interpol (International Criminal Police Organization): Headquarters: Lyon, France. Established: 1923.

Q.20. Who was recently appointed as the new chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC) in November 2024?

- (a) Justice BR Gavai
(b) Justice Sanjiv Khanna
(c) Justice Surya Kant
(d) Justice Dipankar Datta
(e) Justice DY Chandrachud

Sol.20.(c) Justice Surya Kant. The SCLSC ensures access to justice for individuals facing financial or social barriers to accessing the Supreme Court.

Q.21. Who was appointed as the new Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) in November 2024?

- (a) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
(b) Arvind Singh Sahney
(c) Rajesh Kumar
(d) Sandeep Kumar Gupta

Sol.21.(b) Arvind Singh Sahney. IOC : Established in 1959. Headquartered in New Delhi, India. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is a public sector undertaking (PSU) and a Maharatna company

Q.22. Who was recommended as the next Managing Director (MD) of NEHHDC (North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation Limited) in November 2024?

- (a) Ramesh Kumar (b) Mara Kocho
(c) Anil Kumar Jain (d) Vinod Sharma

Sol.22.(b) Mara Kocho. Establishment: NEHHDC was established in 1977.

It operates under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER). Headquarters: Located in Guwahati, Assam. It plays a vital role in preserving the cultural identity of the North-East while empowering local artisans economically.

Q.23. Who was appointed as the Brand Ambassador and Honorary Tourism Advisor for Thailand in November 2024?

- (a) Akshay Kumar (b) Salman Khan
(c) Sonu Sood (d) Amitabh Bachchan

Sol.23.(c) Sonu Sood.

Sonu Sood, renowned actor and philanthropist. Thailand is a Southeast Asian country with Bangkok as its capital. Known for its tropical beaches, vibrant culture, and delicious cuisine like Pad Thai and Tom Yum, it is a constitutional monarchy under King Maha Vajiralongkorn (Rama X).

Q.24. Who was sworn in as the 51st Chief Justice of India on November 11, 2024?

- (a) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
(b) Justice Sanjiv Khanna
(c) Justice N.V. Ramana
(d) Justice U.U. Lalit

Sol.24.(b) Justice Sanjiv Khanna. The Chief Justice of India (CJI) is the head of the judiciary system in India and the Supreme Court's presiding officer. Established under Article 124 of the Indian Constitution. Appointed by the President of India. The first Chief Justice of India (CJI) was Justice Harilal Jekisundas Kania.

Q.25. Who was appointed as the President-Elect of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in November 2024?

- (a) Anish Shah
(b) Harsha Vardhan Agarwal
(c) Sanjiv Mehta

(d) Uday Shankar

Sol.25.(b) Harsha Vardhan Agarwal.

FICCI : Established in 1927 by Ghanshyam Das Birla and Purushottamdas Thakurdas, FICCI is India's oldest and largest business chamber. Headquarters: Located in New Delhi. Objective: Serves as a platform for businesses to collaborate with the government and influence policies.

Q.26. Who was appointed as the Secretary General of the World Agriculture Forum (WAF) in mid-November 2024?

- (a) Dr. Jacqueline d'Arros Hughes
(b) Dr. M.S. Swaminathan
(c) Dr. Norman Borlaug
(d) Dr. Rattan Lal

Sol.26.(a) Dr. Jacqueline d'Arros Hughes.

The World Agriculture Forum (WAF), established in 1997 and headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, is an international organization promoting dialogue among global agricultural stakeholders to address challenges and foster sustainable development.

Q.27. In November, which country was re-elected as the President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for the 2024-2026 term?

- (a) France (b) India
(c) China (d) Germany

Sol.27.(b) India. The seventh session of the ISA Assembly was held in New Delhi. France was elected as the Co-President for the same term. It was founded on November 30, 2015, during COP21 by India and France, is an intergovernmental organization promoting solar energy for sustainability. Its headquarters is in Gurugram, Haryana, India.

Q.28. Who was re-elected as the President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) in November 2024?

- (a) Narinder Batra (b) Tayyab Ikram
(c) Jason McCracken (d) Leandro Negre

Sol.28.(b) Tayyab Ikram.

Tayyab Ikram was re-elected as the President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) during the 49th FIH Statutory Congress held in Muscat, Oman. He will serve two consecutive terms until 2032. Establishment: Founded on January 7, 1924. Headquarters: Located in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Newly Appointed Prime Minister in 2024

Country	Prime Minister
Mauritius	Navin Ramgoolam
France	François Bayrou
Romania	Marcel Ciolacu
United Kingdom	Keir Starmer
Haiti	Alix Didier Fils-Aime
Uzbekistan	Abdulla Nigmatovich Aripov
Lithuania	Gintautas Paluckas

Q.29. Who was elected as the 11th President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in November 2024?

- (a) Takehiko Nakao
(b) Masato Kanda
(c) Haruhiko Kuroda
(d) Masatsugu Asakawa

Sol.29.(b) Masato Kanda.

ADB: Establishment: Founded on December 19, 1966. Headquarters: Mandaluyong City, Manila, Philippines. Purpose: To promote economic growth, reduce poverty, and enhance regional cooperation in Asia - Pacific.

Q.30. Who received a one-year extension as the Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) in November 2024?

- (a) Arundhati Bhattacharya
(b) Mallika Srinivasan
(c) Rekha Menon
(d) Vinita Bali

Sol.30.(b) Mallika Srinivasan. PESB: Establishment: Formed in 1974 under the Department of Personnel and Training. Purpose: Selects and recommends candidates for top managerial positions in CPSEs. Headquarters: New Delhi, India.

Q.31. Who was appointed as the brand ambassador for the Assam Rifles Half-Marathon in November 2024?

- (a) PV Sindhu (b) MC Mary Kom
(c) Hima Das (d) Mirabai Chanu

Sol.31.(b) MC Mary Kom. First Indian woman boxer to win a bronze medal at the 2012 London Olympics. Gold medalist at the 2014 Asian Games and the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Nominated as a Member of the Rajya Sabha in 2016. Nickname: Known as "Magnificent Mary" for her achievements in boxing.

Q.32. For which term was India

re-elected to the UN Peacebuilding Commission in November 2024?

- (a) 2024-2025 (b) 2025-2026
(c) 2023-2024 (d) 2026-2027

Sol.32. (b) 2025-2026. UN Peacebuilding Commission- Establishment: Formed in 2005 by the United Nations.

Purpose: Supports post-conflict peacebuilding, prevents recurring conflicts, and provides recommendations for sustainable peace efforts.

Q.33. Who was appointed as the new Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in October 2024?

- (a) M. Rajeshwar Rao (b) Aviral Jain
(c) T. Rabi Sankar (d) Michael Patra

Sol.33.(b) Aviral Jain. The Executive Director is the key driver of an organization's success, balancing strategic vision with operational efficiency to achieve its mission.

Q.34. Who was appointed as the CEO, Chairman, and Managing Director of Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) in October 2024?

- (a) Suneet Sharma
(b) Manoj Kumar Dubey
(c) Vinod Kumar Yadav
(d) Anshuman Sharma

Sol.34.(b) Manoj Kumar Dubey. Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) - Establishment: Founded in 1986. Headquarters: Located in New Delhi.

Q.35. Who was appointed as a jury member for the All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF) 2024?

- (a) Priyanka Chopra (b) Dia Mirza
(c) Deepika Padukone (d) Vidya Balan

Sol.35. (b) Dia Mirza.

She serves as a United Nations Environment Goodwill Ambassador and is a United Nations Secretary-General Advocate for Sustainable Development Goals. Her role involves promoting the 17 global goals designed to achieve a sustainable and equitable future by addressing issues such as poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation.

Q.36. Who was appointed as the new Chief of the Indian Coast Guard in October 2024?

- (a) Rakesh Pal
(b) K. Natarajan
(c) Paramesh Sivamani
(d) Rajendra Singh

Sol.36.(c) Paramesh Sivamani. Indian Coast Guard- Established: 18th August 1978, under the Coast Guard Act, 1978. Motto: "Vayam Rakshamah" (We Protect). Headquarters: New Delhi.

Ambassadors Appointed in 2024

Name	Countries
Dinesh Bhatia	Brazil
Sanjeev Kumar Singla	France
Ajit Vinayak Gupte	Germany
Sibi George	Japan
Vinay Mohan Kwatra	United States
Reza Ameri	UAE
Parvathaneni Harish	United Nations

Q.37. Who was appointed as the Director of Cricket for JSW Sports in October 2024?

- (a) Rahul Dravid (b) Sourav Ganguly
(c) MS Dhoni (d) Virender Sehwag

Sol.37.(b) Sourav Ganguly. He will oversee cricketing properties owned by JSW (Jindal South West) Sports, including the Delhi Capitals' IPL and WPL teams and the Pretoria Capitals in the SA20 League.

Q.38. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW) in October 2024?

- (a) Rekha Sharma
(b) Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar
(c) Smriti Irani
(d) Kiran Bedi

Sol.38.(b) Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar. The (NCW) was established in January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990. It aims to protect and promote the rights of women in India.

Q.39. Who has been appointed as the new president of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in October 2024?

- (a) Ameya Prabhu (b) Abhyuday Jindal
(c) Gautam Adani (d) Ratan Tata

Sol.39.(b) Abhyuday Jindal. The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), established in 1925, is one of India's leading and oldest chambers of commerce. It is headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal, and plays a pivotal role in promoting trade, commerce, and industry across the nation.

Q.40. Who was appointed as Google's Chief Technologist in October 2024?

- (a) Sundar Pichai
(b) Prabhakar Raghavan

- (c) Satya Nadella
(d) Rajat Taneja

Sol.40.(b) Prabhakar Raghavan. The Chief Technologist role at Google is a senior leadership position that primarily focuses on driving technological innovation, shaping the company's technical strategies, and ensuring that cutting-edge solutions align with business objectives.

Q.41. Who was appointed as the Director General of ICRISAT in October 2024?

- (a) Ajay Kumar
(b) Ramesh Chand
(c) Himanshu Pathak
(d) Rajendra Prasad

Sol.41.(c) Himanshu Pathak.

ICRISAT focuses on agricultural research and development to improve livelihoods in semi-arid regions. Established in 1972, the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) is a renowned international non-profit agricultural research institute. Its headquarters are located in Patancheru, near Hyderabad, Telangana, India.

Q.42. Who took over as the Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in October 2024?

- (a) M. Suresh (b) Sanjeev Kumar
(c) Vipin Kumar (d) Rubina Ali

Sol.42.(c) Vipin Kumar. The Airports Authority of India (AAI), established on April 1, 1995, by merging the International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) and National Airports Authority (NAA), manages India's civil aviation infrastructure. Its headquarters is in New Delhi, India.

Q.43. Who was recommended by FSIB for the position of MD and CEO of Punjab National Bank in October 2024?

- (a) P S Reddy (b) S. Gopalakrishnan
(c) Ashok Chandra (d) Atul Kumar Goel

Sol.43.(c) Ashok Chandra.

Punjab National Bank (PNB), one of India's oldest and largest public sector banks, was established on 12th April 1895 in Lahore (now in Pakistan). The bank was founded by Lala Lajpat Rai, along with other freedom fighters and visionaries, to provide banking services to Indians and promote self-reliance. Its headquarters is currently located in New Delhi, India.

Q.44. Who has been recently appointed as the president-elect of the International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO) in October 2024?

- (a) Ruchira Kamboj
(b) Shubha Tole
(c) Soumya Swaminathan
(d) Sindhu Gangadharan
(e) Amrit Mahotsav

Sol.44.(b) Shubha Tole. She is the first scientist from a developing country to hold this position and will begin her advisory board term on January 1, 2025. IBRO, based in Paris, France, promotes neuroscience through training, research, advocacy, and outreach initiatives worldwide.

Q.45. Who assumed the role of CEO and MD of the Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) in October 2024?

- (a) Rashmika Mandanna
(b) Praveena Rai
(c) Himanshu Pathak
(d) S. Gopalakrishnan

Sol.45.(b) Praveena Rai. Established in 2003, the Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) is India's first listed commodity derivatives exchange. It operates under the regulation of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The headquarters of MCX is situated in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, serving as a pivotal hub for commodity trading in the country.

Q.46. Who took over as the Chairman of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) in October 2024?

- (a) S. Gopalakrishnan
(b) Rakesh Ranjan
(c) Ashok Chandra
(d) Himanshu Pathak

Sol.46.(a) S. Gopalakrishnan. The Staff Selection Commission (SSC) was established on 4th November 1975 under the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government of India. Its headquarters is located in New Delhi, India.

Q.47. Who was elected as the Chairman of the World Steel Association (worldsteel) in October 2024?

- (a) Sajjan Jindal (b) TV Narendran
(c) Lakshmi Mittal (d) Ratan Tata

Sol.47.(b) TV Narendran. The World Steel Association (commonly known as Worldsteel) was founded in October 1967. Its headquarters is located in Brussels, Belgium, with an additional

office in Beijing, China, reflecting its global reach and influence in the steel industry.

Q.48. Who was appointed as the full-time Managing Director (MD) of NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India) in October 2024?

- (a) Rakesh Ranjan (b) Deepak Agarwal
(c) S. Gopalakrishnan (d) Ashok Chandra

Sol.48.(b) Deepak Agarwal. NAFED, established in 1958, is an apex organization under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Its primary purpose is to promote cooperative marketing of agricultural produce to benefit farmers, ensuring fair prices for commodities and stabilizing market prices. The organization is headquartered in New Delhi, India.

Q.49. Who was appointed as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Central Air Command in September 2024?

- (a) Air Marshal SP Dharkar
(b) Air Chief Marshal AP Singh
(c) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(d) Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty

Sol.49.(c) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit. The Central Air Command, headquartered in Prayagraj (Allahabad), Uttar Pradesh, is a crucial component of the IAF, responsible for air operations over a significant portion of India's airspace.

Q.50. Who was named the Managing Director for the Indian subcontinent by Philips in September 2024 ?

- (a) Bharath Sesha
(b) Subrata Mondal
(c) Krishnan Venkat Subramanian
(d) G Srinivasan

Sol.50.(a) Bharath Sesha.

Q.51. Who became the Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in September 2024?

- (a) Dr. D K Sunil
(b) Brijendra Pratap Singh
(c) Tuhin Kanta Pandey
(d) Anurag Garg

Sol.51.(a) Dr. D K Sunil.

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), a leading Indian state-owned aerospace and defense company, was founded on December 23, 1940, in Bengaluru,

Karnataka. Renamed after merging with Aeronautics India Limited in 1964, it plays a crucial role in India's defense sector.

Q.52. Who was recommended for the position of Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI) by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) in September 2024?

- (a) Atanu Chakraborty
(b) Naveen Chandra Jha
(c) Rama Mohan Rao Amara
(d) Krishnan Venkat Subramanian
(e) Shanti Lal Jain

Sol.52.(c) Rama Mohan Rao Amara. The State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest public sector bank, was founded on July 1, 1955, evolving from the Bank of Calcutta (1806) and the Imperial Bank of India. Headquartered in Mumbai, it offers retail, corporate, and investment banking, along with insurance and wealth management services.

Q.53. Who was the first Indian ambassador of the ITTF Foundation in September 2024?

- (a) Ajay Ratra (b) Sharath Kamal
(c) Randhir Singh (d) Amit Shah

Sol.53. (b) Sharath Kamal. International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation Establishment: Founded in 2018 as the social responsibility arm of the ITTF. Headquarters: Located in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Q.54. Who was elected as the Prime Minister of France in September 2024?

- (a) Emmanuel Macron (b) Michel Barnier
(c) Shigeru Ishiba (d) Jafar Hassan

Sol.54.(b) Michel Barnier. France Official Name: French Republic, with its capital in Paris, is located in Western Europe, bordered by Germany, Belgium, Italy, and Spain.

Q.55. Who was appointed as the new Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in September 2024?

- (a) Rajesh Verma (b) Vinay Goyal
(c) RS Sharma (d) Ashok Raj Sigdel

Sol.55.(a) Rajesh Verma.

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) is a statutory body established to monitor and improve air quality in the National Capital Region (NCR) and adjoining areas. It was formed under the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

Act, 2021, with jurisdiction covering Delhi, parts of Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.

Q.56. Who was elected as the first Indian President of the Olympic Council of Asia in September 2024?

- (a) Sharath Kamal
(b) Randhir Singh
(c) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo
(d) Ajay Ratra

Sol.56.(b) Randhir Singh. The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), the governing body for sports in Asia, oversees multi-sport events across the continent. It was founded on November 16, 1982, in New Delhi, India, during the Asian Games, and is headquartered in Kuwait City, Kuwait. The OCA is affiliated with the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Q.57. Who became the 9th President of Sri Lanka in September 2024?

- (a) Anura Kumara Dissanayake
(b) Abdelmadjid Tebboune
(c) Michel Barnier
(d) Jafar Hassan

Sol.57.(a) Anura Kumara Dissanayake. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka is an island nation located in the Indian Ocean, south of India. It has two capitals: the administrative capital is Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, and the commercial capital is Colombo. The country's official languages are Sinhala and Tamil, reflecting its diverse cultural heritage.

Q.58. Who was appointed as the Vice Chief of Air Staff in September 2024?

- (a) Air Marshal SP Dharkar
(b) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(c) Air Chief Marshal AP Singh
(d) Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty

Sol.58.(a) Air Marshal SP Dharkar. As of December 2024, General Anil Chauhan is the Chief of Defence Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi leads the Army, Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi heads the Navy, and Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh commands the Air Force, ensuring India's defense and security.

Q.59. Who was named the Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) in September 2024?

- (a) Rajesh Verma (b) Anurag Garg
(c) Amrit Mohan Prasad (d) RS Sharma

Sol.59.(c) Amrit Mohan Prasad. The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), one of

India's Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), is responsible for guarding borders and maintaining internal security. It was founded in 1963 as the Special Service Bureau after the Indo-China War of 1962.

Q.60. Who became the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in the Telangana Police in September 2024?

- (a) Sharath Kamal (b) V Vaidyanathan
(c) Nikhat Zareen (d) Aparna Yadav

Sol.60.(c) Nikhat Zareen.

Boxer Nikhat Zareen was appointed as the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in the Telangana Police in September 2024.

Q.61. Who was appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Federal Bank in September 2024?

- (a) Subrata Mondal
(b) Krishnan Venkat Subramanian
(c) G Srinivasan
(d) Samir Kumar

Sol.61.(b) Krishnan Venkat Subramanian. Federal Bank, a leading private sector bank in India, was founded on April 23, 1931, as Travancore Federal Bank in Nedumpuram, Kerala, and renamed Federal Bank Limited in 1947. Its headquarters is in Aluva, Kerala.

Q.62. Who was named the Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court in September 2024?

- (a) Justice Alok Aradhe
(b) Justice Vipin Sanghi
(c) Justice Sunita Agarwal
(d) Justice S. Muralidhar

Sol.62.(c) Justice Sunita Agarwal.

Justice Sunita Agarwal was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court in September 2024.

Chief Justice Appointed in September

Name	Court
Sunita Agarwal	Gujarat
Alok Aradhe	Telangana
Vipin Sanghi	Uttarakhand
Amjad A. Sayed	Himachal Pradesh
S. Muralidhar	Madras (Chennai)
Ritu Raj Awasthi	Karnataka
Prashant Kumar Mishra	Andhra Pradesh
Arup Kumar Goswami	Chhattisgarh
Manmohan	Delhi

Q.63. Who assumed the role of Chairperson of the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions in September 2024?

- (a) Girish Chandra Murmu
(b) Tuhin Kanta Pandey
(c) RS Sharma
(d) Vinai Kumar Saxena

Sol.63.(a) Girish Chandra Murmu.

Founded: 1979 Aims to promote cooperation and knowledge-sharing among Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in Asia. Headquarters: Located in Seoul, South Korea.

Q.64. Who was appointed as the Director General of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) in September 2024?

- (a) Jitendra J Jadhav
(b) Dr. D K Sunil
(c) Anurag Garg
(d) Air Marshal SP Dharkar

Sol.64.(a) Jitendra J Jadhav.

The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), established in 1984 under the Ministry of Defence, is an Indian government organization responsible for designing and developing military aircraft and related technologies. Its headquarters is in Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

Q.65. Who became the first female fighter pilot in the LCA Tejas aircraft fleet in September 2024?

- (a) Squadron Leader Mohana Singh
(b) Aparna Yadav
(c) Deepti Gaur Mukerjee
(d) Sharath Kamal

Sol.65.(a) Squadron Leader Mohana Singh. The LCA Tejas, an indigenously developed multi-role fighter by ADA and HAL, strengthens India's defense capabilities with advanced variants like Mk-1A and Naval Tejas. It is part of the Indian Air Force, symbolizing self-reliance in defense technology.

Q.66. Who assumed the position of Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language in September 2024?

- (a) Amit Shah
(b) RS Sharma
(c) Ajay Ratra
(d) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo

Sol.66.(a) Amit Shah. The Parliamentary Committee on Official Language was constituted in 1976 under Section 4 of the Official Languages Act, 1963. It comprises 30 members—20 from the Lok

Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha. The committee's mandate is to review the progress in the use of Hindi for official purposes and ensure the effective implementation of the Official Languages Act. (Source: Chronicle India)

Q.67. Who was appointed as the Director General of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in September 2024?

- (a) Alok Ranjan
(b) Anurag Garg
(c) Jitendra J Jadhav
(d) Amrit Mohan Prasad

Sol.67.(b) Anurag Garg. The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), established on March 17, 1986, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act), 1985, is India's primary law enforcement and intelligence agency combating drug trafficking and illegal substance abuse.

Q.68. Who became the first female Chair of the International News Safety Institute in September 2024?

- (a) Joohi Smita Sinha
(b) Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi
(c) INS Shreyams Kumar
(d) Aparna Yadav

Sol.68.(c) INS Shreyams Kumar. The International News Safety Institute (INSI), established in 2003 to address growing threats to journalists, is a global organization dedicated to ensuring the safety of journalists and media workers in challenging environments. Its headquarters is in London, United Kingdom.

Q.69. Who became the President of the National Rifle Association of India in September 2024?

- (a) Randhir Singh
(b) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo
(c) Sharath Kamal
(d) Girish Chandra Murmu

Sol.69.(b) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo. The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), established on April 17, 1951, is the governing body for shooting sports in India. It is recognized by the Government of India, Indian Olympic Association (IOA), and International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF). Its headquarters is in New Delhi, India.

Q.70. Who became the Country Manager for Amazon India in September 2024?

- (a) G Srinivasan
(b) Samir Kumar
(c) Subrata Mondal

(d) Krishnan Venkat Subramanian

Sol.70.(b) Samir Kumar. Amazon, the world's largest online retailer, was founded by Jeff Bezos on July 5, 1994, as an online bookstore. It operates in e-commerce, cloud computing, streaming, and AI, with headquarters in Seattle, USA.

Q.71. Who assumed the position of Director of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy in September 2024?

- (a) Alok Ranjan (b) Amit Garg
(c) Anurag Garg (d) Jitendra J Jadhav

Sol.71.(b) Amit Garg. The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA), established in 1948 in Mount Abu, Rajasthan, is a premier training institution for Indian Police Service (IPS) officers. It was relocated to Hyderabad, Telangana, in 1975.

Q.72. Who became the Chairman -cum-Managing Director of the National Aluminium Company Limited in September 2024?

- (a) Brijendra Pratap Singh
(b) Dr. D K Sunil
(c) Subrata Mondal
(d) G Srinivasan

Sol.72.(a) Brijendra Pratap Singh. National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) is a leading Indian public sector enterprise in the aluminium and mining sector, established on January 7, 1981. It operates under the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, and is headquartered in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Q.73. Who became the first Non-Executive Chairperson of the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) in September 2024?

- (a) RS Sharma (b) Rajesh Verma
(c) G Srinivasan (d) Vinay Goyal

Sol.73.(a) RS Sharma.

The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is a government-backed initiative launched in April 2022 to democratize e-commerce in India by creating an open and inclusive network. It was developed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Q.74. Who became the new leader of the Liberal Democratic Party in September 2024?

- (a) Shigeru Ishiba
(b) Michel Barnier

- (c) Jafar Hassan
(d) Abdelmajid Tebboune

Sol.74.(a) Shigeru Ishiba. The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), a prominent conservative political party in Japan, has been the dominant political force in the country's post-war politics. It was founded on November 15, 1955, through the merger of the Liberal Party and the Japan Democratic Party, with its headquarters in Tokyo, Japan.

Q.75. Who was appointed as the Chief of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) in September 2024?

- (a) Alok Ranjan (b) Anurag Garg
(c) Jitendra J Jadhav (d) Vinay Goyal

Sol.75.(a) Alok Ranjan. The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), established on March 11, 1986, is India's premier organization for crime data collection, analysis, and dissemination. It is headquartered in New Delhi, India.

Q.76. Who was appointed as the Chief of the Air Staff in September 2024?

- (a) Air Chief Marshal AP Singh
(b) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(c) Air Marshal SP Dharkar
(d) Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty

Sol.76. (a) Air Chief Marshal AP Singh. The first Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force was Air Marshal Sir Thomas Walker Elmhirst, who took office on August 15, 1947.

Q.77. Who has been elected as the President of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) in 2024?

- (a) Subodh Kumar
(b) Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak
(c) Rajesh Verma
(d) Vikas Sheel

Sol.77.(b) Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak. The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), established in 1944 and headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal, is a statutory body under the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959, responsible for regulating the profession of cost and management accountancy in India.

Q.78. Who took additional charge as the Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF) in August 2024?

- (a) Anil Chauhan
(b) Daljit Singh Chawdhary
(c) Manoj Mittal
(d) Vikas Lakhera

Sol.78.(b) Daljit Singh Chawdhary. The Border Security Force (BSF), established on December 1, 1965, is India's Central Armed Police Force tasked with guarding international borders and preventing trans-border crimes, headquartered in New Delhi.

Q.79. Who assumed charge as the Director General (DG) of Assam Rifles in August 2024?

- (a) Sanjay Arora
(b) Vikas Lakhera
(c) Daljit Singh Chawdhary
(d) T.V. Somanathan

Sol.79.(b) Vikas Lakhera. The Assam Rifles, established in 1835, is India's oldest paramilitary force tasked with maintaining internal security in the Northeast and guarding the Indo-Myanmar border, headquartered in Shillong, Meghalaya.

Q.80. Who has been appointed as the head of Bangladesh's interim government in 2024?

- (a) Sheikh Hasina (b) Muhammad Yunus
(c) Khaleda Zia (d) Rehman Sobhan

Sol.80.(b) Muhammad Yunus.

He is a Nobel laureate and the "Father of Microfinance", known for founding the Grameen Bank in 1983 and pioneering microcredit to empower the rural poor. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006.

Q.81. Who was appointed as India's Cabinet Secretary in August 2024?

- (a) Vikas Sheel (b) T.V. Somanathan
(c) Rajesh Verma (d) Subodh Kumar

Sol.81.(b) T.V. Somanathan. The Cabinet Secretary is the senior-most civil servant in the Indian government, heading the Cabinet Secretariat and serving as the principal advisor to the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers. This role is key in ensuring inter-ministerial coordination and administrative efficiency.

Q.82. Who was announced as the new head coach of India's junior men's hockey team in August 2024?

- (a) Manpreet Singh (b) PR Sreejesh
(c) Harendra Singh (d) Rahul Dravid

Sol.82.(b) PR Sreejesh.

Q.83. Who assumed the role of Director General of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in August 2024?

- (a) Vikas Sheel (b) Ashok Kumar Singh

(c) Rajesh Verma (d) Manoj Mittal

Sol.83.(b) Ashok Kumar Singh. The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), established in 1952 under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, is a statutory body responsible for providing social security and health insurance to workers in India. Its headquarters is located in New Delhi, India.

Q.84. Who was appointed as the Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board in August 2024?

- (a) Anil Kumar Lahoti (b) V K Tripathi
(c) Satish Kumar (d) Rajesh Verma

Sol.84.(c) Satish Kumar. The Railway Board, established in 1905, is the apex body of the Indian Railways, responsible for policy formulation, operations, and administration, and functions under the Ministry of Railways. Its headquarters is located in New Delhi, India.

Q.85. Who was appointed as the Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Secretariat, starting January 1, 2025?

- (a) Sanjiv Ranjan (b) Vikas Sheel
(c) Rajiv Bhatia (d) T V Somanathan

Sol.85.(a) Sanjiv Ranjan. The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), established in 1997, is an intergovernmental organization promoting regional cooperation, sustainable development, and economic growth among 23 member states bordering the Indian Ocean. Its headquarters is located in Ebene, Mauritius.

Q.86. Who was re-elected as the Chairperson of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) in 2024?

- (a) Rachel Reeves
(b) Edward Kieswetter
(c) Dr. B N Gangadhar
(d) Rajinder Khanna

Sol.86.(b) Edward Kieswetter. The World Customs Organization (WCO), established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council (CCC), is an independent intergovernmental organization promoting the efficiency and standardization of customs procedures worldwide. Its headquarters is in Brussels, Belgium.

Q.87. Who was appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Medical Commission (NMC) in 2024?

- (a) Dr. Suresh Chandra Sharma
(b) Dr. B N Gangadhar
(c) Dr. Devi Shetty
(d) Dr. Rajinder Khanna

Sol.87.(b) Dr. B N Gangadhar. The National Medical Commission (NMC), established in 2020 under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, is the regulatory body for medical education and practice in India, replacing the Medical Council of India (MCI). Its headquarters is located in New Delhi, India.

Q.88. Who was appointed as the additional National Security Adviser (NSA) in July 2024?

- (a) Edward Kieswetter
(b) Rajinder Khanna
(c) Gautam Gambhir
(d) Manolo Marquez

Sol.88.(b) Rajinder Khanna. The National Security Adviser (NSA) is the chief advisor to the Prime Minister of India on matters of national security and strategic policy. This position, established in 1998, oversees the National Security Council (NSC) and coordinates between various defense, intelligence, and security agencies.

Q.89. Who became the first female Chancellor of the Exchequer in the United Kingdom in 2024?

- (a) Liz Truss (b) Angela Merkel
(c) Rachel Reeves (d) Theresa May

Sol.89.(c) Rachel Reeves.

The Exchequer refers to a government's national treasury, commonly associated with the UK, managed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer for public funds and economic policies.

Q.90. Who was appointed as the Head Coach of the Indian Men's Cricket Team in July 2024?

- (a) Rahul Dravid
(b) Manolo Marquez
(c) Gautam Gambhir
(d) Kapil Dev

Sol.90.(c) Gautam Gambhir.

Q.91. Who was appointed as the Head Coach of the Indian men's senior football team in July 2024?

- (a) Igor Stimac
(b) Manolo Marquez
(c) Gautam Gambhir
(d) Stephen Constantine

Sol.91.(b) Manolo Marquez.

Q.92. Who was appointed as the Principal Adviser for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme in July 2024?

- (a) Dr. Soumya Swaminathan
(b) Dr. Suresh Chandra Sharma
(c) Dr. B N Gangadhar
(d) Dr. Devi Shetty

Sol.92.(a) Dr. Soumya Swaminathan. The National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) aims to eliminate TB in India by 2025 through early diagnosis, free treatment, and preventive care under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Q.93. Who was unanimously re-elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in July 2024?

- (a) Mary Kom (b) Nita Ambani
(c) P T Usha (d) Saina Nehwal

Sol.93.(b) Nita Ambani.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC), established in 1894 and headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, is a global organization responsible for overseeing the Olympic Games and promoting the Olympic values of excellence, friendship, and respect.

Q.94. Who took charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in July 2024?

- (a) S Ramann
(b) Manoj Mittal
(c) Rajnish Kumar
(d) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty

Sol.94.(b) Manoj Mittal. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), established in 1990 and headquartered in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, is a statutory body dedicated to promoting, financing, and developing micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in India.

Q.95. Who assumed the role of acting Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in June 2024?

- (a) Justice Arun Kumar Mishra
(b) Justice DY Chandrachud
(c) Vijaya Bharathi Sayani
(d) Bhartruhari Mahtab

Sol.95.(c) Vijaya Bharathi Sayani. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), established on October 12, 1993, under the Protection of Human Rights Act, is headquartered in New Delhi

and protects and promotes human rights in India.

Q.96. Who was appointed as the pro tem Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha in June 2024?

- (a) Om Birla
- (b) Bhartruhari Mahtab
- (c) Sumitra Mahajan
- (d) Shashi Tharoor

Sol.96.(b) Bhartruhari Mahtab. The Pro Tem Speaker is a temporary presiding officer of the Lok Sabha or State Legislative Assembly, appointed to oversee the proceedings until a permanent Speaker is elected.

Q.97. Which Indian cricket legend became the President of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) in 2024?

- (a) Sunil Gavaskar
- (b) Kapil Dev
- (c) MS Dhoni
- (d) Anil Kumble

Sol.97.(b) Kapil Dev. The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), founded in 2006 to promote and develop professional golf in India, is headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana.

Q.98. Who has been selected as the next chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI) in 2024?

- (a) Dinesh Khara
- (b) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
- (c) Rajnish Kumar
- (d) Sandeep Bakhshi

Sol.98.(b) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty. The State Bank of India (SBI), established on July 1, 1955, is India's largest public sector bank, headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Q.99. Who was recently appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- (a) PC Mody
- (b) Ravi Agrawal
- (c) Sangeeta Singh
- (d) Rajiv Jain

Sol.99.(b) Ravi Agrawal. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), established under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963, is the apex body for administering direct tax laws in India, headquartered in New Delhi.

Q.100. Who was appointed as the Secretary of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in June 2024?

- (a) Anupama Anand
- (b) Inder Pal Singh Bindra
- (c) Ramesh Chand
- (d) Rajesh Sharma

Sol.100.(b) Inder Pal Singh Bindra. The Competition Commission of India (CCI), established in 2003 under the Competition Act, 2002, is a statutory body responsible for promoting fair competition and preventing anti-competitive practices in India, headquartered in New Delhi.

Q.101. Who was elected as the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) in May 2024?

- (a) Pradeep Rai
- (b) Adish C. Aggarwala
- (c) Kapil Sibal
- (d) Priya Hingorani

Sol.101.(c) Kapil Sibal. The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), founded in 1951, represents legal practitioners of the Supreme Court of India and addresses their professional and welfare needs. It operates as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

Q.102. Who was sworn in as a Member of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) in May 2024?

- (a) Ramesh Babu V.
- (b) M. Suresh
- (c) Anil Kumar Lahoti
- (d) Rajesh Sharma

Sol.102.(a) Ramesh Babu V. The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), established in 1998 under the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, and expanded under the Electricity Act, 2003, regulates India's electricity sector, ensuring transparency and promoting competition. It is headquartered in New Delhi, India.

Q.103. Who was elected as the new Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) in May 2024?

- (a) Monique Eloit
- (b) Emmanuelle Soubeyran
- (c) Sanjiv Puri
- (d) Rajiv Memani

Sol.103.(b) Emmanuelle Soubeyran. The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), formerly the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), is an intergovernmental organization focused on improving animal health and welfare. Founded on January 25, 1924, it is headquartered in Paris, France, and was renamed WOAH in 2003.

Q.104. Who was elected as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the 2024-25 term?

- (a) R Dinesh
- (b) Sanjiv Puri
- (c) Rajiv Memani
- (d) R Mukundan

Sol.104.(b) Sanjiv Puri. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), founded in 1895 as the Engineering and Iron Trades Association, is a leading trade association headquartered in New Delhi, fostering Indian industry and business growth.

Q.105. Who assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff on May 1, 2024?

- (a) Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh
- (b) Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
- (c) Vice Admiral S N Ghormade
- (d) Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar

Sol.105.(b) Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan. The Naval Staff is the senior leadership and decision-making body of the Indian Navy, responsible for strategic planning, operations, and administration.

Q.106. Who was appointed as NASA's Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer in May 2024?

- (a) David Salvagnini
- (b) Sarah Al-Amiri
- (c) Thomas Zurbuchen
- (d) Jim Bridenstine

Sol.106.(a) David Salvagnini. NASA, the U.S. government's space agency, was founded on July 29, 1958, and began operations on October 1, 1958, with its headquarters in Washington, D.C., USA.

Q.107. Who was appointed as the new President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Ladies Organisation (FLO) in April 2024?

- (a) Moushumi Basu
- (b) Joyshree Das Verma
- (c) Naima Khatoon
- (d) Smita A S

Sol.107.(b) Joyshree Das Verma. The FICCI, founded in 1927 by Ghanshyam Das Birla and Purushottam Das Thakurdas, is India's oldest and largest business organization representing diverse industries.

Q.108. Who assumed the role of President of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers' Association (JNUTA) in April 2024?

- (a) Sachidananda Mohanty
- (b) Naima Khatoon
- (c) Moushumi Basu
- (d) Joyshree Das Verma

Sol.108.(c) Moushumi Basu.

Q.109. Who was appointed as the new President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) in April 2024?

- (a) Sanjay Nayar (b) M V Rao
(c) Naveen Jindal (d) Narsingh Yadav

Sol.109.(a) Sanjay Nayar.

The ASSOCHAM, founded in 1920, is a leading trade and industry organization in India, representing businesses and promoting economic growth.

Q.110. Who was appointed as the coach of the Indian women's hockey team until the 2028 Olympics?

- (a) Harendra Singh
(b) Narsingh Yadav
(c) Sachidananda Mohanty
(d) Sanjay Nayar

Sol.110.(a) Harendra Singh.

Q.111. Who was appointed as a member of the University Grants Commission (UGC) in April 2024?

- (a) Naima Khatoon
(b) Sachidananda Mohanty
(c) Moushumi Basu
(d) Joyshree Das Verma

Sol.111.(b) Sachidananda Mohanty. The University Grants Commission (UGC), established in 1953 and made a statutory body under the UGC Act, 1956, oversees standards in higher education and provides financial assistance to universities and colleges. Its headquarters is in New Delhi, India.

Q.112. Who was re-elected to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) in April 2024?

- (a) Narsingh Yadav
(b) Naima Khatoon
(c) Jagjit Pavadia
(d) Sachidananda Mohanty

Sol.112.(c) Jagjit Pavadia.

INCB, established in 1968 under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, is an independent body monitoring the implementation of UN drug control conventions. It operates under the UNODC and is headquartered in Vienna, Austria.

Q.113. Who became the first woman Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) in April 2024?

- (a) Moushumi Basu
(b) Naima Khatoon
(c) Joyshree Das Verma
(d) Smita A S

Sol.113.(b) Naima Khatoon. Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), one of India's premier central universities, was founded in 1875 as the Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. It became Aligarh Muslim University in 1920 under the Aligarh Muslim University Act, 1920, and is renowned for its contributions to education and research, particularly in minority education.

Q.114. Who was elected as the Chairman of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) Athletes Commission in April 2024?

- (a) Harendra Singh
(b) Narsingh Yadav
(c) Sanjay Nayar
(d) Sachidananda Mohanty

Sol.114.(b) Narsingh Yadav.

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), founded in 1958, is recognized by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and affiliated with United World Wrestling (UWW). Its headquarters is located in New Delhi, India.

Q.115. Who was elected as the new Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) in March 2024?

- (a) Dinesh Kumar Khara (b) S L Jain
(c) N Kamakodi (d) M V Rao

Sol.115.(d) M V Rao. The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) is a representative body of Indian banks and financial institutions, established on September 26, 1946. It plays a crucial role in promoting and developing sound banking principles and practices in India. The IBA is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Q.116. Who was appointed as the President of the Indian Steel Association (ISA) in March 2024?

- (a) Sajjan Jindal (b) TV Narendran
(c) Naveen Jindal (d) Dilip Oommen

Sol.116.(c) Naveen Jindal. The ISA is the apex body representing the interests of steel producers in India and plays a significant role in promoting the steel industry's growth. Founded: In 2014. Comprises major steel producers in India as its members. Headquarters: Located in New Delhi, India.

Q.117. Who was appointed as the Director in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in March 2024?

- (a) Hansha Mishra
(b) Raghuram Iyer
(c) Gaurav Kumar Thakur

(d) Indra Mani Pandey

Sol.117.(a) Hansha Mishra. The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), India's premier recruiting agency for civil services and government positions, was founded on October 1, 1926, as the Public Service Commission, and later reconstituted under Article 315 of the Indian Constitution. Its headquarters is in New Delhi, India.

Q.118. Who was appointed as the new Assistant Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction at the United Nations in March 2024?

- (a) Mami Mizutori (b) Kamal Kishore
(c) Paola Albritto (d) António Guterres

Sol.118.(b) Kamal Kishore. The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), established in 1999 as the successor to the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR), is a specialized UN office focused on reducing disaster risks and building global resilience. It operates under the UN Secretariat and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

Q.119. Who was appointed to lead Microsoft's Windows and Surface teams in March 2024?

- (a) Satya Nadella (b) Pavan Davuluri
(c) Panos Panay (d) Mikhail Parakhin

Sol.119.(b) Pavan Davuluri. Microsoft Corporation, a leading multinational technology company, specializes in software, hardware, and cloud services. It was founded on April 4, 1975, by Bill Gates and Paul Allen, and is headquartered in Redmond, Washington, USA.

Q.120. Who made history as the Border Security Force's (BSF) first female sniper in March 2024?

- (a) Suman Kumari (b) Anjali Sharma
(c) Priya Singh (d) Neha Verma

Sol.120.(a) Suman Kumari. The Border Security Force (BSF), one of India's Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), was founded on December 1, 1965, after the Indo-Pak War of 1965. Known as "India's First Line of Defence", it is tasked with guarding India's land borders and preventing trans-border crimes. Its headquarters is in New Delhi, India.

Q.121. Who assumed the additional charge as Chairman and Managing

Director (CMD) of NHPC Limited in March 2024?

- (a) Abhay Kumar Singh
- (b) Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi
- (c) Rajendra Prasad Goyal
- (d) M. Suresh

Sol.121.(c) Rajendra Prasad Goyal. NHPC Limited (formerly National Hydroelectric Power Corporation), founded on November 7, 1975, is a leading hydropower generation company in India. It operates under the Ministry of Power, playing a crucial role in sustainable energy development.

Q.122. Who was elected as the new President of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) in March 2024?

- (a) Deepa Malik
- (b) Devendra Jhajharia
- (c) Mariyappan Thangavelu
- (d) Varun Singh Bhati

Sol.122.(b) Devendra Jhajharia. The Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), founded in 1992, is recognized by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and affiliated with the Asian Paralympic Committee. Its headquarters is located in New Delhi, India.

Q.123. Who was appointed as the Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) in March 2024?

- (a) Anil Kumar Lahoti (b) A S Rajeev
- (c) Rajesh Sharma (d) Ramesh Chand

Sol.123.(b) A S Rajeev. The Vigilance Commissioner is a key member of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), an independent statutory body responsible for overseeing vigilance and anti-corruption measures in India.

Q.124. Who assumed the position of Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) in March 2024?

- (a) Luv Kush Kumar (b) Kishor Makwana
- (c) Hansraj Ahir (d) Vijay Sampla

Sol.124.(b) Kishor Makwana. The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), established under Article 338 of the Indian Constitution, is a constitutional body to protect and promote the rights of Scheduled Castes (SCs) in India. It was reconstituted as an independent body through the 89th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003, separating it from the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Q.125. Who was appointed as the Chairman of Prasar Bharati in March 2024?

- (a) A. Surya Prakash
- (b) Navneet Kumar Sehgal
- (c) Gaurav Dwivedi
- (d) Shashi Shekhar Vempati

Sol.125.(b) Navneet Kumar Sehgal. Prasar Bharati, India's largest public broadcasting agency, was established on November 23, 1997, under the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990. It oversees Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR) and is headquartered in New Delhi, India.

Q.126. Who was appointed as the new Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in March 2024?

- (a) Nidhi Chhibber
- (b) Rajeev Kumar Mital
- (c) Rahul Singh
- (d) Gyanesh Bharti

Sol.126.(c) Rahul Singh. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) was founded in 1929 as the Board of High School and Intermediate Education and was reconstituted as CBSE in 1952. Its headquarters is located in New Delhi, India.

Q.127. Who was appointed as the new Director General of the Indian Sugar & Bio-energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) in March 2024?

- (a) Prakash Seksaria
- (b) Avantika Saraogi
- (c) Arvind Kanoria
- (d) Deepak Ballani

Sol.127.(d) Deepak Ballani. Headquartered in New Delhi, India.

Q.128. Who was appointed as the Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in February 2024?

- (a) PD Vaghela (b) Anil Kumar Lahoti
- (c) Rajesh Sharma (d) Ramesh Chand

Sol.128.(b) Anil Kumar Lahoti. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), established on February 20, 1997, under the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997, is a statutory body responsible for regulating and overseeing the telecommunications sector in India. It is headquartered in New Delhi, India.

Q.129. Who was elected as the new President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in February 2024?

- (a) Joan Donoghue (b) Nawaf Salam
- (c) Dalveer Bhandari (d) Peter Tomka

Sol.129.(b) Nawaf Salam.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, was founded on June 26, 1945, through the UN Charter and began functioning on April 18, 1946, succeeding the Permanent Court of International Justice. It is headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands, at the Peace Palace.

Q.130. Who was recently appointed as the Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) in February 2024?

- (a) Kamlesh Chandra Varshney
- (b) Anil Kumar Lahoti
- (c) A.S. Rajeev
- (d) Ramesh Chand

Sol.130.(c) A.S. Rajeev.

The Central Vigilance Commission is an apex governmental body established to oversee and prevent corruption within the government and its agencies. Founded: February 1964 on the recommendation of the Santhanam Committee. Became a statutory body under the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003. Headquarters: Located in New Delhi, India.

Q.131. Who was appointed as the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of the World Bank's Global Environment Facility (GEF) in February 2024?

- (a) Anshula Kant (b) Geeta Batra
- (c) Gita Gopinath (d) Indra Nooyi

Sol.131.(b) Geeta Batra.

Q.132. Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the Lokpal in February 2024?

- (a) Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose
- (b) Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar
- (c) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- (d) Justice Dipak Misra

Sol.132.(b) Justice Ajay Manikrao

Khanwilkar. The Lokpal is India's anti-corruption ombudsman, established under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act of 2013. The body is responsible for investigating allegations of corruption against public functionaries.

Q.133. Who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the World Gold Council (WGC) India in February 2024?

- (a) Somasundaram PR
- (b) David Tait
- (c) Sachin Jain
- (d) Kelvin Dushnisky

Sol.133.(c) Sachin Jain. The World Gold Council (WGC), established in 1987, is a market development organization focused on promoting the use and investment in gold. Headquartered in London, UK.

Q.134. Who was appointed as the Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission, constituted by the Government of India in January 2024?

- (a) Arvind Virmani
- (b) Vijay Kumar Saraswat
- (c) Arvind Panagariya
- (d) Suman Bery

Sol.134.(c) Arvind Panagariya. He was honoured with Padma Bhushan (Literature and Education) in 2012. The Finance Commission of India, a constitutional body, was established in 1951 under Article 280 of the Indian Constitution to define the financial relationship between the Central Government and State Governments. It is constituted every five years or as needed by the President of India.

Q.135. In January 2024, Ravindra Kumar Tyagi assumed charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of which company?

- (a) NTPC Limited
- (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- (c) Power Grid Corporation of India
- (d) Power Finance Corporation Limited

Sol.135. (c) Power Grid Corporation of India. A state-owned electric utility company, was founded on October 23, 1989, under the Ministry of Power, Government of India. It is headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana, and manages electricity transmission across India.

Q.136. Who was appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Manila, Philippines, for 3 years in January 2024?

- (a) Senthil Pandian
- (b) M Balaji
- (c) Parveen Kumar
- (d) Vikas Sheel
- (e) Smita Sarangi

Sol.136. (d) Vikas Sheel.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a regional development bank focused on fostering economic growth, reducing

poverty, and improving infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region. Founded: December 19, 1966.

Q.137. Which officer has been appointed as Ambassador / Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of India to the WTO in Geneva, Switzerland, for 3 years?

- (a) M Balaji
- (b) Tanu Singh
- (c) Senthil Pandian
- (d) Kalyan Revella
- (e) Smita Sarangi

Sol.137.(c) Senthil Pandian. The World Trade Organization (WTO), established on January 1, 1995, is an international body that regulates and facilitates global trade. It succeeded the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), established in 1948, and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. The WTO has 164 member countries (2024), representing over 98% of world trade, with India as a founding member.

Q.138. Who was recently appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a period of three years in January 2024?

- (a) Kamlesh Chandra Varshney
- (b) Ananth Narayan G
- (c) Ashwani Bhatia
- (d) Govindayapalli Ram Mohan Rao

Sol.138.(d) Govindayapalli Ram Mohan Rao. SEBI is India's regulatory body for securities and commodity markets, ensuring investor protection and market integrity. Founded: April 12, 1988 (as a non-statutory body). Became a statutory body on January 30, 1992, under the SEBI Act, 1992. Located in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

Q.139. Who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) in January 2024?

- (a) Kalyan Chaubey
- (b) Sahdev Yadav
- (c) Raghuram Iyer
- (d) Gagan Narang

Sol.139.(c) Raghuram Iyer. The IOA plays a key role in promoting and managing sports activities in India and oversees India's participation in the Olympics and other international events. Founded: 1927. The first president of the IOA was Sir Dorabji Tata, and the first Secretary General was Dr. A.G. Noehren. Headquarters: Located in New Delhi, India.

Q.140. Who was nominated as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal

Services Committee (SCLSC) in January 2024?

- (a) Venugopala Gowda
- (b) Sanjiv Khanna
- (c) Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavai
- (d) Sanjay Kishan Kaul

Sol.140.(c) Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavai. The Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC) is a statutory body established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, to provide free legal aid and assistance to economically weaker sections and marginalized groups.

Q.141. Who became the first Indian to hold the position of Secretary General (SG) of BIMSTEC in January 2024?

- (a) Garima Paul
- (b) Sunil Achaya
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey
- (d) Rajesh Sharma

Sol.141.(c) Indra Mani Pandey. BIMSTEC, established on June 6, 1997, through the Bangkok Declaration, fosters economic and technical collaboration among Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Initially called BIST-EC, it was renamed when Myanmar joined. Its headquarters is in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Q.142. Which country was elected as the 1st Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (SCFM) of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) in January 2024?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) India
- (d) Sri Lanka

Sol.142.(c) India. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), a specialized UN agency, focuses on eradicating hunger, improving nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture. It was founded on October 16, 1945, with its headquarters in Rome, Italy.

Q.143. Who was appointed as the Director General (DG) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) in January 2024?

- (a) Anish Dayal Singh
- (b) Vitul Kumar
- (c) Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- (d) Hanumant Singh Rawat

Sol.143.(c) Daljit Singh Chaudhary. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), one of India's Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), was founded in 1963 as the Special Service Bureau and renamed Sashastra Seema Bal in 2001. It is tasked with guarding India's borders and ensuring internal security.

Sports Affairs

Important Facts

37th National Games 2023 :-

The games were held in Goa across 5 cities—Mapusa, Margao, Panjim, Ponda, and Vasco—from October 26 to November 9

Motto - Get Set Goa

Mascot - Moga (Indian bison)

Medals Tally - Maharashtra topped the medals tally with 228 medals – 80 gold, 69 silvers and 79 bronze – to win the Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy, which is given to the team that wins the most number of gold medals at the National Games.

Services secured 2nd place with 124 medals (65 gold, 27 silver, 32 bronze), while Haryana came 3rd with 192 medals (62 gold, 55 silver, 75 bronze).

6th Khelo India Youth Games 2024 :-

Tamil Nadu hosted the KIYG 2024 in 4 cities - Chennai, Madurai, Trichy and Coimbatore from January 19 to 31.

Mascot - Veera Mangai (Rani Velu Nachiyar)

Squash made its KIYG debut this year.

Maharashtra topped the Khelo India Youth Games with 57 gold, 48 silver, and 53 bronze medals.

Tamil Nadu finished second with 38 gold, 21 silver, and 39 bronze, while Haryana secured third place with 35 gold, 22 silver, and 46 bronze.

Paris Olympics 2024 :-

The 2024 Summer Olympics, officially the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad and branded as Paris 2024, held from 26 July to 11 August 2024 in France.

Motto - Games Wide Open

Mascot - Phryges

Theme - Let's Move and Celebrate

Sports - 32 (including the 4 additional sports -breaking, skateboarding, sport climbing, and surfing)

Chinese swimmer Zhang Yufei won the most medals at the games with six (one silver, five bronze)

French swimmer Léon Marchand had the most gold medals with four.

Indian medal winners at Paris 2024

Olympics :-

Manu Bhaker	Women's 10m air pistol	Bronze
Manu Bhaker-Sarabjot Singh	Mixed team 10m air pistol	Bronze
Swapnil Kusale	Men's 50m rifle 3 positions	Bronze
Team India (Hockey)	Men's event	Bronze
Neeraj Chopra	Men's javelin throw	Silver
Aman Sehrawat (Wrestling)	Men's freestyle 57kg	Bronze

India's 117-athlete contingent won six medals—one silver and five bronze—at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

India's Paris 2024 Chef-de-Mission - Gagan Narang

Manu Bhaker won the first medal for India She bagged a bronze and became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic shooting medal.

Paris Olympics 2024 Medal Table :-

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	USA	40	44	42	126
2.	China	40	27	24	91
3.	Japan	20	12	13	45
71.	India	0	1	5	6

Paris Paralympic 2024 :-

The 17th summer Paralympic Games were held in Paris, France, from 28 August to 8 September 2024.

France hosted the summer Paralympic Games for the first time in history.

The total number of Indian players in paralympics 2024 was 84.

Flag bearers (opening) - Bhagyashree Jadhav and Sumit Antil

Flag bearers (closing) - Preethi Pal and Harvinder Singh

Avani Lekhara became the first Indian woman to win two gold medals at the Paralympic Games.

Paris Paralympic 2024 Medal Table:

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	China	94	76	50	220
2.	Great Britain	49	44	31	124
3.	USA	36	42	27	105

18.	India	7	9	13	29
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ICC Men's T20 World Cup :-

The 9th edition of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup was co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States from June 1 to 29, 2024.

India emerged as the champions, claiming their second T20 World Cup title, while South Africa finished as the runners - up.

Player of the series - Jasprit Bumrah (India)

Most runs - Rahmanullah Gurbaz (Afghanistan)

Grand Slam events :-

The Grand Slam in tennis is the achievement of winning all four major championships in one discipline in a calendar year.

2024 Australian Open :-

Category	Champions	Runner-up
Men's singles	Jannik Sinner (Italy)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
Women's singles	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Zheng Qinwen (China)
Men's doubles	Rohan Bopanna (India) Matthew Ebden (Australia)	Simone Bolelli (Italy) Andrea Vavassori (Italy)
Women's doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan) Elise Mertens (Belgium)	Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine) Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)
Mixed doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan) Jan Zieliński (Poland)	Desirae Krawczyk (USA) Neal Skupski (United Kingdom)

2024 French Open :-

Category	Champions	Runner-up
Men's singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Alexander Zverev (Germany)
Women's singles	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
Men's doubles	Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador) Mate Pavić (Croatia)	Simone Bolelli (Italy) Andrea Vavassori (Italy)
Women's doubles	Coco Gauff (USA) Kateřina Siniaková (Czech)	Sara Errani (Italy) Jasmine Paolini (Italy)

	Republic)	
Mixed doubles	Laura Siegemund (Germany) Édouard Roger-Vasselin (France)	Desirae Krawczyk (USA) Neal Skupski (United Kingdom)

2024 Wimbledon :-

Category	Champions	Runner-up
Men's singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
Women's singles	Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic)	Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
Men's doubles	Harri Heliövaara (Finland) Henry Patten (United Kingdom)	Max Purcell (Australia) Jordan Thompson (Australia)
Women's doubles	Kateřina Siniaková (Czech Republic) Taylor Townsend (USA)	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) Erin Routliffe (New Zealand)
Mixed doubles	Jan Zieliński (Poland) Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan)	Santiago González (Mexico) Giuliana Olmos (Mexico)

2024 US Open :-

Category	Champions	Runner-up
Men's singles	Jannik Sinner (Italy)	Taylor Fritz (USA)
Women's singles	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Jessica Pegula (USA)
Men's doubles	Max Purcell and Jordan Thompson (Australia)	Kevin Krawietz and Tim Pütz (Germany)
Women's doubles	Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine) Jeļena Ostapenko (Latvia)	Kristina Mladenovic (France) Zhang Shuai (China)
Mixed doubles	Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)	Taylor Townsend and Donald Young (USA)

Multiple Choice Questions

Q.1. Who won the Syed Modi International Badminton Championship 2024?

- (a) P. V. Sindhu (b) Carolina Marin
(c) An Se-young (d) Saina Nehwal

Sol.1.(a) P. V. Sindhu claimed her third Syed Modi International title, defeating China's Wu Luo Yu in the women's

singles final. Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medalist (silver in 2016, bronze in 2020) and 2019 World Champion, is among India's most decorated athletes. Awards: Padma Bhushan (2020), Khel Ratna (2016), Arjuna Award (2013).

Q.2. Who won the triple crown in the final round of the MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship?

- (a) Hemanth Muddappa
(b) Raghul Krishnan
(c) Amit Shelar
(d) Shreyas Kottary

Sol.2.(a) Hemanth Muddappa, known as the "Drag King" in Indian motorsport, secured a triple crown victory in the final round of the championship at the Madras International Circuit, extending his record to 15 National titles.

Q.3. Who won the Senior National Men's Handball Championship for the first time?

- (a) Chandigarh (b) Kerala
(c) Haryana (d) Tamil Nadu

Sol.3.(b) Kerala won their first-ever Senior National Men's Handball Championship by defeating Chandigarh 34-31 in a thrilling final.

Q.4. Which club has invited Sachin Tendulkar to become an Honorary Cricket Member?

- (a) Sydney Cricket Club
(b) Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC)
(c) Lord's Cricket Club
(d) Kolkata Knight Riders

Sol.4.(b) Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) is a sports club based in Melbourne, Australia. It was founded in 1838.

Q.5. Who did India defeat in the final to win the inaugural U19 Women's T20 Asia Cup title?

- (a) Sri Lanka (b) Bangladesh
(c) Pakistan (d) Nepal

Sol.5.(b) Bangladesh. India won the inaugural U19 Women's T20 Asia Cup title by defeating Bangladesh with a 41-run victory in the final held at Bayuemas Oval, Kuala Lumpur.

Q.6. Which country has been selected to host the 2025 ISSF Junior World Cup in Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun events?

- (a) India (b) China
(c) United States (d) Germany

Sol.6.(a) India. This will be the 11th edition of the junior shooting World Cup and the first one in India.

Q.7. Which state is set to host the 38th National Games in 2025?

- (a) Uttarakhand (b) Punjab
(c) Gujarat (d) Maharashtra

Sol.7.(a) Uttarakhand will host the 38th National Games from January 28 to February 14, 2025. Mascot : "Mauli". Tagline : "Sankalp Se Shikhar Tak".

Q.8. Which team won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) 2024?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Mumbai
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Delhi

Sol.8.(b) Mumbai. Mumbai defeated Madhya Pradesh by five wickets to win the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2024.

Q.9. Who became the youngest chess world champion, breaking Garry Kasparov's record?

- (a) Magnus Carlsen
(b) Ding Liren
(c) Dommaraju Gukesh
(d) Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa

Sol.9.(c) Dommaraju Gukesh. At just 18 years old, Gukesh defeated reigning champion Ding Liren in a tough match in Singapore to become the youngest chess world champion, surpassing Garry Kasparov's record.

Q.10. Which country won the 20th Asian Women's Handball Championship in 2024?

- (a) India (b) Japan
(c) South Korea (d) China

Sol.10.(b) Japan claimed their second-ever championship title by defeating South Korea 25-24 in a thrilling final held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.

Q.11. Which team won the U-19 Asia Cup final in 2024?

- (a) India (b) Bangladesh
(c) Sri Lanka (d) Pakistan

Sol.11.(b) Bangladesh U-19 secured an impressive 59-run victory over India in the final, successfully defending their Asia Cup title.

Q.12. Which team won the Junior Hockey Asia Cup 2024?

- (a) Pakistan (b) Malaysia
(c) India (d) Japan

Sol.12.(c) India defeated Pakistan 5-3 in the final held in Muscat to win their fifth Junior Hockey Asia Cup title and their third consecutive championship.

Q.13. How many sports will feature in the 23rd edition of the Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow, Scotland?
(a) 24 (b) 19 (c) 14 (d) 10

Sol.13.(d) 10. The 23rd edition of the Commonwealth Games (CWG 2026) is scheduled to take place in Glasgow, Scotland from 23rd July 2026 to 2nd August 2026. Sports to feature in CWG 2026: Athletics and Para Athletics (Track & Field), Swimming and Para Swimming, Artistic Gymnastics, Track Cycling and Para Track Cycling Netball, Weightlifting and Para Powerlifting, Boxing, Judo Bowls and Para Bowls 3x3 Basketball and 3 x 3 Wheelchair Basketball.

Q.14. Which city will host the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup 2025?
(a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru
(c) New Delhi (d) Hyderabad

Sol.14.(c) New Delhi. The Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) unveiled the logo and tagline **#TheWorldGoesKho** for the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup 2025 during a grand event at Thyagraj Stadium in New Delhi, Delhi. New rules will be introduced in the tournament, including a concept called **"wazir"**, aimed at making the game more spectator-friendly and engaging.

Q.15. In which category did Chirag Chikkara win a gold medal in the 7th UWW Under-23 World Wrestling Championships 2024?
(a) Men's freestyle 57kg
(b) Men's freestyle 65kg
(c) Men's freestyle 74kg
(d) Men's freestyle 86kg

Sol.15.(a) Men's freestyle 57kg. Indian wrestler Chirag Chikkara secured a gold medal in the men's freestyle 57kg category by defeating Abdymalik Karachov of Kyrgyzstan in the final match. The championship was held from 21st to 27th October 2024 in Tirana, Albania.

Q.16. How many medals did India win at the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Japan Para Badminton International 2024 in Tokyo, Japan?
(a) 9 (b) 19 (c) 22 (d) 24

Sol.16.(d) 24. Indian para-badminton players delivered an impressive

performance at the Japan Para Badminton International 2024, held from October 22 to 27 in Tokyo, Japan. The Indian contingent secured a total of 24 medals, comprising 6 gold, 9 silver, and 9 bronze.

Q.17. Who won the Formula 1 (F1) Brazilian Grand Prix (GP) 2024 in São Paulo, Brazil?
(a) Max Verstappen (b) Esteban Ocon
(c) Oscar Piastri (d) Pierre Gasly

Sol.17.(a) Max Verstappen.

On November 3, 2024, Dutch-Belgian driver Max Verstappen, representing Red Bull Racing, delivered a remarkable performance to win the Brazilian Grand Prix at the Interlagos Circuit in São Paulo, Brazil.

Q.18. Where was the PWR DUPR India Masters Pickleball Championship 2024 held?
(a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi
(c) Bengaluru (d) Chennai

Sol.18.(b) New Delhi. The PWR DUPR India Masters Pickleball Championship 2024 was held at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA) Stadium, New Delhi, from 24 to 27 October 2024. This event featured 750 players. Men's Doubles Title : Winners : Armaan Bhatia and Harsh Mehta.

Q.19. Who has recently (in November 2024) won the Masters title in the 2nd edition of the Chennai Grandmasters 2024?
(a) Levon Aronian
(b) Arjun Erigaisi
(c) Abhimanyu Puranik
(d) Aravindh Chithambaram

Sol.19.(d) Aravindh Chithambaram. He defeated Levon Aronian in the tiebreak final with a score of 2-0 to secure the title. The event was held from 5th November to 11th November 2024 at the Anna Centenary Library, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Q.20. On 7th November 2024, Hockey India has recently announced a year-long celebration to mark the _____ year of Indian hockey.
(a) 50th (b) 75th (c) 100th (d) 150th

Sol.20.(c) 100th. Hockey India was formed as India's first national body for hockey on 7th November 1925 in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

Q.21 Matthew Wade, who recently (in October '24) announced his retirement from international cricket, represented which country ?
(a) England (b) Australia
(c) New Zealand (d) South Africa

Sol.21.(b) Australia. After retiring, he will take up the role of wicketkeeping and fielding coach with the Australia national team for the Twenty20 (T20) series against Pakistan in November 2024.

Q.22. Who won the World Boxing Federation (WBF) super featherweight world title in November 2024 in the Cayman Islands?
(a) Conor McIntosh (b) Travis Hanshaw
(c) Mandeep Jangra (d) Siril Makiadi

Sol.22.(c) Mandeep Jangra. Indian professional boxer Mandeep Jangra from Haryana won the World Boxing Federation (WBF) super featherweight world title after defeating Britain's Conor McIntosh in the Cayman Islands.

Q.23. In which year has the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) submitted a 'Letter of Intent' to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games?
(a) 2026 (b) 2038 (c) 2036 (d) 2034

Sol.23.(c) 2036. The idea of India bidding for the 2036 Olympics was first discussed in December 2023, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the country's intention to host the Games during a meeting of the Sports Authority of India's Mission Olympic Cell (MOC).

Q.24. Where was the Women's Asian Champions Trophy (ACT) 2024 held?
(a) Beijing, China
(b) Bangkok, Thailand
(c) Rajgir, Bihar, India
(d) Seoul, South Korea

Sol.24.(c) Rajgir, Bihar, India. The Indian women's hockey team won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy (ACT) 2024 by defeating the People's Republic of China (PRC) 1-0 in the final. The final was held at the Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar. This victory marks India's 3rd Women's ACT title. The 8th edition of the Women's Asian Champions Trophy (2024) was held from 11th to 20th November 2024 in Bihar. The logo features the Bodhi tree and a hockey stick. The mascot is "Gudiya".

Q.25. Who recently announced his retirement from professional tennis after the Davis Cup finals in November 2024?

- (a) Andy Murray (b) Rohan Bopanna
(c) Dominic Thiem (d) Rafael Nadal

Sol.25.(d) Rafael Nadal. Spanish tennis legend Rafael Nadal, aged 38, retired from professional tennis after Spain's loss to the Netherlands in the Davis Cup quarterfinals. Nadal ended his remarkable 23-year career with 22 Grand Slam titles, cementing his legacy as one of the greatest tennis players of all time. Prajnesh Gunneswaran, an Indian tennis player has announced his retirement from professional tennis in November 2024.

Q.26. Who won the 2024 Las Vegas Grand Prix (GP) held at the Las Vegas Strip Circuit in Nevada, USA, in November 2024?

- (a) Michael Schumacher
(b) George Russell
(c) Sebastian Vettel
(d) Lewis Hamilton

Sol.26.(b) George Russell. Mercedes driver George Russell from the United Kingdom won the 2024 Las Vegas Grand Prix (officially known as the Formula 1 Heineken Silver Las Vegas Grand Prix 2024) held on November 23, 2024, at the Las Vegas Strip Circuit in Nevada, USA. Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes finished in 2nd place. Carlos Sainz Jr. of Ferrari finished in 3rd place.

Q.27. Who has recently been imposed a four-year suspension by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for violating the anti-doping code?

- (a) Vinesh Phogat (b) Ravi Kumar Dahiya
(c) Bajrang Punia (d) Sushil Kumar

Sol.27.(c) Bajrang Punia. Olympic bronze medallist Bajrang Punia has been imposed a four-year suspension by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for violating the anti-doping code.

Q.28. Which state will host the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) and the Khelo India Para Games (KIPG) in April 2025?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Bihar
(c) Maharashtra (d) Madhya Pradesh

Sol.28 (b) Bihar will host the prestigious Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) and the Khelo India Para Games (KIPG) in April 2025. This follows the successful organization of the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Rajgir, further cementing Bihar's growing reputation in the sports arena.

Q.29. Which player was declared the Player

of the Match in the 61st edition of the Irani Cup in October 2024?

- (a) Ajinkya Rahane (b) Ruturaj Gaikwad
(c) Sarfaraz Khan (d) Shubman Gill

Sol.29.(c) Sarfaraz Khan. The 61st edition of the Irani Cup, was held from 1st to 5th October 2024 at the Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Eakana Stadium in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Mumbai defeated the Rest of India Team, captained by Ruturaj Gaikwad, based on the first-innings lead to win the 2024-25 Irani Cup. This victory marked Mumbai's 15th Irani Cup title and their first win since 1997.

Q.30. Which country won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024?

- (a) Australia (b) India
(c) New Zealand (d) South Africa

Sol.30.(c) New Zealand women's cricket team secured their first T20 World Cup title under the leadership of Sophie Devine. The final was held in Dubai, where they faced South Africa.

Q.31. Which country won the 2024 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) U-17 Championship in Thimphu, Bhutan?

- (a) Japan (b) South Africa
(c) India (d) Bangladesh

Sol.31.(c) India under-17 men's football team, also known as the Blue Colts, won the 2024 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) U-17 Championship by defeating Bangladesh 2-0 in the final. The final was held at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan.

Q.32. Where was the 27th International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)-Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024 held from 7th to 13th October 2024?

- (a) Munich, Germany
(b) Bridgetown, Barbados
(c) Lausanne, Switzerland
(d) Astana, Kazakhstan

Sol.32.(d) Astana, Kazakhstan. Indian table tennis players won 3 bronze medals and finished 7th on the medal tally. Japan topped the medal tally with 8 medals (3 Gold, 2 Silver, 3 Bronze).

Q.33. Where was the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Final Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun 2024 held?

- (a) Birmingham, England
(b) Bali, Indonesia

- (c) Lausanne, Switzerland
(d) Delhi, India

Sol.33.(d) Delhi, India. India hosted this event for the second time, having previously hosted it in 2017. India finished 9th on the medal tally with 4 medals (2 Silver and 2 Bronze). China topped the medal tally with 8 medals (5 Gold, 3 Bronze). Sonam Maskar of India secured a silver medal in the women's 10m air rifle event, marking her third medal at the ISSF World Cup.

Q.34. Where was the Women's Twenty20 (T20) World Cup 2024 held?

- (a) India
(b) Bangladesh
(c) Sri Lanka
(d) United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Sol.34.(d) United Arab Emirates (UAE). The ICC Women's Twenty20 (T20) World Cup 2024 was held from 3rd to 20th October 2024 in Dubai and Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (UAE). New Zealand's Women's Cricket team won their first-ever ICC Women's T20 World Cup title by defeating South Africa's Women's Cricket team by 32 runs in the final.

Q.35. Who won the 2024 Wadim Rosenstein (WR) Chess Masters Cup held in London, the United Kingdom?

- (a) Arjun Erigaisi
(b) Karthik Venkataraman
(c) Viswanathan Anand
(d) Praggnanadhaa

Sol.35.(a) Arjun Erigaisi. Indian Chess Grandmaster (GM) Arjun Erigaisi won the 2024 Wadim Rosenstein (WR) Chess Masters Cup held from 14th to 18th October 2024 in London, the United Kingdom. He defeated French GM Maxime Vachier-Lagrave in an Armageddon tiebreaker to claim the title.

Q.36. Who won the 2024 Mexico City Grand Prix (officially Formula 1 (F1) Gran Premio De La Ciudad De México 2024) held in October 2024?

- (a) Carlos Sainz (b) George Russell
(c) Lewis Hamilton (d) Lando Norris

Sol.36.(a) Carlos Sainz of Ferrari (Spain) won the 2024 Mexico City Grand Prix (GP) on 27th October 2024 at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City, Mexico. This victory marked Carlos Sainz's 4th career F1 title and his 2nd title of the 2024 season. Lando Norris of McLaren finished in 2nd place,

while Ferrari's Charles Leclerc secured 3rd place.

Q.37. Who won the 24th National Para-Swimming Championship?

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

Sol.37.(c) Karnataka emerged as the overall champion at the 24th National Para-Swimming Championship, accumulating an impressive 392 points. Maharashtra finished in second place with 378 points, narrowly missing the top spot. Rajasthan secured third place with 248 points.

Q.38. Who became the first Indian woman to score 50 international goals in football?

- (a) Sunil Chhetri (b) Ngangom Bala Devi
(c) Aditi Chauhan (d) Manisha Kalyan

Sol.38.(b) Ngangom Bala Devi playing as a forward for both the Manipur Police and the Indian national team, her achievement was celebrated following a goal against Pakistan in the 2024 SAFF Women's Championship, further cementing her trailblazer status in Indian football.

Q.39 Which global organization did Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) sign an MoU with in August 2024 to develop wrestling in India?

- (a) United World Wrestling (UWW)
(b) International Olympic Committee (IOC)
(c) Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)
(d) Sports Authority of India (SAI)

Sol.39.(a) United World Wrestling (UWW). In August 2024, the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with United World Wrestling (UWW) to develop and promote the sport of wrestling in India. The MoU was signed during the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, at the Wrestling House in Paris, France.

Q.40. Which football club recently won their maiden Durand Cup title at the 133rd Indian Oil Durand Cup (2024) held in Kolkata, West Bengal?

- (a) NorthEast United Football Club
(b) Mohun Bagan Super Giant
(c) Mumbai City Football Club
(d) Kerala Blasters Football Club

Sol.40.(a) NorthEast United Football Club won their first-ever Durand Cup title by defeating the defending champions

Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) 4-3 in a penalty shootout at the 133rd Indian Oil Durand Cup (2024). The final was held at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK) in Kolkata, West Bengal.

Q.41. Who won the Women's Singles title at the US Open 2024?

- (a) Aryna Sabalenka (b) Jessica Pegula
(c) Iga Świątek (d) Coco Gauff

Sol.41.(a) Aryna Sabalenka. Belarusian tennis player Aryna Sabalenka won the Women's Singles title at the US Open 2024 by defeating USA's Jessica Pegula in the finals. The tournament was held from 19th August to 8th September 2024 at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York, USA. Jannik Sinner of Italy won the Men's Singles title of the US Open 2024.

Q.42. How many medals did India win at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, where they ranked 18th among 170 participating nations?

- (a) 19 (b) 22 (c) 24 (d) 29

Sol.42.(d) 29. India won a record 29 medals (7 gold, 9 silver, and 13 bronze) at the 2024 Summer Paralympics (Paris 2024). India ranked 18th among the 170 participating nations. The games were held from 28th August to 8th September 2024 in Paris, France.

Q.43. Which traditional game of India has been recently included as a demonstration sport in the 2026 Asian Games?

- (a) Kabaddi (b) Kho-Kho
(c) Yogasana (d) Mallakhamb

Sol.43.(c) Yogasana. The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) confirmed that Yogasana, the practice of traditional Indian yoga postures, will be featured as a demonstration sport at the 2026 Asian Games, which will be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

Q.44. Which country won the 8th edition of the Hero Asian Champions Trophy 2024, held from 8th to 17th September 2024 at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in Hulunbuir, Inner Mongolia, China?

- (a) China (b) India (c) Japan (d) Pakistan

Sol.44.(b) India. The Indian men's hockey team claimed victory in the 8th edition of the Hero Asian Champions Trophy 2024 by defeating China with a 1-0 score in the finals. The tournament was hosted at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in Hulunbuir,

Inner Mongolia, China, from 8th to 17th September 2024.

Q.45 Where was the 45th International Chess Federation (FIDE) Chess Olympiad, held in September 2024?

- (a) Hungary, Budapest
(b) India, Chennai
(c) Spain, Madrid
(d) Armenia, Yerevan

Sol.45.(a) Hungary, Budapest. Team India achieved a historic feat by winning the Gold medal in both the Open and Women's sections of the 45th International Chess Federation (FIDE) Chess Olympiad held in Budapest, Hungary, in September 2024. This marked the first time India won gold in both sections of the Chess Olympiad. The Open section victory awarded India the prestigious Hamilton-Russell Cup, the original Olympiad trophy created in 1927.

Q.46. Where was the 7th edition of the annual men's tennis tournament, Laver Cup 2024, held?

- (a) Paris, France
(b) Berlin, Germany
(c) London, United Kingdom
(d) Gstaad, Switzerland

Sol.46.(b) Berlin, Germany. The 7th edition of the Laver Cup 2024 was held in Berlin, Germany. Team Europe, captained by Swedish tennis legend Björn Borg, triumphed over Team World, led by American tennis player John McEnroe. This victory marked Team Europe's 5th title in the tournament's history, having previously won in 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2021.

Q.47. Which brand is the official sponsor of the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) Women's World Cup 2027 to be held in Brazil?

- (a) AMUL (b) Lay's (c) Puma (d) Apple

Sol.47.(b) Lay's, a globally recognized snack brand owned by Frito-Lay, Inc., is the official sponsor of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2027, set to be held in Brazil. This sponsorship is part of a broader partnership with FIFA, which also includes sponsorship of the FIFA World Cup 2026. Lay previously served as a Regional Supporter for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and Tournament Supporter for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.

Q.48. Where was the 1st Asia Pacific Padel Cup (APPC) 2024 held?

- (a) Manila, Philippines (b) Tokyo, Japan

(c) Colombo, Sri Lanka (d) Bali, Indonesia

Sol.48.(d) Bali, Indonesia. The 1st Asia Pacific Padel Cup (APPC) 2024 was held at Amare Padel Club Umalas, Bali, Indonesia, from September 19th to 22nd, 2024. Indonesia won the gold medal in the tournament, followed by the Philippines with the silver medal, while India secured the bronze medal in its debut tournament appearance. This was the first-ever padel competition between nations in the Asia Pacific region.

Q.49. Saleema Imtiaz, the first woman nominated to the ICC International Panel of Development Umpires, belongs to which country?

- (a) India (b) Bangladesh
(c) Pakistan (d) Sri Lanka

Sol.49.(c) Pakistan. Saleema Imtiaz has made history as the first Pakistani woman to be nominated to the ICC International Panel of Development Umpires. This milestone was announced by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

Q.50. Who became the first-ever schoolgirl champion at the Asian Youth Boxing Championships held in Al Ain, UAE?

- (a) Nikhat Zareen (b) Deepali Thapa
(c) Mary Kom (d) Lovlina Borgohain

Sol.50.(b) Deepali Thapa. Her remarkable victory showcases her outstanding talent and emphasizes India's growing influence in women's boxing on the international stage.

Q.51. Who won the gold medal in the women's air pistol event at the World Deaf Shooting Championship in Hannover, Germany?

- (a) Sofia Olenych (b) Anuya Prasad
(c) Elena Ivanova (d) Mei Ling

Sol.51.(b) Anuya Prasad. Teenager Anuya Prasad from Jaipur, India, clinched the gold medal in the women's air pistol event at the World Deaf Shooting Championship held in Hannover, Germany. In a thrilling final, Anuya secured victory with a score of 232.2 points, narrowly beating Ukraine's Sofia Olenych by 0.1 point with a decisive final shot of 10.3 points.

Q.52. Who recently won the Men's Doubles title at the 56th Swiss Open Gstaad in July 2024, partnering with France's Albano Olivetti?

- (a) Sumit Nagal
(b) Sathiyam Gnanasekaran

- (c) Yuki Bhambri
(d) Rohan Bopanna

Sol.52.(c) Yuki Bhambri. Indian tennis player Yuki Bhambri and his French partner Albano Olivetti won the Men's Doubles title at the 56th Swiss Open Gstaad held from 15-21 July 2024 at the Roy Emerson Arena in Gstaad, Switzerland.

Q.53. Who is set to host the 2025 Men's Asia Cup cricket tournament in the Twenty20 (T20) format?

- (a) India (b) Uzbekistan
(c) Brazil (d) Bangladesh

Sol.53.(a) India. The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has officially announced that India will host the 2025 Men's Asia Cup cricket tournament. This edition of the tournament will be played in the Twenty20 (T20) format.

Q.54. Which player's jersey number has Hockey India officially retired from the national senior men's team in honour?

- (a) PR Sreejesh
(b) Manpreet Singh
(c) Mandeep Singh
(d) Raghunath Raghunandan

Sol.54.(a) PR Sreejesh. Hockey India has officially retired the No. 16 jersey from the national senior men's team in honour of Parattu Raveendran Sreejesh, the renowned goalkeeper who announced his retirement after the Paris Olympics 2024.

Q.55. Union Communication Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated a 10-meter air pistol shooting range in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, named in honor of renowned Indian sport shooter _____.

- (a) Abhinav Bindra (b) Manu Bhaker
(c) Sarabjot Singh (d) Gagan Narang

Sol.55.(b) Manu Bhaker. The new shooting range at Jiwaji Club honors Manu Bhaker's historic achievement of winning two bronze medals at the 2024 Paris Olympics, making her the first Indian athlete post-independence to secure two medals in a single edition of the Games.

Q.56. What was the distance of Neeraj Chopra's throw that earned him a silver medal in the javelin throw at the 2024 summer Olympics?

- (a) 87.98 m (b) 88.64 m
(c) 89.45 m (d) 90.02 m

Sol.56.(c) 89.45 m. Neeraj Chopra won the silver medal in the javelin throw event with a throw of 89.45 meters, marking his second Olympic medal and a proud achievement for India. India was ranked 71st in the medal tally with 6 Medals (1 Silver & 5 Bronze).

Q.57. Which Indian cricketer announced their retirement from both international and domestic cricket in August 2024?

- (a) Gautam Gambhir
(b) Riyan Parag
(c) Shikhar Dhawan
(d) Ravichandran Ashwin

Sol.57.(c) Shikhar Dhawan. On 24th August 2024, Shikhar Dhawan, fondly known as "Gabbar," announced his retirement from both domestic and international cricket at the age of 38. He had a distinguished career as an opening batsman for India.

Q.58. Who became the first Indian woman to win two gold medals at the Paralympics?

- (a) Deepa Malik (b) Avani Lekhara
(c) Manasi Joshi (d) Bhavina Patel

Sol.58.(b) Avani Lekhara. Para shooter Avani Lekhara created history on August 30 by becoming the first Indian woman to win two gold medals at the Paralympics. She initially made history at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games by winning gold in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event.

Q.59. Who secured the silver medal at the Lausanne Diamond League meet in the javelin throw event?

- (a) Anderson Peters (b) Jakub Vadlejch
(c) Neeraj Chopra (d) Johannes Vetter

Sol.59.(c) Neeraj Chopra. India's star javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra, achieved a remarkable second-place finish at the Lausanne Diamond League held in Switzerland.

Q.60. Which Indian wrestler was disqualified from the Paris Olympics for failing to meet the weight requirement in the 50 kg category?

- (a) Sakshi Malik (b) Babita Kumari
(c) Vinesh Phogat (d) Anshu Malik

Sol.60.(c) Vinesh Phogat. Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat was disqualified from the Paris Olympics after failing to meet the weight requirement for the 50 kg category. She exceeded the permissible weight limit by just 100 grams, leading to

her disqualification as per competition rules.

Q.61. Who won the men's singles gold medal in tennis at the Paris 2024 Olympics?

- (a) Rafael Nadal (b) Carlos Alcaraz
(c) Novak Djokovic (d) Daniil Medvedev

Sol.61.(c) Novak Djokovic of Serbia won his first Olympic gold medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics. The 37-year-old tennis legend defeated Spain's Carlos Alcaraz in a thrilling final at Roland Garros, solidifying his legacy in tennis history.

Q.62. Who became the youngest and fastest para-swimmer to cross the English Channel in July 2024?

- (a) Gaurika Singh (b) Bhakti Sharma
(c) Jiya Rai (d) Shivangi Pathak

Sol.62.(c) Jiya Rai, a 16-year-old para-swimmer from Mumbai, set a new world record by becoming the youngest and fastest para-swimmer to cross the English Channel in 17 hours and 25 minutes.

Q.63. Ashwini Ponnappa, who announced her Olympic retirement in 2024, is associated with which sport?

- (a) Tennis (b) Badminton
(c) Table Tennis (d) Squash

Sol.63.(b) Badminton. Indian badminton veteran Ashwini Ponnappa announced her retirement from her Olympic career on July 30, 2024, during the Paris Games. She competed in the women's doubles event with her partner Tanisha Crasto.

Q.64. Where will the 2030 Winter Olympics be hosted, as announced by the International Olympic Committee on July 24, 2024?

- (a) French Alps (b) Swiss Alps
(c) Vancouver (d) Sapporo

Sol.64.(a) French Alps. 2030 Winter Olympics is scheduled to take place from 1 to 17 February 2030 in France.

Q.65. Which two Indian tennis stars were inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame as the first Asian men?

- (a) Rohan Bopanna and Mahesh Bhupathi
(b) Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj
(c) Sania Mirza and Saina Nehwal
(d) Ramanathan Krishnan and Niki Poonacha

Sol.65.(b) Leander Paes was inducted under the player category, Vijay Amritraj made it into the coveted club under the contributor category.

Q.66. Which Indian cricketer was appointed as the brand ambassador for MotoGP™ in India by Eurosport India?

- (a) Virat Kohli (b) Rohit Sharma
(c) Shikhar Dhawan (d) MS Dhoni

Sol.66.(c) Shikhar Dhawan.

Q.67. Where has the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) established its third international Super Kings Academy?

- (a) London (b) Sydney
(c) Dubai (d) New York

Sol.67.(b) Sydney. Earlier, CSK had set up academies in Dallas, USA, and Reading, UK as part of their efforts to grow the franchise's brand and talent pool internationally.

Q.68. Which team won the World Championship of Legends 2024?

- (a) Pakistan Champions
(b) India Champions
(c) Australia Legends
(d) Sri Lanka Legends

Sol.68.(b) India Champions. In a thrilling finale of the World Championship of Legends 2024, India Champions emerged victorious, defeating their arch-rivals Pakistan Champions by five wickets. The match was held at Edgbaston on July 13, 2024.

Q.69. Which team has won the Euro 2024 final?

- (a) Spain (b) England
(c) France (d) Germany

Sol.69.(a) Spain won the Euro 2024 final, defeating England 2-1.

Q.70. Who won the Men's Singles title at Wimbledon 2024?

- (a) Novak Djokovic (b) Rafael Nadal
(c) Carlos Alcaraz (d) Daniil Medvedev

Sol.70.(c) Carlos Alcaraz won the Men's Singles title at Wimbledon 2024 by defeating Novak Djokovic. Barbora Krejčíková won the Women's Singles title at Wimbledon 2024, defeating Jasmine Paolini.

Q.71. Which sports brand partnered with the Indian Olympic Association for the Paris Olympics 2024?

- (a) Nike (b) Adidas (c) PUMA (d) Reebok

Sol.71.(c) PUMA has partnered with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) as the Official Footwear Partner for the Indian contingent at the Paris Olympics 2024.

Q.72. Which country's squash players won two titles at the Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2024?

- (a) Pakistan (b) India
(c) Egypt (d) Malaysia

Sol.72.(b) India squash players triumphed at the Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2024 held at the Arena Emas in Johor, Malaysia, securing two titles in the competition.

Q.73. Who won the Men's Asian Billiards Title at the 2024 Asian Billiards Championship?

- (a) Pankaj Advani
(b) Anupama Ramachandran
(c) Dhruv Sitwala
(d) Sourav Kothari

Sol.73.(c) Dhruv Sitwala clinched his third Asian Billiards Title at the 2024 Asian Billiards Championship in Riyadh, defeating Pankaj Advani in the final.

Q.74. Which company became the official principal partner of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for four years, starting from the Paris Olympics 2024?

- (a) REC Limited
(b) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
(c) NTPC Limited
(d) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

Sol.74.(b) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited. On 30th June 2024, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) became the official Principal Partner of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for a four-year term, starting from the Paris Olympics 2024 and continuing through the Los Angeles Olympics 2028.

Q.75. Who has been recently appointed as the Chef-de-Mission for the Indian Contingent at the Paris 2024 Olympics?

- (a) Mirabai Chanu (b) Abhinav Bindra
(c) Gagan Narang (d) PV Sindhu

Sol.75.(c) Gagan Narang, a four-time Olympian and the London 2012 Olympic Games men's 10m Air Rifle bronze medalist, has been appointed as the Chef-de-Mission for the Indian Contingent at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Q.76. Which country won the Women's Twenty20 (T20) Asia Cup title in 2024?

- (a) Sri Lanka (b) Pakistan
(c) India (d) Bangladesh

Sol.76.(a) Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan Women's cricket team, captained by Chamari Athapaththu, won their first Women's T20 Asia Cup title by defeating the Indian women's cricket team, captained by Harmanpreet Kaur, by 8 wickets in the final. The match was held at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium in Dambulla, Sri Lanka.

Q.77. Who won the ICC T20 World Cup 2024?

- (a) South Africa (b) Australia
(c) India (d) England

Sol.77.(c) India won the ICC T20 World Cup 2024, defeating South Africa by 7 runs in the final. This victory marked India's second T20 World Cup title, the first being in 2007. Virat Kohli was named Player of the Match, and Jasprit Bumrah was awarded Player of the Tournament.

Q.78. Where will the second edition of the Tech Mahindra Global Chess League be held in October 2024?

- (a) New York (b) Dubai
(c) London (d) Paris

Sol.78.(c) London. The second edition of the Tech Mahindra Global Chess League will be held in London, England, from 3rd to 12th October 2024. The event will take place at Friends House in central London. The first edition was held in Dubai.

Q.79. Who scored a record-breaking double century for India in a one-off Test match against South Africa at Chennai's Chepauk Stadium?

- (a) Mithali Raj
(b) Shafali Verma
(c) Smriti Mandhana
(d) Harmanpreet Kaur

Sol.79.(b) Shafali Verma, the young Indian opener, scored a record-breaking double century against South Africa in a one-off Test match at Chennai's Chepauk Stadium, making history in women's Test cricket.

Q.80. Who became the first player to hit 200 sixes in T20Is during the T20 World Cup 2024?

- (a) Virat Kohli (b) Rohit Sharma
(c) AB de Villiers (d) Chris Gayle

Sol.80.(b) Rohit Sharma became the first player to hit 200 sixes in T20Is during the T20 World Cup 2024 Super Eight Group 1 match against Australia at the Daren

Sammy National Cricket Stadium in St. Lucia.

Q.81. Where was the Archery World Cup 2024 Stage 3 held?

- (a) Antalya, Turkey (b) Paris, France
(c) Berlin, Germany (d) Tokyo, Japan

Sol.81.(a) Antalya, Turkey. Indian archers showcased exceptional skills, winning one gold, one silver, and two bronze medals.

Q.82. Who became the first player to pick up 2 hat-tricks in T20 World Cups?

- (a) Mitchell Starc (b) Pat Cummins
(c) Rashid Khan (d) Lasith Malinga

Sol.82.(b) Pat Cummins made history on June 23 by becoming the first player to pick up 2 hat-tricks in T20 World Cups during the Super 8 clash between Australia and Afghanistan in St. Vincent. He achieved the feat by dismissing Rashid Khan, Karim Janat, and Gulbadin Naib.

Q.83. Where did Neeraj Chopra win the gold medal in the men's javelin throw event in 2024?

- (a) Helsinki, Finland
(b) Paris, France
(c) Turku, Finland
(d) Stockholm, Sweden

Sol.83.(c) Turku, Finland. Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw event at the Paavo Nurmi Games 2024 in Turku, Finland. The event is a prestigious World Athletics Continental Tour (Gold level) competition, and his victory further solidified his position as a dominant force in the sport.

Q.84. Who won the BWF Australian Open 2024 in Sydney?

- (a) Kento Momota (b) Viktor Axelsen
(c) Lee Zii Jia (d) Naraoka Kodai

Sol.84.(c) Lee Zii Jia from Malaysia triumphed at the BWF Australian Open 2024 in Sydney on 16 June, defeating Naraoka Kodai of Japan.

Q.85. Who became the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event in Dressage?

- (a) Deepika Kumari (b) Shruti Vora
(c) Shubham Jaglan (d) Mary Kom

Sol.85.(b) Shruti Vora riding Magnanimous, made history by becoming the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event in Dressage. She scored 67.761 points in the CDI-3

event in Lipica, Slovenia from June 7-9, 2024, finishing ahead of Tatiana Antonenco from Moldova and Juliane Jerich from Austria.

Q.86. Who became the first Indian to win a bout in the UFC?

- (a) Ritu Phogat (b) Puja Tomar
(c) Anshul Jubli (d) Bharat Khandare

Sol.86.(b) Puja Tomar, an Indian strawweight, made history by becoming the first Indian to win a bout in the UFC. She defeated Rayanne Amanda dos Santos of Brazil via split decision at UFC Louisville.

Q.87. Who has been appointed as the new Head Coach of the India Cricket Team (Senior Men) up to 2027?

- (a) Rahul Dravid (b) Yuvraj Singh
(c) Gautam Gambhir (d) Dinesh Karthik

Sol.87.(c) Gautam Gambhir. Jay Shah, Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), announced that former India opener Gautam Gambhir has been appointed as the new Head Coach of the India Cricket Team (Senior Men) until the end of 2027.

Q.88. Who won the Canadian Grand Prix 2024?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton (b) Max Verstappen
(c) Charles Leclerc (d) Sergio Perez

Sol.88. (b) Max Verstappen of Red Bull claimed his third consecutive victory at the Canadian Grand Prix 2024, also known as the AWS Grand Prix du Canada 2024.

Q.89. Who won the Men's Singles title at the French Open 2024?

- (a) Novak Djokovic (b) Rafael Nadal
(c) Alexander Zverev (d) Carlos Alcaraz

Sol.89.(d) Carlos Alcaraz won the Men's Singles title at the French Open 2024, defeating Alexander Zverev in the final. Iga Swiatek won the Women's Singles title at the French Open 2024.

Q.90. Who won the gold medal in the men's 10-meter air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2024?

- (a) Manu Bhaker
(b) Sarabjot Singh
(c) Saurabh Chaudhary
(d) Abhishek Verma

Sol.90.(b) Sarabjot Singh won the gold medal in the men's 10-meter air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2024 in Munich, Germany, from May 31 to June 8,

2024. This victory marked India's first medal at the prestigious shooting tournament.

Q.91. Who won the IPL 2024 title?

- (a) Mumbai Indians
- (b) Chennai Super Kings
- (c) Kolkata Knight Riders
- (d) Sunrisers Hyderabad

Sol.91.(c) Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) won their third IPL title after defeating Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) by eight wickets in the final of IPL 2024 at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

Q.92. Who became the first Monegasque driver to win the Monaco Grand Prix since Louis Chiron in 1931?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton (b) Sebastian Vettel
- (c) Charles Leclerc (d) Daniel Ricciardo

Sol.92.(c) Charles Leclerc, the Ferrari driver, made history by becoming the first Monegasque driver to win the Monaco Grand Prix since Louis Chiron in 1931, ending a drought of 92 years.

Q.93. Which day was declared as World Football Day by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2024?

- (a) May 25 (b) June 12
- (c) August 15 (d) September 21

Sol.93.(a) May 25. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared May 25 as World Football Day in 2024, marking the 100th anniversary of the first international football tournament held during the Summer Olympic Games in Paris in 1924.

Q.94. Which campaign has the International Olympic Committee (IOC) launched in collaboration with the Reliance Foundation and the Abhinav Bindra Foundation?

- (a) Let's Move India
- (b) Fit India Movement
- (c) Olympic Inspire India
- (d) Play for India

Sol.94.(a) Let's Move India. The initiative aims to celebrate the Olympians heading to the upcoming Paris Olympics and encourage everyone to participate in physical activity.

Q.95. Which country has been confirmed as the host for the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026?

- (a) Japan (b) Australia
- (c) South Korea (d) China

Sol.95.(b) Australia. It will be the 21st edition of the AFC Women's Asian Cup, the quadrennial international football tournament in Asia competed by the women's national teams in the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

Q.96. Who won the 2024 Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland tournament after making an incredible comeback?

- (a) Wei Yi (b) Hikaru Nakamura
- (c) Magnus Carlsen (d) Levon Aronian

Sol.96.(c) Magnus Carlsen, the World No. 1 chess player, made an incredible comeback to win the 2024 Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland tournament. Despite starting the day trailing by 2.5 points behind GM Wei Yi, Carlsen demonstrated his dominance and secured the victory.

Q.97. Which country won its maiden Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey Trophy in 2024?

- (a) Pakistan (b) India
- (c) Japan (d) Australia

Sol.97.(c) Japan. The Japanese men's hockey team won their maiden Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy by defeating Pakistan in a penalty shootout, after the match ended in a 2-2 deadlock. Japan won the shootout 4-1 at the Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh, Malaysia, on May 11, 2024.

Q.98. Which company has become the 'Official Sponsor' of the Sri Lanka Men's Cricket Team for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024?

- (a) Britannia (b) Amul (c) Nestlé (d) Parle

Sol.98.(b) Amul. Anand Milk Union Limited commonly known as Amul is an Indian dairy brand owned by the cooperative society, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), based in Anand, Gujarat.

Q.99. Which team won the La Liga 2023-24 season title?

- (a) Barcelona (b) Atletico Madrid
- (c) Real Madrid (d) Sevilla

Sol.99.(c) Real Madrid secured the La Liga 2023-24 season title after defeating Cadiz 3-0, while their rivals Barcelona suffered a 4-2 loss against Girona, confirming their title victory.

Q.100. Which country won both the men's and women's titles at the 2024 BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals?

- (a) Indonesia (b) South Korea
- (c) China (d) Japan

Sol.100.(c) China reclaimed its position as the top badminton nation by clinching both the men's and women's titles at the 2024 BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals held in Chengdu.

Q.101. Where will the 2025 BWF World Junior Badminton Championships be hosted?

- (a) Pune (b) Bangalore
- (c) Guwahati (d) Hyderabad

Sol.101.(c) Guwahati. The 2025 BWF World Junior Badminton Championships will be hosted by India at the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati. This is the first time India will host the event since 2008, when it was held in Pune.

Q.102. Which West Indies cricketer was recently banned for five years by the ICC for anti-corruption breaches?

- (a) Chris Gayle (b) Kieron Pollard
- (c) Devon Thomas (d) Andre Russell

Sol.102.(c) Devon Thomas accepted breaching seven counts of the anti-corruption codes of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) and the Caribbean Premier League (CPL).

Q.103. Which Indian squash player recently announced their retirement from professional squash?

- (a) Dipika Pallikal
- (b) Joshna Chinappa
- (c) Mahesh Manganonkar
- (d) Saurav Ghosal

Sol.103.(d) Saurav Ghosal has won 10 PSA titles in 21 years on the Tour. He last appeared at the 2024 Windy City Open.

Q.104. Which dairy brand has announced sponsorship for the Scotland and Ireland cricket teams for the 2024 T20 World Cup?

- (a) Amul (b) Nandini
- (c) Mother Dairy (d) Verka

Sol.104.(b) Nandini. The Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) brand 'Nandini' has decided to sponsor the cricket teams of Scotland and Ireland for the upcoming 2024 T20 World Cup.

Q.105. Who has become the youngest challenger in the history of the World Chess Championship by winning the FIDE Candidates tournament?

- (a) Magnus Carlsen
- (b) Alireza Firouzja
- (c) Dommaraju Gukesh
- (d) Ian Nepomniachtchi

Sol.105.(c) Dommaraju Gukesh. Indian chess prodigy Dommaraju Gukesh, at just 17 years old, made history by winning the FIDE Candidates tournament, becoming the youngest-ever challenger for the World Chess Championship.

Q.106. Who was honored with the Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year during the Hockey India 6th Annual Awards 2023?
(a) Savita Punia (b) Deepika Soreng
(c) Vandana Katariya (d) Neha Goyal

Sol.106.(b) Deepika Soreng, a forward for the India Women's Hockey Team, received the prestigious Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year at the Hockey India 6th Annual Awards 2023.

Q.107. Which Nepali cricketer joined the elite club of hitting six sixes in an over during the ACC Men's T20I Premier Cup 2024?
(a) Paras Khadka
(b) Dipendra Singh Airee
(c) Sandeep Lamichhane
(d) Gyanendra Malla

Sol.107.(b) Dipendra Singh Airee. On April 12, 2024, during the ACC Men's T20I Premier Cup clash against Qatar in Al Amerat, Nepal's 24-year-old all-rounder Dipendra Singh Airee achieved the rare feat of hitting six sixes in a single over.

Q.108. Who won the National Women's Carrom Championship title for the 12th time?
(a) Kavita Kumari (b) Rashmi Kumari
(c) Shalini Sharma (d) Poonam Gupta

Sol.108.(b) Rashmi Kumari is an International Carrom player from Bihar, India.

Q.109. Who is the first Indian woman to represent India as a jury member at the Paris Summer Olympics?
(a) Mary Kom (b) P.T. Usha
(c) Bilquis Mir (d) Karnam Malleswari

Sol.109.(c) Bilquis Mir, a canoeist from Jammu and Kashmir, has created history by being appointed as the first Indian woman to serve as a jury member at the Paris Summer Olympics. This groundbreaking achievement highlights her contribution to the sport and her exceptional standing in the international canoeing community.

Q.110. Which team won both the men's and women's titles at the 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24?
(a) Punjab (b) Maharashtra
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Haryana

Sol.110.(b) Maharashtra team emerged as the undisputed champion at the 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24, clinching both the men's and women's titles. The championship took place at Delhi's Karnail Singh Stadium and the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium. This remarkable feat underscores Maharashtra's dominance in the sport.

Q.111. Who was named the Men's Player of the Year for 2023 at the Hockey India Awards?
(a) Harmanpreet Singh
(b) Hardik Singh
(c) Manpreet Singh
(d) Vivek Sagar Prasad

Sol.111.(b) Hardik Singh. Salima Tete was named the Women's Player of the Year for 2023 at the Hockey India Awards.

Q.112. At which tournament did Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden win the Men's Doubles Title?
(a) Australian Open (b) Wimbledon
(c) US Open (d) Miami Open

Sol.112.(d) Miami Open. Rohan Bopanna from India and Matthew Ebden from Australia secured the Men's Doubles Title at the 2024 Miami Open.

Q.113. Who has become Bangladesh's first ICC Elite Umpire?
(a) Sharfuddoula (b) Nadir Shah
(c) Khaled Mashud (d) Enamul Haque

Sol.113.(a) Sharfuddoula has made history by becoming the first Bangladeshi umpire to be appointed to the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires. His appointment was confirmed after the ICC's annual review and selection process, marking a significant milestone for Bangladesh in international cricket.

Q.114. PR Sreejesh has been appointed as the co-chair of the FIH Athletes Committee along with whom?
(a) Camila Caram (b) Poonam Rani
(c) Rani Rampal (d) Marloes Keetels

Sol.114.(a) Camila Caram. PR Sreejesh, the former Indian men's hockey team captain and goalkeeper, has been appointed as the co-chair of the FIH

Athletes Committee alongside Camila Caram.

Q.115. Who won the women's singles title at the WTT Feeder Beirut II 2024?
(a) Manika Batra
(b) Sreeja Akula
(c) Madhurika Patkar
(d) Ayhika Mukherjee

Sol.115.(b) Sreeja Akula. Indian paddler Sreeja Akula clinched the women's singles title at the WTT Feeder Beirut II 2024 in Beirut, Lebanon.

Q.116. Which state clinched the team titles in both the boys and girls categories at the Boxing Sub Junior National Championship?
(a) Haryana (b) Punjab
(c) Maharashtra (d) Uttar Pradesh

Sol.116.(a) Haryana clinched the team titles in both the boys and girls categories at the Boxing Sub Junior National Championship, with a remarkable combined haul of 19 medals. This victory further solidified Haryana's dominance in the competition, which saw 612 boxers participating, including 337 boys and 275 girls.

Q.117. Who became the first Indian cricketer to score 12,000 T20 runs?
(a) Rohit Sharma (b) MS Dhoni
(c) Virat Kohli (d) Shikhar Dhawan

Sol.117.(c) Virat Kohli. After winning the 2024 T20 World Cup and the Player of the Match in the Final, Kohli announced his retirement from T20Is.

Q.118. Who won the Australian Grand Prix in 2024?
(a) Lewis Hamilton (b) Max Verstappen
(c) Carlos Sainz (d) Charles Leclerc

Sol.118.(c) Carlos Sainz of Ferrari won the 2024 Australian Grand Prix, marking a remarkable comeback just two weeks after undergoing surgery for appendicitis.

Q.119. Who won the gold medal in the women's long jump event at the 3rd Indian Open Jumps Competition?
(a) Anju Bobby George (b) Nayana James
(c) Dutee Chand (d) Hima Das

Sol.119.(b) Nayana James from Kerala won the gold medal in the women's long jump event at the 3rd Indian Open Jumps Competition with a personal best mark of 6.67 meters.

Q.120. Where did the 3rd edition of the North East Games 2024 begin?

- (a) Manipur (b) Nagaland
(c) Mizoram (d) Assam

Sol.120.(b) Nagaland. The 3rd edition of the North East Games 2024 began in Nagaland at the Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence in Sovima. The opening ceremony was declared by the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio.

Q.121. Who won the Indian Wells ATP tournament by defeating Daniil Medvedev in the final?

- (a) Novak Djokovic (b) Rafael Nadal
(c) Carlos Alcaraz (d) Andy Murray

Sol.121.(c) Carlos Alcaraz of Spain defeated Daniil Medvedev of Russia in straight sets (7-6, 6-1) to claim the title at the Indian Wells ATP tournament. This victory marked his repeat championship win at the event.

Q.122. Who won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2024?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton (b) Carlos Sainz
(c) Max Verstappen (d) Charles Leclerc

Sol.122.(c) Max Verstappen of Red Bull secured victory at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix in 2024, starting from pole position. This win marked Red Bull's second consecutive one-two finish in the season.

Q.123. Which team won the Ranji Trophy 2024?

- (a) Vidarbha (b) Mumbai
(c) Delhi (d) Karnataka

Sol.123.(b) Mumbai clinched the Ranji Trophy 2024 title by defeating Vidarbha by 169 runs in the final held at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

Q.124. What is the full form of the KIRTI programme?

- (a) Khelo India Rural Talent Identification
(b) Khelo India Rising Talent Identification
(c) Khelo India Rapid Training Initiative
(d) Khelo India Regional Talent Initiative

Sol.124.(b) Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) programme was inaugurated by Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur in Chandigarh. It aims to identify and nurture talented athletes between the ages of 9 and 18 years under the Khelo India mission.

Q.125. Who won the Santosh Trophy 2023-24 final?

- (a) Goa (b) Services (c) Kerala (d) Punjab

Sol.125.(b) Services. In the Santosh Trophy 2023-24 final, Services defeated Goa by a solitary goal to claim their seventh title in the tournament's history. Shafeel P.P. scored the decisive goal in the 67th minute.

Q.126. Where was the 5th ONGC Para Games held?

- (a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru
(c) New Delhi (d) Hyderabad

Sol.126.(c) New Delhi. The 5th ONGC Para Games took place at the Thyagaraj Stadium in New Delhi, celebrating the spirit and determination of para-athletes.

Q.127. Where was the Sansad Khel Mahakumbh 3.0 inaugurated on March 5, 2024?

- (a) Dharamshala (b) Shimla
(c) Bilaspur (d) Chandigarh

Sol.127.(c) Bilaspur. The Sansad Khel Mahakumbh 3.0 was inaugurated by Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur at the Luhn Cricket Ground in Bilaspur on March 5, 2024. Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid graced the occasion as chief guests, highlighting the event's significance.

Q.128. Who won the first UEFA Women's Nations League title?

- (a) France (b) Germany
(c) Spain (d) England

Sol.128.(c) Spain women's team made history by securing the inaugural UEFA Women's Nations League title with a 2-0 victory over France in Seville.

Q.129. Where is the first-ever Asian River Rafting Championship 2024 taking place?

- (a) Ganga River, Rishikesh
(b) Brahmaputra River, Assam
(c) Sutlej River, Basantpur
(d) Beas River, Manali

Sol.129.(c) Sutlej River, Basantpur. The first-ever Asian River Rafting Championship 2024 is being held on the Sutlej River near Basantpur in the Sunni region of Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, from March 4th to March 9th, 2024. The event was inaugurated by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on March 4th, 2024.

Q.130. Which team won the Pro Kabaddi League Season 10 title?

- (a) Haryana Steelers

- (b) Jaipur Pink Panthers
(c) Puneri Paltan
(d) Bengaluru Bulls

Sol.130.(c) Puneri Paltan clinched their maiden Pro Kabaddi League title in Season 10 by defeating Haryana Steelers in a closely contested final. The match ended with a scoreline of 28-25 in favor of Puneri Paltan, held on March 1, 2024. Pankaj Mohite was instrumental in their victory, scoring nine raid points, including a pivotal super raid.

Q.131. What is the mascot for the 7th North East Youth Festival 2024?

- (a) Red Panda (b) Phayre's Leaf Monkey
(c) Asiatic Lion (d) Himalayan Tahr

Sol.131.(b) Phayre's Leaf Monkey. The mascot for the 7th North East Youth Festival 2024 is the Phayre's Leaf Monkey, symbolizing the unique biodiversity and cultural heritage of the northeastern region of India. It was concluded at Swami Vivekananda Maidan (Astabal ground) in Agartala.

Q.132. Where was the 2024 Pangong Frozen Lake Marathon held?

- (a) Leh-Ladakh (b) Shimla
(c) Dharamsala (d) Manali

Sol.132.(a) Leh-Ladakh. The winners of the Pangong Frozen Lake Marathon 2024 were Bhagwan Singh and Mahesh Khurana, both from Bhopal, India.

Q.133. Who became the quickest batter to surpass the milestone of 10,000 runs in T20 cricket?

- (a) Virat Kohli (b) Babar Azam
(c) Chris Gayle (d) Jos Buttler

Sol.133.(b) Babar Azam. Pakistan captain and batting maestro Babar Azam became the quickest batter to surpass 10,000 runs in T20 cricket during a match between Karachi Kings and Peshawar Zalmi in the Pakistan Super League (PSL) 2024.

Q.134. Who became the youngest player to defeat a grandmaster in chess?

- (a) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
(b) Ashwath Kaushik
(c) Nihal Sarin
(d) Abhimanyu Mishra

Sol.134.(b) Ashwath Kaushik. At just 8 years and 6 months, Ashwath Kaushik from Singapore made history by defeating 37-year-old Polish grandmaster Jacek Stopa at the Burgdorfer Stadthaus-Open in Switzerland,

becoming the youngest chess player to beat a grandmaster.

Q.135. Where were the Khelo India University Games launched by Anurag Singh Thakur in February 2024?

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

Sol.135.(c) Guwahati. The first Khelo India University Games were hosted in 2020 at the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Odisha.

Q.136. Which country won the gold medal at the Badminton Asia Team Championships 2024 in the women's category?

- (a) India (b) Thailand
(c) China (d) Malaysia

Sol.136.(a) India's women's badminton team won the gold medal at the Badminton Asia Team Championships 2024, defeating Thailand with a 3-2 scoreline.

Q.137. Who made history by performing at the 2024 World Diving Championships in Doha at the age of 100?

- (a) Taghi Askari
(b) Muhammad Ali
(c) Mohammad Reza
(d) Ahmad Al-Balushi

Sol.137.(a) Taghi Askari, a 100-year-old diver from Iran, performed at the 2024 Diving World Championships in Doha, marking 59 years since his retirement.

Q.138. Which Indian tennis player secured his first-ever Top 100 ATP ranking by winning the Chennai Open title?

- (a) Leander Paes
(b) Sumit Nagal
(c) Rohan Bopanna
(d) Ramkumar Ramanathan

Sol.138.(b) Sumit Nagal secured the 98th spot in ATP's top 100 rankings after his victory in the ATP Chennai Open Challenger, marking his first-ever entry into the ATP Top 100.

Q.139. Who won the U19 World Cup 2024 Final?

- (a) Pakistan (b) Australia
(c) England (d) New Zealand

Sol.139.(b) Australia won the U19 World Cup 2024 by defeating India by 79 runs, securing their fourth World Cup title in U-19 cricket.

Q.140 Which airline became the official sponsor of Chennai Super Kings (CSK)?

- (a) Emirates (b) Qatar Airways
(c) Etihad Airways (d) Air India

Sol.140.(c) Etihad Airways joined forces with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) as their official sponsor, marking a new chapter for both entities. The partnership was announced on February 9th.

Q.141. Which two countries were declared joint winners of the SAFF Women's U-19 Championships?

- (a) India and Nepal
(b) India and Bangladesh
(c) Bangladesh and Sri Lanka
(d) India and Pakistan

Sol.141.(b) India and Bangladesh. The SAFF Women's U-19 Championships ended with India and Bangladesh being declared joint winners due to a series of unusual occurrences during the tournament held in Dhaka.

Q.142. Where was the first-ever BIMSTEC Aquatics Championship held?

- (a) Mumbai (b) Chennai
(c) New Delhi (d) Bengaluru

Sol.142 (c) New Delhi. The 1st BIMSTEC Aquatics Championships was held at Delhi's Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Swimming Pool Complex from 6th to 9th February 2024, with competitions conducted in the Under-20 age category for Swimming, Water Polo, and Diving events.

Q.143. Where will the FIFA World Cup qualifiers match between India and Kuwait be hosted?

- (a) Mumbai (b) Hyderabad
(c) Bengaluru (d) Chennai

Sol.143.(b) Hyderabad. The FIFA World Cup qualifiers match between India and Kuwait is scheduled to take place on June 6th in Hyderabad, as announced by the Telangana Football Association (TFA).

Q.144. Who has been selected as one of the torchbearers for the 2024 Paris Olympics?

- (a) Milkha Singh (b) Abhinav Bindra
(c) Sushil Kumar (d) Neeraj Chopra

Sol.144.(b) Abhinav Bindra, the first Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medal in the men's 10-meter air rifle event at the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics.

Q.145. Which state topped the medal tally at the Khelo India Youth Games 2024?

- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Maharashtra
(c) Haryana (d) Uttar Pradesh

Sol.145.(b) Maharashtra topped the medal tally at the Khelo India Youth Games 2024 with a total of 158 medals, including 57 gold, 48 silver, and 53 bronze. This marks their fourth KIYG title.

Q.146. Who clinched the ISSF World Cup Gold in the 10m Air Rifle event at the age of 21?

- (a) Abhinav Bindra
(b) Divyansh Singh Panwar
(c) Saurabh Chaudhary
(d) Manu Bhaker

Sol.146.(b) Divyansh Singh Panwar. At the age of 21, Divyansh Singh Panwar won his fourth ISSF World Cup gold in the 10m air rifle event with a remarkable final score of 253.7.

Q.147. What is the name of the mascot for the Khelo India Winter Games 2024?

- (a) Snowy (b) Sheen-e She
(c) Shan (d) Blizzard

Sol.147.(b) Sheen-e She. The mascot for the Khelo India Winter Games 2024 is the majestic snow leopard, named 'Sheen-e She' or 'Shan' in the Ladakh region. The Khelo India Winter Games 2024 was conducted in two phases. The first, from February 2 to 6, was held in Leh, Ladakh while the second was scheduled from February 21 to 25, in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir.

Q.148. Who won the NBA's intercontinental super featherweight championship?

- (a) Mandeep Jangra
(b) Gerardo Esquivel
(c) Juan Diaz
(d) Vasyl Lomachenko

Sol.148.(a) Mandeep Jangra, an Indian boxer, won the NBA's intercontinental super featherweight championship by defeating American boxer Gerardo Esquivel.

Q.149. Who won the silver medal in the Women's Air Rifle event at the Cairo Shooting World Cup?

- (a) Anna Janssen (b) Sonam Maskar
(c) Mary Kom (d) Saurabh Chaudhary

Sol.149.(b) Sonam Maskar won the silver medal in the Women's Air Rifle event at the Cairo Shooting World Cup,

narrowly losing to Anna Janssen of Germany by just 0.9 points.

Q.150. Who was crowned the International Wushu Federation Female Athlete of the Year?

- (a) Naorem Roshibina Devi
(b) Pooja Kadian
(c) Ritu Phogat
(d) Sanju Yadav

Sol.150.(a) Naorem Roshibina Devi, from Manipur, was honored with the prestigious title of IWUF Female Athlete of the Year, recognizing her outstanding achievements in the sport of wushu.

Q.151. Who became the oldest player to claim the No. 1 spot in the men's doubles rankings?

- (a) Roger Federer (b) Rohan Bopanna
(c) Leander Paes (d) Novak Djokovic

Sol.151.(b) Rohan Bopanna made history by becoming the oldest player to reach the No. 1 spot in the men's doubles rankings at the age of 43, following his quarter-final victory at the 2024 Australian Open with Matthew Ebden.

Q.152. Who secured her first global title at the WTT Feeder Corpus Christi 2024?

- (a) Manika Batra
(b) Sreeja Akula
(c) Mouma Das
(d) Pooja Sahasrabudde

Sol.152.(b) Sreeja Akula clinched her first international title at the WTT Feeder Corpus Christi 2024 in Texas, USA, marking a significant milestone in her table tennis career.

Q.153. Who won the gold medal at the Asian Marathon Championships 2024 in Hong Kong?

- (a) Subedar Joginder Singh
(b) Man Singh
(c) Kheta Ram
(d) Gopi Thonakal

Sol.153.(b) Man Singh, a 34-year-old marathon runner from India, clinched the gold medal at the Asian Marathon Championships 2024 in Hong Kong, marking a historic achievement for Indian athletics.

Q.154. Who won the women's singles title at the India Open 2024?

- (a) Chen Yu Fei (b) Saina Nehwal
(c) Tai Tzu Ying (d) PV Sindhu

Sol.154.(c) Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei clinched the victory in the

women's singles at the India Open 2024, defeating China's Chen Yu Fei.

Q.155. Which wrestler won the bronze medal at the Grand Prix De France Henri Deglane in 2024?

- (a) Bajrang Punia (b) Ravi Kumar Dahiya
(c) Vinesh Phogat (d) Sushil Kumar

Sol.155.(b) Ravi Kumar Dahiya, the Tokyo Olympic silver medallist, secured a bronze medal at the Grand Prix De France Henri Deglane wrestling tournament held in Nice, France.

Q.156. Who became the oldest winner of the Dakar Rally in 2024?

- (a) Sebastien Loeb
(b) Nasser Al-Attiyah
(c) Carlos Sainz
(d) Stephane Peterhansel

Sol.156.(c) Carlos Sainz, at the age of 61, won the Dakar Rally for the fourth time in 2024, making him the oldest winner of this iconic race.

Q.157 In the Asian Shooting Championship 2024, who won dual gold and led the Indian team to a gold medal?

- (a) Lakshay (b) Yogesh Singh
(c) Abhinav Bindra (d) Manu Bhaker

Sol.157.(b) Yogesh Singh secured dual gold medals in the men's 25m center fire pistol event and led the Indian team to clinch the team gold at the Asian Shooting Championship 2024 in Jakarta.

Q.158. Who became India's No.1 chess player after defeating World Champion Ding Liren in the 2024 Tata Steel Chess Tournament?

- (a) Viswanathan Anand
(b) Pentala Harikrishna
(c) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
(d) Vidit Gujrathi

Sol.158.(c) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa became India's No.1 chess player after his historic victory over World Champion Ding Liren in the 2024 Tata Steel Chess Tournament.

Q.159. Which state won the overall championship at the inaugural Diu Beach Games 2024?

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

Sol.159.(b) Madhya Pradesh won the overall championship at the inaugural Diu Beach Games 2024, securing 18 medals, including 7 golds.

Q. 160. Who won the gold medal in the 57 kg men's singles event at the 2024 Zagreb Open?

- (a) Zou Wanhao (b) Aman Sherawat
(c) Ravi Kumar Dahiya (d) Bajrang Punia

Sol.160.(b) Aman Sherawat won the gold medal in the 57 kg men's singles event at the 2024 Zagreb Open, defeating China's Zou Wanhao 10-0 in the final by technical superiority.

Q.161. Who became the first Indian woman to receive the Arjuna Award for Equestrian Sports?

- (a) Sania Mirza (b) Mary Kom
(c) Divyakriti Singh (d) Mithali Raj

Sol.161.(c) Divyakriti Singh made history by becoming the first Indian woman to receive the prestigious Arjuna Award for Equestrian Sports. She was conferred the honour in a ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, marking a significant achievement for Indian sports.

Q.162. Who won the Girls' U-19 title at the 2023 Scottish Junior Open squash in Edinburgh?

- (a) Saurav Ghosal (b) Anahat Singh
(c) Joshna Chinappa (d) Dipika Pallikal

Sol.162.(b) Anahat Singh, a promising young talent in Indian squash, won the Girls' U-19 title at the 2023 Scottish Junior Open squash in Edinburgh, further establishing her reputation as one of India's brightest squash stars.

Q.163. Who did Virat Kohli defeat to win the 'Puberty Athlete of the Year' award?

- (a) Cristiano Ronaldo (b) Lionel Messi
(c) Roger Federer (d) LeBron James

Sol.163.(b) Lionel Messi. Virat Kohli won the prestigious 'Puberty Athlete of the Year' award, defeating the renowned footballer Lionel Messi, highlighting his exceptional achievements in the world of cricket.

Awards

Important Awards

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2024:

S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Gukesh D	Chess
2.	Shri Harmanpreet Singh	Hockey
3.	Shri Praveen Kumar	Para-Athletics
4.	Ms. Manu Bhaker	Shooting

Arjuna Awards (2024) for outstanding performance in Sports and Games:

S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Jyothi Yarraji	Athletics
2.	Ms. Annu Rani	Athletics
3.	Ms. Nitu	Boxing
4.	Ms. Saweety	Boxing
5.	Vantika Agrawal	Chess
6.	Ms. Salima Tete	Hockey
7.	Shri Abhishek	Hockey
8.	Shri Sanjay	Hockey
9.	Jarmanpreet Singh	Hockey
10.	Shri Sukhjeet Singh	Hockey
11.	Shri Rakesh Kumar	Para-Archery
12.	Ms. Preeti Pal	Para-Archery
13.	Ms. Jeevanji Deepthi	Para-Archery
14.	Shri Ajeet Singh	Para-Archery
15.	Sachin Sarjerao Khilari	Para-Archery
16.	Dharambir	Para-Archery
17.	Shri Pranav Soorma	Para-Archery
18.	Shri H Hokato Sema	Para-Archery
19.	Ms. Simran	Para-Archery
20.	Shri Navdeep	Para-Athletic
21.	Shri Nitesh Kumar	Para-Badminton
22.	Thulasimathi Murugesan	Para-Badminton
23.	Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan	Para-Badminton
24.	Manisha Ramadass	Para-Badminton
25.	Shri Kapil Parmar	Para-Judo
26.	Mona Agarwal	Para-Shooting
27.	Rubina Francis	Para-Shooting
28.	Swapnil Suresh Kusale	Shooting
29.	Shri Sarabjot Singh	Shooting
30.	Shri Abhay Singh	Squash
31.	Shri Sajjan Prakash	Swimming
32.	Shri Aman	Wrestling

Arjuna Awards (Lifetime) for outstanding performance in Sports and Games 2024:

S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Sucha Singh	Athletics
2.	Shri Murlikant Rajaram Petkar	Para-Swimming

Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games 2024:

Regular Category:

S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Subhash Rana	Para-Shooting
2.	Ms. Deepali Deshpande	Shooting
3.	Shri Sandeep Sangwan	Hockey

Lifetime Category:

S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	S Muralidharan	Badminton
2.	Shri Armando Agnelo Colaco	Football

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar:

S.No.	Name of the Entity
1.	Physical Education Foundation of India

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2024:

S.No.	Name of University
1.	Chandigarh University
2.	Lovely Professional University, (PB)
3.	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Bharat Ratna 2024

M.S. Swaminathan : Renowned agricultural scientist and geneticist, celebrated as the Father of the Green Revolution in India.

Chaudhary Charan Singh : Indian politician, known for his focus on agrarian reforms and farmers' welfare. Served as the 5th Prime Minister of India.

P.V. Narasimha Rao : Indian politician, lawyer, and freedom fighter. Served as the 9th Prime Minister of India from 1991 to 1996.

Lal Krishna Advani : Served as the Deputy Prime Minister of India from 2002 to 2004 under Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He is also a founding member of BJP.

Karpooori Thakur : Served as the Chief Minister of Bihar twice (1970 - 1971 and 1977 - 1979). Also served as the Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar and Finance Minister.

The Padma Vibhushan awardees for 2024:

Ms. Vyjayantimala Bali (Art): She is a renowned Indian actress, classical dancer, and politician, celebrated for her significant contributions to Indian cinema and the arts.

Shri Konidela Chiranjeevi (Art) : Shri Konidela Chiranjeevi is a renowned Indian actor, producer, and politician, celebrated as one of the most influential figures in Telugu cinema with a career spanning over four decades.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu (Public Affairs): He is a prominent Indian politician and statesman known for his contributions to public affairs. He served as the 13th Vice President of India from 2017 to 2022.

Shri Bindeshwar Pathak (Social Work) - (Posthumous): He was a renowned Indian social reformer, sociologist, and founder of the Sulabh International Social Service Organisation.

Ms. Padma Subrahmanyam (Art) : Creator of the unique dance style Bharata Nrithyam, which integrates theoretical aspects from Natya Shastra with classical dance.

Nobel Prize 2024 :-

Physics - John J. Hopfield and Geoffrey Hinton (for foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks).

Chemistry - David Baker, Demis Hassabis and John Jumper (for computational protein design).

Physiology or Medicine - Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun (for the discovery of microRNA and its role in post-transcriptional gene regulation).

Literature - Han Kang (for her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life).

Nobel Peace Prize - Nihon Hidankyo (for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that nuclear weapons must never be used again).

Economics - Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson (for studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity).

96th Academy Awards 2024 :-

Best Picture: Oppenheimer.

Best Actor: Cillian Murphy (Oppenheimer).

Best Actress: Emma Stone (Poor Things).

Best Original Song: What Was I Made For? from Barbie (Billie Eilish, Finneas O'Connell).

Best Supporting Actor: Robert Downey Jr. (Oppenheimer).

Best Supporting Actress: Da'Vine Joy Randolph (The Holdovers).

66th Grammy Award 2024 :-

Album of the Year : Midnights by Taylor Swift.

Record of the Year : Flowers by Miley Cyrus.

Song of the Year : What Was I Made For? by Billie Eilish.

Best Global Music Album : This Moment by Shakti.

Best New Artist: Victoria Monét.

70th National Film Awards 2024 :-

Best Feature Film : Aattam

Best Actor : Rishab Shetty (Kantara)

Best Actress : Nithya Menen (Tiruchitrabalam), Manasi Parekh (Kutch Express)

Best Director : Sooraj Barjatya (Uunchai)

Best Supporting Actress : Neena Gupta (Uunchai)

Best Supporting Actor : Pawan Malhotra (Fouja)

Best Hindi Film : Gulmohar

Best Male Playback Singer : Arijit Singh (Brahmastra)

Best Female Playback Singer : Bombay Jayashri (Saudi Velakka)

69th Filmfare Awards 2024 :-

Best Film : 12th Fail

Best Actor : Ranbir Kapoor (Animal)

Best Actress : Alia Bhatt (Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani)

Best Director : Vidhu Vinod Chopra (12th Fail)

Best Supporting Actor : Vicky Kaushal (Dunki)

Best Supporting Actress : Shabana Azmi (Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani)

Lifetime Achievement Award : David Dhawan

Best Debut Director : Tarun Dudeja (Dhak Dhak).

BCCI Awards 2024 :-

Col. C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award (Men) : Farokh Engineer, Ravi Shastri.

Polly Umrigar Award - Best International Cricketer (Men): Shubman Gill (2022-23).

Best International Cricketer (Women) : Smriti Mandhana (2020-21, 2021-22).

Best International Debut (Men) : Yashasvi Jaiswal (2022-23).

Best International Debut (Women) : Amanjot Kaur (2022-23).

Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2024 :-

Vigyan Ratna: Prof. Govindarajan Padmanabhan (Biological Sciences)

Vigyan Shri : Dr. Anandharamakrishnan C (Agricultural Science)

Prof. Dr. Sanjay Behari (Medicine)

Dr. Avesh Kumar Tyagi (Atomic Energy)

Vigyan Yuva : Dr. Krishna Murthy S L (Agricultural Sciences)

Dr. Roxy Mathew Koll (Earth Sciences)

Dr. Abhilash (Engineering Sciences)

Vigyan Team: ISRO - Team Chandrayaan 3 (Space Science and Technology)

Multiple Choice Questions

Q.1. Which organization won the Gold Award at the Andhra Pradesh State Energy Conservation Awards in December 2024?

- (a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- (b) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)
- (c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- (d) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Sol.1.(b) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) popularly known as Vizag Steel, was incorporated in 1982. It is headquartered in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India.

Q.2. How many children received the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar in December 2024?

- (a) 15 (b) 17 (c) 20 (d) 25

Sol.2. (b) 17. President Droupadi Murmu presented the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024 on December 26, 2024. The awards recognized children for their outstanding achievements in art and culture, bravery, innovation, science and technology, social service, sports, and the environment.

Q.3. Who was honored with the Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award for Public Leadership in December 2024?

- (a) Narendra Modi (b) S. Jaishankar
- (c) Venkaiah Naidu (d) Amit Shah

Sol.3. (b) S. Jaishankar. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar is currently serving as the External Affairs Minister of India, a position he has held since May 30, 2019. He is also a Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), representing the state of Gujarat.

Q.4. Who was crowned Miss India USA 2024?

- (a) Nirali Desai
- (b) Manini Patel
- (c) Caitlin Sandra Neil
- (d) Arshita Kathpalia

Sol.4. (c) Caitlin Sandra Neil, a 19-year-old Indian-American born in Chennai, was crowned Miss India USA 2024. The annual pageant was held in New Jersey. The event was organized by the India Festival Committee (IFC). Sanskriti Sharma from Illinois was crowned Mrs. India USA 2024.

Q.5. Who was honored with the Rashtriya Tansen Samman 2023 at the Tansen Sangeet Samaroh 2024?

- (a) Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri
- (b) Ustad Zakir Hussain
- (c) Pandit Ravi Shankar
- (d) Ustad Amjad Ali Khan

Sol.5.(a) Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri. He, a renowned tabla maestro of the Farukhabad gharana, received the Rashtriya Tansen Samman 2023 during the centenary Tansen Sangeet Samaroh in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. The award, instituted in 1980, includes a cash prize of ₹5 lakh and a citation plaque.

Q.6. Who won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 in the English category?

- (a) Arundhati Roy (b) Easterine Kire
- (c) Jhumpa Lahiri (d) Ruskin Bond

Sol.6.(b) Easterine Kire. He won the Sahitya Akademi Award for his novel Spirit Nights, a prestigious honor established in 1954 to recognize outstanding literary works in 24 Indian languages, including English.

Q.7. Who won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 in the Hindi category?

- (a) Ashok Vajpeyi (b) Gagan Gill
- (c) Vinod Kumar Shukla (d) Nirmal Verma

Sol.7.(b) Gagan Gill. He received the award for her poetry collection *Main Jab Tak Aai Bahar*.

Q.8. Who won the Best FIFA Men's Player award in 2024?

- (a) Lionel Messi (b) Erling Haaland
(c) Vinícius Júnior (d) Jude Bellingham

Sol.8.(c) Vinícius Júnior. Vinícius Júnior was playing for Real Madrid when he received the award.

Q.9. Who was awarded the Best FIFA Women's Player in 2024?

- (a) Megan Rapinoe (b) Aitana Bonmatí
(c) Lucy Bronze (d) Sam Kerr

Sol.9.(b) Aitana Bonmatí. FIFA was founded on May 21, 1904, in Paris, France, and its headquarters is located in Zürich, Switzerland. Motto: "For the Game. For the World."

Q.10. Who was honored with the Jamsetji Tata Award by the Indian Society for Quality (ISQ) in December 2024?

- (a) Ratan Tata
(b) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
(c) Mukesh Ambani
(d) Sundar Pichai

Sol.10.(b) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw. Biocon Limited, founded in 1978 by Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in Bengaluru, Karnataka, is a leading biopharmaceutical company. As India's first female brewer, she transformed it into a global biotechnology leader.

Q.11. Which prestigious award did the Ayodhya Ram Temple project receive for its exceptional safety measures during construction?

- (a) Golden Peacock Award
(b) Sword of Honour
(c) Platinum Safety Award
(d) Global Safety Shield

Sol.11.(b) Sword of Honour. The Ayodhya Ram Temple project received the 'Sword of Honour' from the British Safety Council for exceptional safety protocols during construction. Implemented by Larsen & Toubro (L&T), the project uses approximately 15 lakh cubic feet of Bansi Paharpur stone from Rajasthan, ensuring both quality and tradition in its design.

Q.12. Which Hindi writer was awarded the 34th Vyas Samman in 2024?

- (a) Gyan Chaturvedi (b) Nasira Sharma
(c) Suryabala (d) Mamta Kalita

Sol.12.(c) Suryabala. She received the 34th Vyas Samman in 2024 for her novel 'Kaun Des Ko Vasi: Venu Ki Diary', published in 2018. Instituted in 1991 by the KK Birla Foundation, the Vyas Samman honors outstanding Hindi literary works from the last decade and includes a ₹4 lakh cash prize, a citation, and a plaque.

Q.13. Which Indian film won the 'Transforming Society Short Film' category at the 13th Global Sustainability Film Awards (GSFA)?

- (a) The Kumbaya Story
(b) GOBUK – Harmony in the Highlands
(c) Laapataa Ladies
(d) NAWI

Sol.13. (a) The Kumbaya Story. The event was held at the BAFTA venue in London, showcasing a film that chronicles the journey of resilient women transforming their lives through weaving and the establishment of the Kumbaya Producer Company.

Q.14. Which Indian temple's conservation project received the Award of Distinction at the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2024?

- (a) Brihadeeswarar Temple
(b) Abathsahayeswarar Temple
(c) Meenakshi Temple
(d) Somnath Temple

Sol.14.(b) Abathsahayeswarar Temple. The Abathsahayeswarar Temple Conservation Project in Thukkatchi, Tamil Nadu, received the Award of Distinction for preserving this cultural treasure in Thiruvavur District. The UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards, established in 2000, honor efforts in conserving heritage structures.

Q.15. How many Gram Panchayats competed in the National Panchayat Awards 2024?

- (a) 1 lakh (b) 1.5 lakh
(c) 1.94 lakh (d) 2 lakh

Sol.15.(c) 1.94 lakh. Notably, 42% of the award-winning Panchayats were led by women, highlighting the growing role of female leadership in rural governance.

Q.16. Who was honored in the Policy Leadership category of the 2024 Champions of the Earth awards?

- (a) Greta Thunberg
(b) Sonia Guajajara
(c) Wangari Maathai
(d) David Attenborough

Sol.16.(b) Sonia Guajajara. The Champions of the Earth award, established by UNEP in 2005, honors individuals and organizations for transformative contributions to environmental conservation and sustainable development.

Q.17. Which prestigious award was conferred upon Shaji N. Karun in 2023 for his lifetime contributions to Malayalam cinema?

- (a) Padma Shri
(b) Dadasaheb Phalke Award
(c) JC Daniel Award
(d) National Film Award for Best Director

Sol.17.(c) JC Daniel Award. Shaji N. Karun was the founding chairman of the Kerala State Chalachithra Academy, which plays a crucial role in the development of Malayalam cinema.

Q.18. Which Indian filmmaker made history by receiving a Golden Globe nomination for Best Director (Motion Picture) in 2024?

- (a) Mira Nair (b) Zoya Akhtar
(c) Payal Kapadia (d) Deepa Mehta

Sol.18.(c) Payal Kapadia. Payal Kapadia became the first Indian director to receive a Golden Globe nomination for Best Director (Motion Picture) for her film *All We Imagine As Light*.

Q.19. Which Indian organization was honored with the ISSA Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific 2024?

- (a) Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)
(b) Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)
(c) National Pension System (NPS)
(d) Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)

Sol.19.(b) Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO). The EPFO, established in 1951 under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, manages EPF, EPS, and EDLI schemes for organized sector employees.

Q.20. Which prestigious art award did Jasleen Kaur win in December 2024?

- (a) Turner Prize
(b) Booker Prize
(c) Pulitzer Prize
(d) Nobel Prize in Literature

Sol.20.(a) Turner Prize Jasleen Kaur received the Turner Prize 2024 for her outstanding contributions to contemporary art. Her solo exhibition, *Alter Altar*, which explores the personal,

political, and spiritual dimensions of the Scottish Sikh community, was key to her recognition.

Q.21. Which prestigious award did Maria Victoria Juan receive in 2024?

- (a) Florence Nightingale Medal
- (b) Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award
- (c) International Nurse of the Year
- (d) Nightingale Excellence Award

Sol.21.(b) Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award. Maria Victoria Juan, a nurse from the Philippines, has significantly advanced military healthcare and public health. A Consultant at the Philippine Army Health Services and a Colonel in the Reserve Force, she has pioneered key innovations in military medical services.

Q.22. Who was honored as the Education Leader of the Year at the Education World India School Ranking Awards 2024-2025?

- (a) Kunal Dalal
- (b) PR Sreejesh
- (c) Harmanpreet Singh
- (d) Rajesh Nambiar

Sol.22.(a) Kunal Dalal. He is the Managing Director of JBCN Education

Q.23. Where were the FIH Hockey Star Awards 2024 held on November 8, 2024?

- (a) New Delhi, India
- (b) London, UK
- (c) Muscat, Oman
- (d) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Sol.23.(c) Muscat, Oman. FIH stands for the International Hockey Federation. Establishment: Founded on January 7, 1924, in Paris, France. Headquarters: Located in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Q.24. Who was named Men's Player of the Year at the FIH Hockey Star Awards 2024?

- (a) PR Sreejesh
- (b) Harmanpreet Singh
- (c) Manpreet Singh
- (d) Amit Rohidas

Sol.24.(b) Harmanpreet Singh. He is an exceptional drag-flicker and defender, and is the captain of the Indian men's hockey team (2024). He was instrumental in winning a bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics 2020, ending a 41-year drought, and was honored with the FIH Men's Hockey Star Award (2022) as the Best Player of the Year.

Q.25. Who was honored as Men's Goalkeeper of the Year at the FIH Hockey Star Awards 2024?

- (a) Krishan Pathak
- (b) PR Sreejesh
- (c) Sreejesh Parattu
- (d) Sandeep Singh

Sol.25.(b) PR Sreejesh. He has won FIH Goalkeeper of the Year (2018, 2021, 2022), the Padma Shri (2017), and the Khel Ratna Award (2021), contributing to multiple World Cups and Asian Games victories.

Q.26. Who was announced as the recipient of the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award on November 11, 2024?

- (a) Steven Spielberg
- (b) Martin Scorsese
- (c) Phillip Noyce
- (d) Quentin Tarantino

Sol.26.(c) Phillip Noyce. The International Film Festival of India (IFFI), held annually in Goa.

Q.27. Who won the 2024 Booker Prize for her novel "Orbital"?

- (a) Margaret Atwood
- (b) Samantha Harvey
- (c) Hilary Mantel
- (d) Anne Enright

Sol.27.(b) Samantha Harvey. The Booker Prize, established in 1969, honors the best original novel in English published in the UK or Ireland. Notable winners include Salman Rushdie (Midnight's Children, 1981), Arundhati Roy (The God of Small Things, 1997), Margaret Atwood (The Testaments, 2019), and Geetanjali Shree (Tomb of Sand, 2022).

Q.28. Which word was named Collins Dictionary's Word of the Year 2024?

- (a) Brat
- (b) Metaverse
- (c) Climate Crisis
- (d) Resilience

Sol.28.(a) Brat. This reflects its growing usage in cultural and social contexts, symbolizing the impact of youth behavior and attitudes often seen in media and societal discussions.

Q.29. Which Indian city won the Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities in 2024?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Thiruvananthapuram
- (d) Delhi

Sol.29.(c) Thiruvananthapuram. The Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation has been honored with the Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities, an initiative by UN Habitat and the Shanghai Municipality. This award recognizes cities and

municipalities worldwide for their outstanding achievements in implementing the New Urban Agenda for sustainable urban development.

Q.30. Which airport won top honors at the Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024 for digital innovations?

- (a) Delhi International Airport
- (b) GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL)
- (c) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- (d) Bengaluru International Airport

Sol.30.(b) GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) achieved recognition for its innovative solutions: The Digital Twin, which won in the Innovation & Technology and Facility Management categories, and The Smart Trolley, which was the Runner-Up in the Airport Revenue Management category.

Q.31. Which organization won three prestigious Gold Awards at ICQCC-2024?

- (a) Tata Steel
- (b) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)
- (c) SAIL
- (d) JSW Steel

Sol.31.(b) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL). It is commonly known as Vizag Steel. Establishment: Incorporated in 1982, RINL operates under the Ministry of Steel, Government of India. Headquarters: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India.

Q.32. Who was honored with the Grand Commander of the Order of Niger (GCON) by Nigeria in 2024?

- (a) Queen Elizabeth II
- (b) Shri Narendra Modi
- (c) Dr. Manmohan Singh
- (d) Cyril Ramaphosa

Sol.32.(b) Shri Narendra Modi.

List of International Recognition Awards to PM Narendra Modi in 2024

Name of Award	Country Name
Order of Mubarak Al-Kabeer	Kuwait
Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados	Barbados
Order of Excellence	Guyana
Dominica Award of Honour	Dominica
Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger	Nigeria
Order of St. Andrew the Apostle	Russia
Order of the Druk Gyalpo	Bhutan

Q.33. Who won the Miss Universe 2024 title?

- (a) R'Bonney Gabriel

- (b) Victoria Kjaer Theilvig
(c) Harnaaz Sandhu
(d) Amanda Dudamel

Sol.33.(b) Victoria Kjaer Theilvig. Miss Universe from India:- Sushmita Sen (1994), Lara Dutta (2000), Harnaaz Sandhu (2021).

Q.34. Who received the first Jadav Payeng International Award in 2024?

- (a) Greta Thunberg
(b) M Karunakar Reddy
(c) Sundarlal Bahuguna
(d) Wangari Maathai

Sol.34.(b) M Karunakar Reddy. Hyderabad - based environmentalist M. Karunakar Reddy has been chosen for the first award named after Jadav Payeng, better known as the Forest Man of India.

Q.35. Which film won the Best Film award at the 38th Leeds International Film Festival?

- (a) "The Fable" (b) "The Disciple"
(c) "Pather Panchali" (d) "Gully Boy"

Sol.35.(a) "The Fable". Manoj Bajpayee's film "The Fable" won the Best Film award at the 38th Leeds International Film Festival.

Q.36. For which project did Coal India Limited win the Green World Environment Award 2024?

- (a) Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna
(b) Project Tiger Conservation
(c) Clean Energy Initiative
(d) Swachh Bharat Mission

Sol.36.(a) Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna. CIL was recognized for their Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna project, which provides curative treatment for Thalassemia patients.

Q.37. Who were the recipients of the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for 2023?

- (a) Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai
(b) Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad
(c) Greta Thunberg and Wangari Maathai
(d) Nelson Mandela and Kofi Annan

Sol.37.(b) Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad. The 1st recipient of the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize in 1986 was Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), an international network of legislators dedicated to promoting peace, democracy, and sustainable development globally.

Q.38. What honor was conferred upon PM Narendra Modi by Guyana?

- (a) Order of Excellence
(b) Order of the Golden Star
(c) National Hero Award
(d) Bharat Ratna

Sol.38. (a) Order of Excellence. Guyana is a country on the northern coast of South America. Capital: Georgetown.

Q.39. Who won the 2024 Pfizer Award presented by the History of Science Society (HSS)?

- (a) Professor Projit Bihari Mukharji
(b) Dr. Amartya Sen
(c) Professor Gita Gopinath
(d) Dr. Satyajit Ray

Sol.39.(a) Professor Projit Bihari Mukharji. The Pfizer Award is a recognition given in various contexts, particularly in the fields of medicine, science, and public health, reflecting the contributions of individuals or organizations toward innovation and excellence in these areas.

Q.40. Which organization won the 2024 OPCW The Hague Award?

- (a) Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
(b) Indian Chemical Council (ICC)
(c) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
(d) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)

Sol.40.(b) Indian Chemical Council (ICC). The 2024 OPCW The Hague Award was conferred upon the Indian Chemical Council (ICC) on November 25, 2024.

Q.41. Which organization's pavilion won a Bronze Medal for Excellence in Public Communication at IITF 2024?

- (a) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
(b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
(d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Sol.41.(a) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) formed in 1964 (formerly known as the Central Board of Excise and Customs), is headquartered in New Delhi, India. Its primary responsibilities include policy formulation and implementation for customs, GST, and central excise, ensuring effective tax administration and compliance.

Q.42. Which state was named the Best Marine State in the Union Fisheries Ministry's Awards 2024?

- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Kerala
(c) Maharashtra (d) Gujarat

Sol.42. (b) Kerala.

Q.43. Who was honored with the FIH Honorary Member Award on November 15, 2024?

- (a) Narinder Batra (b) Marijke Fleuren
(c) Dhanraj Pillay (d) Leandro Negre

Sol.43.(b) Marijke Fleuren. The International Hockey Federation (FIH), based in Lausanne, Switzerland, is the global governing body for field and indoor hockey. It oversees major tournaments, including the Hockey World Cup.

Q.44. Who won the 2024 JCB Prize for Literature?

- (a) Arundhati Roy
(b) Upamanyu Chatterjee
(c) Kiran Desai
(d) Jhumpa Lahiri

Sol.44.(b) Upamanyu Chatterjee. He won the 2024 JCB Prize for Literature for his novel "Lorenzo Searches for the Meaning of Life."

Q.45. Who won the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2024?

- (a) Ramachandra Guha
(b) Ashok Gopal
(c) Shashi Tharoor
(d) Arvind Subramanian

Sol.45.(b) Ashok Gopal. He won the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2024 for his biography "A Part Apart: The Life and Thought of B.R. Ambedkar."

Q.46. Who received the SaMaPa Vitasta Samman 2024 for their lifelong contribution to Hindustani classical music?

- (a) Harish Tiwari (b) Nityanand Haldipur
(c) Shashi Vyas (d) Kamalini Dutt

Sol.46.(b) Nityanand Haldipur. He is a celebrated Indian classical flautist and a prominent exponent of the Maihar gharana, known for his mastery of the bansuri. He trained under legendary flautists Pannalal Ghosh and Devendra Murdeshwar.

Q.47. Who was the recipient of the Kala Vardhan Samman 2024 for their significant impact in art and culture?

- (a) Bashir Aarif (b) Shashi Vyas

(c) Alok Paradkar (d) The Mohan Brothers

Sol.47.(b) Shashi Vyas. Shashi Vyas is a cultural promoter and founder of Pancham Nishad, dedicated to preserving and promoting Indian classical music and traditional arts.

Q.48. Who was honored with the SaMaPa Award of Excellence 2024 for their contributions as a television director, archivist, scholar, and dance guru?

- (a) Kamalini Dutt (b) Harish Tiwari
(c) Alok Paradkar (d) Shashi Vyas

Sol.48.(a) Kamalini Dutt. He is an Indian producer and Bharatnatyam dancer.

Q.49. Who received the Sangeet Tejasvi Samman 2024 for their dedication to Hindustani classical music?

- (a) Nityanand Haldipur (b) Harish Tiwari
(c) The Mohan Brothers (d) Alok Paradkar

Sol.49.(b) Harish Tiwari. He is a renowned Hindustani classical vocalist of the Kirana Gharana, celebrated for his soulful renditions and as a disciple of Pandit Bhimsen Joshi.

Q.50. Who was awarded the SaMaPa Nund Rishi Samman 2024 for contributions to Kashmiri literature?

- (a) Bashir Aarif (b) Harish Tiwari
(c) Alok Paradkar (d) Kamalini Dutt

Sol.50.(a) Bashir Aarif. He is a prominent figure in Kashmiri literature, celebrated for his significant contributions to preserving and promoting the rich literary and cultural heritage of Kashmir.

Q.51. Who were the recipients of the SaMaPa Yuva Ratan Samman 2024 for achievements in Hindustani classical music?

- (a) The Mohan Brothers (Lakshay Mohan and Aayush Mohan)
(b) Nityanand Haldipur and Harish Tiwari
(c) Shashi Vyas and Kamalini Dutt
(d) Alok Paradkar and Bashir Aarif

Sol.51.(a) The Mohan Brothers (Lakshay Mohan and Aayush Mohan). Known for their mastery of the sitar and sarod.

Q.52. Who received the SaMaPa Acharya Abhinavgupt Samman 2024 for their work as an art critic and journalist?

- (a) Alok Paradkar (b) Bashir Aarif
(c) Harish Tiwari (d) Shashi Vyas

Sol.52. (a) Alok Paradkar.

Q.53. Which category does Swaroop Kumar belong to for his 2022 Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar?

- (a) Drama (b) Dance
(c) Music (d) Literature

Sol.53.(c) Music. Swaroop Kumar was honored in the Music category for his contributions to Hindustani classical music.

Q.54. For which style of dance was Rudra Hasmukh Mehta awarded the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2022?

- (a) Bharatanatyam (b) Kathak
(c) Odissi (d) Contemporary

Sol.54.(b) Kathak. Rudra Hasmukh Mehta was recognized for his excellence in Kathak dance.

Q.55. Who received the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2023?

- (a) Tanya Sen (b) Swaroop Kumar
(c) Monika Soni (d) Ananya Birla

Sol.55.(c) Monika Soni. Sangeet Natak Akademi instituted the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (UBKUP) in the name of Bharat Ratna Ustad Bismillah Khan for young performing art practitioners upto the age of 40 years in 2006. The Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar is given annually to outstanding young artists in the fields of music, dance, drama, folk & tribal arts and puppetry.

Q.56. Who among the following is not a recipient of the 66th Ramon Magsaysay Awards (2024)?

- (a) Miyazaki Hayao (b) Farwiza Farhan
(c) Ravi Kannan (d) Karma Phuntsho

Sol.56.(c) Ravi Kannan. He won in 2023, "For his unwavering dedication to public service, compassionate and skilled promotion of pro-poor healthcare, and establishing a beacon of hope for millions in Assam through exemplary people-centered cancer care." The first Indian to win the Ramon Magsaysay Award was Vinoba Bhave in 1958.

Q.57. Who has been recently (in August 2024) presented with the 'Olympic Order in Gold' for his support to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games?

- (a) Rigoberta Menchú Tum
(b) Emmanuel Macron
(c) Thomas Bach
(d) Anne Hidalgo

Sol.57. (b) Emmanuel Macron, the President of France. The award, presented by IOC President Thomas Bach, recognizes Macron's role in making the Games a symbol of unity and global collaboration.

Q.58. Which state emerged as the top-performing state under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) scheme in 2024?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Maharashtra
(c) Punjab (d) Madhya Pradesh

Sol.58.(d) Madhya Pradesh followed by Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh (UP), Punjab, and Rajasthan. These five states account for 50% of the total Rs 47,889 crore sanctioned under the AIF.

Q.59. Which Indian actor was awarded the 'Youth Icon Award 2024' for Entertainment at the 1st edition of the 'FICCI Young Leaders Awards (2024)'?

- (a) Shah Rukh Khan
(b) Ayushmann Khurrana
(c) Manoj Bajpayee
(d) Ranveer Singh

Sol.59.(b) Ayushmann Khurrana. The awards recognized outstanding young achievers across 13 categories. Other recipients included Neeraj Chopra (Sports), Rahul Mishra (Art & Culture), Amitabh Shah (Public Service), and Palki Sharma (Media).

Q.60. Who among the following featured on the TIME 100 Most Influential People in AI 2024 List?

- (a) Sundar Pichai (b) Ashwini Vaishnav
(c) Anil Kapoor (d) All of the above

Sol.60.(d) All of the above. The TIME 100 Most Influential People in AI 2024 List features prominent figures such as Sundar Pichai (CEO of Google and Alphabet), Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav (MeitY), and actor Anil Kapoor. The list, categorized into Leaders, Innovators, Shapers, and Thinkers, recognizes the most impactful personalities in the AI domain. Other Indian-origin individuals include Satya Nadella (CEO of Microsoft) and Rohit Prasad (SVP, Amazon).

Q.61. Name the award recently presented by President Droupadi Murmu to 15 Nurses and Midwives in September 2024 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

- (a) National Florence Nightingale Award
(b) Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award
(c) Golden Peacock Occupational Health

& Safety Award
(d) Whitley Gold Award

Sol.61.(a) National Florence Nightingale Award. The award was instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, in 1973. It acknowledges the commitment, compassion, and dedication of nurses in delivering exemplary healthcare, especially in challenging situations.

Q.62. Which Odisha - based thermal power station received the prestigious 2024 Energy Management Insight Award from the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM)?
(a) NTPC Korba
(b) NTPC Talcher Kaniha
(c) NTPC Darlipali
(d) NTPC Simhadri

Sol.62.(b) NTPC Talcher Kaniha. The award was based on a comprehensive case study showcasing its adoption of ISO 50001 energy management systems.

Q.63. Which railway station achieved Non-Suburban Group-1 (NSG-1) status in September 2024 for its high revenue and passenger volume?
(a) Howrah Junction railway station
(b) Coimbatore Junction railway station
(c) Nasik Road Railway Station
(d) Vijayawada Junction Railway Station

Sol.63.(d) Vijayawada Junction Railway Station. This recognition is granted to stations with an annual revenue exceeding Rs 500 crore or annual passenger numbers surpassing 20 lakhs.

Q.64. Who won the Singapore Literature Prize (SLP) 2024 for the English fiction debut short story 'Nine Yard Sarees'?
(a) Prasanthi Ram (b) Shubigi Rao
(c) Rukmini Vijayakumar (d) Anita Desai

Sol.64.(a) Prasanthi Ram. He is an Indian-origin lecturer at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore.

Q.65. Which organization received the '2024 United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force (UNIATF) Award' for its significant efforts in preventing and controlling NCDs and mental health?
(a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
(b) National Medical Commission (NMC)
(c) National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)
(d) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Sol.65.(a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) was established in 1911 as the Indian Research Fund Association (IRFA) and was renamed ICMR in 1949. Its headquarters is in New Delhi, India, and it focuses on conducting and promoting research in areas of national health concern.

Q.66. Who was recently honored with the Global Prestige Award at the House of Lords, UK Parliament, for contributions to Indian cinema?
(a) Karan Johar (b) Vinod Bachchan
(c) Anurag Kashyap (d) Rajkumar Hirani

Sol.66.(b) Vinod Bachchan. The award ceremony was held in the presence of Lord Bellamy KC and Lord Rami Ranger CBE, a distinguished Member of Parliament.

Q.67. Which movie was selected as India's official entry for the "Best International Feature Film" category at the 97th Academy Awards (Oscars 2025)?
(a) Aattam (b) Laapataa Ladies
(c) Kantara (d) Ayena

Sol.67.(b) Laapataa Ladies. The Film Federation of India (FFI) is the apex body for the Indian film industry. It was established in 1951 and is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

Q.68. Which Indian actress was recently honored by the South Korea Government for her contribution to strengthening relations between India and Korea?
(a) Anushka Sharma (b) Anushka Sen
(c) Deepika Padukone (d) Priyanka Chopra

Sol.68.(b) Anushka Sen.

Q.69. Which organisation was recognized for its consistent energy efficiency efforts with the National Energy Leader Award from CII-GBC?
(a) Steel Authority of India Limited
(b) Indian Stainless Steel Development Association
(c) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
(d) RailTel Corporation of India Limited

Sol.69.(c) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited. It was founded in 1982 and has its headquarters in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India. Known as Vizag Steel.

Q.70. In September 2024, which Indian airport won the Best Airport Award for the third consecutive year?
(a) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
(b) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport

(c) Indira Gandhi International Airport
(d) Kempegowda International Airport

Sol.70.(b) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport. In the previous year, RGIA was also honored with the Skytrax 'Best Airport Staff in India & South Asia 2024' award in Frankfurt, Germany.

Q.71. Which organization hosted the National Geoscience Awards 2023 to honor excellence in Earth Sciences?
(a) Geological Survey of India (GSI)
(b) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(c) Ministry of Mines
(d) Indian National Science Academy

Sol.71.(c) Ministry of Mines. The awards aim to encourage geoscientific research and innovation in India. President Droupadi Murmu presided over a distinguished ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. In a separate but related development, Dr. Jitendra Singh was honored with the prestigious "Distinguished Mentor of the Year" award by the American College of Physicians. The award was presented during the 9th Annual Conference of the ACP India Chapter in Lucknow.

Q.72. Which Indian ministry recently (in 2024) organized the Handicrafts Export Awards to recognize excellence in the handicrafts sector?
(a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
(b) Ministry of Textiles
(c) Ministry of Rural Development
(d) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Sol.72.(b) Ministry of Textiles. The Handicrafts Export Awards 2024 were organized by the Ministry of Textiles, recognizing outstanding contributions in the handicrafts export sector. These awards aim to encourage innovation, craftsmanship, and promotion of Indian handicrafts in international markets.

Q.73. Which state won the PATA Gold Award 2024 for its innovative 'Holiday Heist' campaign?
(a) Rajasthan (b) Kerala
(c) Goa (d) Himachal Pradesh

Sol.73.(b) Kerala. Kerala Tourism clinched the PATA (Pacific Asia Travel Association) Gold Award 2024 in the Marketing category for its innovative 'Holiday Heist' campaign. The campaign aimed to highlight Kerala's unique tourism offerings by blending storytelling and digital innovation, enhancing its appeal to global audiences.

Q.74. Which organisation has recently (in July '24) won the Institute of Directors' (IOD) Golden Peacock Occupational Health & Safety Award(GPOHSA) in the Transportation (Railways) category for Excellence ?

- (a) RITES Limited
- (b) Railway Protection Force
- (c) Titagarh Rail Systems Limited
- (d) L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Ltd.

Sol.74.(d) L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Ltd. The award was presented to KVB Reddy, Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), L&TMRHL, by Uday U. Lalit, Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) and Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, Former CJ of Karnataka High Court.

Q.75. Who was recently (in July 2024) honoured with France's highest civilian award, the "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" (Knight of the Legion of Honour)?

- (a) Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- (b) Sudha Murty
- (c) Falguni Nayar
- (d) Isha Ambani

Sol.75.(a) Roshni Nadar Malhotra. The award recognises her contributions to the business; her efforts to strengthen economic ties between France and India; and her commitment to social and environmental causes.

Q.76. Who has recently (in July 2024) received the Pat Tillman Award for Service at the Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly (ESPY) Awards?

- (a) Nar Singh
- (b) Sumit Nagal
- (c) Sunil Chhetri
- (d) Prince Harry

Sol.76.(d) Prince Harry. He was honoured for his work with The Invictus Games Foundation, a platform for sports competition for wounded, injured, and sick service men and women.

Q.77. Who has recently (in July 2024) won the Golden Sand Master Award with a gold medal at the International Sand Sculpture Championship/Festival 2024 held in Russia?

- (a) Vinod Ganatra
- (b) Siddesh Sakore
- (c) Sudarsan Pattnaik
- (d) Purnima Devi Barman

Sol.77.(c) Sudarsan Pattnaik. He is a renowned Indian sand artist from Odisha. The theme of the event International Sand Sculpture Championship/Festival

2024 was "History, Mythology, and Fairy Tales."

Q.78. Who presented the prestigious World Space Award for 2024 to the Chandrayaan-3 mission team in July 2024?

- (a) United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
- (b) International Astronautical Federation
- (c) National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- (d) International Astronomical Union

Sol.78.(b) International Astronautical Federation. The award is given in recognition of the Chandrayaan-3, India's lunar mission historic achievement of soft landing near the lunar South Pole. The theme for the 75th IAC will be. "Responsible Space for Sustainability".

Q.79. Who has been recently (in July '24) honoured with the Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for his outstanding contributions to the Olympic movement?

- (a) Neeraj Chopra
- (b) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu
- (c) Mary Kom
- (d) Abhinav Bindra

Sol.79.(d) Abhinav Bindra. He is India's 1st individual Gold medalist at the Olympics, securing the gold at the 2008 Olympics held in Beijing, China in the men's 10m Air Rifle event.

Q.80. Who recently (in July '24) became the second Indian after Mahatma Gandhi to be honored with customised gold coins by the Grevin Museum in Paris, France?

- (a) Sunil Bharti Mittal
- (b) Shah Rukh Khan
- (c) Ratan Tata
- (d) Sachin Tendulkar

Sol.80.(b) Shah Rukh Khan. Past recipients of this honour include Charlie Chaplin, Michael Jackson, and Nelson Mandela.

Q.81. Who will receive Russia's highest civilian honor, the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, on July 9, 2024, for outstanding service?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Vladimir Putin
- (c) Ratan Tata
- (d) Shah Rukh Khan

Sol.81.(a) Narendra Modi. The Order of St Andrew the Apostle the First-Called, Russia's highest civilian honor, was initially bestowed upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019.

Q.82. Which state was crowned the best state in horticulture at the Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024?

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Sol.82.(a) Nagaland. The Agriculture Leadership Awards, instituted in 2008, are annual recognitions that celebrate excellence and leadership in agricultural development and rural prosperity. The 2024 awards ceremony took place as part of the 15th Agriculture Leadership Conclave held in New Delhi.

Q.83. Who received the Spice Award 2024, instituted by ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research?

- (a) Sopna Kallingal
- (b) Sudha Murthy
- (c) Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- (d) Falguni Nayar

Sol.83.(a) Sopna Kallingal. The award has been given to her for her initiatives in enterprise diversification and integrated crop management strategies, promoting a sustainable spicebased cropping system.

Q.84. Which bank has won the 'Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Ultimate Champions Cup' by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) in June 2024?

- (a) Punjab National Bank
- (b) Bank of India
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) Indian Bank

Sol.84.(b) Bank of India. Three BOI - sponsored regional rural banks (RRB) were also recognised for their accomplishments in APY enrollment: Nagpur (Maharashtra) - headquartered Vidharbha Konkan Gramin Bank (VKGB), Indore (Madhya Pradesh) - headquartered Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank (MPGB), and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) - headquartered Aryavart Bank (AB).

Q.85. Who received the Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award 2024?

- (a) Krishna Prakash
- (b) Mahadevi Verma
- (c) Gulzar
- (d) Pratibha Ray

Sol.85. (a) Krishna Prakash. He was the head of Mumbai Police's Force One counter-terrorism unit. The award was given out at Mumbai's multicultural Sab Me Ram Shashwat Shri Ram event which was held in June 2024.

Q.86. Who has been chosen for the prestigious Gudleppa Hallikeri Award for 2024?

- (a) Krishna Prakash
- (b) Siddhalinga Pattanashetti
- (c) Veeranna Chekki
- (d) Gudleppa Hallikeri

Sol.86.(b) Siddhalinga Pattanashetti. This is the 19th award and will be presented in the honour of the birth anniversary of Gudleppa Hallikeri on 6 June.

Q.87. Who received the 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman at the Hindi Samvad event organized by the Embassy of India in Nepal in June 2024?

- (a) Dr. Kusum Rawat
- (b) Dr. Usha Thakur
- (c) Krishna Prakash
- (d) Siddhalinga Pattanashetti

Sol.87.(b) Dr. Usha Thakur. This prestigious award recognizes her outstanding contributions to Hindi literature and her efforts in strengthening the bonds between Hindi and Nepali languages.

Q.88. Who won the 2024 Commonwealth Short Story Prize?

- (a) Dr. Usha Thakur
- (b) Sanjana Thakur
- (c) Siddhalinga Pattanashetti
- (d) Krishna Prakash

Sol.88.(b) Sanjana Thakur. The Commonwealth Short Story Prize is an annual award for unpublished short fiction administered and funded by the Commonwealth Foundation.

Q.89. Who won the Best Actress award at the New York Indian Film Festival 2024?

- (a) Alia Bhatt
- (b) Sanya Malhotra
- (c) Deepika Padukone
- (d) Kangana Ranaut

Sol.89.(b) Sanya Malhotra. She has etched her name in glory by winning the Best Actress award for her captivating performance in the film "Mrs" at the New York Indian Film Festival 2024.

Q.90. Who were the recipients of the Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award in June 2024?

- (a) Sanya Malhotra and Sanjana Thakur
- (b) Nar Singh and Rohini Lokhande
- (c) Krishna Prakash and Usha Thakur
- (d) Siddhalinga Pattanashetti and Veeranna Chekki

Sol.90.(b) Nar Singh and Rohini Lokhande. The All India Tennis Association instituted a lifetime achievement award in the name of Dilip Bose in 2002. Dilip Bose was a professional tennis player from India.

Q.91. Who was honored with the Pen Pinter Prize 2024?

- (a) Sanjana Thakur
- (b) Arundhati Roy
- (c) Sanya Malhotra
- (d) Kamlesh Chandra Varshney

Sol.91.(b) Arundhati Roy. The Pen Pinter Prize, established in 2009 by the charity English PEN, stands as a beacon for: Defending freedom of expression, Celebrating impactful literature, Honoring the memory of Nobel-Laureate playwright Harold Pinter.

Q.92. Which company was honored with the "Sustainable Governance Champion Award" at the Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024?

- (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- (b) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd.
- (c) Tata Steel
- (d) Larsen & Toubro

Sol.92.(b) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. It builds and repairs commercial and naval vessels. GRSE was nationalised by the Government of India in 1960.

Q.93. Who won the prestigious EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 award?

- (a) Ratan Tata
- (b) Vellayan Subbiah
- (c) Mukesh Ambani
- (d) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Sol.93.(b) Vellayan Subbiah. He is executive Vice Chairman of Tube Investments of India (TII) and Chairman of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co Ltd.

Q.94. Which organization was awarded the "Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024" by Central Banking?

- (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- (c) Bank of India
- (d) Central bank of India

Sol.94. (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It has been awarded the prestigious "Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024" by Central Banking, a renowned publication headquartered in London.

Q.95. Who was honored with the 18th V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award?

- (a) Rajinikanth
- (b) Subbiah Nallamuthu
- (c) A. R. Rahman
- (d) S. S. Rajamouli

Sol.95.(b) Subbiah Nallamuthu. The award was presented to him by the Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, L. Murugan, at the inaugural ceremony of the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Q.96. Who was honored with the Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award 2024?

- (a) S. S. Rajamouli
- (b) Vinod Ganatra
- (c) Karan Johar
- (d) Priyanka Chopra

Sol.96.(b) Vinod Ganatra. His Gujarati film 'Harun Arun,' made on the India-Pakistan border, received the 'Liv Ullmann Peace Prize' at the 26th Chicago International Children's Film Festival. The award was presented to him at the 7th Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival. Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) was the first black President of South Africa.

Q.97. Who were the recipients of the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2024?

- (a) K Vaishali and Gaurav Pandey
- (b) Gaurav Pandey and Kiran Desai
- (c) K Vaishali and Arundhati Roy
- (d) Chetan Bhagat and Gaurav Pandey

Sol.97.(a) K Vaishali and Gaurav Pandey. The Sahitya Akademi on June 15, announced the names of 23 writers, including English writer K Vaishali and Hindi author Gaurav Pandey, who will receive the prestigious Yuva Puraskar across as many languages.

Q.98. Who won the Grand Prix award at the 77th Cannes Film Festival for the film 'All We Imagine as Light'?

- (a) Anurag Kashyap
- (b) Payal Kapadia
- (c) Rajkumar Hirani
- (d) Zoya Akhtar

Sol.98. (b) Payal Kapadia.

Q.99. Who from Asia recently won the 35th Goldman Environmental Prize (2024), also known as the Green Nobel Prize?

- (a) Teresa Vicente
- (b) Marcel Gomes
- (c) Jadav Payeng
- (d) Alok Shukla

Sol.99.(d) Alok Shukla, convenor of the Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan and a founding member of the Hasdeo Aranya Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, won the 2024 Goldman Environmental Prize from Asia for his remarkable efforts to protect the

forests of Hasdeo Aranya in Chhattisgarh, India.

Q.100. Who has recently (in May' 24) won the 2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Award for Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region?

- (a) Gina Justus
- (b) Meena Mishra
- (c) Gopi Thotakura
- (d) Akshata Krishnamurthy

Sol.100.(a) Gina Justus. He is an Indian-origin teacher Gina Justus in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). India's Meena Mishra, was named the winner of the award from South Asia region. She works as a teacher at Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan International School in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Q.101. Who won the 9th edition of the Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024 for 'The Book Beautiful'?

- (a) Angela Rodel
- (b) Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee
- (c) Salman Rushdie
- (d) Bhavi Mehta

Sol.101.(d) Bhavi Mehta. Bhavi Mehta, a designer, won the 9th edition of the Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024 for her book jacket design for Pradeep Sebastian's "The Book Beautiful." The book was published by Hachette India. The award includes a trophy, certificate, and a cash prize of one lakh rupees.

Q.102. Who was awarded the Whitley Gold Award 2024 by the Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) in London, United Kingdom?

- (a) Ajit Mishra
- (b) Purnima Devi Barman
- (c) Shashi Tharoor
- (d) Kiran Nadar

Sol.102.(b) Purnima Devi Barman. She is a wildlife biologist from Assam. The award recognized her significant conservation efforts to protect the endangered Greater Adjutant Stork, locally known as 'Hargila' in Assamese, and its wetland habitat.

Q.103. Who won the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting?

- (a) Hannah Dreier
- (b) Staff of The New York Times
- (c) ProPublica
- (d) Photography Staff of Reuters

Sol.103.(a) Hannah Dreier for the New York Times. Her investigative reporting

contributed to a significant journalistic achievement.

Q.104. Who won the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service?

- (a) Staff of The New York Times
- (b) ProPublica
- (c) Photography Staff of Reuters
- (d) Staff of the Invisible Institute and USG Audio

Sol.104. (b) ProPublica. The Pulitzer Prize was established by Joseph Pulitzer, a newspaper owner who, in 1904, provided funds for the foundation of the Pulitzer Prize as an incentive for excellence in journalism, arts, and culture.

Q.105. Which book won the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction?

- (a) "King: A Life" by Jonathan Eig
- (b) "Night Watch" by Jayne Anne Phillips
- (c) "Liliana's Invincible Summer: A Sister's Search for Justice" by Cristina Rivera Garza
- (d) "No Right to an Honest Living" by Jacqueline Jones

Sol.105.(b) "Night Watch" by Jayne Anne Phillips. The prestigious Pulitzer Prizes for 2024 were announced on May 7, 2024, by Columbia University in the United States of America.

Q.106. Who won the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Biography?

- (a) Ilyon Woo
- (b) Jonathan Eig
- (c) Jacqueline Jones
- (d) Both (a) and (b) are correct

Sol.106.(d) Both (a) and (b) are correct. The Pulitzer Prize for Biography was awarded to both "King: A Life" by Jonathan Eig and "Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom" by Ilyon Woo.

Q.107. Who won the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Music?

- (a) Adagio
- (b) Nathan Thrall
- (c) Brandon Som
- (d) Ebonson Booth

Sol.107.(a) Adagio (For Wadada Leo Smith), by Tyshawn Sorey.

Q.108. Which photojournalism team won the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Photography?

- (a) Staff of The New York Times
- (b) Photography Staff of Reuters
- (c) Photography Staff of Associated Press
- (d) Staff of the Invisible Institute and

USG Audio

Sol.108.(b) Photography Staff of Reuters. The first Pulitzer Prizes were awarded in 1917, and they continue to recognize outstanding achievements in these fields annually.

Q.109. Who won the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize 2024 (Green Nobel Prize) in April 2024?

- (a) Jadav Payeng
- (b) Teresa Vicente
- (c) Alok Shukla
- (d) Murrawah Maroochy Johnson

Sol.109. (c) Alok Shukla. He, a convenor of the Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan and founding member of the Hasdeo Aranya Bachao Sangharsh Samiti.

Q.110. Who was named as a 2024 Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in April 2024?

- (a) Falguni Nayar
- (b) Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- (c) Adwaita Nayar
- (d) Nita Ambani

Sol.110.(c) Adwaita Nayar. The World Economic Forum's Forum of Young Global Leaders celebrates individuals under the age of 40 who are making a significant impact in their respective fields. Falguni Nayar was the founder of Nykaa.

Q.111. Name the company that recently (in April 2024) received the Achievement Award for Creating Social Development and Impact at the 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards (2024).

- (a) NTPC Limited
- (b) NMDC Limited
- (c) SJVN Limited
- (d) NHPC Limited

Sol.111.(c) SJVN Limited. It is a hydroelectric power generation company. SJVN also received the CIDC Partners in Progress Trophy 2024.

Q.112. Who has recently (in April '24) won the WOW World Literary Prize from the World Organization of Writers (WOW)?

- (a) Nilanjana Sudeshna
- (b) Arundathi Roy
- (c) Sudha Murthy
- (d) Mamta G. Sagar

Sol.112.(d) Mamta G. Sagar. The award ceremony was held as part of the VII World Literary Festival "WOW-LIFFT-2024" held in Nigeria, Abuja.

Q.113. Which of the following space agencies has recently (in April '24)

received the 2024 John L "Jack" Swigert Jr. award for Space Exploration?

- (a) ROSCOSMOS
- (b) European Space Agency
- (c) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
- (d) Indian Space Research Organisation

Sol.113.(d) Indian Space Research Organisation. Chandrayaan-3 mission team of Indian space agency, ISRO has received the 2024 John L "Jack" Swigert Jr. award for Space Exploration. Teams of NASA's Mars Ingenuity Helicopter and Insight-Mars Cube One, NASA Dawn and Cassini were also honoured with the award.

Q.114. Who has recently (in April' 24) won the Sagar Samman Varun Award by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)?

- (a) Anil Choudhary
- (b) Dharendra Kumar Sanyal
- (c) Indra Nath Bose
- (d) Kamal Kant Choudhary

Sol.114.(b) Dharendra Kumar Sanyal. Captain Kamal Kant Choudhary won the Sagar Samman Award for Excellence for consistently excellent contributions to the maritime sector.

Q.115. Name the Indian-American actress who has been recently (in April 2024) awarded with 'South Asian Person of the Year' by the South Asian Association (SAA).

- (a) Melanie Chandra
- (b) Pooja Kumar Bhattacharya
- (c) Padma Lakshmi
- (d) Avantika Vandanapu

Sol.115.(d) Avantika Vandanapu. She also made her debut in Indian OTT(Over-the-top) series 'Big Girls Don't Cry' (2024).

Q.116. Who has been recently (in April '24) conferred with the Aryabhata Award by the Astronautical Society of India (ASI)?

- (a) Somanath
- (b) Pavuluri Subba Rao
- (c) K. Sivan
- (d) A. S. Kiran Kumar

Sol.116.(b) Pavuluri Subba Rao, former ISRO scientist and Founder and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Ananth Technologies Limited(ATL) has been conferred the prestigious Aryabhata Award by the Astronautical Society of India (ASI). He was also presented with the "Distinguished Fellow" title by ASI.

Q.117. Who has been recently (in April' 24) awarded the Kalinga Institute of

Social Sciences (KISS) Humanitarian Award for 2021?

- (a) Rachel Ruto
- (b) Bill Gates
- (c) Ratan Tata
- (d) Gianni Infantino

Sol.117.(c) Ratan Tata. The 2022 award was presented to Rachel Ruto, the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya and the 2023 award was presented to Bill Gates, Former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Microsoft.

Q.118. What is the name of the AI-powered news anchor that achieved success at the International News Media Association (INMA) Global Media Awards in London?

- (a) Sia
- (b) Sana
- (c) Anya
- (d) Mira

Sol.118.(b) Sana. She, the AI-powered news anchor developed by the India Today Group.

Q.119. Who won an award at the World Press Photo 2024 for an outstanding photograph?

- (a) Mohammed Salem
- (b) Hannah Dreier
- (c) Subbiah Nallamuthu
- (d) Sudarsan Pattnaik

Sol.119.(a) Mohammed Salem. He is a Palestinian photographer who works for the news agency Reuters. Salem won for his extremely powerful photograph taken in Gaza on October 17, 2023. The photo shows a Palestinian woman named Inas Abu Maamar, 36 years old, holding the dead body of her 5-year-old niece Saly.

Q.120. Who has been recently (in March '24) named for the Pritzker Architecture Prize 2024?

- (a) Jean-Philippe Vassal (Russia)
- (b) Anne Lacaton (France)
- (c) Riken Yamamoto (Japan)
- (d) David Chipperfield (United Kingdom)

Sol.120. (c) Riken Yamamoto (Japan). He is the 53rd laureate of the Pritzker Architecture Prize and the 9th Japanese architect to win the prize.

Q.121. Who has been recently (in March '24) awarded with the Erasmus Prize 2024 by the Netherlands' Praemium Erasmianum Foundation?

- (a) Jhumpa Lahiri
- (b) Amitav Ghosh
- (c) Arundhati Roy
- (d) Ruskin Bond

Sol.121.(b) Amitav Ghosh. He was the first English-language writer to be honoured with the Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary award, in 2018. He also got Padma Shri in 2007 in the field of 'literature and education'.

Q.122. Who has recently (in March '24) won the Miss World 2024 title at the 71st Miss World Pageant?

- (a) Megan Young (Philippines)
- (b) Mireia Lalaguna (Spain)
- (c) Karolina Bielawska (Poland)
- (d) Krystyna Pyszkova (Czech Republic)

Sol.122.(d) Krystyna Pyszkova (Czech Republic). The 71st Miss World Pageant held in the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Yasmina Zaytoun of Lebanon secured the 1st runner up position. She is the second Miss World from the Czech Republic after Tatana Kucharova, Miss World 2006.

Q.123. Who has been selected for the Sangita Kalanidhi award 2024 by The Music Academy in March 2024?

- (a) Vinod Kumar Dwivedi
- (b) Kalapini Komkali
- (c) Thodur Madabusi Krishna
- (d) Prabhakar Karekar

Sol.123.(c) Thodur Madabusi Krishna. He is a renowned Carnatic vocalist & Ramon Magsaysay Award (2016) recipient. He has also authored several books like The Spirit of Enquiry (2021), 'Sebastian and Sons: A Brief History of Mridangam Makers(2020), and 'A Southern Music: The Karnatic Story(2016).

Q.124. Name the personality who was recently (in March '24) awarded with Abel Prize 2024 for Mathematics.

- (a) Michel Pierre Talagrand
- (b) Luis Caffarelli
- (c) Dennis Sullivan
- (d) Avi Wigderson

Sol.124.(a) Michel Pierre Talagrand. He is the 27th recipient of the Abel Prize, also known as the Nobel Prize for Mathematics, and he is the 5th Frenchman to receive the award.

Q.125. Name the Company that has recently (in March' 24) received "Airline of the Year" at the 2024 Air Transport Awards held at Ekali, Greece.

- (a) Akasa Air
- (b) SpiceJet
- (c) IndiGo
- (d) Air India Express

Sol.125.(c) IndiGo. It became the first Indian airline to carry 100 million passengers in a single calendar year (2023). It was also the first Indian airline to fly 2,000 flights in a single day.

Q.126. Who won the Best Actor award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024?

- (a) Salman Khan
- (b) Shah Rukh Khan
- (c) Vicky Kaushal
- (d) Ayushmann Khurrana

Sol.126. (b) Shah Rukh Khan. He was honored with this award for his performance in Jawan.

Q.127. Which film won the Best Film award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024?

- (a) Pathaan
- (b) Animal
- (c) Jawan
- (d) The Kerala Story

Sol.127.(c) Jawan.

Q.128. Who was awarded Best Actress for their performance in Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024?

- (a) Kareena Kapoor
- (b) Rani Mukerji
- (c) Adah Sharma
- (d) Nayanthara

Sol.128.(b) Rani Mukerji. Rani Mukerji's first film of 2001, Chori Chori Chupke Chupke.

Q.129. Who won the Best Director (Critics) award for the movie Jawan at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024?

- (a) Sandeep Reddy Vanga
- (b) Atlee
- (c) Christopher Nolan
- (d) Gnweana Shekar

Sol.129.(b) Atlee. Arun Kumar, known professionally as Atlee, is an Indian film director, screenwriter and film producer best known for his work in Tamil cinema and Hindi Cinema.

Q.130. Who received the Best Actor (Critics) award for their role in Sam Bahadur at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024?

- (a) Anil Kapoor
- (b) Vicky Kaushal
- (c) Shah Rukh Khan
- (d) Bobby Deol

Sol.130.(b) Vicky Kaushal. He has appeared in Forbes India's Celebrity 100 list of 2019. He received the Best Actor at the 66th National Film Awards for Uri: The Surgical Strike

Q.131. Which international feature film was awarded Best International Feature Film at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024?

- (a) Barbie
- (b) Oppenheimer

- (c) Dune: Part Two
- (d) Everything Everywhere All at Once

Sol.131. (b) Oppenheimer. It is a 2023 epic biographical drama film written, produced, and directed by Christopher Nolan. It follows the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer.

Q.132. What was the Best Short Film recognized at the awards at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024?

- (a) The Elephant Whisperers
- (b) Good Morning
- (c) The Red Balloon
- (d) Pather Panchali

Sol.132. (b) Good Morning. Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award instituted in 1969 when presented to Devika Rani.

Q.133. Who received the 'Jeevan Raksha Padak' on Republic Day 2024?

- (a) Sh. Rajesh Kumar
- (b) Sh. Shashikant Kumar
- (c) Sh. Vijay Sharma
- (d) Sh. Ajay Verma

Sol.133. (b) Sh. Shashikant Kumar. He is a constable of the Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF). The Jeevan Raksha Padak awards, stemming from the Ashoka Chakra series of Gallantry awards, were established in 1961.

Q.134. Who were the recipients of the 58th Jnanpith Award in 2024?

- (a) Chetan Bhagat and Amish Tripathi
- (b) Gulzar and Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
- (c) Ruskin Bond and Vikram Seth
- (d) Shashi Tharoor and Arundhati Roy

Sol.134.(b) Gulzar and Jagadguru Rambhadracharya.

Q.135. Which former Prime Minister of India was conferred the Bharat Ratna in 2024?

- (a) PV Narsimha Rao
- (b) Karpooi Thakur
- (c) Lal Krishna Advani
- (d) Chaudhary Charan Singh

Sol.135. (a) PV Narsimha Rao. He was the ninth Prime Minister of India, serving from the years 1991-1996. Chaudhary Charan Singh and Lal Krishna Advani were also awarded Bharat Ratna Award in 2024.

Q.136. Who won the Best Director award at the Filmfare Awards 2024?

- (a) Atlee
- (b) Sandeep Reddy Vanga
- (c) Vidhu Vinod Chopra
- (d) Sandeep Singh

Sol.136.(c) Vidhu Vinod Chopra for 12th Fail is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language biographical drama film .Best Debut Director - Tarun Dubeja (Dhak Dhak).

Q.137. Who won the Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male) award at the Filmfare Awards 2024?

- (a) Shah Rukh Khan
- (b) Ranbir Kapoor
- (c) Vicky Kaushal
- (d) Hrithik Roshan

Sol.137.(b) Ranbir Kapoor (Animal). Some other awards: Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) award at the Filmfare Awards 2024 - Alia Bhatt. Best Debut Male - Aditya Rawal (Faraaz). Best Debut Female - Alizeh Agnihotri (Farrey). Lifetime Achievement Award - David Dhawan.

Q.138. In January 2024, President of India Droupadi Murmu Conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024 award to _____ Children.

- (a) 16
- (b) 19
- (c) 10
- (d) 12

Sol.138.(b) 19. The 2024 awardees include 9 boys and 10 girls. The award is annually presented to children aged 5-18 from India for their exceptional abilities and outstanding achievements in 7 fields - Bravery; Sports; Social Service; Science & Technology; Environment; Arts & Culture; and Innovation. In December 2024, President Droupadi Murmu conferred the prestigious Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 17 children.

Q.139. Which of the following footballers have recently (in Jan '24) received the Best FIFA Men's Player 2023 Award and Best FIFA Women's Player 2023 Award respectively?

- (a) Cristiano Ronaldo and Aitana Bonmati
- (b) Luis Suárez and Jenni Hermoso
- (c) Lionel Messi and Alexia Putellas
- (d) Lionel Messi and Aitana Bonmati

Sol.139.(d) Lionel Messi and Aitana Bonmati. The Best FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) Football Awards ceremony 2023 was held in London (United Kingdom) on 15th January 2024.

National Affairs

Q.1. Which edition of the Eaglenest Bird Festival had its new logo unveiled by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu in December 2024 ?

- (a) 2nd (b) 3rd (c) 4th (d) 5th

Sol.1.(c) 4th. The Eaglenest Bird Festival is scheduled to be held from 17th to 19th January 2025 at Khellong and Thongre villages in West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh.

Q.2. Where has India's first diabetes biobank been launched in December 2024?

- (a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi
(c) Chennai (d) Bengaluru

Sol.2.(c) Chennai. It is a collaboration between the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF). The facility aims to collect, process, and store biological samples for research on diabetes causes, variations, and related disorders.

Q.3. Where was the 22nd Divya Kala Mela, an embodiment of the 'Vocal for Local' movement, organized in December 2024?

- (a) India Gate, New Delhi
(b) Red Fort, New Delhi
(c) Connaught Place, New Delhi
(d) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi

Sol.3.(a) India Gate, New Delhi. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (DEPWD), under the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, through the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC), organized the Divya Kala Mela from 12th December to 22nd December 2024.

Q.4. Which state has in December 2024 launched the state-level "Nikshay Niramay Abhiyan," a 100-day health campaign?

- (a) Telangana (b) Chhattisgarh
(c) Jharkhand (d) Madhya Pradesh

Sol.4.(b) Chhattisgarh. The initiative aims to eradicate diseases like leprosy, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria in the state and will run for 100 days until March 24, 2025.

Q.5. Which newly notified Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh became the 57th Tiger Reserve of India in December 2024?

- (a) Panna Tiger Reserve
(b) Ratapani Tiger Reserve
(c) Nauradehi Tiger Reserve
(d) Satpura Tiger Reserve

Sol.5.(b) Ratapani Tiger Reserve has a core area of 763.8 sq km, a buffer area of 507.6 sq km, and a total area of 1,271.4 sq km. It is the 8th tiger reserve of Madhya Pradesh.

Q.6. Which state has been recognized by UNESCO as a leading destination for heritage tourism?

- (a) Kerala (b) West Bengal
(c) Gujarat (d) Tamil Nadu

Sol.6.(b) West Bengal. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recognized West Bengal as a leading destination for heritage tourism, highlighting the state's progress in developing religious, heritage, and tea tourism.

Q.7. Which Indian Institute of Technology has completed India's first 410 meters Hyperloop test track in December 2024?

- (a) IIT Madras (b) IIT Delhi
(c) IIT Kanpur (d) IIT Bombay

Sol.7.(a) IIT Madras. The announcement was made by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Railways (MoR). The test track was developed through a collaborative effort involving the Indian Railways, IIT Madras' Avishkar Hyperloop team and the TuTr incubated startup at IIT Madras.

Q.8. Where was the GSI Geoscience Museum, inaugurated by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar in December 2024, located?

- (a) Gwalior (b) Bhopal
(c) Indore (d) Jabalpur

Sol.8.(a) Gwalior. The state-of-the-art Geological Survey of India (GSI) Geoscience Museum at the Victoria Market Building in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

Q.9. Who launched Kisan Kavach, India's first indigenous anti-pesticide bodysuit, in December 2024?

- (a) Dr. Jitendra Singh
(b) Dr. Harsh Vardhan
(c) Piyush Goyal
(d) Amit Shah

Sol.9.(a) Dr. Jitendra Singh. This is India's first anti-pesticide bodysuit, designed to protect farmers from the

harmful effects of pesticide exposure. It was developed by BRIC-inStem in Bangalore, in collaboration with Sepio Health Pvt. Ltd.

Q.10. Who inaugurated India's first bio-bitumen-based National Highway in December 2024?

- (a) Nitin Gadkari (b) Amit Shah
(c) Piyush Goyal (d) Narendra Modi

Sol.10.(a) Nitin Gadkari. It was inaugurated on NH-44 in Mansar, Nagpur. This milestone, using lignin-based bio-bitumen technology developed by Praj Industries with CSIR - Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), and Oriental, marks a significant advancement in roads.

Q.11. The 10th International Forest Fair took place in _____, Madhya Pradesh.

- (a) Indore (b) Gwalior
(c) Jabalpur (d) Bhopal

Sol.11.(d) Bhopal. This festival started on December 17, 2024, and concluded on December 23. The fair aims to promote sustainable forest practices, empower local communities, and encourage collaboration among stakeholders in the forestry sector.

Q.12. Who became the youngest female in the world to conquer the Seven Summits in December 2024?

- (a) Kaamya Karthikeyan
(b) Malavath Poorna
(c) Bachendri Pal
(d) Arunima Sinha

Sol.12.(a) Kaamya Karthikeyan, a 17-year-old student from Navy Children School in Mumbai, has made history by becoming the youngest female in the world to conquer the Seven Summits, scaling the highest peaks on each continent. Her remarkable achievement was completed on December 24, 2024.

Q.13. Which state has been declared as the partner state for the Hornbill Festival 2024?

- (a) Sikkim (b) Assam
(c) Mizoram (d) Manipur

Sol.13.(a) Sikkim. The Hornbill Festival is an annual cultural event in Nagaland, named after the Indian hornbill bird featured in tribal folklore.

Q.14. Ganges River Dolphin tagging has been conducted in which state for the first time?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Assam
(c) Mizoram (d) West Bengal

Sol.14.(b) Assam. This is the first tagging, not only in India, but also for the species, and this milestone is a significant advancement of Project Dolphin. This initiative, conducted under the auspices of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), was implemented by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in collaboration with the Assam Forest Department and Aaranyak, with funding from the National CAMPA Authority.

Q.15. What is the theme of India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2024?

- (a) Inclusive Internet for Digital India
(b) Calibrating Bharat's Digital Agenda
(c) Innovating Internet Governance for India
(d) Leveraging Techade for Empowering Bharat

Sol.15.(c) Innovating Internet Governance for India. The India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2024 was held on December 9-10 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, supported by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI), this initiative by India's multi-stakeholder community aims to explore critical aspects of Internet governance, foster meaningful dialogue, and highlight India's leadership in the global digital landscape.

Q.16. Which city has been chosen as the site for India's first Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC)?

- (a) Varanasi (b) Hyderabad
(c) Chennai (d) Bhopal

Sol.16.(b) Hyderabad. The GSEC in Hyderabad would be the first of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region after Tokyo and only the fifth in the world, with similar facilities in Dublin, Munich, and Malaga.

Q.17. Which company builds India's first green hydrogen fueling station in Leh, Ladakh?

- (a) Exide Industries Limited
(b) Goldstar Power Limited
(c) GAIL India Limited
(d) Amara Raja Infra Private Limited

Sol.17.(d) Amara Raja Infra Private Limited. The station was developed by Hyderabad (Telangana) based Amara

Raja Infra Private Limited for NTPC Limited (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation). The project aims to provide emission-free transport in the Leh region, placing India among the global leaders in green mobility.

Q.18. Which state declared the Sadar Sammelan as their state festival in November 2024?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Maharashtra
(c) Haryana (d) Telangana (e) Assam

Sol.18.(d) Telangana. The order was issued by Chief Secretary of Telangana Santhi Kumari. The Sadar Sammelan, celebrated two days after Diwali, is a vibrant event primarily organized by the Yadav community.

Q.19. Which country was elected as the "Country of Focus" for the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI 2024) to be held in Panaji, Goa?

- (a) China (b) Australia
(c) Canada (d) Russia

Sol.19.(b) Australia. The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting announced Australia as the "Country of Focus" for IFFI 2024, scheduled to take place in Panaji, Goa, from 20th to 28th November 2024. The "Country of Focus" is one of the key features of IFFI, offering a dedicated showcase of the nation's best contemporary films.

Q.20. Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E) inaugurated the 'Shilp Samagam Mela 2024' at which location?

- (a) Dilli Haat, New Delhi
(b) India Gate, New Delhi
(c) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
(d) Connaught Place, New Delhi

Sol.20.(a) Dilli Haat, New Delhi. The fair was organised from 5th -15th November 2024. The mela was organised by the Corporations under the MoSJ&E- National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

Q.21. In which state was the first-ever Integrated Check Post (ICP) launched on the India-Bhutan border in November 2024?

- (a) Assam (b) Sikkim
(c) Meghalaya (d) West Bengal

Sol.21.(a) Assam. Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Governor of Assam, inaugurated the first-ever Integrated Check Post along the India-Bhutan border at Darranga village in Assam. The facility was developed by the Land Ports Authority of India.

Q.22. Which state became the first Indian state to implement a dedicated semiconductor policy in November 2024?

- (a) Assam (b) Gujarat
(c) Rajasthan (d) Haryana

Sol.22.(b) Gujarat. Bhupendra Patel, the Chief Minister of Gujarat, launched the 'Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-2027.' Gujarat has also established the 'Gujarat State Electronics Mission' to ensure the effective implementation of this policy.

Q.23. Which festival series, launched by the Ministry of Culture in November 2024, aims to celebrate and preserve India's traditional arts?

- (a) Ratha Yatra (b) Amrit Parampara
(c) Kala Jyoti (d) Sanskriti Samvardhan

Sol.23.(b) Amrit Parampara was held from 2nd to 5th November 2024 at Kartavya Path and the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) campus at Dwarka, Gujarat. It was jointly organised by the Sangeet Natak Akademi, the Kalakshetra Foundation and the CCRT.

Q.24. Which ministry approved the establishment of the 1st all-women battalion of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in November 2024?

- (a) Ministry of Defence
(b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
(c) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(d) Ministry of Home Affairs

Sol.24.(d) Ministry of Home Affairs. The addition of a 'Mahila Battalion' would encourage more aspiring young women across the country to join the force and serve India. The establishment of the all-women battalion will encourage more aspiring young women to join CISF.

Q.25. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 1st Bodoland Mohotsav on 15th November at which venue?

- (a) SAI Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi
(b) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
(c) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
(d) Rajpath, New Delhi

Sol.25.(a) SAI Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi. The two-day event was held from 15th to 16th November 2024. The theme for the Mohotsav is 'Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat'. It aims to integrate the indigenous Bodo people residing not only in Bodoland but also in other parts of Assam, West Bengal, Nepal, and other international border areas of the North East.

Q.26. Which of the following National Parks was notified as the 56th tiger reserve of India in November 2024?

- (a) Gir National Park, Gujarat
- (b) Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary, Rajasthan
- (c) Orang National Park, Assam
- (d) Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla, Chhattisgarh

Sol.26.(d) Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla, Chhattisgarh. The tiger reserve, encompassing a total area of 2829.38 square kilometers, includes a core/critical tiger habitat of 2049.2 square kilometers, comprising the Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary, and has a buffer of 780.15 square kilometers. This makes it the third largest tiger reserve in the country after Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh and Manas Tiger Reserve in Assam.

Q.27. Which of the following railway stations in Bihar is set to be renamed after Ajgaibinath Dham?

- (a) Sultanganj Railway Station
- (b) Patna Junction Railway Station
- (c) Rajendra Nagar Railway Station
- (d) Muzaffarpur Junction Railway Station

Sol.27.(a) Sultanganj Railway Station. Samrat Choudhary, Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, announced that Sultanganj Railway Station in Bhagalpur district, Bihar, is set to be renamed after the Hindu shrine Ajgaibinath Dham, an ancient temple of lord Shiva located in Sultanganj on the banks of river Ganga.

Q.28. Where was India's first self-sufficient Gaushala with a state-of-the-art CBG plant inaugurated?

- (a) Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Sol.28.(a) Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. On October 2, 2024, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated

Gwalior's new 100 TPD cattle dung-based Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) plant, exemplifying his vision of a 'Waste to Wealth' initiative.

Q.29. Which village in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district has been listed by the UN as a tourism destination?

- (a) Dhudmaras
- (b) Jagdalpur
- (c) Raipur
- (d) Kanker

Sol.29.(a) Dhudmaras was selected from over 260 applications worldwide for the Best Tourism Village Upgrade programme. The village is situated within Kanger Valley National Park, surrounded by dense forests and the Kanger River, making it a prime eco-tourism destination. The village is known for its rich culture, traditional lifestyle, local cuisine, and vibrant biodiversity.

Q.30. Where was the First Asian Buddhist Summit (ABS) held?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Bengaluru

Sol.30.(c) New Delhi. The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), organized the First Asian Buddhist Summit (ABS) on 5th-6th November 2024 in New Delhi. The theme of the summit was 'Role of Buddha Dhamma in Strengthening Asia'.

Q.31. The Ningol Chakkouba festival has been celebrated in which state?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Assam
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Mizoram

Sol.31.(a) Manipur. Ningol Chakkouba festival traditionally held on the second lunar day of Hiyangei month, its origins trace back to King Nongda Lairen Pakhangba's rule. "Ningol" means "married woman," and "Chakouba" means "feast invitation," where married daughters are invited by their parents for a family feast.

Q.32. Which Zoological Park will become the first zoo in India to receive certification from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)?

- (a) Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park, Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Nandankanan Zoological Park, Odisha
- (c) Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park, Maharashtra
- (d) Nehru Zoological Park, Telangana

Sol.32.(a) Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park, Himachal Pradesh. This

certification underscores a commitment to sustainable infrastructure and eco-friendly practices, establishing a new standard for conservation and environmental responsibility nationwide. The initiative aligns with the government's vision to develop Kangra as a model for eco-tourism, further solidifying its reputation as the "Tourism Capital" of Himachal Pradesh.

Q.33. Which state government presented the Budget for the Financial Year 2024-25 (FY25) at Rs 2.94 lakh crore in November 2024?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Sol.33.(d) Andhra Pradesh. Payyavula Kesav, Andhra Pradesh's Finance Minister, presented his 1st budget in the Assembly in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.

Q.34. Ganga Utsav 2024 was held on November 4 at which location?

- (a) Chandi Ghat, Haridwar
- (b) Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

Sol.34.(a) Chandi Ghat, Haridwar. The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) commemorates this event every year to mark the anniversary of declaring the Ganga River as the 'National River.' The primary aim of this festival is to promote the conservation of the Ganga River, highlight its cultural and spiritual significance, and raise public awareness about cleanliness.

Q.35. Which state became the first to get NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) chapter in October 2024?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Rajasthan

Sol.35.(b) Telangana. The 'WEP Telangana Chapter' was launched by BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog, in the presence of State Information and Technology (IT) and Industries Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, and co-chair of WEP, Sangeetha Reddy, in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Q.36. Which state became the first in India to implement a new administrative structure called 'Co-Districts' in October 2024?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Assam

Sol.36.(d) Assam has become the first state to operationalize Co-Districts, a

pioneering initiative to decentralize district administration and bring governance to the grassroots. Co-Districts are targeted administrative units within a district. Twenty-one such Co-Districts were launched across Assam with the aim of bringing governance and administrative services closer to citizens' homes.

Q.37. Which country was officially declared free from trachoma, a contagious bacterial infection, by the World Health Organization (WHO) in October 2024?

(a) Jordan (b) Nigeria (c) India (d) Brazil

Sol.37.(c) India. Trachoma is a devastating eye disease caused by infection with the bacterium *Chlamydia trachomatis*. It can be transmitted through several routes, including close physical contact (such as playing together or sharing a bed, especially among mothers and affected children), sharing towels, handkerchiefs, pillows, and other personal items, houseflies, which can carry the infection, and coughing and sneezing.

Q.38. In which city did Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurates India's 1st Demonstration Facility for Biopolymers in October 2024 ?

(a) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
(b) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(c) Pune, Maharashtra
(d) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Sol.38.(c) Pune, Maharashtra. This 'First-of-its-kind Demonstration Facility for Biopolymers in India' is a pioneering effort in developing indigenously integrated technology for the production of Polylactic Acid (PLA) bioplastic.

Q.39. Which first Memorial Park was inaugurated by the Indian Army in October 2024 in Pune, Maharashtra, to honour Military Intelligence (MI) personnel who lost their lives in service?

(a) Saraighat War Memorial Park
(b) Kargil Memorial Park
(c) Khalubar War Memorial
(d) Satark Park

Sol.39.(d) Satark Park. The memorial is inspired by MI's motto "Sada Satark" (always alert). The memorial has been constructed, maintained and operated by the (MINTSD) with support from Pune based Roadway Solutions India Infra Limited (RSIIL). Satark Park pays tribute to 40 Military Intelligence martyrs who have laid their lives in different

operations since 1962, primarily in Jammu and Kashmir and the North Eastern borders.

Q.40. Where was India's first 'Writer's Village' inaugurated?

(a) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
(b) Jaipur, Rajasthan
(c) Pune, Maharashtra
(d) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Sol.40.(a) Dehradun, Uttarakhand. It was jointly inaugurated by former President Ram Nath Kovind, Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmeet Singh (retd) and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.

Q.41. Where was the Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi?

(a) New Delhi
(b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
(c) Bengaluru, Karnataka
(d) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Sol.41.(b) Mumbai, Maharashtra. It is built on a sprawling 4-acre campus within the National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) in Chunabhatti, Mumbai. IIS is designed to cultivate an industry-ready workforce equipped with cutting-edge technology and hands-on training. IIS Mumbai will offer specialized training in key sectors such as factory automation, digital manufacturing, mechatronics, artificial intelligence, data analytics, and additive manufacturing.

Q.42. Where did India officially launch its 'Study in India' campaign to attract international students?

(a) Dubai (b) Sharjah
(c) Abu Dhabi (d) Riyadh

Sol.42.(b) Sharjah (United Arab Emirates). It was organized by EdCIL under the Ministry of Education, the initiative showcases over 590 universities and offers benefits like fee waivers and scholarships.

Q.43. Kaksar Bridge has been renamed in honor of which Kargil War hero?

(a) Capt. Vikram Batra
(b) Capt. Amit Bhardwaj
(c) Lt. Gen. Shankar Prasad
(d) Capt. Manoj Pandey

Sol.43.(b) Capt. Amit Bhardwaj. To his sacrifice during the Kargil War, this bridge has been renamed as Capt. Amit Bhardwaj Setu. The renaming ceremony was attended by CEC Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoun and Major General K. Mahesh.

Q.44. The MACE Observatory has been inaugurated in which state/UT in October 2024?

(a) Ladakh (b) Uttarakhand
(c) Lakshadweep (d) Goa

Sol.44.(a) Ladakh. Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary Department Of Atomic Energy & Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, inaugurated the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory at Hanle, Ladakh, on 4th October 2024. MACE is the largest imaging Cherenkov telescope in Asia.

Q.45. Which state celebrated the Lamlai Festival in October 2024?

(a) Manipur (b) Odisha
(c) Sikkim (d) Mizoram

Sol.45.(a) Manipur. The Maring community in Tengnoupal district, Manipur, celebrated the annual Lamlai pre-harvest festival. The festival commenced with the traditional Khousab (war dance) procession through the village.

Q.46. In which city did the Ministry of Steel (MoS) recently host the event titled "Greening Steel: Pathway to Sustainability" in September 2024?

(a) Bhilai, Chhattisgarh
(b) Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
(c) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(d) New Delhi, Delhi

Sol.46.(d) New Delhi, Delhi. On 10th September 2024, the Ministry of Steel (MoS) successfully hosted the event at C.D. Deshmukh Hall, India International Centre, New Delhi, Delhi.

Q.47. Which state is set to build India's first silicon carbide manufacturing facility?

(a) Odisha (b) Goa
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Madhya Pradesh

Sol.47.(a) Odisha. The event was graced by the Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. The opening of this state-of-the-art facility with a total investment of approx. Rs 620 crore over three years marks a significant step for Odisha's entry into the power electronics industry.

Q.48. Which state has decided to celebrate Praja Palana Day on September 17?

(a) Kerala (b) Karnataka
(c) Assam (d) Telangana

Sol.48.(d) Telangana State government has decided to celebrate September 17th of every year as Telangana Praja Palana Day (the Day of People's Governance). September 17 marks the day when Hyderabad merged with the Indian Union in 1948, following a police action under Operation Polo.

Q.49. Which state's Election Commission led the country's first-ever paperless voting process during its panchayat by-election in September 2024?

- (a) Chhattisgarh (b) Rajasthan
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Madhya Pradesh

Sol.49.(d) Madhya Pradesh. It was implemented as a pilot project during a Panchayat by-election in Ratua Ratanpur village, Berasia tehsil in Bhopal (MP) for the post of Sarpanch and recorded 84% turnout. The process aims to computerise the manual parts of the voting process that were previously done on paper.

Q.50. Who has become the first woman fighter pilot to join the Indian Air Force's (IAF) 18 Flying Bullets squadron in September 2024?

- (a) Subhasri Sriram (b) Rekha Sharma
(c) Anjali Gupta (d) Mohana Singh

Sol.50.(d) Mohana Singh became the first woman fighter pilot to join the elite 18 'Flying Bullets' squadron, operating India's indigenously developed 'Made in India' LCA Tejas fighter jets.

Q.51. What is the name of the supercomputer launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September 2024?

- (a) PARAM Siddhi (b) PARAM Shivay
(c) PARAM Rudra (d) PARAM Utkarsh

Sol.51.(c) PARAM Rudra. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated three PARAM Rudra supercomputers, worth around Rs 130 crore, to the nation via video conferencing. Developed indigenously under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), these supercomputers have been deployed in Pune, Delhi, and Kolkata to facilitate pioneering scientific research.

Q.52. What is the new name of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands' capital, Port Blair, as announced in September 2024?

- (a) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Dweep
(b) Sri Vijaya Puram
(c) Bharatpur
(d) Swaraj Dweep

Sol.52.(b) Sri Vijaya Puram represents India's victory in the freedom struggle, and also the Andaman and Nicobar Islands' unique role in it.

Q.53. Which organisation approved the National Test House (NTH) at Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) as a Certification Body for Type certification of drones in September 2024?

- (a) Quality Council of India
(b) Bureau of Indian Standards
(c) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India
(d) National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies

Sol.53.(a) Quality Council of India. The National Test House, North Region, in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, has been provisionally approved by the Quality Council of India (QCI) as a certification body for the type certification of drones or Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) under the Certification Scheme for UAS. This makes the National Test House the first government body in India to certify drones.

Q.54. Which state secured the top position in the 2024 State Food Safety Index (SFSI) for the second consecutive year?

- (a) Gujarat (b) Tamil Nadu
(c) Kerala (d) Punjab

Sol.54.(c) Kerala. Following Kerala, Tamil Nadu ranked second, and Jammu and Kashmir ranked third. Gujarat, which had held the top position in 2021, slipped to fourth place this year.

Q.55. The second edition of UP International Trade Show (UPITS) was inaugurated in which region of Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) Greater Noida (b) Varanasi
(c) Lucknow (d) Saharanpur

Sol.55.(a) Greater Noida. It was held from 25 to 29 September, 2024 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Knowledge Park 2, Greater Noida.

Q.56. Droupadi Murmu, the President of India, has sanctioned which Law Commission of India (LCI) for a three-year tenure from September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2027?

- (a) 20th (b) 21st (c) 22nd (d) 23rd

Sol.56.(d) 23rd. The 23rd Law Commission will have a full-time Chairperson, four full-time Members

(including a Member-Secretary), a Secretary, the Department of Legal Affairs as an ex officio Member, the Secretary of the Legislative Department as an ex officio Member, and a maximum of five part-time Members.

Q.57. Which state's transport corporation has launched India's first National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) for cashless travel across India in September 2024?

- (a) Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)
(b) Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)
(c) Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC)
(d) Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC)

Sol.57.(c) Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC). The HRTC NCMC card, developed in collaboration with the State Bank of India (SBI), is a contactless, dual-interface, Europay, Mastercard, and Visa (EMV)-chip-based prepaid card.

Q.58. Which State/Union Territory celebrates the Zanskar Festival in September 2024?

- (a) Puducherry (b) Chandigarh
(c) Chhattisgarh (d) Ladakh

Sol.58.(d) Ladakh. The 9th Ladakh Zanskar Festival 2024, a two-day mega festival dedicated to honoring the Zanskar region's rich heritage and traditions, was organized by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, the Department of Tourism and Culture, Ladakh, and the District Administration of Kargil, Ladakh on 13th and 14th September 2024.

Q.59. Who unveiled the commemorative coin to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the Central Silk Board (CSB) in September 2024?

- (a) Narendra Modi (b) Giriraj Singh
(c) Eknath Shinde (d) Amit Shah

Sol.59.(b) Giriraj Singh. The Central Silk Board has proudly marked 75 years of dedicated service to advancing India's silk industry. Four new technologies, namely Nirmool, Seri-win, Mr. Pro, and a trapping machine, were unveiled during the event. The official website of the Silk Mark Organization of India (SMOI) was also launched during the event.

Q.60. Which of the following wetlands were designated as Ramsar Sites in August 2024?

- A) Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary
 B) Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary
 C) Tawa Reservoir
 (a) Only A & B (b) Only A & C
 (c) Only B & C (d) All A, B & C

Sol.60.(d) All A, B & C. Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary and Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary are located in Tamil Nadu, while Tawa Reservoir is located in Madhya Pradesh. With these additions, the number of Ramsar sites in India reached 85 (as of 14th August 2024). Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Ramsar sites (18), followed by Uttar Pradesh (10).

Q.61. The Government of India (GoI) declared Adichunchanagiri in which state as a Peacock Sanctuary in August 2024?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Maharashtra
 (c) Uttarakhand (d) Karnataka

Sol.61.(d) Karnataka. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), announced that the central government has declared the Choolannur in Kerala and Adichunchanagiri in Karnataka as Peacock Sanctuaries.

Q.62. Which state launched India's first round-the-clock grain ATM, 'Annapurti,' in partnership with the United Nations (UN) World Food Programme (WFP) in August 2024?

- (a) Uttarakhand (b) Odisha
 (c) Kerala (d) Rajasthan

Sol.62.(b) Odisha. With this machine, also known as Annapurti (Hindi for "fulfiller of food"), Odisha becomes the first state to provide access to public distribution system beneficiaries 24 hours a day.

Q.63. Which state declared Petroglyphs and Geoglyphs (rock arts) in Ratnagiri as 'Protected Monuments' in August 2024?

- (a) Uttarakhand (b) Uttar Pradesh
 (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Maharashtra

Sol.63.(d) Maharashtra. Geoglyphs and Petroglyphs are the different types of ancient art forms which includes the creation of images or designs on the earth's surface or rock surfaces. Ratnagiri has almost 1,500 such artworks spread across 70 sites, seven of which are on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization (UNESCO)'s tentative World Heritage List.

Q.64. What was the denomination of the coin released to mark the birth centenary of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) Kalaingar Muthuvel Karunanidhi in August 2024?

- (a) Rs. 75 (b) Rs. 250
 (c) Rs.100 (d) Rs. 150

Sol.64.(c) Rs.100. On August 18, 2024 Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh released a commemorative coin to mark the birth centenary of former five-time Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaingar M Karunanidhi in Chennai.

Q.65. In August 2024, the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHDC) secured Oeko-Tex certification for which product?

- (a) Rignai (b) Gamsa
 (c) Jwmgra (d) Eri Silk

Sol.65.(d) Eri Silk. The Guwahati (Assam)-based North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHDC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), has secured Oeko-Tex certification directly from Germany for the Eri Silk of Assam.

Q.66. Which company has announced to invest Rs 36,238 crore for India's 1st Green Ammonia Plant in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu in August 2024?

- (a) Sembcorp Industries
 (b) Gas Authority of India Limited
 (c) HHP Five Private Limited
 (d) Reliance Industries Limited

Sol.66.(a) Sembcorp Industries. Tamil Nadu will be the first state in India to roll out the commercial production of large-scale green hydrogen molecules. The foundation stone for the unit was laid by TN Chief Minister M.K. Stalin during the Tamil Nadu Investment Conclave 2024, held on 21st August 2024, in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Q.67. Which Ministry announced the creation of 5 new districts in the Union Territory of Ladakh?

- (a) Ministry of Defence
 (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
 (c) Ministry of External Affairs
 (d) Ministry of Rural Development

Sol.67.(b) Ministry of Home Affairs. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)

announced the creation of five new districts in the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh: Zaskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra, and Changthang. With the formation of these new districts, Ladakh's total number of districts has increased to seven.

Q.68. What is the new minimum marriage age for women as per the Himachal Pradesh Amendment Bill, 2024?

- (a) 18 (b) 21 (c) 22 (d) 23

Sol.68.(b) 21. The Himachal Pradesh Assembly passed a new law called the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Himachal Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2024. This law raises the minimum age for women to get married from 18 to 21 years. It updates the Prohibition of Child Marriage (PCM) Act of 2006 to better address issues related to early marriage.

Q.69. Where was the new plant species discovered by Nagpur researchers in August 2024?

- (a) Satpura Hills (b) Ambagad
 (c) Western Ghats (d) Sundarbans

Sol.69.(b) Ambagad. A new plant species, *Cleistanthus deekshabhoomiana*, has been discovered by three botany teachers in the Ambagad forest, located in Bhandara district, Maharashtra. This species is a new addition to the *Cleistanthus* genus, which already includes 134 known species worldwide.

Q.70. Which region of India has been chosen as the location for India's first Mars and Moon analogue research station?

- (a) Ladakh (b) Pokhran
 (c) Kochi (d) Chennai

Sol.70.(a) Ladakh. An analogue research station is a place that has physical similarities to a planet or planetary body or extreme space environments.

Q.71. Which state has become the third state after Kerala and Bihar to introduce menstrual leave policy for working women?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Gujarat
 (c) Odisha (d) Jharkhand

Sol.71.(c) Odisha has announced a one-day menstrual leave policy for women employees in both public and private sectors, becoming the third state in India to do so, following Kerala and Bihar. The announcement was made by Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida

during the Independence Day celebrations in Cuttack.

Q.72. Which airport became the first Indian airport to achieve Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport status?

- (a) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- (b) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
- (c) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
- (d) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad

Sol.72.(a) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), a subsidiary of GMR Airport Infrastructure Limited (DIAL) today announced that its Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has become the first airport in India to successfully achieve Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport status (Level 5 certification) under the Airport Council International's (ACI) Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) program.

Q.73. Which state is set to become the first in India to adopt an action plan for road safety for the next 10 years?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Bihar

Sol.73.(b) Rajasthan. The proposed action plan aimed at reducing road accidents in the state by 50% till 2030. The World Bank (WB) would provide assistance to the State government in the preparation of an action plan and safety plan by incorporating the best practices adopted in different countries.

Q.74. Which state became the first in India to publish the first volume of the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) across all local bodies in July 2024?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Karnataka

Sol.74.(b) Kerala. This document is dynamic, requiring periodic updates on ecosystem details, landscapes, species, and traditional knowledge. The Kerala state biodiversity board completed the updation of the PBR in 50% of local bodies in the State before the end of 2024.

Q.75. Indian President Droupadi Murmu renamed the Durbar Hall at Rashtrapati Bhavan as _____ in July 2024.

- (a) People Hall
- (b) Amrit Mandap
- (c) Freedom Hall
- (d) Ganatantra Mandap

Sol.75.(d) Ganatantra Mandap. Droupadi Murmu, the President of India, has renamed the Durbar Hall and Ashok Hall of the Rashtrapati Bhavan as 'Ganatantra Mandap' (Republic Hall) and 'Ashok Mandap,' respectively. These halls serve as the venue for vital celebrations and ceremonies, such as the presentation of National Awards.

Q.76. Which port has the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways approved for the development of India's 1st integrated Agri-Export facility?

- (a) Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu
- (b) Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Maharashtra
- (c) Cochin Port, Kerala
- (d) Paradip Port, Odisha

Sol.76.(b) Jawaharlal Nehru Port. This all-in-one agricultural facility worth Rs. 284.19 crore, is India's 1st integrated AgriExport facility, aiming to boost India's agricultural export and import capabilities.

Q.77. In which city did the Indian government inaugurate its 500th Community Radio Station, "Apna Radio 90.0 FM," in July 2024?

- (a) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- (b) Guwahati, Assam
- (c) Aizwal, Mizoram
- (d) Patna, Bihar

Sol.77.(c) Aizwal, Mizoram. On 25th July 2024, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Mol&B), Government of India (GoI) inaugurated India's 500th Community Radio Station "Apna Radio 90.0 FM" at Indian Institute of Mass Communication.

Q.78. In the 'Best Performing Large States – Loan Performance' category of the PRAISE awards under the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Yojana, which state secured the first rank?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Sol.78.(b) Madhya Pradesh. Assam has been ranked second in the 'Best Performing States- Innovation and Best Practices Award' category. In the 'Best Performing ULBs - Loan Performance with mega and million plus cities' category, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has received the first place, followed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.

Q.79. Which state has won the Best Agriculture State Award 2024?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Punjab

Sol.79.(c) Maharashtra. The 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee found that Maharashtra is the best state for farming in 2024. This award, given by Justice P Sathasivam, recognizes Maharashtra for making big steps forward in new ways of farming and improving rural areas.

Q.80. Where is India's first sunken museum set to open in July 2024?

- (a) Qutub Minar
- (b) Red Fort
- (c) Humayun Tomb
- (d) Fatehpur Sikri

Sol.80.(c) Humayun Tomb is located in Delhi. The museum will have its grand opening on July 29, 2024. It will be open to visitors starting July 30.

Q.81. Which new plant species was identified by researchers from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) in the Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary, Arunachal Pradesh?

- (a) Phlogacanthus arunachaliensis
- (b) Phlogacanthus sudhansusekharii
- (c) Phlogacanthus itanagarensis
- (d) Phlogacanthus sikkimensis

Sol.81.(b)

Phlogacanthus sudhansusekharii. The newly discovered species belongs to the family Acanthaceae and the genus Phlogacanthus, which includes 13 known species primarily found in northeastern and eastern Himalayan states.

Q.82. Which state has won the 2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Karnataka

Sol.82.(c) Andhra Pradesh. The Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity was given to the Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) project in 2024 for its work on sustainable farming in India. This award shows how important Andhra Pradesh is to eco-friendly farming around the world.

Q.83. In June 2024, Narendra Modi was sworn in as the Prime Minister of India for his third consecutive term after the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) secured a majority in the _____ Lok Sabha election.

- (a) 19th
- (b) 17th
- (c) 20th
- (d) 18th

Sol.83.(d) 18th. BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) won the 2024 Lok Sabha general election with 293 seats, a much lower margin than predicted by exit polls. The opposition won a total of 234 seats out of 543.

Q.84. Which state became the first in India to announce Rs 1 crore in insurance compensation for employees who passed away in road accidents in June 2024?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Tamil Nadu
(c) Karnataka (d) Assam

Sol.84.(c) Karnataka. The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) disbursed Rs. 1 crore each as Accident Insurance Relief Compensation to the dependents of four employees who lost their lives in the line of duty. This initiative by the KSRTC Department aimed to provide substantial financial support to the dependents of the deceased employees.

Q.85. Which state's secretariat became India's first eco-friendly State government headquarters in June 2024?

- (a) Assam (b) Arunachal Pradesh
(c) Telangana (d) West Bengal

Sol.85.(a) Assam's secretariat became India's first eco-friendly state government headquarters with the inauguration of a 2.5 MW solar power project at Janata Bhawan, Dispur. The complex will now run entirely on solar power, installed at a cost of Rs 12.5 crore.

Q.86. Which state's tourism board launched the PM Shri Paryatan Vayu Seva, an intra-state air service connecting the state's religious and tourist spots by air in June 2024?

- (a) Assam (b) Tripura
(c) Kerala (d) Madhya Pradesh

Sol.86.(d) Madhya Pradesh. PM Shri Paryatan Vayu Seva (PM Shri Tourism Air Service) was launched by the MP Tourism Board (MPTB) in a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) with Jet Serve Aviation Private Limited. The service will connect eight cities in Madhya Pradesh, including Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Rewa, Ujjain, Gwalior, Singrauli, and Khajuraho.

Q.87. Which Indian state is set to establish the 'Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre', the world's first conservation and breeding centre for Asian king vultures in June 2024?

- (a) Odisha (b) Kerala
(c) Gujarat (d) Uttar Pradesh

Sol.87.(d) Uttar Pradesh. This initiative aims to improve the population of the Asian king vultures, which has been listed as critically endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s red list since 2007.

Q.88. In which state did the Ministry of Coal (MoC) launch India's first-ever Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) pilot project at the Kasta coal block in June 2024?

- (a) Karnataka (b) Odisha
(c) Jharkhand (d) Telangana

Sol.88.(c) Jharkhand. Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), under the strategic direction of the Ministry of Coal (MoC), has commenced this pilot project aimed at establishing new standards in coal resource utilization, contributing to India's journey toward energy self-reliance.

Q.89. In June 2024, South India's First and largest Leopard Safari was launched at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) in _____.

- (a) Karnataka (b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Telangana

Sol.89.(a) Karnataka. Eshwar Khandre, the Cabinet Minister for Forest, Ecology, and Environment, Government of Karnataka, launched South India's first and largest Leopard Safari at the Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The safari is set up in a 20-hectare area that meets the strict guidelines of the Central Zoo Authority. Currently, eight leopards have been released into the safari's open forest area.

Q.90. In June 2024, which sector's safety and quality was enhanced by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) with the introduction of two new standards, IS 18590: 2024 and IS 18606: 2024?

- (a) Petrochemicals Organisations
(b) Artificial Intelligence Management System
(c) Electric Vehicles (EV)
(d) Defence Products

Sol.90.(c) Electric Vehicles (EV). These standards are applied to the L (2-wheelers), M (4-wheelers), and N (goods trucks) categories of EVs.

Q.91. Which ministry has notified that "The Post Office Act, 2023" became effective from June 18, 2024?

- (a) Ministry of Law and Justice
(b) Ministry of Home Affairs
(c) Ministry of Communication
(d) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

Sol.91.(c) Ministry of Communication. The Act aims to create a simple legislative framework for the delivery of citizen centric services, banking services and to extend other government benefits to the country's most distant areas. This act repealed the 125-year old Indian Post Office Act, 1898.

Q.92. Name the initiative that was launched by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) to boost research and innovation in Ayurveda in May 2024.

- (a) Blue Talks (b) PRAGATI-2024
(c) ODISERV (d) Meghayan-24

Sol.92.(b) PRAGATI-2024 (Pharma Research in AyurGyan And Techno Innovation) offers a very useful opportunity for collaborative research in the field of Ayurveda.

Q.93. Which startup launched India's first commercial System on Chip (SoC) named Secure Internet of Things (IoT) in May 2024?

- (a) StartupTN (b) Mindgrove
(c) OrienSpace (d) Saankhya Labs

Sol.93.(b) Mindgrove Technologies Private Limited, a semiconductor startup backed by Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) Pravartak Technologies Foundation and IIT Madras Incubation Cell, launched India's first commercial System on Chip (SoC).

Q.94. Which state/UT has launched the Disaster Reporting and Information Management System (DRIMS) for reporting damages during disasters in May 2024?

- (a) Ladakh (b) West Bengal
(c) Arunachal Pradesh (d) Assam

Sol.94.(d) Assam. It is a state-of-the-art initiative of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) which was inaugurated by Ravi Kota, Chief Secretary of Assam, at Assam Administrative Staff College (AASC), Khanapara in Guwahati, Assam.

Q.95. Which company has signed an MoU with RailTel to explore and deliver train collision avoidance system 'KAVACH' implementation projects in India and other countries in May 2024?

- (a) REC Limited
- (b) Quadrant Future Tek Limited
- (c) National Remote Sensing Centre
- (d) NTPC Limited

Sol.95.(b) Quadrant Future Tek Limited. KAVACH is an indigenously developed automatic train protection (ATP) system of the Indian Railways.

- Q.96.** Which company has partnered with India Post for Last-mile E-commerce Delivery Services in May 2024?
- (a) Uber India
 - (b) Pai Platforms
 - (c) RedBus
 - (d) Fship Logistics

Sol.96.(d) Fship Logistics, a tech-driven logistics platform, has partnered with India Post to enhance last-mile delivery services for e-commerce products, benefiting Direct-to-Consumer (D2C) startups, small and medium businesses (SMBs), and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across India. This partnership aims to create economical deliveries, particularly in rural areas with underdeveloped logistics infrastructure.

- Q.97.** Which High Court recently issued directives to combat the use of spurious oxytocin hormone in dairy colonies due to animal cruelty in May 2024?
- (a) Calcutta High Court
 - (b) Delhi High Court
 - (c) Bombay High Court
 - (d) Gujarat High Court

Sol.97.(b) Delhi High Court mandates action against oxytocin use in city dairies due to animal cruelty concerns. Weekly inspections and legal actions ordered by the Delhi government to combat oxytocin misuse, with police involvement. Oxytocin boosts milk production but harms cattle and humans, leading to health issues like uterine ruptures and milk contamination.

- Q.98.** According to a recent report by the Wildlife Institute of India, which state has the maximum number of Gangetic dolphins in India in May 2024?
- (a) Uttarakhand
 - (b) Uttar Pradesh
 - (c) Bihar
 - (d) Madhya Pradesh

Sol.98.(b) Uttar Pradesh. According to the Wildlife Institute of India, about 4,000 dolphins inhabit the Ganga and its tributaries, with Uttar Pradesh home to approximately 2,000. To protect these dolphins, the UP government declared a Dolphin Sanctuary in Chambal, where 111 dolphins have been recorded.

Q.99. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has granted a No Objection Certificate (NOC) to change the names of eight railway stations in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh (UP) in May 2024. Which of the following Railway stations in Amethi was renamed as "Tapeshwarnath Dham"?

- (a) Jais City
- (b) Fursatganj Railway Station
- (c) Akbarganj
- (d) Misrauli

Sol.99.(b) Fursatganj Railway Station. The proposed name changes for eight railway stations are as follows: Fursatganj railway station will be renamed to Tapeshwarnath Dham, while Kasimpur Halt will become Jais City. Jais will be renamed Guru Gorakhnath Dham, and Bani will be changed to Swami Paramhans. Misrauli will be known as Maa Kalikan Dham, and Nihalgarh will be renamed Maharaja Bijli Pasi. Akbarganj will be called Maa Ahorwa Bhawani Dham, and Warisganj will be renamed Amar Shaheed Bhale Sultan.

- Q.100.** What is 'Stellaria mcclintockiae', recently seen in the news in May 2024?
- (a) A new variant of Covid
 - (b) A new plant species
 - (c) Asteroid
 - (d) Nuclear ballistic submarine

Sol.100.(b) A new plant species. Stellaria mcclintockiae was discovered on the muddy slopes of Kerala's Nelliampathy hills, at elevations of 1,250-1,400 meters. This annual herb, growing up to 15 cm tall, belongs to the genus Stellaria (family Caryophyllaceae).

- Q.101.** Which state received Geographical Indication (GI) tag status for 19 traditional crafts, including Sarthebari Metal Craft, in April 2024?
- (a) Assam
 - (b) Tripura
 - (c) Meghalaya
 - (d) Nagaland

Sol.101.(a) Assam. The Government of India's (GoI) Geographical Indication Registry granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags to 19 traditional crafts of Assam, 2 from Tripura, and 4 from Meghalaya.

- Q.102.** Which state's Department of Posts released a 'Special Cover' to commemorate 250 years of the release of the 'Copper Ticket,' the world's first postal ticket, in April 2024?
- (a) Odisha
 - (b) Bihar
 - (c) Andhra Pradesh
 - (d) Maharashtra

Sol.102.(b) Bihar. The Copper Ticket symbolizes adventure and wonder, capturing the hearts and imaginations of generations. It represents the power of storytelling to captivate our minds and transport us to imaginative realms.

- Q.103.** Which company partnered with the Press Trust of India (PTI) under its third-party fact-checking program in India to establish a dedicated fact-checking unit?
- (a) Google
 - (b) Meta Platforms Inc.
 - (c) Microsoft Corporation
 - (d) Apple Inc.

Sol.103.(b) Meta Platforms Inc. Under this partnership PTI will identify, review, and rate content for misinformation across Meta platforms.

- Q.104.** Which State/Union Territory's Municipal Corporation extended the last date for geo-tagging of properties until 30th June 2024 in April '24?
- (a) Bihar
 - (b) Karnataka
 - (c) Pondicherry
 - (d) Delhi

Sol.104.(d) Delhi. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), a civic body of Delhi, has extended the last date for geo-tagging of properties to provide taxpayers another opportunity to register their properties with MCD.

- Q.105.** Which state received Geographical Indication (GI) tags for Miraj Tanpura and Miraj Sitar in April 2024?
- (a) Uttar Pradesh
 - (b) Uttarakhand
 - (c) Maharashtra
 - (d) Bihar

Sol.105.(c) Maharashtra. The Geographical Indications Registry, headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has awarded GI tags to Miraj Tanpura and Miraj Sitar from Maharashtra, and Bundelkhand Kathiya Gehu (Wheat) from Uttar Pradesh.

- Q.106.** As of April 2024, India aims to produce 100 GigaWatt (GW) of nuclear power by which year?
- (a) 2045
 - (b) 2047
 - (c) 2040
 - (d) 2030

Sol.106.(b) 2047.

- Q.107.** Which company unveiled its official brand-new logo with the tagline

"Fuelling Sustainable Growth" in April 2024?

- (a) Western Coalfields Limited
(b) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
(c) Northern Coalfields Limited
(d) Central Coalfields Limited

Sol.107.(d) Central Coalfields Limited formerly National Coal Development Corporation Ltd., is a Category-I Mini-Ratna Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) company situated in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Q.108. In April 2024, the government set up a seven-member panel to promote the commercially viable extraction of critical minerals found in limited quantities. Who will head the panel?

- (a) Baldeep Kumar
(b) Senthil Pandiyan
(c) Vijay Kumar Saraswat
(d) Sachin Shinde

Sol.108.(c) Vijay Kumar Saraswat. The main objective of the panel is to provide judicial measures to ensure cost-effective and scientific mining of deeply embedded mineral deposits like copper, gold and diamond which are typically developed in the shape of veins and can only be exploited through underground mining.

Q.109. Which state received Geographical Indication (GI) tags for 13 new products, including Tirangi Barfi and Banaras Metal Casting Craft in April 2024?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Uttarakhand
(c) Maharashtra (d) Uttar Pradesh

Sol.109.(d) Uttar Pradesh. With this the total number of GI products from UP becomes 75. UP has retained its position as the state with the most number of GI tagged products in India.

Q.110. A team of archaeologists discovered a unique Iron Age Megalithic site at _____ in April 2024?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
(b) Karnataka
(c) Telangana
(d) Jammu & Kashmir

Sol.110.(c) Telangana. The team has also discovered two new rock art sites at Damaratogu Gundala mandal of Bhadradi Kothagudem district, Telangana.

Q.111. Pema Khandu, Chief Minister (CM) of Arunachal Pradesh, inaugurated

Keyi Panyor as the _____ district of Arunachal Pradesh in March 2024?

- (a) 19th (b) 26th (c) 23rd (d) 20th

Sol.111.(b) 26th. The new district, carved out of Lower Subansiri, will have its headquarters at Ter Gapin-Sam Sarth, strategically positioned for agricultural and horticultural development.

Q.112. Minister Devusinh Chauhan released a Special Cover commemorating the successful journey of the 2nd Phase of Dak Karmayogi Project in April 2024. Where was this event held?

- (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai
(c) Gandhinagar (d) Jaipur

Sol.112.(a) New Delhi. Karmayogi project is an e-learning platform to enhance the competencies of Gramin Dak Sevaks and Postal Department employees.

Q.113. In which state did the Union Minister of Steel, Jyotiraditya Scindia, inaugurate India's 1st Green Hydrogen Plant in the Stainless Steel Sector in March 2024?

- (a) Gujarat (b) Maharashtra
(c) Haryana (d) Rajasthan

Sol.113.(c) Haryana. The Green Hydrogen plant has been set up by JSL in association with Hygenco Green Energies Private Limited. This plant will be the world's first off-grid Green Hydrogen plant for the stainless steel industry and the world's first Green Hydrogen plant with rooftop and floating solar.

Q.114. Which state government launched India's first government-owned OTT (over-the-top) platform, 'CSpace', in March 2024?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Maharashtra
(c) Kerala (d) Gujarat

Sol.114.(c) Kerala. It was launched by Pinarayi Vijayan, the Chief Minister of Kerala. CSpace is managed by Kerala State Film Development Corporation (KSFDC), a state-owned company responsible for the promotion of the Malayalam cinema industry on behalf of the Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Kerala.

Q.115. Bichom was inaugurated as _____ District of Arunachal Pradesh in March 2024?

- (a) 23rd (b) 26th (c) 25th (d) 27th

Sol.115.(d) 27th. The new district Bichom was carved out of West Kameng and East Kameng districts.

Q.116. Which state government signed a letter of intent with the World Economic Forum (WEF) in March 2024 to establish India's sole Centre for Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

- (a) Karnataka (b) Maharashtra
(c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Gujarat

Sol.116.(a) Karnataka. This center will be a part of the WEF Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) Network, aiming to govern inclusive technology and foster digital transformation.

Q.117. Which state government renamed the Curry Road railway station as Lalbaug in March 2024?

- (a) Odisha (b) Haryana
(c) Maharashtra (d) Madhya Pradesh

Sol.117.(c) Maharashtra Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, approved the renaming of 8 railway stations in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The new names for the stations are as follows: Curry Road will be renamed Lalbaug, Sandhurst Road will be renamed Dongri, Marine Lines will be renamed Mumbadevi, Cotton Green will be renamed Kalachowki, Charni Road will be renamed Girgaon, Dockyard Road will be renamed Mazgaon, and King Circle will be renamed Tirthakar Parshivnath. The cabinet also sent a proposal to the Railways Ministry to rename Mumbai Central Station as Nana Jagannath Shankarsheth Station.

Q.118. The Government of India (GoI) approved the _____ prefix on vehicle registration number plates in Telangana by replacing the 'TS' prefix in March 2024?

- (a) TA (b) TL (c) TE (d) TG

Sol.118.(d) TG. The approval was granted in the exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (6) of section 41 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988).

Q.119. In which city of Maharashtra did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the Marathwada Rail Coach Factory in March 2024?

- (a) Latur (b) Aurangabad
(c) Nagpur (d) Thane

Sol.119.(a) Latur. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also dedicated to the nation 506 railway projects including a wagon repair workshop at Badnera and Vande Bharat chair car maintenance-cum-workshop depot in Pune.

Q.120. Which state's six heritage sites were included in the tentative list of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World

Heritage Sites (WHS) in March 2024?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Chhattisgarh
(c) Telangana (d) Madhya Pradesh
(e) Gujarat

Sol.120.(d) Madhya Pradesh. The six sites are Gwalior Fort, Khooni Bhandara, Bhojeshwar Mahadev Temple, the Rock art sites of Chambal Valley, the historic ensemble of Dhamnar, and the Gond monuments of Ramnagar.

Q.121. Which state government announced free access to the Pertuzumab-Trastuzumab combination drug for the treatment of breast cancer in February 2024?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Maharashtra
(c) Karnataka (d) Goa

Sol.121.(d) Goa Medical College, Bambolim, announced free access to the Pertuzumab-Trastuzumab drug for breast cancer treatment, which costs Rs 4.2 lakh. Goa has become the first state in India to integrate this drug into its treatment protocol, offering it free of charge.

Q.122. Recently, which city of Uttar Pradesh received the Centre's 'Water Warrior Award'?

- (a) Lucknow (b) Ayodhya
(c) Noida (d) Saharanpur

Sol.122.(c) Noida. The department of water resources, river development and Ganga rejuvenation of the Union water ministry has selected Noida as "water warrior" city for the steps it took for waste water treatment and reuse for irrigation purposes.

Q.123. Where was the cultural festival 'Vividha ka Amrit Mahotsav' organized in February 2024?

- (a) Bhopal (b) Chennai
(c) New Delhi (d) Jaisalmer

Sol.123.(c) New Delhi. President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the 4-day 'Vividha ka Amrit Mahotsav' cultural

festival at Amrit Udyan, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. Organized by the Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, the event aims to showcase the rich diversity of North East India.

Q.124. Recently, which state cabinet approved the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) report?

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Uttarakhand (d) Himachal Pradesh

Sol.124.(c) Uttarakhand. On February 7, 2024, the Legislative Assembly of the state of Uttarakhand in India passed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill. On March 13, the bill was granted assent by President Droupadi Murmu. The bill claims to establish a uniform and equal set of rules on personal status law, including marriage, divorce, succession, and inheritance, that applies to all citizens of the state irrespective of religion.

Q.125 India's first Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) was launched in which state in February 2024?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Uttarakhand
(c) Rajasthan (d) Himachal Pradesh

Sol.125.(b) Uttarakhand. India introduced its inaugural Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) in Uttarakhand, as announced by Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia. The HEMS was based at AIIMS in Rishikesh.

Q.126. Which district of Madhya Pradesh recently organized a 'Banana Festival' in February 2024?

- (a) Burhanpur (b) Ujjain
(c) Balaghat (d) Rewa

Sol.126.(a) Burhanpur. The unique two-day banana festival was celebrated in Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh on 20th and 21st February. Organized by the Burhanpur District Administration, the event featured discussions by famous banana scientists and banana producers on issues related to banana production, export possibilities, and the economic prosperity of banana growers.

Q.127. 'Himalayan Basket', recently mentioned in the news, is an initiative of which state?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Uttarakhand
(c) Himachal Pradesh (d) Sikkim

Sol.127.(b) Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami introduced 'Himalayan Basket' at his residence, a venture initiated in 2018 by Sumit and Sneha Thapliyal. This initiative involves purchasing agricultural products such as milk, turmeric, and mint, processing them into various products, and supplying them internationally.

Q.128. Which state legislative assembly passed a bill that prohibits hookah bars in the state in February 2024?

- (a) Maharashtra (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Rajasthan (d) Karnataka

Sol.128.(d) Karnataka. The Karnataka Legislative Assembly passed a bill prohibiting hookah bars in the state, imposing imprisonment of 1-3 years and fines up to Rs 1 lakh for violations. The bill also bans tobacco products in public places, sale near educational institutions, and to those under 21.

Q.129. Which state collaborated with the World Bank to set up a Blended Finance facility in February 2024?

- (a) Goa (b) Gujarat
(c) Maharashtra (d) Rajasthan

Sol.129.(a) Goa. Its aim is to foster low carbon, climate-resilient development.

Q.130. Which north-eastern state signed an MoU with NTCA to establish the state's first Special Tiger Protection Force in February 2024?

- (a) Manipur (b) Assam
(c) Arunachal Pradesh (d) Mizoram

Sol.130.(c) Arunachal Pradesh. The special force comprising 336 personnel would be deployed in the frontier state's three tiger reserves, Namdapha, Kamlang and Pakke. A total of 112 personnel would be deployed in each of the three tiger reserves.

Q.131. Which state was recognised as the 'petro capital' of India in January 2024?

- (a) Gujarat (b) Karnataka
(c) Maharashtra (d) Odisha

Sol.131.(a) Gujarat has been recognised as the 'petro capital' of India, due to the presence of the Reliance Industry Limited's Jamnagar refinery and ONGC Petro Additions Limited (OPAL)'s state-of-the-art petrochemical complex at Dahej in Bharuch district.

Q.132. Which state government declared Poila Baisakh as the State day in January 2024?

- (a) Bihar (b) West Bengal
(c) Gujarat (d) Tripura

Sol.132.(b) West Bengal declared Poila Baisakh, the Bengali New Year, as the State day and Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's 1905 ode to Bengal, "Banglar Mati, Banglar Jal" (The soil of Bengal, the water of Bengal) as the State Song. The state day will be celebrated as "Bangla Divas".

Q.133. Which state celebrated the 14th edition of Chandubi Festival in January 2024?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) West Bengal
(c) Assam (d) Odisha

Sol.133.(c) Assam. The Chandubi festival is an annual 5 day festival held from the first day of the New Year along the Chandubi lake, Assam. The 14th edition of Chandubi Festival was held from 1st to 5th January 2024.

Q.134. Which state's Transport Corporation launched Baayu, India's First 100% electric and decentralised open mobility electric bike (e-bike) taxi service in January 2024?

- (a) Odisha (b) Assam
(c) West Bengal (d) Gujarat

Sol.134.(b) Assam. The e-bike taxi service was launched by Parimal Suklabaidya, Minister of Transport of Assam Government, in Guwahati, Assam.

Q.135. In which city was the International Kite Festival 2024 inaugurated in January 2024?

- (a) Kolkata, West Bengal
(b) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
(c) Chandipur, Odisha
(d) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Sol.135.(d) Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel has inaugurated the International Kite Festival 2024 at Sabarmati Riverfront, Vallabh Sadan in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Q.136. Which Tiger Reserve was designated as India's first Dark Sky Park and Asia's fifth park for protecting the night sky in January 2024?

- (a) Corbett Tiger Reserve (Uttarakhand)
(b) Bandipur Tiger Reserve (Karnataka)
(c) Pench Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra)
(d) Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (Assam)

Sol.136.(c) Pench Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra). The Dark Sky Place certification focuses on lighting policy, dark sky-friendly retrofits, outreach and education, and monitoring the night sky.

Q.137. Which state became the first in India to launch a regenerative tourism model to redefine tourism?

- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Karnataka
(c) Maharashtra (d) Goa

Sol.137.(d) Goa. The Government of Goa has launched India's first regenerative tourism model to redefine tourism by promoting environmental restoration, cultural preservation, and community empowerment. The model aims to promote 11 spiritual sites under the Ekadasha Teertha campaign.

Q.138. Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi released six special commemorative postage stamps dedicated to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple in _____ in January 2024.

- (a) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
(b) Nashik, Maharashtra
(c) Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh
(d) Orchha, Madhya Pradesh

Sol.138.(c) Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. The commemorative collection comprises six distinct stamps, including depictions of the Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, Lord Ganesh, Lord Hanuman, Jatayu, Kevatraj, and Ma Shabri. The consecration ceremony (Pran Pratishtha) of the Ram Janmabhoomi temple in Ayodhya was held on 22nd January 2024.

Q.139. Which state has celebrated the 9th edition of the Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival (PPHF) in January 2024?

- (a) Mizoram (b) Sikkim
(c) Odisha (d) Arunachal Pradesh

Sol.139.(d) Arunachal Pradesh. The festival was held from January 18th to 20th, 2024, under the theme "Domutoh Domutoh, Paga hum Domutoh," meaning 'Let Our Hornbills Remain' in the Nyishi language.

Q.140. In which city was the 9th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF 2023) held in January 2024?

- (a) Kolkata, West Bengal
(b) Pune, Maharashtra
(c) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
(d) Faridabad, Haryana

Sol.140.(d) Faridabad, Haryana. IISF 2023 was held from January 17th to 20th, 2024, under the central theme –

'Science and Technology Public Outreach in Amrit Kaal'.

International Affairs

Q.1. What environmental crisis prompted Russian authorities to declare a federal-level emergency?

- (a) Nuclear disaster
- (b) Forest fire in Siberia
- (c) Oil spill along the Black Sea coast
- (d) Flooding in the Volga region

Sol.1.(c) Oil spill along the Black Sea coast. The catastrophic oil spill, which occurred in December 2024, led to widespread pollution across the region, severely affecting local communities, marine ecosystems, and the coastal economy.

Q.2. What was the primary cause of the Ocean Anoxic Event 1a (OAE 1a)?

- (a) Asteroid impact
- (b) Massive volcanic eruptions releasing large quantities of CO₂
- (c) Solar radiation changes
- (d) Ocean current shifts

Sol.2.(b) Massive volcanic eruptions releasing large quantities of CO₂. These eruptions triggered global warming and oceanic anoxia during the early Aptian, around 120 million years ago. The event severely disrupted marine ecosystems, causing widespread extinctions, especially plankton.

Q.3. The bald eagle was designated as the national bird of which country by President Joe Biden on Christmas Eve 2024?

- (a) United States (b) Canada
- (c) Mexico (d) Australia

Sol.3.(a) United States. Although the bald eagle had been depicted on the Great Seal of the United States since 1782, it had not been formally recognized as the national bird until this legislation. The bald eagle was chosen for its symbolism of strength, courage, and freedom, representing key values associated with the United States.

Q.4. Which two UK universities have filed applications to set up international campuses at Gujarat's GIFT City?

- (a) University of Oxford and University of Cambridge
- (b) Queen's University Belfast and Coventry University
- (c) University of Edinburgh and University of Manchester
- (d) Imperial College London and University College London

Sol.4.(b) Queen's University Belfast and Coventry University. The International Financial Services Authority (IFSCA) granted approval to Queen's University, which plans to begin with postgraduate programs, followed by potential research and undergraduate courses. Coventry University, with global campuses already in Egypt, Poland, Morocco, and Kazakhstan, will further expand its presence in India.

Q.5. Where has China approved the construction of the world's largest dam?

- (a) Yangtze River
- (b) Mekong River
- (c) Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) in Tibet
- (d) Yellow River

Sol.5.(c) Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) in Tibet. The dam is being constructed close to the Indian border. The project is estimated to cost \$137 billion. The project raises concerns over water security and ecological impact in the region.

Q.6. What type of plane was involved in the crash near the city of Aktau in Kazakhstan?

- (a) Boeing 737 (b) Airbus A320
- (c) Embraer 190 (d) Bombardier CRJ200

Sol.6.(c) Embraer 190. The plane was traveling from Baku, Azerbaijan, to Grozny, Russia.

Q.7. Who was elected as Tonga's new Prime Minister following Siaosi Sovaleni's resignation?

- (a) Akilisi Pohiva
- (b) Aisake Valu Eke
- (c) Tu'ivakano
- (d) Siale'ataongo Tu'ivanuavou

Sol.7.(b) Aisake Valu Eke. The political transition comes at a time of significant challenges, including strained monarchy-government relations, economic hardships, and the aftermath of natural disasters.

Q.8. Who has been appointed as Senior Policy Advisor for Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy by US President-elect Donald Trump?

- (a) Sundar Pichai (b) Sriram Krishnan
- (c) Satya Nadella (d) Tim Cook

Sol.8.(b) Sriram Krishnan.

Q.9. In which areas will India and Kuwait

enhance cooperation as part of their new "Strategic Partnership"?

- (a) Tourism and education
- (b) Trade, defence, energy, and culture
- (c) Sports and technology
- (d) Agriculture and healthcare

Sol.9.(b) Trade, defence, energy, and culture. Kuwait awarded PM Modi its highest civilian honor, 'The Order of Mubarak Al-Kabeer' in recognition of his role in strengthening bilateral relations.

Q.10. On December 21, 2024, which city was targeted by explosive-laden drones as part of the ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia?

- (a) Moscow (b) Kazan
- (c) St. Petersburg (d) Sochi

Sol.10.(b) Kazan. Several explosive - laden drones targeted residential high-rises in Kazan, the capital of Russia's Republic of Tatarstan. The attack involved at least eight kamikaze drones, leading to fires across multiple buildings.

Q.11. Which country introduced world-first legislation banning children under 16 from using social media platforms like TikTok, Facebook, and Instagram?

- (a) Australia (b) United States
- (c) Canada (d) United Kingdom

Sol.11.(a) Australia. The legislation aims to protect young people's mental health and well-being from the potential harms of excessive online activity. Social media companies face hefty fines of up to 50 million (Australian dollars) for not complying with the new law.

Q.12. Who inaugurated the new Chancery of the Indian Embassy in Rome?

- (a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- (b) President Droupadi Murmu
- (c) External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar
- (d) Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra

Sol.12.(c) External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar highlighted the maritime ties and shared commitments to global issues such as freedom of navigation and maritime security. The inauguration aims to better serve the needs of the Indian community in Italy.

Q.13. What was the focus of the joint operation conducted by the Indian and Sri Lankan Navies in the Arabian Sea?

- (a) Counterterrorism
- (b) Anti-piracy

- (c) Anti-narcotics
(d) Human trafficking

Sol.13.(c) Anti-narcotics. The operation resulted in the seizure of approximately 500 kg of crystal methamphetamine. The operation was launched based on intelligence provided by the Sri Lankan Navy.

Q.14. Where did India and Bosnia & Herzegovina hold their 4th Foreign Office Consultations (FOC)?

- (a) Belgrade (b) Sarajevo
(c) New Delhi (d) Zagreb

Sol.14.(b) Sarajevo. Arun Kumar Sahu is the Additional Secretary (Central Europe) from India and led the Indian delegation. The key areas of focus during the discussions were strengthening bilateral ties, trade, scientific collaboration, and cultural relations.

Q.15. Where did the first round of the India-Japan Dialogue on Economic Security, Strategic Trade, and Technology take place?

- (a) New Delhi (b) Tokyo
(c) Osaka (d) Kyoto

Sol.15.(b) Tokyo. The dialogue was co-chaired by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri from India and Vice Minister Masataka Okano from Japan. The dialogue focused on enhancing collaboration in economic security, supply chain resilience, and emerging technologies.

Q.16. Who has been appointed as the new President of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA)?

- (a) Rob Davis
(b) Dr. Albert Bourla
(c) Dr. Thomas Schinecker
(d) Dr. Paul Hudson

Sol.16.(c) Dr. Thomas Schinecker.

Q.17. Which country recently introduced a single Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 8% as part of its monetary policy?

- (a) Sri Lanka (b) India
(c) Indonesia (d) Pakistan

Sol.17.(a) Sri Lanka. The Monetary Policy Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, at its meeting held on 26 November 2024, decided to further ease the monetary policy stance and set the newly introduced Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 8.00 per cent. With this change,

the effective reduction in the policy interest rate would be around 50 basis points from the current level of the Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR).

Q.18. What was the primary goal of Operation Tamarisk during the Cold War?

- (a) To launch a military strike against the Soviet Union
(b) To gather information through unconventional means
(c) To negotiate peace between the United States and the Soviet Union
(d) To develop new spy technologies

Sol.18.(b) To gather information through unconventional means. Operation Tamarisk took place in East Germany, which was a joint effort by U.S., U.K., and French intelligence agencies. The goal was to gather insights from Soviet military waste.

Q.19. Who has been elected as Uruguay's president in the November 2024 runoff?

- (a) Alvaro Delgado (b) Yamandu Orsi
(c) Luis Lacalle Pou (d) Tabaré Vázquez

Sol.19.(b) Yamandu Orsi emerged as Uruguay's president-elect after winning 49.8% of the votes in the November 2024 runoff. Yamandu Orsi represents the Broad Front coalition, marking a return to center-left governance.

Q.20. In November 2024, when did the UK and India announce to resume free trade agreement (FTA) talks?

- (a) Late 2024 (b) Early 2025
(c) Mid 2025 (d) Late 2025

Sol.20. (b) Early 2025. Security, Defense, Technology, Climate, Health, and Education were the key sectors that were emphasized in the strategic partnership during the meeting between UK PM Keir Starmer and Indian PM Narendra Modi. The bilateral trade between the UK and India currently stands at Great Britain Pound (GBP) 42 billion annually.

Q.21. What award will Francis Ford Coppola receive in April 2025?

- (a) Academy Award for Lifetime Achievement
(b) AFI Life Achievement Award
(c) Golden Globe Award
(d) BAFTA Fellowship Award

Sol.21.(b) AFI Life Achievement Award.

The purpose of the proceeds from the AFI Life Achievement Award ceremony for Francis Ford Coppola is to support

the American Film Institute's education and arts initiatives.

Q.22. Who was appointed as the new secretary-general of Hezbollah following the assassination of Hassan Nasrallah?

- (a) Sheikh Naim Qassem
(b) Hassan Nasrallah's son
(c) Mohammad Javad Zarif
(d) Ali Khamenei

Sol.22.(a) Sheikh Naim Qassem. Hassan Nasrallah was assassinated on September 27, 2024. Qassem's leadership marks a critical transition for the organization amid ongoing conflicts and internal shifts.

Q.23. Which country's Federal Department is collaborating with Indian Railways to enhance technical collaboration and infrastructure modernization?

- (a) Germany (b) France
(c) Switzerland (d) Japan

Sol.23.(c) Switzerland. Indian Railways signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport and Communications of the Swiss Confederation to enhance technical cooperation between the two nations.

Q.24. What is the name of the ambitious green energy project being developed in the North Sea?

- (a) The Green Horizon Project
(b) Princess Elisabeth Energy Island
(c) North Sea Renewable Hub
(d) EcoPower Island

Sol.24.(b) Princess Elisabeth Energy Island. The energy island is named after Belgium's Princess Elisabeth. It is a world-first initiative for renewable energy transformation, marking a significant step toward green energy. The project is being constructed along the North Sea coast.

Q.25. Which country has recently chosen not to join China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), becoming the second BRICS member to opt out?

- (a) South Africa (b) Brazil
(c) Russia (d) India

Sol.25.(b) Brazil, led by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and advised by Celso Amorim, opted out of the BRI to explore alternative collaborations with China. This makes Brazil the second BRICS member, after India, to decline

participation in China's global infrastructure project.

Q.26. Which Chinese hacking group is allegedly behind the cyber-espionage operation targeting the phone data of key political figures?

- (a) Red Dragon (b) Salt Typhoon
(c) Shadow Phoenix (d) Black Lotus

Sol.26.(b) Salt Typhoon. Former President Donald Trump, JD Vance, and staff from Vice President Kamala Harris's campaign were reportedly targeted.

Q.27. Which three countries jointly announced the Digital Infrastructure Growth Initiative for India (DiGi Framework) in October 2024?

- (a) United States, Japan, and South Korea
(b) United States, Germany, and Japan
(c) India, Japan, and South Korea
(d) United States, China, and South Korea

Sol.27.(a) United States, Japan, and South Korea. US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), and Korea Eximbank signed the DiGi Framework. The DiGi Framework targets advancements in 5G, submarine cables, optical fiber networks, smart city, e-commerce, AI, and quantum technology.

Q.28. Which institution successfully concluded its 34th Capacity Building Programme (CBP) for Maldivian civil servants in October 2024?

- (a) Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)
(b) National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG)
(c) National Academy of Administration (NAA)
(d) Indian National Defence University (INDU)

Sol.28.(b) National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG). The program was organized in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The MoU aims to train 1,000 Maldivian civil servants by 2029.

Q.29. What recent agreement was announced by India regarding its border with China?

- (a) Trade agreement for border regions
(b) Patrolling and disengagement agreement along the Line of Actual Control (LAC)
(c) Water-sharing agreement for the

Brahmaputra River
(d) Strategic defense pact for the Indo-China border

Sol.29.(b) Patrolling and disengagement agreement along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The agreement aims to resolve border disputes and improve relations between India and China. The pact focuses on resolving disputes in specific areas of Depsang Plains and Demchok along the LAC.

Q.30. Which country recently became the newest non-regional member of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- (a) Israel (b) India
(c) Japan (d) South Korea

Sol.30.(a) Israel officially joined the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as its 69th member and 20th non-regional member. It marks a major step in Israel's global strategic ties and economic outreach.

Q.31. Recently, NATO established its new land command named "Multi Corps Land Component Command" in which country?

- (a) Sweden (b) Norway
(c) Finland (d) Estonia

Sol.31.(c) Finland. NATO plans to establish a new land command in Mikkeli, Finland, near the Russian border, in 2025. This Multi Corps Land Component Command (MCLCC) will oversee NATO's land operations in Northern Europe during conflicts and collaborate with Finland's existing land force command in Mikkeli.

Q.32. Between which two countries was a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) signed to boost investor confidence and enhance economic cooperation?

- (a) India and Uzbekistan
(b) India and Kazakhstan
(c) Uzbekistan and Russia
(d) India and Afghanistan

Sol.32.(a) India and Uzbekistan. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Deputy Prime Minister Khodjayev Jamshid Abdukhakimovich formalized the BIT in Tashkent. The BIT provides assurances of minimum standard of treatment, non-discrimination, and dispute resolution through arbitration to investors from both countries.

Q.33. Who is poised to become Japan's next prime minister after winning the

Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) leadership vote?

- (a) Fumio Kishida (b) Shigeru Ishiba
(c) Sanae Takaichi (d) Shinzo Abe

Sol.33.(b) Shigeru Ishiba. He won the LDP leadership vote by a narrow margin of 21 votes.

Q.34. Which typhoon is the most powerful to hit Asia in over a decade, causing significant disruption across Southeast Asia?

- (a) Typhoon Haiyan
(b) Super Typhoon Yagi
(c) Typhoon Mangkhut
(d) Typhoon Lekima

Sol.34.(b) Super Typhoon Yagi. The typhoon devastated the northern Philippines before making landfall in southern China's Hainan province. The typhoon is expected to continue its path, impacting northern regions of Vietnam and Laos with severe weather conditions.

Q.35. Where will the national memorial for Queen Elizabeth II be erected?

- (a) Buckingham Palace
(b) St James's Park, London
(c) Westminster Abbey
(d) Hyde Park

Sol.35.(b) St James's Park, London. It has historical significance and a close connection to the late monarch. Queen Elizabeth II passed away in September 2022, after more than seven decades on the throne.

Q.36. Who was appointed as France's new Prime Minister by President Emmanuel Macron on September 5, 2024?

- (a) Jean Castex (b) Michel Barnier
(c) François Hollande (d) Manuel Valls

Sol.36.(b) Michel Barnier. Before his appointment as Prime Minister, Michel Barnier was the EU's chief negotiator for Brexit.

Q.37. How much is Israel's Tower Semiconductor and India's Adani Group set to invest in the semiconductor manufacturing project in Maharashtra?

- (a) \$3 billion (b) \$10 billion
(c) \$19.5 billion (d) \$839 million

Sol.37.(b) \$10 billion. This development comes after challenges such as Foxconn's withdrawal from a \$19.5 billion joint venture with Vedanta and delays in ISMC's proposed \$3 billion investment.

Q.38. Which country became the 100th full member to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- (a) Paraguay (b) Bangladesh
(c) Sri Lanka (d) Bhutan

Sol.38.(a) Paraguay. The ISA is a collaborative initiative between India and France aimed at uniting efforts to combat climate change by implementing solar energy solutions. It was conceptualized on the side lines of COP21 in Paris in 2015. It is headquartered in Gurugram.

Q.39. Which country became the first in the world to allow voters to elect judges at all levels?

- (a) United States (b) Mexico
(c) Canada (d) Brazil

Sol.39.(b) Mexico. The reform was approved with 86 votes in favor and 41 against, garnering the two-thirds majority needed to amend the constitution.

Q.40. Where did the United States President Joe Biden host the leaders of the QUAD countries on 21st September?

- (a) Washington D.C.
(b) New York City
(c) Wilmington, Delaware
(d) Los Angeles

Sol.40.(c) Wilmington, Delaware. India, Japan, Australia, and the United States are member countries of the QUAD group.

Q.41. Which flower has recently been added to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species?

- (a) Rose
(b) Neelakurinji (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*)
(c) Lotus
(d) Sunflower

Sol.41.(b) Neelakurinji (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*). It is a unique purplish flowering shrub that blooms once every 12 years, transforming the hills of the Western Ghats and the Himalayan regions into a breathtaking blue landscape.

Q.42. Where did the 6th India-Australia Maritime Security Dialogue take place?

- (a) New Delhi (b) Canberra
(c) Sydney (d) Melbourne

Sol.42.(b) Canberra. The two sides conferred on ways to sustain a safe and secure maritime environment conducive for inclusive growth and global well being. They exchanged views on various

topics of mutual interest, including the maritime security environment in the Indo-Pacific region.

Q.43. What is the main objective of the Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers (SLCR) launched under the Environmental Strategic Partnership between India and Denmark?

- (a) To improve water sanitation in cities
(b) To clean the rivers and reduce pollution
(c) To promote water conservation techniques
(d) To enhance flood control mechanisms

Sol.43.(b) To clean the rivers and reduce pollution. SLCR is a collaborative initiative involving India (Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation), Denmark and Indian Institute of Technology - Banaras Hindu University (IIT-BHU). It aims to rejuvenate the Varuna River using sustainable methods.

Q.44. Who became the first Indian prime minister to make a state visit to Ukraine?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru
(b) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
(c) Narendra Modi
(d) Manmohan Singh

Sol.44.(c) Narendra Modi. This visit marked a historic moment, as it was the first time an Indian Prime Minister visited Ukraine since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1992.

Q.45. During the sixth meeting of the Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism, which two countries reaffirmed their commitment to combating terrorism and the misuse of emerging technologies by terrorists?

- (a) India and Indonesia
(b) India and Pakistan
(c) India and the United States
(d) India and China

Sol.45.(a) India and Indonesia. The sixth meeting of the India-Indonesia Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism was held in Jakarta. The focus of the meeting was to strengthen the commitment to combating terrorism, including addressing the misuse of new and emerging technologies.

Q.46. Where was the 24th International Mother Teresa Awards Ceremony held?

- (a) New York (b) London
(c) Dubai (d) Kolkata

Sol.46.(c) Dubai. The ceremony was held on the occasion of the 114th birth anniversary of Mother Teresa. It took place on August 26, 2024.

Q.47. What is the purpose of the foreign direct investment approval granted to Singapore Airlines by the Indian government?

- (a) Increase flights between India and Singapore
(b) Merger of Vistara with Air India
(c) Establish a new airport in India
(d) Launch a new airline in India

Sol.47.(b) Merger of Vistara with Air India. The merger aims to create a stronger, more efficient airline that can compete on the global stage while offering better services and expanding its reach.

Q.48. Which organization declared Dhulikhel Municipality of Kavrepalanchok district as Nepal's first 'healthy city' and the second healthiest city in Asia?

- (a) United Nations
(b) World Health Organization (WHO)
(c) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
(d) World Bank

Sol.48.(b) World Health Organization (WHO). Among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the government, Dhulikhel Municipality has achieved progress in four areas: Poverty alleviation, quality education, access to quality drinking water and zero carbon emissions.

Q.49. Which of the following regions is NOT included in the 10 countries that will receive funding from the UN's Central Emergency Response Fund?

- (a) Africa (b) The Middle East
(c) Asia (d) South America

Sol.49.(d) South America. The funding is allocated to countries across Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and the Caribbean. The UN allocated \$100 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to address humanitarian needs in 10 countries.

JULY

Q.50. Which country recently introduced holographic technology in new banknotes?

- (a) United States (b) Japan
(c) United Kingdom (d) India

Sol.50.(b) Japan. It introduced new banknotes featuring advanced

holography, creating 3D rotating portraits of historic figures as an anti-counterfeit measure. This innovative technology marks the world's first use of such holography on currency.

Q.51. Where was the third United Nations Conference on Afghanistan held in 2024?

- (a) Kabul, Afghanistan
- (b) Doha, Qatar
- (c) New York, USA
- (d) Geneva, Switzerland

Sol.51.(b) Doha, Qatar. The conference took place on June 30 and July 1, 2024. It was the first time the Taliban participated in such talks since taking control of Afghanistan.

Q.52. China has constructed a new presidential palace in which country to symbolize the strengthening relationship between the two nations?

- (a) Fiji
- (b) Vanuatu
- (c) Papua New Guinea
- (d) Solomon Islands

Sol.52.(b) Vanuatu. Vanuatu's Prime Minister Charlot Salwai inaugurated the new building as part of the broader project. A new finance ministry and renovations to the foreign affairs department were part of the broader project alongside the new presidential palace.

Q.53. Where is the International Toy Fair being organized in the national capital?

- (a) India Gate
- (b) Pragati Maidan
- (c) Connaught Place
- (d) Rajpath

Sol.53.(b) Pragati Maidan. The International Toy Fair 2024, organized by the Toy Association of India, was a four-day event aimed at bringing together manufacturers, traders, and end users. The fair featured over 300 domestic companies and more than 100 foreign buyers from countries including the US and Germany.

Q.54. Hungary has assumed the rotating presidency of which organization for the next six months?

- (a) United Nations Security Council
- (b) European Parliament
- (c) Council of the European Union
- (d) European Central Bank

Sol.54.(c) Council of the European Union. The motto of Hungary's presidency of the Council of the European Union is "Make Europe Great Again." Hungary aims to prioritize EU competitiveness, defense policy,

migration control, and agricultural reform during its presidency.

Q.55. Who is the new Dutch prime minister, taking over from Mark Rutte?

- (a) Jan Peter Balkenende
- (b) Dick Schoof
- (c) Geert Wilders
- (d) Alexander Pechtold

Sol.55.(b) Dick Schoof. The main focus of Schoof's coalition government is implementing the "strictest-ever" immigration policy.

Q.56. By what year has Russia approved the creation of a Russian orbital station?

- (a) 2025
- (b) 2030
- (c) 2033
- (d) 2040

Sol.56.(c) 2033. Design and construction of space modules, flight tests of a new-generation manned spaceship, and space infrastructure development are included in the schedule for the creation of the Russian orbital station.

Q.57. Who has been chosen to become the next Prime Minister of Britain?

- (a) Boris Johnson
- (b) Keir Starmer
- (c) Rishi Sunak
- (d) Jeremy Corbyn

Sol.57.(b) Keir Starmer, leader of the Labour Party. Before embarking on his political career, he had a distinguished professional background in human rights law and public prosecution.

Q.58. Who has become the first woman finance minister of the UK?

- (a) Theresa May
- (b) Rachel Reeves
- (c) Nicola Sturgeon
- (d) Priti Patel

Sol.58.(b) Rachel Reeves. She is an economist and has pledged to grow the nation's economy. She was appointed as Chancellor on June 5, after the Labour Party won the general election.

Q.59. India and Russia have set a target to increase bilateral trade to how much by 2030?

- (a) \$50 billion
- (b) \$75 billion
- (c) \$100 billion
- (d) \$150 billion

Sol.59.(c) \$100 billion. Energy, trade, manufacturing, and fertilizers sectors are highlighted for economic collaboration between India and Russia. Balancing trade and reducing non-tariff barriers was one of the key discussion points to improve bilateral trade.

JUNE

Q.60. The Chang'e-6 mission, which aims to return samples from the far side of the

moon, is a space program of which country?

- (a) United States
- (b) Russia
- (c) China
- (d) India

Sol.60.(c) China. The Chang'e-6 mission is part of China's lunar exploration program and is named after the Chinese moon goddess Chang'e. It launched on May 3, 2024, on a Long March 5 booster from Wenchang Satellite Launch Center and returned its samples on June 25, 2024.

Q.61. Dr. Helen Mary Roberts became the first woman to be promoted to the rank of a one-star officer in which country's military?

- (a) India
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Afghanistan

Sol.61.(b) Pakistan. Dr. Helen Mary Roberts was elevated to the esteemed rank of Brigadier. Her promotion coincides with increased attention to the treatment of minorities, especially Christians, in Pakistan.

Q.62. Who has been elected as Mexico's first woman president?

- (a) Margarita Zavala
- (b) Claudia Sheinbaum
- (c) Rosario Robles
- (d) Beatriz Paredes

Sol.62.(b) Claudia Sheinbaum. She is from the ruling Morena party.

Q.63. Which satellite has Pakistan launched in collaboration with China?

- (a) PAKSAT 1R
- (b) PAKSAT MM1
- (c) PAKSAT 2
- (d) PAKSAT 3

Sol.63.(b) PAKSAT MM1. The main objective of the PAKSAT MM1 satellite is enhancing internet connectivity and improving communication services. Pakistan's space agency is called the Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO). SUPARCO was established in 1961 as a committee and became an independent commission in 1981.

Q.64. What is the name of South Korea's newly launched space agency?

- (a) Korea Space Research Organization (KSRO)
- (b) Korea AeroSpace Administration (KASA)
- (c) South Korean Space Agency (SKSA)
- (d) Korea Aerospace Corporation (KAC)

Sol.64.(b) Korea AeroSpace Administration (KASA). Its headquarters

is located in Sacheon, South Gyeongsang Province.

Q.65. Who set a world record for the longest total spaceflight duration of 1,000 days?

- (a) Yuri Gagarin
- (b) Valentina Tereshkova
- (c) Oleg Kononenko
- (d) Sergey Krikalev

Sol.65.(c) Oleg Kononenko. He is currently working at the International Space Station.

Q.66. Why did Sheikh Meshal dissolve the parliament in Kuwait for four years?

- (a) To implement new economic reforms
- (b) Due to widespread political dysfunction
- (c) To strengthen military power
- (d) To address environmental challenges

Sol.66.(b) Due to widespread political dysfunction. Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al Sabah was named the new crown prince of Kuwait.

Q.67. Which countries were elected as new non-permanent members of the UN Security Council in June 2024?

- (a) Japan, Panama, Denmark, Somalia, Greece
- (b) Pakistan, Somalia, Panama, Denmark, Greece
- (c) Brazil, Argentina, Sweden, India, Switzerland
- (d) India, Greece, Malta, Japan, Mozambique

Sol.67.(b) Pakistan, Somalia, Panama, Denmark, Greece. The newly elected members will begin their two-year term starting January 1, 2025. Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Ecuador and Switzerland are being replaced by the newly elected members.

Q.68. What significant milestone was achieved for the 900 MW Arun III Hydropower Project in June 2024?

- (a) Completion of dam construction
- (b) Completion of heading excavation of the Head Race Tunnel
- (c) Installation of turbines
- (d) Opening of the power station

Sol.68.(b) Completion of heading excavation of the Head Race Tunnel. The last blast marking the completion was triggered by Nepal's Prime Minister. The 900 MW Arun III Hydropower Project is being constructed in Sankhuwasabha District in eastern Nepal.

Q.69. On June 16, 2024, the Israeli Navy received the second of two new landing craft. What is the name of this landing craft?

- (a) INS Nahshon
- (b) INS Komemiyut
- (c) INS Eilat
- (d) INS Shaked

Sol.69.(b) INS Komemiyut. The Israeli Navy received the INS Komemiyut at the Haifa Naval Base. The Israeli Navy first received a landing craft, the INS Nahshon in early October 2023.

Q.70. What is the maximum prison sentence imposed under Iraq's new law criminalizing same-sex relationships?

- (a) 5 years
- (b) 10 years
- (c) 15 years
- (d) 20 years

Sol.70.(c) 15 years. The Law on Combating Prostitution and Homosexuality criminalizes same-sex relationships in Iraq. The law reflects a concerning trend of heightened scrutiny and persecution of LGBT people in Iraq.

Q.71. What is the capacity of the world's largest airport, Al Maktoum International Airport, under construction in Dubai?

- (a) 150 million passengers annually
- (b) 200 million passengers annually
- (c) 260 million passengers annually
- (d) 300 million passengers annually

Sol.71.(c) 260 million passengers annually. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum is spearheading the ambitious airport project. The airport will have 400 terminal gates and five parallel runways.

Q.72. What is the name of the newly discovered herbivorous dinosaur from Argentina?

- (a) Tyrannosaurus rex
- (b) Chakisaurus nekul
- (c) Brachiosaurus patagonicus
- (d) Velociraptor patagoniensis

Sol.72.(b) Chakisaurus nekul lived approximately 90 million years ago during the Late Cretaceous period. The fossil was unearthed in present-day Patagonia, Argentina.

Q.73. What is the name of the new currency launched by Zimbabwe to address its currency crisis?

- (a) ZimDollar
- (b) ZiG (Zimbabwe Gold)
- (c) ZimCoin
- (d) Zimbabwean Pound

Sol.73.(b) ZiG (Zimbabwe Gold). The ZiG currency was first introduced

electronically in early April. It is backed by Zimbabwe's gold reserves.

Q.74. Where is American Express set to inaugurate its new expansive campus?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Gurugram
- (d) Noida

Sol.74.(c) Gurugram. The new American Express campus in Gurugram spans nearly 1 million square feet. The campus is aimed at fostering a vibrant work environment and driving innovation.

Q.75. Which team won the AFC U-23 Asian Cup for the second time in history?

- (a) Uzbekistan
- (b) South Korea
- (c) Japan
- (d) Qatar

Sol.75.(c) Japan defeated Uzbekistan 1-0 in the final. The winning goal was scored by substitute Yamada in injury time.

Q.76. Who won Panama's presidential election in the latest political development?

- (a) Ricardo Martinelli
- (b) José Raúl Mulino
- (c) Laurentino Cortizo
- (d) Rómulo Roux

Sol.76.(b) José Raúl Mulino. Over 92% of the ballots had been tallied when he secured his victory. He gained a 9% lead over his nearest rival.

Q.77. What is the name of the AI-generated spokesperson unveiled by Ukraine for its foreign ministry?

- (a) Elena Petrova
- (b) Victoria Shi
- (c) Anna Ivanova
- (d) Maria Kovalenko

Sol.77.(b) Victoria Shi is designed to handle diplomatic communication. The use of AI for official state communication is a significant technological leap in diplomatic efforts.

Q.78. What is the European Union's first-ever legislation aimed at combating?

- (a) Domestic violence
- (b) Violence against women
- (c) Human trafficking
- (d) Child abuse

Sol.78.(b) Violence against women. The law criminalizes female genital mutilation, forced marriage, and online harassment across all EU member states.

Q.79. Which team won its maiden Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy title in 2024?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) India
- (c) Japan
- (d) Malaysia

Sol.79.(c) Japan. The match ended in a 2-2 draw, and Japan won 4-1 in the shootout. The final was held at the Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh, Malaysia.

Q.80. Who has been appointed to chair the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)?

- (a) Saudi Ambassador Abdulaziz Alwasil
- (b) UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous
- (c) US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield
- (d) Canadian Ambassador Bob Rae

Sol.80.(a) Saudi Ambassador Abdulaziz Alwasil. Saudi Arabia's appointment to chair the UN Commission on the Status of Women has sparked criticism due to the disparity between Saudi Arabia's actions and the commission's mandate to promote gender equality.

Q.81. Which two countries have partially joined the Schengen travel zone?

- (a) Greece and Turkey
- (b) Romania and Bulgaria
- (c) Poland and Hungary
- (d) Estonia and Latvia

Sol.81.(b) Romania and Bulgaria. Travelers arriving by air or sea now enjoy ID-check-free access. Land border checks remain due to Austria's opposition.

Q.82. Who has been appointed as the first female Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo?

- (a) Marie-Jeanne Izeidi
- (b) Judith Suminwa Tuluka
- (c) Aisha Bint Suleiman
- (d) Catherine Kasavubu

Sol.82.(b) Judith Suminwa Tuluka. This move by President Felix Tshisekedi fulfills a campaign promise and comes at a time of worsening violence in the mineral-rich eastern region bordering Rwanda.

Q.83. Which country became the largest European Union (EU) nation to legalize recreational cannabis use on April 1, 2024?

- (a) France (b) Germany (c) Spain (d) Italy

Sol.83.(b) Germany. Under the new law, adults over 18 are now permitted to carry up to 25 grams of dried cannabis and cultivate up to three marijuana plants at home.

Q.84. What world record did scientists in South Korea set using the Korea Superconducting Tokamak Advanced

Research (KSTAR) device?

- (a) Longest sustained nuclear fusion reaction
- (b) Highest plasma temperature
- (c) Most energy generated by nuclear fusion
- (d) Longest duration of artificial sunlight

Sol.84.(b) Highest plasma temperature. Scientists achieved plasma temperatures of 100 million degrees Celsius. The plasma temperatures were sustained for 48 seconds during the tests. The KSTAR device is often referred to as an "artificial sun" nuclear fusion reactor.

Q.85. Who is the current president of Egypt, who has commenced his third term in 2024?

- (a) Mohamed Morsi (b) Hosni Mubarak
- (c) Abdel Fattah al-Sisi (d) Anwar Sadat

Sol.85.(c) Abdel Fattah al-Sisi. His third term will extend until 2030. The primary focus of President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi for his third term is national interests and fulfilling the aspirations of the Egyptian people, with a focus on creating a modern, democratic state.

Q.86. Which countries, along with Zimbabwe, have declared a state of disaster due to a severe drought sweeping across southern Africa?

- (a) South Africa and Botswana
- (b) Zambia and Malawi
- (c) Mozambique and Namibia
- (d) Kenya and Tanzania

Sol.86.(b) Zambia and Malawi. The drought is caused by below-normal rainfall triggered by El Nino. Over 80% of Zimbabwe is affected by the drought, leading to food shortages and a humanitarian crisis.

Q.87. What is the nickname of the British national who completed a challenging trek covering over 10,000 miles?

- (a) The Iron Walker
- (b) The Long Ranger
- (c) The Hardest Geezer
- (d) The Endless Voyager

Sol.87.(c) The Hardest Geezer. Russ Cook, known as "The Hardest Geezer," completed the trek.

Q.88. Who has been elected as Ireland's youngest-ever prime minister?

- (a) Leo Varadkar (b) Simon Harris
- (c) Micheál Martin (d) Enda Kenny

Sol.88.(b) Simon Harris previously served as both health and higher education minister. Simon Harris secured

his nomination as Ireland's prime minister by securing support from independent lawmakers and coalition partners, including Fianna Fail and the Green Party.

Q.89. What is the name of the ship-mounted defense system Israel deployed for the first time near the city of Eilat?

- (a) Iron Dome (b) C-Dome
- (c) David's Sling (d) Arrow 3

Sol.89.(b) C-Dome. The C-Dome is the naval adaptation of the Iron Dome defense system. Eilat had previously been targeted by missile fire from Yemen's Houthi rebels.

Q.90. What event did Dubai host for the first time, featuring pilots equipped with jet engines on their hands and backs?

- (a) Formula E race
- (b) Jet suit race
- (c) Drone racing
- (d) Airshow competition

Sol.90.(b) Jet suit race. The event was organized by Gravity Industries and Dubai Sports Council. The pilots wore jet engines resembling real-life 'Iron Men'.

Q.91. Which country became the first in the world to anchor the right to abortion within its constitution?

- (a) United States (b) France
- (c) Canada (d) Germany

Sol.91.(b) France. The decision marks a significant step in reproductive rights.

Q.92. Who was recently appointed as Hungary's new president following the resignation of the previous head of state?

- (a) Tamás Sulyok (b) Viktor Orban
- (c) László Kövér (d) Péter Szijjártó

Sol.92.(a) Tamás Sulyok, a former head of Hungary's Constitutional Court, was appointed as the new president of Hungary. The previous president resigned amid a scandal involving a pardon in such a case. Opposition parties called for direct presidential elections following the appointment of Tamás Sulyok.

Q.93. Which country recently became the 97th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- (a) Costa Rica (b) Panama
- (c) Ecuador (d) Chile

Sol.93.(b) Panama. The spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Randhir Jaiswal, announced Panama's accession to the ISA.

Q.94. What is the main purpose of the new national security law draft introduced by Hong Kong?

- (a) To protect environmental interests
- (b) To increase state authority in the region
- (c) To regulate business practices
- (d) To encourage foreign investment

Sol.94.(b) To increase state authority in the region. The new law draft focuses on treason, espionage, and external interference, marking a significant increase in state authority.

Q.95. What is the main purpose of the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) finalized between QatarEnergy and Exceletrate Energy?

- (a) To supply natural gas to Europe
- (b) To provide LNG to Bangladesh
- (c) To transport LNG to the United States
- (d) To expand LNG storage facilities in Qatar

Sol.95.(b) To provide LNG to Bangladesh. Exceletrate will secure up to 1 MTPA (million tons per annum) of LNG from QatarEnergy under the SPA. The LNG deliveries are set to commence from January 2026.

Q.96. What is the significance of the World Health Organization (WHO) issuing its first-ever certificates related to trans fatty acids (TFA)?

- (a) To acknowledge countries that have reduced smoking rates
- (b) To commend countries for efforts in eliminating trans fatty acids (TFA)
- (c) To recognize countries that have improved healthcare infrastructure
- (d) To reward countries for reducing alcohol consumption

Sol.96.(b) To commend countries for efforts in eliminating trans fatty acids (TFA). The countries recognized include Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand.

Q.97. Which countries officially joined the BRICS group on January 1, 2024, expanding its membership to ten nations?

- (a) Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Iran, Ethiopia
- (b) Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Iran, Ethiopia
- (c) Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Russia, China,

India

- (d) Argentina, Egypt, United States, UAE, Iran

Sol.97.(a) Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Iran, Ethiopia. The expansion was aimed at boosting the BRICS group's global influence. Argentina was invited but decided to opt out of joining BRICS in December 2023.

Q.98. As of January 1, 2024, which country became the first to issue Digital Schengen visas?

- (a) Germany (b) France (c) Italy (d) Spain

Sol.98.(b) France. The primary purpose of the Digital Schengen visa initiative was to prepare for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The full digitalization of Schengen visa procedures is scheduled for implementation in 2026. France aims to distribute around 70,000 digital visas in preparation for the 2024 Games.

Q.99. What is the name of Saudi Arabia's first luxury train?

- (a) Oasis Express
- (b) Dream of the Desert
- (c) Arabian Express
- (d) Desert Mirage

Sol.99.(b) Dream of the Desert. Reservations for the train's first ride will open by late 2024. The train promises a luxurious travel experience combined with cultural immersion.

Q.100. Under which arrangement will Pakistan receive the \$700 million bailout tranche from the IMF?

- (a) Extended Fund Facility (EFF)
- (b) Structural Adjustment Program (SAP)
- (c) StandBy Arrangement (SBA)
- (d) Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (PRGF)

Sol.100.(c) StandBy Arrangement (SBA). The \$700 million bailout tranche is expected to be disbursed to Pakistan during the IMF Executive Board meeting on January 11, 2024.

Q.101. Which two organizations are in talks with India to extend a €100 million loan for its urban infrastructure plan?

- (a) World Bank and IMF
- (b) France's development agency (AFD) and Germany's KfW Bank
- (c) Asian Development Bank and UNDP
- (d) European Investment Bank and USAID

Sol.101.(b) France's development agency (AFD) and Germany's KfW Bank.

The loan is intended to support India's urban infrastructure under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0.

Q.102. Which Vietnamese electric vehicle giant has announced plans to establish an integrated EV facility in Tamil Nadu?

- (a) VinFast Auto Ltd (b) BYD Auto
- (c) Tata Motors (d) Mahindra Electric

Sol.102.(a) VinFast Auto Ltd aims to enter the Indian market, which is the third-largest automobile market in the world.

Q.103. What is the name of the groundbreaking astronomical satellite launched by China to observe transient phenomena in the universe?

- (a) Hubble Space Telescope
- (b) Einstein Probe (EP)
- (c) Tianwen-1
- (d) Chang'e-5

Sol.103.(b) Einstein Probe (EP). The X-ray detection technology used in the Einstein Probe satellite was inspired by the functioning of a lobster eye. The Einstein Probe (EP) satellite was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan Province, southwest China.

Q.104. What is the purpose of the "green rooms" initiative introduced by UNDP in Ukraine?

- (a) To provide mental health support to law enforcement officers
- (b) To create a safe space for children to communicate with law enforcement
- (c) To offer shelter to displaced children
- (d) To train police officers in child protection

Sol.104.(b) To create a safe space for children to communicate with law enforcement. The "green rooms" initiative has been introduced at the National Police headquarters in Zaporizhzhia Oblast, Ukraine. The UNDP, in collaboration with the Government of Denmark, introduced the "green rooms" initiative in Ukraine.

Defence Affairs

Q.1. Where was the SLINEX 2024 India-Sri Lanka Naval Drill conducted ?

- (a) Mumbai (b) Chennai
(c) Visakhapatnam (d) Colombo

Sol.1.(c) Visakhapatnam. The SLINEX 2024 (Sri Lanka-India Exercise) was held from December 17 to 20, 2024, in Visakhapatnam under the Eastern Naval Command. This annual exercise strengthens maritime cooperation and ensures a safe, rule-based maritime environment.

Q.2. In December 2024, what was the name of the guided missile frigate commissioned into the Indian Navy at Kaliningrad, Russia ?

- (a) INS Vikrant (b) INS Shivalik
(c) INS Tushil (d) INS Talwar

Sol.2.(c) INS Tushil, the latest multi-role stealth guided missile frigate of the Indian Navy, set sail from Kaliningrad, Russia for India on 17 Dec 24, marking the beginning of her maiden operational deployment. The ship was built in Russia and commissioned on 09 Dec 24, in the presence of Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh.

Q.3. Where was the India-Cambodia Joint Exercise CINBAX 2024 conducted ?

- (a) Jaipur (b) Pune
(c) New Delhi (d) Mumbai

Sol.3.(b) Pune. The Indian Army and the Cambodian Army conducted their first-ever Joint Table Top Exercise, CINBAX, at the Foreign Training Node in Pune from 1st to 8th December 2024. This exercise aimed to enhance strategic cooperation, trust, and interoperability between the two nations.

Q.4. Which company secured a Rs 136 crore contract in December 2024 to supply indigenously designed High Mobility Vehicles (HMs) 8x8 to enhance India's defence capabilities ?

- (a) BEML Limited
(b) Bharat Heavy Electricals
(c) Ashok Leyland Limited
(d) Bharat Electronics Limited

Sol.4.(a) BEML Limited. On December 11, 2024, BEML Limited, a PSU under the Ministry of Defence, secured a ₹136 crore contract to supply indigenously designed High Mobility Vehicles. These vehicles will support the Battlefield Surveillance System (BFSS) project,

enhancing India's strategic defence infrastructure.

Q.5. Which defence company delivered its second Drishti-10 Starliner surveillance drone to the Indian Navy in December 2024 at the Porbandar base in Gujarat ?

- (a) Airbus Defence and Space
(b) Kadet Defence Systems Limited
(c) Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace
(d) Adani Aerospace and Defence Limited

Sol.5.(d) Adani Aerospace and Defence Limited. The Drishti-10, a variant of Israel's Hermes 900 medium altitude long endurance Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) enhances the country's maritime monitoring efforts especially in combating piracy and safeguarding strategic sea routes.

Q.6. Name the Unmanned Surface Vessel (USV) which was recently handed over to the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) in December 2024.

- (a) Typhoon (b) ASView
(c) Jaldoot (d) Sense

Sol.6.(c) Jaldoot. GRSE, established in 1884 as a small workshop, has evolved into a premier Indian shipyard under the Ministry of Defence.

Q.7. Which trilateral air combat exercise was launched by India, France, and the UAE in December 2024 over the Arabian Sea ?

- (a) Sky Shield (b) Desert Eagle
(c) Desert Knight (d) Blue Sky

Sol.7.(c) Desert Knight. The exercise enhanced defense cooperation, with IAF deploying Sukhoi-30MKIs, Jaguars, and AEW&C systems from Jamnagar, while French Rafales and UAE F-16s operated from Al Dhafra.

Q.8. In December 2024, where did the Indian Army collaborate with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) to launch an AI Incubation Centre ?

- (a) Mumbai (b) Delhi
(c) Bengaluru (d) Pune

Sol.8.(c) Bengaluru. This initiative, inaugurated by Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi via a virtual ceremony, aims to accelerate the development and adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies within the Indian Army.

Q.9. In December 2024, which council approved defence acquisition proposals worth over Rs 21,772 crore ?

- (a) National Security Council
(b) Defence Acquisition Council
(c) Defence Research Council
(d) Indian Armed Forces Council

Sol.9.(b) Defence Acquisition Council. It was chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, to strengthen maritime security, coastal defense, and combat readiness.

Q.10. What is the name of the Joint Military Exercise between the Indian Army (IA) and the Malaysian Army that commenced in Pahang district, Malaysia, from December 2 to 15, 2024 ?

- (a) VINBAX (b) IMBEX
(c) Garuda Shakti (d) Harimau Shakti
(e) MITRA SHAKTI

Sol.10.(d) Harimau Shakti. The 4th edition of the India-Malaysia Joint Military Exercise 'Harimau Shakti' commenced at Bentong Camp in Pahang district, Malaysia, on December 2, 2024. The exercise, involving 78 personnel from the MAHAR Regiment and 123 personnel from the Royal Malaysian Regiment, aims to enhance defense cooperation and bilateral ties through cross-training and simulated exercises.

Q.11. What is the name of the Indian Army's new digital training platform launched in November 2024 ?

- (a) Samarth (b) Eklavya
(c) Shikhar (d) Prerna

Sol.11.(b) Eklavya. The Indian Army launched "Eklavya," an online learning platform to revolutionize officers' training. It was unveiled by General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), and aligns with the Army's 2024 theme, "Year of Technology Absorption."

Q.12. Where did the 15th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces Exercise, Ex Vajra Prahar 2024, take place ?

- (a) California (b) Washington
(c) Idaho (d) New York

Sol.12.(c) Idaho. The 15th edition of Ex Vajra Prahar 2024 took place at the Orchard Combat Training Centre in Idaho, USA. The exercise, which began on November 2, 2024, aims to strengthen military cooperation between India and the United States and is scheduled to continue until November 22, 2024.

Q.13. Name the high-intensity tri-services exercise conducted by the Indian Army from 10th to 18th November 2024.

- (a) Tiger Triumph (b) INDRA
(c) Poorvi Prahar (d) Vajra Prahar

Sol.13.(c) Poorvi Prahar. This joint exercise aims to sharpen the combat effectiveness of the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force in implementing Integrated Joint Operations in the difficult mountainous terrain of the region. The exercise, Poorvi Prahar, will involve innovative technological advancements such as, First Person View (FPV) Drones, and Loiter Munitions.

Q.14. Where is the 3rd edition of the India-Australia joint military exercise, AUSTRAHIND-24, held in November 2024 ?

- (a) Pune, Maharashtra
(b) New Delhi, Delhi
(c) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(d) Jaipur, Rajasthan

Sol.14.(a) Pune, Maharashtra. This exercise aims to strengthen military cooperation between India and Australia by improving the ability of both forces to work together in joint unconventional operations. This annual exercise was started in 2022 in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges (MFFR) in Mahajan, Rajasthan. Since then, it was conducted alternatively in India and Australia.

Q.15. Where is the 5th edition of the India-Vietnam Joint Military Exercise, VINBAX-2024, held in November 2024?

- (a) Ambala, Haryana
(b) New Delhi, Delhi
(c) Chandigarh, Punjab
(d) Jaipur, Rajasthan

Sol.15.(a) Ambala, Haryana. VINBAX-2024 is a bilateral military exercise conducted at Ambala, Haryana, and the Chandimandir Military Station in Panchkula District from November 4 to November 23, 2024. The exercise aims to strengthen defense ties between India and Vietnam.

Q.16. In which state did the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conduct the first flight-test of the Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) ?

- (a) Bihar (b) Odisha
(c) Rajasthan (d) Assam

Sol.16.(b) Odisha. On 12th November 2024, DRDO conducted the first flight-test of LRLACM, with a range of

1,000 kilometers(km), from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha. The LRLACM was developed by Bengaluru (Karnataka)-based Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) with contributions from other DRDO laboratories and other industries.

Q.17. Name the Space TableTop Exercise that was recently conducted by the Defence Space Agency (DSA) in New Delhi, Delhi in November 2024.

- (a) Dharma Guardian
(b) Garuda Shakti
(c) Cyber Suraksha
(d) Antariksha Abhyas

Sol.17.(d) Antariksha Abhyas. Defence Space Agency of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) successfully conducted the Space Table Top Exercise Antariksha Abhyas-2024 from 11th to 13th November 2024. This first of its kind exercise helped in strengthening India's space based operational capabilities, enhancing Indian Navy, Army and Air force services integration for space security.

Q.18. Which Multilateral Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise was conducted by the Indian Army (IA) in Gujarat from 18th to 19th November 2024 ?

- (a) Sanyukt Vimochan 2024
(b) Kakadu 2024
(c) Pitch Black 2024
(d) Nomadic Elephant 2024

Sol.18.(a) Sanyukt Vimochan 2024 was successfully conducted at Ahmedabad and Porbandar, Gujarat. The exercise was organised by the Konark Corps of the Southern Command. The exercise demonstrated India's disaster response readiness, fostering collaboration among domestic agencies and international participants.

Q.19. Name the indigenously developed machine pistol that was recently introduced by the Indian Army in November 2024.

- (a) Prahar (b) Glock (c) Asmi (d) Ashani

Sol.19.(c) Asmi. Indian Army (IA) has introduced 550 units of the indigenously developed "Asmi" machine pistol in the Northern Command. This is a part of the efforts toward fulfilling the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (selfreliance). The 100% Made-in-India weapon was developed by Colonel Prasad Bansod of the IA in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). It

was manufactured by Lokesh Machines in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Q.20. In November 2024, the Indian Army (IA) received which logistics drone from Noida-based UAV manufacturer EndureAir Systems Private Limited to improve aerial logistics in the Eastern sector ?

- (a) Sabal 20 (b) Prahasta
(c) Nishant (d) Sthir Stab 640

Sol.20.(a) Sabal 20. The Indian Army received the Sabal 20, an electric unmanned helicopter, to enhance aerial logistics and transport supplies in the Eastern sector. The drone can carry up to 20 kg over distances exceeding 10 km and features variable pitch technology for better performance at high altitudes.

Q.21. In November 2024, to which country did India export the first batch of indigenously developed Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launchers (MBRL) ?

- (a) Gambia (b) Turkey
(c) France (d) Armenia

Sol.21.(d) Armenia. India exported the first batch of Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launchers (MBRL) to Armenia as part of a Rs 2,000 crore contract signed in 2022. Armenia also received Akash air defense missile systems, highlighting India's efforts to strengthen Armenia's defense capabilities.

Q.22. In November 2024, where was the 11th edition of Indian Coast Guard (ICG)'s National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise & Workshop (SAREX-24) held ?

- (a) Kochi, Kerala
(b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
(c) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Sol.22.(a) Kochi, Kerala. The biennial exercise, themed "Enhancing Search and Rescue capabilities through Regional collaboration", involved table-top exercises, workshops, and large-scale sea contingencies with participation from various national agencies and armed forces.

Q.23. Where was the India-Singapore bilateral military exercise 'Agni Warrior (XAW-2024)' held from 28th to 30th November 2024 ?

- (a) Odisha (b) Goa
(c) Maharashtra (d) Gujarat

Sol.23.(c) Maharashtra. This 13th edition showcased joint firepower planning and execution with new-generation

equipment, enhancing mutual understanding and interoperability between the artillery units of both nations under the Army Bilateral Agreement since 2004.

Q.24. What is the length of the first underground shooting range for NCC cadets inaugurated in New Delhi by CM Atishi Marlena Singh in November 2024?

- (a) 15 meter (b) 20 meter
(c) 25 meter (d) 30 meter

Sol.24.(c) 25 meters. The facility features a 25-meter firing range with six firing lanes, bulletproof ceilings, and advanced equipment, including electronic target control and night-firing capabilities, offering uninterrupted training opportunities for cadets.

Q.25. In October 2024, Which organisation delivered the first AL-31FP Aero Engine to the Indian Air Force (IAF) at Koraput, Odisha ?

- (a) Kalyani Strategic Systems Limited
(b) Defence Research and Development Organisation
(c) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
(d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Sol.25.(d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed over the first AL-31FP Aero Engine manufactured under a 240-engine contract to the Indian Air Force(IAF) in the presence of Sanjeev Kumar, Secretary (Defence Production), Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Dr D K Sunil, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of HAL.

Q.26. Which country has recently approved the sale of 53 MK-54 lightweight torpedoes All-Up Rounds (AURs) to India in October 2024?

- (a) Malaysia (b) Sri Lanka
(c) Japan (d) United States of America

Sol.26.(d) United States of America. The U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) has approved the sale of 53 MK-54 lightweight torpedoes to India, valued at around USD 175 million (Rs 14.7 billion). The MK 54 torpedo is an advanced lightweight weapon developed by Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems in collaboration with the US Navy. It can be launched from various platforms, including surface ships, fixed-wing aircraft, and helicopters.

Q.27. The Indian Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps is conducting which exercise to enhance combat capabilities through the integration of niche and emerging technologies in October 2024 ?

- (a) Swavlamban Shakti
(b) Vajra Prahar
(c) Yudh Abhyas
(d) Shakti Prashikshan

Sol.27.(a) Swavlamban Shakti. This Exercise was conducted at the Babina Field Firing Ranges near Jhansi, with the primary objective of enhancing combat capabilities through the integration of niche and emerging technologies. The exercise commenced on 17th October, 2024, and concluded on October 22, 2024.

Q.28. Name the bilateral naval exercise conducted by the Indian Navy (IN) and Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) off the coast of Goa in October 2024 ?

- (a) Naseem Al Bahr (b) Shakti
(c) Varuna (d) INDRA

Sol.28.(a) Naseem Al Bahr. This exercise was conducted from October 13 to 18, 2024. The exercise featured the participation of the Indian Navy's INS Trikanth and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft, alongside the Royal Navy of Oman's vessel Al Seeb.

Q.29. In October 2024, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) launched two Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) Adamyia and _____ built by the Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).

- (a) Mulki (b) Arighaat
(c) Tripud (d) Akshar

Sol.29.(d) Akshar. On 28th October 2024, the ICG launched two domestic Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), named 'Adamyia' and 'Akshar'. These vessels, with over 60% indigenous content, aim to enhance security around offshore assets, island territories, and bolster surveillance capabilities. The vessels are part of the contract signed with GSL for eight such FPVs to be built at a cost of Rs 473 crore.

Q.30. Name the bilateral maritime exercise between India and Singapore that is held from 23 to 29 October 2024 in Visakhapatnam.

- (a) Malabar 2024 (b) SIMBEX 2024
(c) VARUNA 2024 (d) Ocean Shield 2024

Sol.30.(b) SIMBEX 2024. The 31st edition of SIMBEX 2024 took place at Visakhapatnam, under the Eastern Naval Command. The exercise, originally

known as 'Exercise Lion King,' began in 1994 and has grown into a key maritime collaboration between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).

Q.31. Name the naval exercise conducted between the Indian Navy and the German Navy from 21 to 23 October 2024 in the Indian Ocean.

- (a) Malabar 2024
(b) Exercise Varuna
(c) Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)
(d) Sea Guardian 2024

Sol.31.(c) Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX). This inaugural exercise, held in the Bay of Bengal, included joint operations involving INS Delhi, a guided-missile destroyer from India, and Baden-Württemberg and Frankfurt Am Main, a frigate and replenishment tanker from Germany. This event highlights both nations' commitment to enhancing maritime interoperability and regional stability.

Q.32. In which state has the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted three flight tests of the advanced 4th Generation Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS)?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Gujarat
(c) Odisha (d) Rajasthan

Sol.32.(d) Rajasthan. The test was conducted from a ground-based portable launcher. The VSHORADS missiles are fully developed, with two production agencies engaged as Development-cum-Production Partners (DcPP). The VSHORADS, designed as a Man-Portable Air Defence System, was developed by the Hyderabad, Telangana-based Research Centre Imarat (RCI) in collaboration with other DRDO labs. These are fully digital and heat-seeking, with a strike range of up to 6 km

Q.33. Name the military exercise between India and the United States of America that commenced in September 2024 at the Foreign Training Node in Rajasthan.

- (a) Khaan Quest (b) JIMEX-24
(c) Red Flag 24-2 (d) YUDH ABHYAS

Sol.33.(d) YUDH ABHYAS. The 20th edition of India-USA Joint Military Exercise YUDH ABHYAS-2024 is

scheduled to be conducted from 9th to 22nd September 2024. Exercise YUDH ABHYAS has been held annually since 2004, alternating between India and the USA.

Q.34. Name the country where the Indian Navy (IN)'s P8I aircraft reached to participate in the 16th edition of Exercise Kakadu 2024 in September 2024.

- (a) United States of America (b) Thailand
(c) Mongolia (d) Australia

Sol.34.(d) Australia. Exercise Kakadu 2024 was led by the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and supported by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), and was held in Darwin, Australia from September 7 to 20, 2024.

Q.35. Name the joint exercise that was conducted between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Oman Air Force (RAFO) in Oman in September 2024.

- (a) Tarkash (b) Pitch Black
(c) Eastern Bridge (d) Red Flag 24-2

Sol.35.(c) Eastern Bridge. This is the seventh edition of the Exercise that is scheduled from 11 to 22 September 2024 at Air Force base Masirah, Oman. Exercise Eastern Bridge VII aims to improve tactical and operational skills, foster mutual understanding and bolster the ability of both air forces to collaborate effectively in diverse scenarios.

Q.36. Which city has hosted the India Defence Aviation Exposition (Expo) (IDAX-24) in September 2024 ?

- (a) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
(b) Umroi, Meghalaya
(c) Chandipur, Odisha
(d) Bangalore, Karnataka

Sol.36.(a) Jodhpur, Rajasthan. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated IDAX-24 at Jodhpur, running from September 12 to 14, 2024. This major event coincides with Exercise Tarang Shakti-24, one of the largest multinational air exercises hosted by the Indian Air Force.

Q.37. Where did the Indian Coast Guard attend the 20th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) ?

- (a) Incheon, South Korea
(b) Tokyo, Japan
(c) Bangkok, Thailand
(d) Manila, Philippines

Sol.37.(a) Incheon, South Korea. This Meeting was held from September 03 to

04, 2024. HACGAM primarily focuses on fostering cooperation between the Coast Guards of the member Asian states to ensure and promote safe, secure & clean seas in the region. On the sidelines of the HACGAM, the 12th annual bilateral meeting between ICG and the Korea Coast Guard was also held on September 04, 2024.

Q.38. The Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility (VINETRA) was recently commissioned by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar. Where was it commissioned ?

- (a) INS Satavahana, Visakhapatnam
(b) INS Valsura, Jamnagar
(c) INS Hansa, Goa
(d) INS Kalinga, Odisha

Sol.38.(a) INS Satavahana, Visakhapatnam. The Vinetra was commissioned on 13 Sep 2024 by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command. This indigenously designed facility enhances escape capabilities for crew members of distressed Kalvari-class submarines, aligning with India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative for self-reliance in defense.

Q.39. The ABHED (Advanced Ballistics for High Energy Defeat) is a Light Weight Bullet Proof Jacket developed by which institutions ?

- (a) DRDO and IIT Delhi
(b) DRDO and IIT Madras
(c) DRDO and BHEL
(d) IIT Kanpur and DRDO

Sol.39.(a) DRDO and IIT Delhi. The jackets have been developed at the DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA-CoE) at IIT, Delhi. These jackets have been created from polymers and indigenous boron carbide ceramic material.

Q.40. Which type of missile is the Agni-4, successfully launched by India in September 2024 from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha?

- (a) Submarine-launched ballistic missile
(b) Intercontinental ballistic missile
(c) Medium Range Surface to Air Missile
(d) Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile

Sol.40.(d) Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile. The launch was carried out on September 06, 2024. Agni missiles are long-range, nuclear weapons capable, surface-to-surface ballistic missiles. The first missile of the series, Agni-I was developed under the Integrated Guided

Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) and tested in 1989.

Q.41. Which large-scale strike corps exercise was conducted by the Indian Army in the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh in August 2024 ?

- (a) Poorvi Lehar (b) Parvat Prahaar
(c) Gagan Strike-II (d) Red Flag

Sol.41.(b) Parvat Prahaar. This strategic military exercise focused on high-altitude warfare and operations, involving various military units and equipment to maintain readiness near the India-China border.

Q.42. Name the bilateral air exercise conducted between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) from 5th to 9th August 2024 in Kuantan, Malaysia.

- (a) Nomadic Elephant 2024
(b) Garuda Shakti 2024
(c) Varuna Shakti 2024
(d) Udara Shakti 2024

Sol.42.(d) Udara Shakti 2024. The exercise saw the participation of Su-30MKI fighter jets from the IAF and Su-30MKM fighters from the RMAF. Aim: To bolster operational efficiency, technical experts from both Air Forces engaged in sharing their maintenance practices.

Q.43. What is the name of the 10th edition of the India-Sri Lanka joint military exercise that began on 12th August 2024 ?

- (a) Tarkash 2024 (b) JIMEX 2024
(c) Mitra Shakti 2024 (d) MAITREE 2024

Sol.43.(c) Mitra Shakti 2024 was held at Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka. The Exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 12th to 25th August 2024. The Mitra Shakti exercise series was initiated in 2012.

Q.44. Name the Long Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) that recently underwent a successful maiden flight test conducted by the DRDO in August 2024.

- (a) Zorawar (b) SMART
(c) ABHYAS (d) GAURAV

Sol.44.(d) GAURAV. The DRDO has successfully conducted the maiden flight test of the Long Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) from an Indian Air Force (IAF) platform Su-30 MK-I off the coast of Odisha. GAURAV has been designed and developed indigenously by the Research

Centre Imarat (RCI) in Hyderabad, Telangana. Gaurav is an air-launched 1,000-kg class glide bomb capable of hitting targets at long distances.

- Q.45.** Which company has recently received approval from the Indian Navy (IN) to construct six advanced submarines in partnership with Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) under the 'Project 75 India (P75I)' initiative in August 2024 ?
- (a) Jindal Steel & Power Limited
(b) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
(c) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
(d) SECON Engineering Projects Private Limited
(e) Cochin Shipyard Limited

Sol.45.(b) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited. The project, valued at approximately Rs 60,000 crore, is pivotal in strengthening India's naval capabilities in the Indian Ocean, particularly in response to the growing presence of China and Pakistan. Project-75 India (P-75(I)) program, is a military acquisition initiative affiliated to India's Ministry of Defence (MoD), aimed at the planned procurement of diesel-electric submarines for the Indian Navy (IN).

- Q.46.** When is India set to begin full-scale production of the 4.5-generation plus Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mark 2 fighter jets ?
- (a) 2028 (b) 2026 (c) 2030 (d) 2029

Sol.46.(d) 2029. The 4.5-generation-plus Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mark 2 fighter jets are scheduled to start flying by March 2026, with full-scale production expected to begin by 2029. This was announced during a high-level review meeting of the LCA MK-II Development programme held at DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi.

- Q.47.** The 2nd indigenous nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, commissioned into the Indian Navy on 29th August 2024 at Visakhapatnam, is named _____.
- (a) INS Arighaat
(b) INS Shivalik
(c) INS Visakhapatnam
(d) INS Sindhukesari
(e) INS Sindhughosh

Sol.47.(a) INS Arighaat is India's 2nd indigenous nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, after INS Arihant which was commissioned into service in August 2016.

- Q.48.** The Indian Air Force (IAF) has granted clearance to which organization to produce 200 Astra Mark-1 (Mk-1) air-to-air missiles in August 2024 ?
- (a) Bharat Dynamics Limited
(b) BrahMos Aerospace
(c) Adani Defence & Aerospace
(d) Mahindra Defence Systems Limited

Sol.48.(a) Bharat Dynamics Limited. The Indian Air Force has granted clearance to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Hyderabad (Telangana)-based Bharat Dynamics Limited for the production of 200 Astra Mark-1(Mk-1) Air-to-Air Missiles(AAM). Astra Mk-1 is an indigenously developed Beyond Visual Range (BVR), AAM system. It is a part of Astra program, which aims to improve the aerial combat capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces. It has a strike range from 80 to 110 kilometers (km) and 20 km altitude. It has a maximum speed of Mach 4.5.

- Q.49.** Which helicopter was de-inducted by the Indian Navy in June 2024 after serving for 17 years ?
- (a) Apache (b) Mi-17 V5
(c) Chetak (d) UH-3H

Sol.49.(d) UH-3H. The event was presided by Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command. The UH-3H helicopter will be replaced by Sea King 42C helicopter at INAS 350, to continue and deliver operational power and capability.

- Q.50.** Which biennial multi-national exercise did the Indian Air Force (IAF) participate in Australia from 12th July to 2nd August 2024 ?
- (a) Exercise Poorvi Lehar 2024
(b) Exercise SHAKTI 2024
(c) Exercise Tiger Triumph 2024
(d) Exercise Pitch Black 2024

Sol.50.(d) Exercise Pitch Black 2024 was hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force. The name 'Pitch Black' was derived from the emphasis on night time flying over large un-populated areas. This edition is slated to be the largest in the 43 year long history of Ex Pitch Black, which includes participation by 20 countries, with over 140 aircraft and 4400 military personnel of various air forces.

- Q.51.** What is the name of the military exercise conducted at Fort

Vachirapakan in Tak province, Thailand, between India and Thailand from July 1-15, 2024 ?

- (a) Shanti Prayas IV (b) MAITREE
(c) Tiger Triumph (d) IMT-TRILAT

Sol.51.(b) MAITREE. This was the 13th edition of military Exercise MAITREE. The last edition of the same exercise was conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya in September 2019.

- Q.52.** Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari inaugurated the Weapon Systems School (WSS) in July 2024 at which Air Force Station (AFS) ?
- (a) Ambala, Haryana
(b) Amritsar, Punjab
(c) Begumpet, Telangana
(d) Leh, Ladakh

Sol.52.(c) Begumpet, Telangana. This follows the approval of the Weapon System (WS) branch, a new branch of officers in the IAF, in 2022. The WSS aims to provide contemporary, effect-based training for the officers of the newly formed WS branch.

- Q.53.** Which battle tank successfully underwent trials by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in Hazira, Gujarat, in July 2024?
- (a) Zorawar (b) Akashteer
(c) Arjun (d) RudraM-II

Sol.53.(a) Zorawar, a highly versatile platform capable of deployment in high-altitude areas. Zorawar has been successfully developed by the Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (CVRDE), a unit of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in collaboration with Larsen & Toubro Ltd.

- Q.54.** In July 2024, the Indian Army participated in which multinational peacekeeping exercise held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia ?
- (a) Red Flag 2024 (b) Khaan Quest 2024
(c) DUSTLIK 2024 (d) Poorvi Lehar 2024

Sol.54.(b) Khaan Quest 2024 is scheduled to be conducted from 27th July to 9th August 2024 at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The exercise first started as a bilateral event between USA and Mongolian Armed Forces in the year 2003. Subsequently, from the year 2006 onwards the exercise graduated to a Multinational Peacekeeping Exercise with the current year being the 21st iteration.

Q.55. Which organisation delivered the first batch of 35,000 Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles to the Indian Army in July 2024 ?

- (a) Adani Defence and Aerospace
- (b) Munitions India Limited
- (c) Kadet Defence Systems Limited
- (d) Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited

Sol.55.(d) Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited is a Joint Venture between India and Russia. These rifles were produced at the Korwa Ordnance Factory in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh and the production of these rifles in India is in full compliance with the PM's "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Abhiyan" initiatives.

Q.56. Name the joint military exercise between India and Mongolia that began in Meghalaya in July 2024.

- (a) Khaan Quest
- (b) Nomadic Elephant
- (c) Shakti
- (d) Mitra Shakti

Sol.56.(b) Nomadic Elephant. This was the 16th edition of the exercise which was held at the Foreign Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya), from 3rd to 16th July 2024.

Q.57. JIMEX 2024, the maritime exercise held between India and Japan, took place in which location in June 2024 ?

- (a) Tokyo, Japan
- (b) Osaka, Japan
- (c) Yokohama, Japan
- (d) Yokosuka, Japan

Sol.57.(d) Yokosuka, Japan. This is the eighth edition of JIMEX, since its inception in 2012. The exercise includes both harbour and sea phases. Other bilateral training exercises between India and Japan are DHARMA Guardian (Indian Army and Japan Ground Self Defence Force) and Veer Guardian (Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Japan Air Self-Defence Force).

Q.58. What is the name of India's 1st indigenous man-portable suicide drone received by the Indian Army in June 2024 ?

- (a) Haeil-5-23
- (b) Nagastra-1
- (c) FWD-200B
- (d) Drishti 10 Starliner

Sol.58.(b) Nagastra-1 is designed and developed by Economics Explosives Ltd (EEL), a subsidiary of Solar Industries Nagpur (Maharashtra), in association with Z-Motion, Bengaluru, Karnataka, with over 75% indigenous content.

Q.59. In June 2024, which Indian force inaugurated its first skin bank facility in New Delhi ?

- (a) Indian Navy
- (b) Indian Airforce
- (c) Indian Army
- (d) Indian Coast Guard

Sol.59.(c) Indian Army. Army Hospital (Research & Referral), New Delhi, on June 18, 2024, announced the opening of a state-of-the-art skin bank facility, a first-of-its-kind to be established within the Armed Forces Medical Services. This landmark initiative aims to revolutionise the treatment of severe burn injuries and other skin-related conditions among service members and their families.

Q.60. In which region did the Indian Army open the Khalubar War Memorial to tourists in 2024 ?

- (a) Jammu & Kashmir
- (b) Ladakh
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Uttarakhand

Sol.60.(b) Ladakh. As a tribute to the heroes of the Kargil War, the Indian Army opened this War Memorial. This opening ceremony was part of the 'Forever in Operations' Division's Pre-Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations as this year, the country will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26 July.

Q.61. Which Internet of Things (IOT)-enabled generator monitoring and control system was launched by the Indian Army in June 2024 ?

- (a) Jugaad
- (b) Akashteer
- (c) SAMBHAV
- (d) Vidyut Rakshak

Sol.61.(d) Vidyut Rakshak developed by the Army Design Bureau (ADB) was launched by the Army's Vice Chief Lieutenant General Gen Upendra Dwivedi.

Q.62. Who became the Indian Navy's first woman helicopter pilot during the passing out parade at INS Rajali in Arakkonam, Ranipet district, in June 2024 ?

- (a) Sub Lieutenant Anamika B. Rajeev
- (b) Sub Lieutenant Priya Sharma
- (c) Sub Lieutenant Ayesha Khan
- (d) Sub Lieutenant Kavita Suresh

Sol.62.(a) Sub Lieutenant Anamika B. Rajeev. A passing out parade was held on 07 Jun 24 to mark the graduation of the 102nd Helicopter Conversion Course and completion of stage I training of 04th Basic Helicopter Conversion Course. Lt Jamyang Tsewang, the first Commissioned Naval Officer from the Union Territory of Ladakh also

successfully graduated as a qualified helicopter pilot.

Q.63. Which company secured a contract from DRDO in June 2024 to develop Underwater Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (ULUAVs) ?

- (a) Mahindra Aerostructures Private Limited
- (b) Adani Defence and Aerospace
- (c) Sagar Defence Engineering Pvt. Ltd.
- (d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Sol.63.(c) Sagar Defence Engineering Pvt. Ltd., based in Pune (Maharashtra), has secured a contract from the DRDO Technology Development Fund (TDF) to develop ULUAVs. It aims to improve the strategic prowess of Indian defence forces and expand India's underwater capabilities, representing a significant advancement in Indian defence technology.

Q.64. Which nation recently launched the "Unmanned Systems Forces (USF)" in June 2024, becoming the first in the world to establish a military force focused on unmanned warfare ?

- (a) Ukraine
- (b) China
- (c) Israel
- (d) United States of America

Sol.64.(a) Ukraine. The Armed Forces of Ukraine officially launched USF, a new standalone military branch aimed at supporting and developing units of unmanned systems. The Former Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Colonel Vadym Sukharevsky, has been appointed as the 1st Commander of the USF.

Q.65. Which joint military exercise between India and France began on 13th May, 2024, at Umroi, Meghalaya ?

- (a) Exercise Tiger Triumph
- (b) Exercise SHAKTI
- (c) Exercise Poorvi Lehar
- (d) Exercise Sahyog Kaijin

Sol.65.(b) Exercise SHAKTI is a biennial training event conducted alternatively in India and France. This was the 7th edition scheduled to be conducted from 13th to 26th May 2024. The last edition was conducted in France in November 2021.

Q.66. In May 2024, the Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted its first airdrop test of _____ in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

- (a) Nirbhay Cruise Missile

- (b) BHISHM portable cubes
(c) Crystal Maze-2 missile
(d) Agni-5 ballistic missile

Sol.66.(b) BHISHM portable cubes are part of a broader initiative named "Project BHISHM - Bharat health initiative for Sahyog, Hita and Maitri".

Q.67. Which exercise was conducted by the Defence Cyber Agency in May 2024 in New Delhi to improve the cyber defence skills of various cybersecurity organizations ?

- (a) Bharat Shakti (b) Cyber Bharat
(c) Shanti Prayas IV (d) Cyber Suraksha

Sol.67.(d) Cyber Suraksha. It aims to empower participants by enhancing their cyber defence skills, techniques and capabilities; share best practices, and work towards a unified and robust cyber defence posture. The exercise was conducted by the Defence Cyber Agency from 20th to 24th May 2024 in New Delhi.

Q.68. Which operation was conducted by the Indian Air Force (IAF) using Mi-17 V5 helicopters to combat forest fires in the Pauri Garhwal sector of Uttarakhand ?

- (a) Operation Meghdoot
(b) Bambi Bucket operations
(c) Operation Vijay
(d) Operation Shakti

Sol.68.(b) Bambi Bucket operations. A Bambi Bucket is a large, collapsible water-carrying device used in aerial firefighting. These buckets are suspended from a helicopter to scoop up and drop water onto wildfires efficiently.

Q.69. Where did Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari unveil the first Emergency Medical Response System (EMRS) at the Command Hospital Air Force (CHAF) in May 2024 ?

- (a) Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir
(b) Bengaluru, Karnataka
(c) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(d) New Delhi, Delhi

Sol.69.(b) Bengaluru, Karnataka. The EMRS is a first of its kind 24/7 telephonic medical helpline for serving IAF personnel and their families across India. The system aims to provide prompt response by a team of medical and paramedical professionals to the caller experiencing the emergency anywhere across the country.

Q.70. In May 2024, which Next Generation Anti-Radiation Missile was successfully tested by the Defence

Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from the Su-30 MK-I fighter jet of the Indian Air Force (IAF) ?

- (a) VSHORADS missile (b) RudraM-II
(c) Konkurs-M (d) Agni-Prime

Sol.70.(b) RudraM-II is an indigenously developed solid-propelled air-launched missile system meant for Air-to-Surface role to neutralise many types of enemy assets.

Q.71. In May 2024, Pakistan successfully launched which indigenously developed guided Multi-Launch Rocket System (MLRS) ?

- (a) Fatah-II (b) Astra
(c) Crystal Maze-2 (d) BHISHM

Sol.71.(a) Fatah-II. This marks a substantial advancement in long-range artillery capabilities of Pakistan. The rocket system is capable of engaging targets with high precision up to a range of 400 kilometers (km).

Q.72. In May 2024, which aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF), manufactured by Lockheed Martin, successfully carried out a Night Vision Goggles (NVG)-aided landing at the Kargil Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) ?

- (a) TU-142M
(b) C-295
(c) C-130J Super Hercules
(d) C-17 Globemaster

Sol.72.(c) C-130J Super Hercules. The IAF has, for the first time, landed an aircraft using NVG. The C-130J, manufactured by Lockheed Martin, landed at Kargil ALG, located at an altitude of around 10,000 feet. The airstrip is restricted, with a unidirectional approach, and is surrounded by rough terrain.

Q.73. In April 2024, which country's defence force received two Dornier 228 planes from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) ?

- (a) France (b) Guyana
(c) Argentina (d) Ecuador

Sol.73.(b) Guyana. The Dornier 228 aircraft is renowned for its versatility and reliability, making it suitable for a range of military and civilian applications, including surveillance, reconnaissance, medical evacuation, and transport operations.

Q.74. In April 2024, which country deployed the 'C-Dome' Defence system for the first time in its military operations ?

- (a) Israel (b) Russia
(c) France (d) South Korea

Sol.74.(a) Israel has deployed its ship-mounted defense system, 'C-Dome,' for the first time in Eilat, its southernmost city. The C-Dome, a naval version of the Iron Dome air defense system, is designed to shield against rocket and missile attacks.

Q.75. Name the two-day coastal security exercise conducted off the Lakshadweep Islands from April 1-2, 2024.

- (a) Varuna Shakti 2024
(b) Sagar Kavach 01/24
(c) Exercise Coastal Shield
(d) Suraksha Sagar 2024

Sol.75.(b) Sagar Kavach 01/24. The exercise involved the participation of all maritime security agencies, including the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Marine Police, Fisheries, Customs, and other security agencies. The primary objective of the exercise was to validate the effectiveness of the coastal security mechanism in dealing with asymmetric threats emanating from the sea.

Q.76. Which indigenous system, developed by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), has the Indian Army recently commenced inducting to enhance its air defence capabilities ?

- (a) Nagastra (b) Akashteer
(c) Vidyut Rakshak (d) RudraM-II

Sol.76.(b) Akashteer. It aims to integrate the army's air defence units, improving operational efficiency and response times.

Q.77. What is the name of the mega exercise conducted by the Indian Navy along the East Coast to validate its maritime security preparedness in April 2024 ?

- (a) Poorvi Leher (b) Sahyog Kaijin
(c) Varuna (d) Shakti

Sol.77.(a) Poorvi Leher. The exercise aimed to test the Indian Navy's operational readiness and interoperability with other services. It was conducted in multiple phases, including combat training in a realistic scenario during the tactical phase and live-fire drills during the weapon phase, which reaffirmed the Navy's capability to deliver ordnance on target.

Q.78. What is the name of the 10-day mega exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force (IAF) from April 1-10, 2024 ?

- (a) Gagan Shakti (b) Vayu Shakti
(c) Indra Dhanush (d) Shakti

Sol.78.(a) Gagan Shakti. The exercise involves all air force bases and assets scattered across the country. 'Gagan Shakti' was last held in 2018, when the IAF clocked more than 11,000 sorties during the two-phase air manoeuvres.

Q.79. In which state did the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) inaugurate the Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterisation and Evaluation (SPACE) for testing sonar systems of the Indian Navy in April 2024?

- (a) Navsari, Gujarat
(b) Idukki, Kerala
(c) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(d) Mandarmani, West Bengal

Sol.79.(b) Idukki, Kerala. The SPACE marks a milestone in naval technology advancement. It will consist of two distinct assemblages - a platform which floats on the water surface, and a submersible platform which can be lowered to any depth upto 100 m using winch systems.

Q.80. What is the name of the operation launched by India to evacuate its nationals from Haiti in March 2024, in response to armed gang attacks in the suburbs of Port-au-Prince ?

- (a) Operation Maitri
(b) Operation Indravati
(c) Operation Ganga
(d) Operation Sankat Mochan

Sol.80.(b) Operation Indravati. Haiti is facing a severe crisis due to escalating gang violence. Armed gangs have launched attacks in the suburbs of Port-au-Prince, prompting India to launch Operation Indravati to evacuate its nationals to the Dominican Republic.

Q.81. In March 2024, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed five major capital acquisition contracts worth Rs _____ with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Larsen & Toubro Limited, and BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited in New Delhi.

- (a) 30,123.56 crore (b) 28,902.39 crore
(c) 40,134.18 crore (d) 39,125.39 crore

Sol.81.(d) 39,125.39 crore. Out of the five contracts, one was with M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for procurement of Aero-engines for MiG-29 aircraft, two with M/s Larsen & Toubro

Limited for procurement of Close-in Weapon System (CIWS) and procurement of High-Power Radar (HPR) and two with M/s BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL) for procurement of BrahMos missiles and procurement of Ship borne BrahMos system for the Indian Defence Forces.

Q.82. In March 2024, which countries are participating in the "EX TIGER TRIUMPH – 24" military exercise ?

- (a) India and Japan
(b) India and Russia
(c) India and the United States
(d) India and China

Sol.82.(c) India and the United States.

The Harbour Phase of the exercise was conducted at Visakhapatnam from 18 to 25 March 2024, and the Sea Phase will take place from 26 to 31 March 2024.

Q.83. Where is the newly constructed headquarters of the Indian Navy, named 'Nausena Bhawan,' located ?

- (a) Mumbai (b) Kochi
(c) Delhi Cantonment (d) Visakhapatnam

Sol.83.(c) Delhi Cantonment. The inauguration marks a significant milestone for the Indian Navy as it establishes its first independent headquarters in Delhi. Previously, the Navy operated from 13 different locations.

Q.84. What is the name of the exercise to be conducted by the Indian Armed Forces at Asia's largest field firing range in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan ?

- (a) Operation Shakti
(b) Bharat-Shakti
(c) Exercise Trident
(d) Operation Thunder

Sol.84.(b) Bharat-Shakti is a significant tri-Service exercise showcasing the firepower of the Army, Air Force, and Navy.

Q.85. In March 2024, INS Jatayu was inaugurated at which island in Lakshadweep ?

- (a) Kavaratti (b) Minicoy
(c) Agatti (d) Androth

Sol.85.(b) Minicoy. INS Jatayu was commissioned in presence of Adm R Hari Kumar, the Chief of Naval Staff, Hon'ble Administrator of Lakshadweep, Shri Praful K Patel, V Adm V Srinivas, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command on 06 Mar 24.

Q.86. Exercise Vayu Shakti-2024 was held at which location in February 2024 ?

- (a) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
(b) Pokhran, Rajasthan
(c) Delhi Cantonment
(d) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(e) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Sol.86.(b) Pokhran, Rajasthan. Exercise Vayu Shakti-24 was conducted on 17 February 2024 at the Pokhran Air to Ground Range. This year, the exercise saw the participation of 121 aircraft, including the indigenous Tejas, Prachand, and Dhruv.

Q.87. The 12th edition of the MILAN naval exercise was held in which city in February 2024 ?

- (a) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
(c) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
(d) Kochi, Kerala

Sol.87.(a) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. 'MILAN' means 'a meeting of confluence and its motto – 'Camaraderie Cohesion Collaboration' symbolises the enduring spirit of international maritime cooperation. The exercise commenced on February 19, 2024, and culminated on February 27, 2024.

Q.88. Where was the statue of General Bipin Rawat, India's first Chief of Defence Staff, unveiled in February 2024 ?

- (a) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
(b) New Delhi, Delhi
(c) Mumbai, Maharashtra
(d) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Sol.88.(a) Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Uttarakhand's Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami unveiled this statue on February 12, 2024.

Q.89. Which two entities are collaborating to develop India's first indigenously-designed 155mm Smart Ammunition in February 2024 ?

- (a) IIT Madras and Munitions India Limited
(b) IIT Bombay and Bharat Dynamics Limited
(c) IIT Kanpur and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
(d) Indian Army and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Sol.89.(a) IIT Madras and Munitions India Limited. This initiative will help achieve indigenization in a critical

defence sector. The objective is to increase the accuracy of the 155 mm shell within a Circular Error Probable (CEP) of 10 metres. At present, ammunitions developed in India has a CEP of 500 m. Another key goal is to increase the lethality at the terminal impact point.

Q.90. Who was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal for developing the Multipurpose Octocopter ?

- (a) Havildar Varinder Singh
- (b) Major General Raghav Sharma
- (c) Colonel Ravi Kumar
- (d) Captain Anil Chauhan

Sol.90.(a) Havildar Varinder Singh. The Multipurpose Octocopter developed by Singh is a versatile drone capable of not only conducting surveillance operations but also performing tasks such as grenade dropping, aerial target engagement with weapons like the AK-47, and logistics operations.

Q.91. Which country, along with India, has commenced the 1st edition of joint military exercise, Desert Cyclone 2024 in Mahajan, Rajasthan in January 2024 ?

- (a) Mongolia (b) Egypt
- (c) Oman (d) United Arab Emirates

Sol.91.(d) United Arab Emirates. The Exercise is scheduled to be conducted in Mahajan, Rajasthan from 2nd to 15th January 2024. The aim of the Exercise is to enhance interoperability in Sub-conventional Operations including Fighting in Built-Up Area (FIBUA) in desert/ semi desert terrain under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter on Peace Keeping Operations.

Q.92. Which country's Coast Guard, along with Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted a 5-day annual joint exercise, 'Sahyog Kaijin,' off the coast of Chennai, Tamil Nadu in January 2024 ?

- (a) Japan (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) France (d) Thailand

Sol.92.(a) Japan. This marks the 20th edition joint exercise between the Japanese and Indian Coast Guards since its institution in 2000. The exercise was held as per the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) signed between India and Japan in 2006, promoting interactions between the 2 Coast Guard organisations.

Q.93. Where is India's second Very Low Frequency (VLF) communication station set to be established by 2027 ?

- (a) Vikarabad, Telangana
- (b) Kottayam, Kerala
- (c) Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir
- (d) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Sol.93.(a) Vikarabad, Telangana. VLF communication is crucial for the Navy to maintain effective communication with ships and submarines, emphasizing the strategic role of the new transmission station.

Q.94. Where is the 11th India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR held in January 2024 ?

- (a) Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Manali, Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Leh, Ladakh
- (d) Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir

Sol.94.(a) Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.

The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 22nd January to 3rd February 2024. It is an annual event conducted alternatively in both the countries.

Q.95. What is the name of the operation launched by the Indian Army in January 2024 to eliminate terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir ?

- (a) Operation Shakti
- (b) Operation Sarvashakti
- (c) Operation Veer
- (d) Operation Trinetra

Sol.95.(b) Operation Sarvashakti, a strategic initiative aimed at eliminating terrorists responsible for a series of ambushes on Indian troops in the Rajouri and Poonch regions of Jammu and Kashmir. The operation is on the lines of Operation Sarpvishay of 2003, which was launched against terrorists south of the Pir Panjal range.

Books and Authors

Important Books and Authors

Rabindranath Tagore: 'Gitanjali', 'The Home and the World', 'Kabuliwala'.

R.K. Narayan: 'Swami and Friends', 'The Guide', 'Malgudi Days'.

Arundhati Roy: 'The God of Small Things', 'The Ministry of Utmost Happiness'.

Vikram Seth: 'A Suitable Boy', 'The Golden Gate', 'An Equal Music'.

Salman Rushdie: 'Midnight's Children', 'The Satanic Verses', 'The Moor's Last Sigh'.

Jhumpa Lahiri: 'Interpreter of Maladies', 'The Namesake', 'Unaccustomed Earth'.

Amitav Ghosh: 'The Glass Palace', 'Sea of Poppies', 'The Shadow Lines'.

Chetan Bhagat: 'Five Point Someone', '2 States', 'The Girl in Room 105'.

Bhavik Sarkhedi: 'The Unproposed Guy', 'Will You Walk a Mile?', 'The Weak Point Dealer'.

Khushwant Singh: 'Train to Pakistan', 'The Company of Women', 'Delhi: A Novel'.

Ruskin Bond: 'The Blue Umbrella', 'A Room on the Roof', 'Rusty, the Boy from the Hills'.

Sudha Murty: 'Wise and Otherwise', 'The Day I Stopped Drinking Milk', 'How I Taught My Grandmother to Read'.

Shashi Tharoor: 'The Great Indian Novel', 'An Era of Darkness', 'Inglorious Empire'.

Amish Tripathi: 'The Immortals of Meluha', 'The Secret of the Nagas', 'The Oath of the Vayuputras'.

V.S. Naipaul: 'A House for Mr Biswas', 'In a Free State', 'India: A Wounded Civilization'.

Anita Desai: 'Clear Light of Day', 'Fasting, Feasting', 'In Custody'.

Mulk Raj Anand: 'Untouchable', 'Coolie', 'The Big Heart'.

Bhagat Singh: 'Why I am an Atheist', 'The Jail Notebook and Other Writings'.

Devdutt Pattanaik: 'Myth = Mithya', 'Jaya', 'Sita'.

Durjoy Datta: 'Of Course I Love You', 'Till the Last Breath', 'You Were My Crush'.

Nirad C. Chaudhuri: 'The Autobiography of an Unknown Indian', 'The Continent of Circe'.

Kamala Das: 'My Story', 'The Descendants', 'Alphabet of Lust'.

Vikram Chandra: 'Sacred Games', 'Love and Longing in Bombay', 'Red Earth and Pouring Rain'.

Shobhaa Dé: 'Starry Nights', 'Spouse', 'Socialite Evenings'.

Raja Rao: 'Kanthapura', 'The Serpent and the Rope', 'The Cat and Shakespeare'.

Aravind Adiga: 'The White Tiger', 'Last Man in Tower', 'Amnesty'.

Rohinton Mistry: 'A Fine Balance', 'Family Matters', 'Such a Long Journey'.

Manu Joseph: 'Serious Men', 'The Illicit Happiness of Other People', 'Miss Laila, Armed and Dangerous'.

Anuradha Roy: 'Sleeping on Jupiter', 'All the Lives We Never Lived', 'The Folded Earth'.

Gita Mehta: 'Raj', 'Karma Cola', 'Snakes and Ladders'.

Manju Kapur: 'Difficult Daughters', 'A Married Woman', 'Custody'.

Pankaj Mishra: 'The Romantics', 'From the Ruins of Empire', 'Age of Anger'.

Neel Mukherjee: 'The Lives of Others', 'A State of Freedom', 'Past Continuous'.

Indra Sinha: 'Animal's People', 'The Cybergypsies', 'The Death of Mr. Love'.

Mohsin Hamid: 'The Reluctant Fundamentalist', 'Moth Smoke', 'Exit West'.

Geetanjali Shree: 'Tomb of Sand', 'Mai', 'Hamara Shahar Us Baras'.

S. Hareesh: 'Moustache', 'Adam'.

Perumal Murugan: 'One Part Woman', 'Pyre', 'The Story of a Goat'.

Jaswant Singh Kanwal: 'Lahu Di Lo', 'Mitti di Dheri'.

K.R. Meera: 'The Poison of Love', 'Aarachar', 'The Gospel of Yudas'.

Sudhir Kakar: 'The Ascetic of Desire', 'Shamans, Mystics and Doctors', 'The Analyst and the Mystic'.

Upamanyu Chatterjee: 'English, August', 'The Last Burden', 'Weight Loss'.

Vikas Swarup: 'Q & A', 'Six Suspects', 'The Accidental Apprentice'.

Kavery Nambisan: 'The Scent of Pepper', 'A Town Like Ours', 'The Story That Must Not Be Told'.

Bapsi Sidhwa: 'Cracking India', 'The Crow Eaters', 'Water'.

Arun Joshi: 'The Strange Case of Billy Biswas', 'The Last Labyrinth', 'The Apprentice'.

Gopinath Mohanty: 'Paraja', 'Amrutara Santana', 'Mati Matala'.

Ravinder Singh: 'I Too Had a Love Story', 'Can Love Happen Twice?', 'Like It Happened Yesterday'.

Preeti Shenoy: 'Life is What You Make It', 'It Happens for a Reason', 'A Hundred Little Flames'.

Anuja Chauhan: 'The Zoya Factor', 'Battle for Bittora', 'Those Pricey Thakur Girls'.

Twinkle Khanna: 'Mrs Funnybones', 'The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad', 'Pyjamas Are Forgiving'.

Savi Sharma: 'Everyone Has a Story', 'This Is Not Your Story', 'Stories We Never Tell'.

Kalki Krishnamurthy: 'Ponniyin Selvan', 'Sivagamiyin Sapatham'.

M.T. Vasudevan Nair: 'Randamoozham', 'Naalukettu', 'Manju'.

R.M. Lala: 'The Creation of Wealth', 'For the Love of India', 'Beyond the Last Blue Mountain'.

Harivansh Rai Bachchan: 'Madhushala', 'Madhubala', 'Madhukalash'.

Amrita Pritam: 'Pinjar', 'Ajj Aakhaan Waris Shah Nu', 'Shadows of Words'.

Shankar: 'Chowringhee', 'Seemabaddha', 'Jana Aranya'.

Vijay Tendulkar: 'Ghashiram Kotwal', 'Sakharam Binder', 'Silence! The Court is in Session'.

Bharati Mukherjee: 'The Tiger's Daughter', 'Jasmine', 'Desirable Daughters'.

Kiran Desai: 'The Inheritance of Loss', 'Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard'.

Shiv K. Kumar: 'Trapfalls in the Sky', 'Thus Spake the Buddha', 'Subterfuges'.

Nayantara Sahgal: 'Rich Like Us', 'Mistaken Identity', 'A Time to Be Happy'.

Shashi Deshpande: 'That Long Silence', 'The Binding Vine', 'A Matter of Time'.

Arundhati Subramaniam: 'When God is a Traveller', 'Love Without a Story', 'Where I Live'.

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni: 'The Mistress of Spices', 'Palace of Illusions', 'The Last Queen'.

Jeet Thayil: 'Narcopolis', 'The Book of Chocolate Saints', 'Low'.

Taslima Nasrin: 'Lajja', 'French Lover', 'Shodh'.

Temsula Ao: 'These Hills Called Home', 'Laburnum for My Head', 'The Tombstone in My Garden'.

Rohini Mohan: 'The Seasons of Trouble'.

Anita Nair: 'Ladies Coupé', 'The Better Man', 'The Alphabet Soup for Lovers'.

Gieve Patel: 'On Killing a Tree', 'How Do You Withstand', 'Mirrored Mirroring'.

Tabish Khair: 'The Thing About Thugs', 'How to Fight Islamist Terror from the Missionary Position', 'Night of Happiness'.

Kamala Markandaya: 'Nectar in a Sieve', 'Possession', 'A Silence of Desire'.

Raja Gopalachari: 'Mahabharata', 'Ramayana', 'Chakravarthi Thirumagan'.

K.S. Maniam: 'The Return', 'Between Lives', 'The Loved Flaw'.

Ashwin Sanghi: 'The Rozabal Line', 'Chanakya's Chant', 'The Krishna Key'.

Tishani Doshi: 'The Pleasure Seekers', 'Small Days and Nights', 'Countries of the Body'.

Mahasweta Devi: 'Hajar Churashir Maa', 'Rudali', 'Breast Stories'.

Ismat Chughtai: 'Lihaaf (The Quilt)', 'Tehri Lakeer (The Crooked Line)', 'Ek Shauhar Ki Khaatir'.

Saadat Hasan Manto: 'Toba Tek Singh', 'Thanda Gosht', 'Bu'.

Bankim Chandra Chatterjee: 'Anandamath', 'Kapalkundala', 'Devi Chaudhurani'.

Munshi Premchand: 'Godaan', 'Karmabhoomi', 'Gaban'.

R.K. Laxman: 'The Common Man', 'The Hotel Riviera', 'The Messenger'.

Toru Dutt: 'Ancient Ballads and Legends of Hindustan', 'The Lotus', 'Sita'.

Vijaydan Detha: 'Bataan Ri Phulwari', 'Rajashree', 'The Dilemma and Other Stories'.

Bimal Kar: 'Ek Tukro Chand', 'Asamay', 'Mounoporin'.

Shivani: 'Krishnakali', 'Chaudharayan', 'Rativilaap'.

Namita Gokhale: 'Paro: Dreams of Passion', 'A Himalayan Love Story', 'Jaipur Journals'.

Sudha Menon: 'Feisty at Fifty', 'Legacy', 'Gifted'.

Rohit Vemula: 'Caste is Not a Rumour', 'A Life in Letters'.

Akhil Sharma: 'Family Life', 'An Obedient Father', 'Cosmopolitan'.

Pavan K. Varma: 'The Great Indian Middle Class', 'Being Indian', 'Chanakya's New Manifesto'.

Raj Kamal Jha: 'The Blue Bedspread', 'The City and the Sea', 'She Will Build Him a City'.

Rahul Pandita: 'Our Moon Has Blood Clots', 'Hello Bastar', 'The Lover Boy of Bahawalpur'.

Meena Kandasamy: 'The Gypsy Goddess', 'When I Hit You', 'Exquisite Cadavers'.

Aravind Malagatti: 'Government Brahmana', 'The Tale of a Dream', 'Stealing the Self'.

Krishna Sobti: 'Zindaginama', 'Mitro Marjani', 'Dil-o-Danish'.

Multiple Choice Questions

Q.1. Which book, authored by Deepa Malik, India's first female Paralympic medalist, is set to be released by HarperCollins Publishers India in December 2024?

- (a) Breaking Barriers: My Journey
- (b) Against All Odds
- (c) Bring It On: The Incredible Story of My Life
- (d) Silver Dreams

Sol.1.(c) Bring It On: The Incredible Story of My Life. Deepa Malik, India's first female Paralympic medalist, won silver in shot put F53 at the 2016 Rio Paralympics and multiple World Para Athletics Championships medals. Honored with the Padma Shri (2017), Arjuna Award (2012), and Khel Ratna (2019) for her exceptional achievements.

Q.2. What is the title of the book that pays tribute to Justice A.N. Grover's legacy?

- (a) The Resolute Jurist
- (b) The Unyielding Judge
- (c) Justice and Legacy
- (d) The Life of A.N. Grover

Sol.2.(b) The Unyielding Judge.

The book honors Justice A.N. Grover's legacy and commitment to justice.

Q.3. Which book was recently unveiled by Dr. Dinesh Shahra, inspired by the Dalai Lama's teachings?

- (a) The Art of Joy
- (b) Dalai Lama's Secret to Happiness
- (c) Pathways to Inner Peace
- (d) Secrets of Tibetan Wisdom

Sol.3.(b) Dalai Lama's Secret to Happiness. Freedom in Exile: The Autobiography of the Dalai Lama.

Q.4. Who authored the book "Friends: India's Closest Strategic Partners" released in November 2024?

- (a) Prof. Sreeram Chaulia
- (b) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (c) Prof. Amartya Sen
- (d) Shashi Tharoor

Sol.4.(a) Prof. Sreeram Chaulia. The book, launched on November 2, 2024, explores India's strategic relationships with its closest global partners and was released during an event attended by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.

Q.5. Which book authored by Air Marshal Vikram Singh (Retd) was released during the second edition of the Indian Military Heritage Festival on November 8, 2024?

- (a) Valour and Honour
- (b) Silent Weapons, Deadly Secrets
- (c) Because of This: A History of the Indo-Pak Air War December 1971
- (d) Wings of Glory

Sol.5.(c) Because of This: A History of the Indo-Pak Air War December 1971.

Q.6. Who authored the book 'Maa-Mother', launched on November 12, 2024?

- (a) Dr. Davendra Kumar Dhodawat
- (b) Dr. Mrinmayee Bhushan
- (c) Air Marshal Vikram Singh (Retd)
- (d) Prof. Sreeram Chaulia

Sol.6. (a) Dr. Davendra Kumar Dhodawat. The book, a collection of poems in Hindi and English, celebrates the essence of motherhood and was launched in New Delhi by Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal.

Q.7. Who authored the book "MODIALOGUE: Conversations for a Viksit Bharat", released in November 2024?

- (a) Dr. Ashwin Fernandes
- (b) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (c) Dr. Davendra Kumar Dhodawat
- (d) Dr. Vikram Singh

Sol.7. (a) Dr. Ashwin Fernandes. The book examines Prime Minister Modi's communication strategies through his Mann Ki Baat radio program.

Q.8. Who authored the book "Why Bharat Matters", launched on November 15, 2024?

- (a) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (b) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- (c) Dr. Ashwin Fernandes
- (d) Prof. Sreeram Chaulia

Sol.8. (b) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. The book explores India's evolving global role, foreign policy, and international relations dynamics.

Q.9. Who co-authored the book "Why the Heck Not?" released on November 14, 2024?

- (a) Kushal Pal Singh and Aparna Jain
- (b) Dr. Ashwin Fernandes and Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- (c) Dr. Davendra Kumar Dhodawat and Arjun Ram Meghwal
- (d) Prof. Sreeram Chaulia and Dr. Vikram Singh

Sol.9. (a) Kushal Pal Singh and Aparna Jain. The book blends life lessons, leadership insights, and Singh's journey in India's real estate sector.

Q.10. Which of the following books by Arundhati Roy is set to release in September 2025?

- (a) "The God of Small Things"
- (b) "Mother Mary Comes to Me"
- (c) "The Ministry of Utmost Happiness"
- (d) "Field Notes on Democracy"

Sol.10. (b) "Mother Mary Comes to Me". This memoir explores Roy's relationship with her late mother, Mary Roy, and marks a new literary journey for the author. Her book "The God of Small Things" (1997), which won the Booker Prize for Fiction in 1997 and became the best-selling book by a non-expatriate Indian author.

Q.11. Who authored the book "War", set to be released on October 15, 2024?

- (a) Bob Woodward
- (b) Dr. Ashwin Fernandes
- (c) Prof. Sreeram Chaulia
- (d) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Sol.11. (a) Bob Woodward. The book explores three major conflicts, offering an inside look at conversations between world leaders, including President Biden, Putin, and Netanyahu.

Q.12. Who authored the memoir 'Witness', released on October 23, 2024?

- (a) Sakshi Malik
- (b) Mary Kom
- (c) Saina Nehwal
- (d) P.V. Sindhu

Sol.12. (a) Sakshi Malik. The memoir shares her journey from a small town in Haryana to becoming an Olympic medalist, highlighting her personal anecdotes, challenges, and views on gender equality and the future of wrestling in India.

Q.13. Who authored the book "Vision to Victory: Unleashing India's SME Platform", launched on October 23, 2024?

- (a) Ajay Thakur
- (b) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- (c) Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa
- (d) Bob Woodward

Sol.13. (a) Ajay Thakur. The book, launched on October 23, 2024, at Sahara Star, Mumbai, focuses on the role of SMEs in India's economic growth and strategies for their development.

Q.14. Who authored the book "From Oil to Lithium: Navigating the Future of Energy", launched on September 4, 2024?

- (a) Kuldeep Gupta
- (b) Raghuram Rajan
- (c) Arundhati Roy
- (d) Nandan Nilekani

Sol.14. (a) Kuldeep Gupta. The book explores the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources, focusing on the role of lithium in the future energy landscape.

Q.15. Who authored the book "Sri Rama in Tamilagam – An Inseparable Bond", released on September 14, 2024?

- (a) Dr. D.K. Hari and Dr. D.K. Hema Hari
- (b) Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa and Dr. Ashwin Fernandes
- (c) Arundhati Roy and Bob Woodward
- (d) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Raghuram Rajan

Sol.15. (a) Dr. D.K. Hari and Dr. D.K. Hema Hari. The book was released by the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. R.N. Ravi, at Raj Bhavan in Chennai.

Q.16. Who authored the book "Ranadthurandhar Shahajiraje Bhosale", launched on September 10, 2024?

- (a) Amar Yuvraj Dangat
- (b) Dr. D.K. Hari
- (c) Bob Woodward
- (d) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Sol.16. (a) Amar Yuvraj Dangat. The book, launched by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, highlights the life and achievements of Shahajiraje Bhosale, a prominent figure in Maratha history.

Q.17. Who authored the book "Khaki Mein Sthitapragya", released on 21st September 2024?

- (a) Anil Raturi
- (b) Bob Woodward
- (c) Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa
- (d) Raghuram Rajan

Sol.17. (a) Anil Raturi. The memoir, released by Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, explores Raturi's 35-year career as an IPS officer and the concept of "Sthitapragya," maintaining wisdom and composure in adversity.

Q.18. Who authored the books "Jalandhar Peeth Ka Rahasya" and "Mushtarka Khata", released on September 15, 2023?

- (a) Ajay Prashar
- (b) Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa
- (c) Raghuram Rajan
- (d) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Sol.18. (a) Ajay Prashar. The books were released by Himachal Pradesh Chief

Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and explore intriguing themes and narratives, showcasing Prashar's unique storytelling style.

Q.19. Who authored the coffee table book "Call of the Gir" on Gir and Asiatic lions, presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi in September 2024?

- (a) Parimal Nathwani
- (b) Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa
- (c) Raghuram Rajan
- (d) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Sol.19. (a) Parimal Nathwani

Q.20. Who authored the book "India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse", launched on August 5, 2024?

- (a) Prof. K V Subramanian
- (b) Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa
- (c) Raghuram Rajan
- (d) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Sol.20. (a) Prof. K V Subramanian. The book, launched by Piyush Goyal, envisions India becoming a \$55 trillion economy by 2047 and focuses on factors like macroeconomic stability and social inclusion.

Q.21. Who authored the book '75 Great Revolutionaries of India', launched on August 9, 2024?

- (a) Bhim Singh
- (b) Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa
- (c) Parimal Nathwani
- (d) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Sol.21. (a) Bhim Singh. The book highlights the contributions of lesser-known freedom fighters and aims to inspire a developed India by recognizing their sacrifices.

Q.22. Who authored the book "Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity", released on August 17, 2024?

- (a) Tarun Chugh
- (b) Bhim Singh
- (c) Parimal Nathwani
- (d) Prof. K V Subramanian

Sol.22. (a) Tarun Chugh. The book highlights Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government achievements, including economic reforms, infrastructure development, and social welfare initiatives.

Q.23. Who co-authored the book "Gandhian Statesman of Bihar: Nitish

Kumar", unveiled on August 18, 2024?

- (a) Ashok Choudhary and Shambhavi Choudhary
- (b) Tarun Chugh and Shambhavi Choudhary
- (c) Bhim Singh and Ashok Choudhary
- (d) Raghuram Rajan and Shambhavi Choudhary

Sol.23. (a) Ashok Choudhary and Shambhavi Choudhary. The book highlights the contributions of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to the state's development.

Q.24. Who authored the book "The Scientist Entrepreneur: Empowering Millions of Women", released by Dr. Soumya Swaminathan?

- (a) Dr. Kalpana Sankar
- (b) Dr. Raghuram Rajan
- (c) Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar
- (d) Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa

Sol.24. (a) Dr. Kalpana Sankar. The book chronicles Dr. Sankar's journey from a nuclear scientist to a pioneering entrepreneur empowering millions of women.

Q.25. Who launched the first comic book in the "Heroes of the Indian Air Force" series on August 28, 2024?

- (a) Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari
- (b) Raghuram Rajan
- (c) Air Marshal Vikram Singh
- (d) Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar

Sol.25. (a) Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari. He launched the first comic book in the series, developed by the National Film Development Corporation and Rogue Communications, to inspire young readers by showcasing IAF personnel's bravery and heroism.

Q.26. Who authored the book "Mountain Mammals of the World", published on August 30, 2024?

- (a) M.K. Ranjitsinh
- (b) Dr. Kalpana Sankar
- (c) Air Marshal Vikram Singh
- (d) Tarun Chugh

Sol.26. (a) M.K. Ranjitsinh. The book offers a comprehensive guide to the larger mammals inhabiting global mountain ranges, featuring 62 species and 78 subspecies.

Q.27. On August 23, 2024, which event led to the release of an e-magazine commemorating India's first National Space Day?

- (a) Chandrayaan-3 landing anniversary

- (b) Mars Orbiter Mission completion
- (c) India's first manned space mission
- (d) ISRO's 50th anniversary

Sol.27. (a) Chandrayaan-3 landing anniversary. The e-magazine, a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Education and NCERT, was released to celebrate the first anniversary of the Chandrayaan-3 mission's landing on the lunar South Pole. The launch event was attended by notable figures from the Ministry of Education (Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan) and NCERT, marking this significant milestone.

Q.28. On August 28, 2024, Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik launched the book "Kargil War: The Turning Point." Who is the author of this book?

- (a) Col M B Ravindranath
- (b) Lt. General KT Parnaik
- (c) Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa
- (d) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

Sol.28. (a) Col M B Ravindranath. The book offers detailed insights into the Indian Army's operations during Operation Vijay in 1999.

Q.29. Renowned author Tim Walker released the novel "The Prisoner of Bhopal" to mark the 40th anniversary of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy. What event does the novel commemorate?

- (a) The Bhopal Gas Tragedy
- (b) The Kargil War
- (c) The Assam Earthquake
- (d) The Partition of India

Sol.29. (a) The Bhopal Gas Tragedy. The novel commemorates the 40th anniversary of the tragic event that occurred on December 2-3, 1984.

Q.30. "Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi" is a book authored by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam. What is the primary focus of the book?

- (a) The leadership journey of Narendra Modi
- (b) The economic reforms of India
- (c) The history of Indian politics
- (d) The role of the media in politics

Sol.30. (a) The leadership journey of Narendra Modi. The book interprets Modi's leadership through both Western and Indic perspectives and offers insights for those aspiring to public service.

Q.31. Who co-authored the book

"Jamsetji Tata: Powerful Learnings for Corporate Success," which focuses on the entrepreneurial principles of Jamsetji Tata?

- (a) Harish Bhat and R. Gopalakrishnan
- (b) R. Gopalakrishnan and Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa
- (c) Harish Bhat and Dr. Vikram Singh
- (d) R. Gopalakrishnan and Prof. Sreeram Chaulia

Sol.31.(a) Harish Bhat and R. Gopalakrishnan. The book emphasizes the entrepreneurial principles of Jamsetji Tata and how his values influenced the growth of the Tata Group.

Q.32. On July 24, 2024, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu released the autobiography titled "Ek Refugee Scientist." Who is the author of this autobiography?

- (a) Dr. M.K. Shingari
- (b) Dr. R.K. Sharma
- (c) Dr. P.K. Gupta
- (d) Dr. A.K. Verma

Sol.32. (a) Dr. M.K. Shingari. The autobiography, "Ek Refugee Scientist," is Dr. Shingari's fifth publication.

Q.33. On the eve of his 75th birthday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released three books on the life of former Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu. Who authored the book "Venkaiah Naidu – Life in Service"?

- (a) Shri S Nagesh Kumar
- (b) Dr. I.V. Subba Rao
- (c) Shri Sanjay Kishore
- (d) Shri P. Suresh Kumar

Sol.33. (a) Shri S Nagesh Kumar. He is former Resident Editor of The Hindu, Hyderabad edition.

Q.34. On July 18, 2024, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, unveiled three books. Who authored the book "Wings to Our Hopes - Volume 1"?

- (a) Shri Rajesh Kumar
- (b) Shri Omita Paul
- (c) Shri Ramesh Kumar
- (d) Shri Sanjay Kumar

Sol.34. (a) Shri Rajesh Kumar

Q.35. Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft, has announced his memoir titled "Source Code: My Beginnings," which traces his journey from childhood to the founding of Microsoft. Who is the author of this memoir, and when is it set to be published?

- (a) Bill Gates – February 4, 2025

- (b) Steve Jobs – February 4, 2025
- (c) Mark Zuckerberg – March 1, 2025
- (d) Elon Musk – January 10, 2025

Sol.35. (a) Bill Gates – February 4, 2025.

Bill Gates is an American businessman and philanthropist best known for co-founding the software company Microsoft (Founded - April 4, 1975, Headquarters - Redmond, Washington, U.S.) with his childhood friend Paul Allen.

Q.36. "A Fly on the RBI Wall" offers an insider's perspective on the Reserve Bank of India. Who is the author of this book, and what key events does it cover?

- (a) Alpana Killawala – Harshad Mehta scam and economic reforms of the 1990s
- (b) Sidharth Monga – IPL reforms and banking crises
- (c) Ravichandran Ashwin – Cricket journey and personal life
- (d) A. P. Aboobacker Musliyar – Islamic studies and Kerala reforms

Sol.36. (a) Alpana Killawala – Harshad Mehta scam and economic reforms of the 1990s. The book "A Fly on the RBI Wall" is written by Alpana Killawala and covers her experiences during pivotal events, including the Harshad Mehta scam and the economic reforms of the 1990s.

Q.37. Alia Bhatt's children's book "Ed Finds a Home," released on Father's Day 2024, tells the story of a dog named Ed and a girl named Alia. Who illustrated the book?

- (a) Tanvi Bhat
- (b) Sidharth Monga
- (c) Alpana Killawala
- (d) A. P. Aboobacker Musliyar

Sol.37. (a) Tanvi Bhat.

Q.38. On June 22, 2024, the Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Ramesh Bais, unveiled the book titled "Gateways to the Sea: Historic Ports and Docks of Mumbai Region." Who published the book?

- (a) National Book Trust
- (b) Publications Division of the Government of India
- (c) Oxford University Press
- (d) Westland Publications

Sol.38. (b) Publications Division of the Government of India.

Q.39. Who is the author of the book "The Idea of Democracy", which discusses the state of global democracy, the paradox of democratic success and its liberal

decline, and the role of technology in shaping contemporary democracies?

- (a) Dr. Manmohan Singh
- (b) Sam Pitroda
- (c) Arundhati Roy
- (d) Shashi Tharoor

Sol.39. (b) Sam Pitroda. He is an Indian telecommunication engineer, and entrepreneur. He has served as an advisor to two Prime Ministers of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh and Rajiv Gandhi, during their tenures, and also to the United Nations. He was the chairman of Indian Overseas Congress.

Q.40. Who is the author of the memoir "Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder", which reflects on the traumatic incident of attack in 2022?

- (a) Arundhati Roy
- (b) Salman Rushdie
- (c) Vikram Seth
- (d) Shashi Tharoor

Sol.40. (b) Salman Rushdie. It reflects on the traumatic experience of being attacked by a knife-wielding assailant in 2022 and discusses his healing process. Rushdie's second novel, Midnight's Children (1981), won the Booker Prize in 1981 and was deemed to be "the best novel of all winners" on two occasions, marking the 25th and the 40th anniversary of the prize.

Q.41. Who is the author of the memoir 'Just A Mercenary?: Notes from My Life and Career', which recounts the journey of Duvvuri Subbarao from his early career to his tenure as the governor of the RBI?

- (a) Raghuram Rajan
- (b) Duvvuri Subbarao
- (c) Arvind Subramanian
- (d) Manmohan Singh

Sol.41. (b) Duvvuri Subbarao. The memoir 'Just A Mercenary?: Notes from My Life and Career' was authored by Duvvuri Subbarao, the former governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The book was released on April 30, 2024, and it provides insights into his career and tenure at the RBI.

Q.42. Who will be presented with the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award on April 24, 2024?

- (a) Shahrukh Khan
- (b) Aamir Khan
- (c) Salman Khan
- (d) Amitabh Bachchan

Sol.42.(d) Amitabh Bachchan. The Lata Mangeshkar Award is a national-level award instituted to honour works in the field of music. Various state governments of India present awards with this name. The state Government of

Madhya Pradesh started this award in 1984.

Q.43. The book "India – the Road to Renaissance: A Vision and an Agenda" addresses issues that could determine India's future society and proposes radical reforms. Who is the author of this book?

- (a) Bhimeswara Challa (b) Sidharth Monga
(c) Sam Pitroda (d) Vijayadevi Rane

Sol.43. (a) Bhimeswara Challa. He is a retired IAS officer and former UN official. The book addresses issues that could shape India's future society and advocates for radical reforms. It was launched at the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Bella Vista campus.

Q.44. The book "Sabke Ram", which offers a comprehensive narrative about the history of Ayodhya and Lord Ram, is co-authored by which of the following?

- (a) Dr. Pravesh Kumar and Shri Rajeev Gupta
(b) Bhimeswara Challa and Vijayadevi Rane
(c) Sam Pitroda and Alpana Killawala
(d) Shri S. Nagesh Kumar and Shri Sanjay Kishore

Sol.44. (a) Dr. Pravesh Kumar and Shri Rajeev Gupta. This book provides insights into his birthplace and date of birth. The book is unique as it can be both read and listened to in Hindi and English.

Q.45. The book "Heavenly Islands of Goa", which provides an overview of Goa's biodiversity and heritage, was authored by which of the following?

- (a) Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
(b) Vijayadevi Rane
(c) Bhimeswara Challa
(d) Shri Ramesh Bais

Sol.45. (a) Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai.

The book was authored by the Governor of Goa, Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai. Released on April 20, 2024, the book highlights Goa's biodiversity and heritage, featuring images from the Governor's visits to these islands. It was launched by Jagadguru Sri Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Sannidhanam.

Q.46. The book "India's Nuclear Titans", which highlights the contributions of Indian scientists in shaping the nation's nuclear program, is edited by which of the following?

- (a) Soumya Awasthi and Shrabana Barua

- (b) Bhimeswara Challa and Vijayadevi Rane

- (c) Alpana Killawala and Sidharth Monga
(d) Dr. Pravesh Kumar and Shri Rajeev Gupta

Sol.46. (a) Soumya Awasthi and Shrabana Barua. The book "India's Nuclear Titans", edited by Soumya Awasthi and Shrabana Barua, provides an insightful exploration of the lives and contributions of Indian scientists like Homi Bhabha, Vikram Sarabhai, Abdul Kalam, and K. Subrahmanyam, who were instrumental in shaping India's nuclear program and evolution into a nuclear state.

Q.47. The book "The Winner's Mindset", which shares insights into achieving peak performance, is authored by which cricketer?

- (a) Shane Watson
(b) Ravichandran Ashwin
(c) Sachin Tendulkar
(d) M.S. Dhoni

Sol.47. (a) Shane Watson. He was an Australian international cricketer whose career ran from 1992 to 2007. In the book, Watson shares strategies that helped him unlock his potential during critical moments, using a combination of personal experiences, scientific methodology, and a mental skills framework to address stress and anxiety.

Q.48. The book "Swallowing the Sun", which explores the Indian struggle for independence through the eyes of a young girl, is authored by whom?

- (a) Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri
(b) Bhimeswara Challa
(c) Alpana Killawala
(d) Vijayadevi Rane

Sol.48. (a) Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri. She was former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations. Launched on February 21, 2024, the book is set during India's independence struggle and follows Malati, a young girl who defies patriarchal norms. The novel is noted for its engaging narrative and vivid portrayal of historical events.

Q.49. Which coffee table book, highlighting the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023, was released by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik?

- (a) The Winner's Mindset
(b) FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023
(c) Swallowing the Sun
(d) Heavenly Islands of Goa

Sol.49. (b) FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. Naveen Patnaik, Indian politician and writer, served as Odisha's Chief Minister (2000–2024), the second-longest tenure in India after Pawan Kumar Chamling of Sikkim. He is the BJD president since 1997 and a former Union Steel Minister and Aska MP.

Q.50. Who edited the book "The Gems of Indian Art," showcasing the late Harish Khullar's collection of 20th-century Indian modern and contemporary art?

- (a) Sidharth Monga (b) Vinod Bhardwaj
(c) Tanvi Bhat (d) Rajeev Gupta

Sol.50.(b) Vinod Bhardwaj.

Q.51. What is the title of the book authored by Sri Lanka's former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, announced on March 6, 2024?

- (a) The Rise and Fall of a Leader
(b) The Conspiracy to Oust Me from the Presidency
(c) My Journey in Politics
(d) The Power Struggle

Sol.51.(b) The Conspiracy to Oust Me from the Presidency. In the book, Gotabaya Rajapaksa defends his regime and attributes his political downfall to a "conspiracy" involving both foreign and local parties. This book provides his perspective on the challenges and controversies surrounding his presidency.

Q.52. Which Union Minister released the book and video on "Sagar Parikrama" in March 2024, in Rajkot, Gujarat?

- (a) Anurag Singh Thakur
(b) Nitin Gadkari
(c) Parshottam Rupala
(d) Mansukh Mandaviya

Sol.52.(c) Parshottam Rupala. The book and video document the Sagar Parikrama Yatra, which covered 7,986 kilometers of India's coastal length, visiting 3,071 fishing villages across 80 coastal districts to highlight the development of the coastal and fisheries sector.

Q.53. What is the title of the book by Vishal Pandey, unveiled in March 2024, providing an account of the Israel-Hamas war?

- (a) Israel Conflict Chronicles
(b) Israel War Diary
(c) The Gaza Struggle
(d) Reporting from the Frontline

Sol.53.(b) Israel War Diary. It provides a

detailed account of the Israel-Hamas war, offering insights from the perspective of Vishal Pandey, the first Indian journalist to reach Israel from India when the war broke out. The book captures the ground realities and experiences during the conflict.

Q.54. Which is the first Magahi novel translated into English by Abhay K and launched at the Dibrugarh University International Literary Festival in March 2024?

- (a) Biharsharif Tales
- (b) Phool Bahadur
- (c) The Chronicles of Magadha
- (d) Magahi Memories

Sol.54.(b) Phool Bahadur. 'Phool Bahadur' is a landmark work in Magahi literature, reflecting the cultural and historical essence of the Bihar region. Its translation by Abhay K introduces this regional classic to a global audience.

Q.55. Who released the book "A Compendium on Non-Native Organisms of India" on March 24, 2024?

- (a) N. R. Narayana Murthy
- (b) J. Chinchurani
- (c) K. V. Jayachandran
- (d) Dr. D. Subbarao

Sol.55.(b) J. Chinchurani. The book highlights the challenges posed by invasive species identified in Alappuzha and suggests measures to control their spread. It is co-authored by K.V. Jayachandran, Sheela S., Jasmin Anand, and Vinod Haridas.

Q.56. Who authored the book "From A Car Shed To The Corner Room & Beyond"?

- (a) S. Raman
- (b) K. V. Jayachandran
- (c) N. R. Narayana Murthy
- (d) Dr. D. Subbarao

Sol.56.(a) S. Raman. The book tells an inspiring life story, receiving praise from prominent figures like N.R. Narayana Murthy and Dr. D. Subbarao for its motivational content and impactful narrative.

Q.57. What is the title of the book published by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) on Lepidoptera in India?

- (a) An Illustrated Guide to the Lepidoptera of India
- (b) Butterflies of India: Diversity and Distribution
- (c) Lepidoptera Taxonomy in India

(d) Guide to Insects of India

Sol.57.(a) An Illustrated Guide to the Lepidoptera of India. The book, authored by Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, Director of ZSI, along with other scientists, provides a comprehensive guide to Lepidoptera in India, covering taxonomic procedures, family characteristics, diversity, and distribution. It also features contributions from Lepidoptera expert Dr. R.C. Kendrick from Hong Kong.

Q.58. Who is the author of the book KASHMIR: Travels in Paradise on Earth, released on 5th February 2024?

- (a) Romesh Bhattacharji
- (b) Ruskin Bond
- (c) William Dalrymple
- (d) Anita Desai

Sol.58. (a) Romesh Bhattacharji. This book is a non-fiction work that captures the beauty and charm of Kashmir, based on the author's personal travel experiences in the region.

Q.59. Who launched the book "Transforming HARYANA: 9 Incredible Years of Haryana Government" on February 6, 2024?

- (a) Amit Sinha
- (b) General Anil Chauhan
- (c) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- (d) Vijay Khare

Sol.59 (c) Jagdeep Dhankhar. The book, edited by Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri, highlights Haryana's transformation over nine years, emphasizing development, reforms, and governance.

Q.60. Who authored the book 'Artificial Intelligence and National Security', unveiled on February 3, 2024?

- (a) Amit Sinha and Vijay Khare
- (b) General Anil Chauhan
- (c) Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri
- (d) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Sol.60.(a) Amit Sinha and Vijay Khare. The book, launched at the Defence Literature Festival in Pune by General Anil Chauhan, explores the implications of artificial intelligence on national security.

Q.61. Who released the coffee-table book 'Shree Jagannatha, Lord Of The Universe' on February 5, 2024?

- (a) Naveen Patnaik
- (b) Raghuvir Srinivasan
- (c) Pinarayi Vijayan
- (d) Amit Sinha

Sol.61.(a) Naveen Patnaik. Edited by Raghuvir Srinivasan, the book includes contributions from experts, journalists, and former bureaucrats, offering insights

into the traditions and rituals of Lord Jagannath and his siblings in Puri.

Q.62. Who unveiled the publications 'India Year Book 2024' and 'Career Calling' at the New Delhi World Book Fair on February 10, 2024?

- (a) Amit Khare
- (b) Anurag Singh Thakur
- (c) Sanjay Jaju
- (d) Dharmendra Pradhan

Sol.62.(c) Sanjay Jaju. He is Secretary of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, and unveiled these two books at the New Delhi World Book Fair. 'India Year Book 2024' serves as a reference guide on India's progress, while 'Career Calling' provides career guidance for students and youth.

Q.63. Who launched the book "Maha Swaapnikudu" authored by journalist P. Vikram?

- (a) N. Chandrababu Naidu
- (b) Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
- (c) P. Chidambaram
- (d) Narendra Modi

Sol.63.(a) N. Chandrababu Naidu. The book "Maha Swaapnikudu" takes readers on a journey through the intricacies of societal fabric and historical context and was launched by former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

Q.64. Who is the author of the book "Dabbling in Diplomacy: Authorised & Otherwise, Recollections of a Non-Career Diplomat"?

- (a) S.D. Muni
- (b) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- (c) Shashi Tharoor
- (d) A.K. Antony

Sol.64.(a) S.D. Muni. This book Recollections of a Non-Career Diplomat" by Professor S.D. Muni offers an insider's perspective on diplomatic efforts, with a focus on India's role in bringing democracy to Nepal.

Q.65. Who is the author of the book "Sculpted Stones: Mysteries of Mamallapuram"?

- (a) Ashwin Prabhu
- (b) R. K. Narayan
- (c) K.K. Aziz
- (d) William Dalrymple

Sol.65.(a) Ashwin Prabhu. This book is authored by Ashwin Prabhu and explores the Pallava-era architecture of Mamallapuram, a UNESCO World Heritage site in Tamil Nadu.

Q.66. Who launched the book "Ram Mandir Rashtra Mandir Ek Sajhi Virast" on December 31, 2023?

- (a) Arif Mohammad
- (b) M.K. Stalin

(c) P. Chidambaram (d) Alok Kumar

Sol.66.(a) Arif Mohammad. Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad launched the book "Ram Mandir Rashtira Mandir Ek Sajhi Virast" at Rang Bhawan Auditorium in Delhi on December 31, 2023. The book is co-authored by Geeta Singh and Arif Khan Bharti.

Q.67. Who released the book 'Maha Kavithai' by poet Vairamuthu on January 1, 2024?

- (a) M.K. Stalin (b) Arif Mohammad
(c) Alok Kumar (d) P. Chidambaram

Sol.67.(a) M.K. Stalin. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin released the book 'Maha Kavithai', authored by renowned poet Vairamuthu. The first copy was handed over to senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram.

Q.68. Who released the book 'Sanskriti ke Ayaam' written by Manorama Mishra?

- (a) General VK Singh (b) Nitin Gadkari
(c) Amit Shah (d) Rajnath Singh

Sol.68.(a) General VK Singh. General VK Singh released the book 'Sanskriti ke Ayaam' written by Manorama Mishra, which explores Indian culture.

Q.69. Who is the author of the autobiography "Four Stars of Destiny"?

- (a) General Manoj Mukund Naravane
(b) General Bipin Rawat
(c) General VK Singh
(d) General Dalbir Singh Suhag

Sol.69.(a) General Manoj Mukund Naravane. He was India's 28th Chief of Army Staff, providing insights into his life and career. The book is set to be released around April 30, 2024.

Q.70. Who launched the book "Modi: Energising A Green Future" on January 8, 2024?

- (a) Bhupender Yadav (b) Nitin Gadkari
(c) Amit Shah (d) Rajnath Singh

Sol.70.(a) Bhupender Yadav (Union Environment Minister). The book, authored by R.K. Pachnanda, Bibek Debroy, Anirban Ganguly, and Uttam Kumar Sinha, focuses on India's journey toward sustainable development under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Q.71. What is the focus of the book "Gandhi: A Life in Three Campaigns" by M.J. Akbar and K Natwar Singh?

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi's personal life

(b) Three pivotal mass campaigns led by Mahatma Gandhi

(c) The economic policies of Mahatma Gandhi

(d) Mahatma Gandhi's relationship with other world leaders

Sol.71.(b) Three pivotal mass campaigns led by Mahatma Gandhi. This book focuses on three significant mass campaigns led by Mahatma Gandhi: the non-cooperation movement in 1920, the salt satyagraha in 1930, and the 'Quit India' call in 1942, all of which played a crucial role in India's independence movement.

Q.72. Who authored the book "An Uncommon Love: The Early Life of Sudha and Narayana Murthy"?

- (a) Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
(b) Chetan Bhagat
(c) Arundhati Roy
(d) Ruskin Bond

Sol.72.(a) Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

This book provides insight into the lesser-known aspects of the lives and careers of philanthropist Sudha Murty and Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy.

Q.73. Who authored the book "Fertilising the Future: Bharat's March Towards Fertiliser Self-Sufficiency"?

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar
(b) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
(c) Narendra Modi
(d) Piyush Goyal

Sol.73.(b) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (the Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister). It was unveiled by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on January 17, 2024, and discusses India's journey towards achieving self-sufficiency in fertiliser production.

Q.74. Who is the author of the book "Assam's Braveheart - Lachit Barphukan"?

- (a) Arup Kumar Dutta (b) Amit Shah
(c) Nitin Gadkari (d) Piyush Goyal

Sol.74.(a) Arup Kumar Dutta. It was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on January 20, 2024, at the Srimanta Sankardeva International Auditorium in Guwahati, Assam. The book is an initiative of the Government of Assam, highlighting the bravery of Lachit Barphukan, a prominent figure in Assam's history.

Q.75. Who unveiled the book "Smritivan: An Unparalleled Apotheosis of

Commemoration to 2001 Victims of Gujarat Earthquake"?

- (a) Bhupendra Patel (b) Narendra Modi
(c) Amit Shah (d) Vijay Rupani

Sol.75.(a) Bhupendra Patel (Gujarat Chief Minister). Published by the Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA), it chronicles the transformation of Bhujia Dungar and Gujarat's development following the devastating 2001 earthquake.

Q.76. Who unveiled the inaugural edition of 'Political History of Assam (1947-1971) - Volume 1'?

- (a) Himanta Biswa Sarma
(b) Sarbananda Sonowal
(c) Pranab Mukherjee
(d) Tarun Gogoi

Sol.76.(a) Himanta Biswa Sarma (Assam Chief Minister). The book, authored by historian Dr. Rajen Saikia, explores the political history of Assam in the post-independence period from 1947 to 1971.

Conferences / Summits / Meetings

Q.1. Who inaugurated the ICA Global Cooperative Conference 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi?

- (a) Amit Shah
(b) Narendra Modi
(c) Nirmala Sitharaman
(d) Rajnath Singh

Sol.1.(b) Narendra Modi.

The theme of the conference, "Cooperation Builds Prosperity for All," aligns with the Government of India's vision of "Prosperity through Cooperation." The ICA (International Cooperative Alliance) was established in 1895 and is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium.

Q.2. Who chaired the 45th PRAGATI meeting held on December 26, 2024 ?

- (a) Amit Shah (b) Nitin Gadkari
(c) Narendra Modi (d) Rajnath Singh

Sol.2.(c) Narendra Modi.

During the 45th PRAGATI meeting, eight major projects related to urban transport, road connectivity, thermal power, and renewable energy were reviewed, emphasizing infrastructure development and sustainability.

Q.3. Who represented India at the 24th BIMSTEC Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) held virtually on December 20, 2024?

- (a) S. Jaishankar (b) Jaideep Mazumdar
(c) Narendra Modi (d) Rajnath Singh

Sol.3.(b) Jaideep Mazumdar.

He is the Secretary (East) from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). During the meeting, he highlighted India's commitment to regional cooperation and shared its priorities for BIMSTEC's growth. The meeting was hosted virtually by Thailand.

Q.4. Where was the 10th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC 2024) and Arogya Expo inaugurated in 2024?

- (a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi
(c) Dehradun (d) Jaipur

Sol.4.(c) Dehradun.

The event was inaugurated in Dehradun, focusing on the theme "Digital Health: An Ayurveda Perspective" to explore the integration of Ayurveda with modern technology in global healthcare.

Q.5. Where will the 2024 edition of the World Maritime Technology Conference

(WMTC) be hosted?

- (a) Mumbai (b) Chennai
(c) Kolkata (d) New Delhi

Sol.5.(b) Chennai.

The 2024 edition of the World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC) was held from December 4-6, by the Institute of Marine Engineers (India) Chennai Branch. The World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC) is a premier global event held every three years under the auspices of the World Maritime Technology Congress.

Q.6. Where was the 14th Asia-Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference (AOMSUC-14) held in 2024?

- (a) Beijing (b) Tokyo
(c) New Delhi (d) Seoul

Sol.6.(c) New Delhi. 14th AOMSUC-14 conference was held in New Delhi, India, from December 4-6, 2024, focusing on advancing satellite meteorology and fostering international collaboration.

Q.7. Which ministry organizes the International Tourism Mart (ITM) annually?

- (a) Ministry of External Affairs
(b) Ministry of Environment and Forests
(c) Ministry of Tourism
(d) Ministry of Culture

Sol.7.(c) Ministry of Tourism. The 12th Edition of the International Tourism Mart (ITM) was held in Kaziranga, Assam, on November 27, 2024. It aims to showcase the immense tourism potential of Northeast India, highlighting its cultural, natural, and biodiversity-rich offerings.

Q.8. Which organization organized the International Allied Health Conference?

- (a) World Health Organization
(b) National University Health System
(c) Indian Medical Association
(d) International Red Cross

Sol.8.(b) National University Health System. The International Allied Health Conference was organized by the National University Health System which took place in Singapore. Its theme was "Advancing Allied Health: Diverse in Calling, United in Purpose."

Q.9. Where was the First Asian Buddhist Summit held in 2024?

- (a) Bangkok, Thailand
(b) New Delhi, India
(c) Kathmandu, Nepal
(d) Colombo, Sri Lanka

Sol.9. (b) New Delhi, India. The First Asian Buddhist Summit was organized by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and focused on the role of Buddha Dhamma in strengthening Asia.

Q.10. Who inaugurated the Rising Rajasthan Global Summit in 2024?

- (a) Amit Shah (b) Nitin Gadkari
(c) Narendra Modi (d) Rajnath Singh

Sol.10.(c) Narendra Modi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Rising Rajasthan Global Summit at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Center (JECC), aimed at boosting industrial growth and attracting investments to the state.

Q.11. Where was the 13th National Seed Congress (NSC) 2024 hosted?

- (a) New Delhi (b) Varanasi
(c) Bengaluru (d) Mumbai

Sol.11.(b) Varanasi. The 13th National Seed Congress (NSC) 2024 was held at the International Rice Research Institute South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC), Varanasi, focusing on innovation, collaboration, and strategies to enhance the seed sector globally and in India.

Q.12. Who launched the United Nations' International Year of Cooperatives 2025 during the Global Cooperative Conference 2024?

- (a) Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah
(b) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
(c) The Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji
(d) The Prime Minister of Bhutan

Sol.12.(b) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The conference highlighted the critical role of cooperatives in fostering global development, particularly for rural communities, women, and farmers.

Q.13. Where was the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) held?

- (a) Paris (b) New York
(c) Baku (d) London

Sol.13.(c) Baku. At COP29, an agreement was reached to triple climate finance for developing nations to \$300 billion annually by 2035, although this fell short of the \$1.3 trillion annually requested by developing countries until 2030.

Q.14. How many countries backed the historic declaration on climate action in the tourism industry at COP29?

- (a) Over 30 countries
(b) Over 50 countries

- (c) Over 100 countries
(d) Over 150 countries

Sol.14.(b) Over 50 countries. COP29 marked the first-ever Tourism Day, which included the First Ministerial Meeting on Enhanced Climate Action in Tourism.

Q.15. Where will the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) Global Cooperative Conference 2024 be held?
(a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru
(c) New Delhi (d) Kolkata

Sol.15.(c) New Delhi. India hosted the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) Global Cooperative Conference from November 25 to 30, 2024.

Q.16. Where was the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty launched?
(a) Buenos Aires (b) Rio de Janeiro
(c) New York (d) Paris

Sol.16.(b) Rio de Janeiro. The Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty was officially launched on November 18, 2024, during the opening of the G20 Summit. The primary goal is to accelerate efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty globally by 2030.

Q.17. Where was the 17th Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo-2024 inaugurated?
(a) Ahmedabad (b) Gandhinagar
(c) New Delhi (d) Mumbai

Sol.17.(b) Gandhinagar. The theme of the 17th Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo-2024 is "Standardisation and Optimisation of Urban Transport Solutions." It was held from October 25 to 27, 2024.

Q.18. What is the main purpose of the Asia Clean Energy Summit (ACES)?
(a) To discuss the future of global oil markets
(b) To advance clean energy solutions in Asia
(c) To promote fossil fuel alternatives
(d) To plan global trade routes for energy

Sol.18.(b) To advance clean energy solutions in Asia. The 11th edition of the Asia Clean Energy Summit (ACES) took place in Singapore from October 22-24, 2024.

Q.19. Who is the ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia who inaugurated the 2024 edition of Pravasi Parichay?
(a) Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan
(b) Mr. Ranjan Kumar
(c) Mr. Harsh Vardhan

(d) Dr. S. Jaishankar

Sol.19.(a) Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan. The event was a week-long cultural celebration showcasing India's heritage.

Q.20. Which country has been named the "Country of Focus" for the 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?
(a) United States (b) Australia
(c) France (d) Japan

Sol.20.(b) Australia. The 55th edition of IFFI is scheduled to take place in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2024. The "Country of Focus" recognition at IFFI celebrates the country's dynamic contributions to the global film industry, showcasing its storytelling traditions, cinema culture, and innovative cinematic techniques.

Q.21. Which country hosted the 2024 BRICS Summit?
(a) India (b) Russia
(c) Brazil (d) South Africa

Sol.21.(b) Russia. The BRICS Summit was hosted in Kazan, Russia. The theme of the summit was "Strengthening Multilateralism for Fair Global Development and Security," and it resulted in the BRICS Kazan Declaration, endorsing UN reforms and exploring alternatives to the US dollar for cross-border financial transactions.

Q.22. Where was the 2024 edition of the Global Food Regulators Summit held?
(a) New Delhi, India
(b) Tokyo, Japan
(c) London, UK
(d) Washington, D.C., USA

Sol.22.(a) New Delhi, India. The second edition of the Global Food Regulators Summit, held on September 20, 2024, emphasized the importance of international cooperation for food safety and regulation.

Q.23. Who inaugurated the Second Edition of the Inclusion Conclave organized by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), India?
(a) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
(b) Ms. Raksha Nikhil Khadse
(c) Shri Narendra Modi
(d) Shri Anurag Thakur

Sol.23.(a) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya. The Second Edition of the Inclusion Conclave organized by NADA, India was held in New Delhi. It was aimed at promoting

social inclusion in sports, highlighting the importance of inclusivity in the sports ecosystem.

Q.24. Where was the third edition of World Food India 2024 held?
(a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru
(c) New Delhi (d) Hyderabad

Sol.24.(c) New Delhi. The third edition of World Food India 2024 took place from September 19 to 22 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, aiming to boost the food processing and allied sectors in India.

Q.25. Where was the 6th EU-India Water Forum held?
(a) Mumbai, Maharashtra
(b) New Delhi, India
(c) Bengaluru, Karnataka
(d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Sol.25.(b) New Delhi, India. The main focus of the 6th EU-India Water Forum was to enhance cooperation in sustainable water management. India and the European Union (EU) agreed to enhance cooperation in sustainable water management at the forum.

Q.26. Where was the 2nd Formal Meeting of the COP9 Bureau and the 3rd Formal Meeting of the Fund Approval Committee held in 2024?
(a) New Delhi (b) Paris
(c) London (d) Geneva

Sol.26.(a) New Delhi. The 2nd Formal Meeting of the COP9 Bureau and the 3rd Formal Meeting of the Fund Approval Committee were hosted in New Delhi, India, on September 17-18, 2024, focusing on anti-doping measures and funding approval.

Q.27. Which organization announced the third edition of the India-US Defense Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X) Summit?
(a) US Department of Defense
(b) India Ministry of Defense
(c) US-India Strategic Partnership Forum
(d) World Defense Organization

Sol.27.(c) US-India Strategic Partnership Forum. The third edition of the INDUS-X Summit took place on September 9-10, 2024 at Stanford University, USA. The summit focused on leveraging private investment to advance defense innovation.

Q.28. Where was the Second Meeting of the Joint Russian-Indian Commission on

Cooperation in the Field of Emergency Management held?

- (a) New Delhi, India
- (b) Moscow, Russia
- (c) St. Petersburg, Russia
- (d) Beijing, China

Sol.28.(b) Moscow, Russia. The Second Meeting of the Joint Russian-Indian Commission was held on August 28, 2024. Shri Nityanand Rai, the Minister of State for Home Affairs, India, led the Indian delegation. The focus was on cooperation in the field of emergency management between Russia and India.

Q.29. Where was the 2nd India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) held in 2024?

- (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai
- (c) Singapore (d) Kuala Lumpur

Sol.29.(c) Singapore. The event, held on August 26, 2024, focused on strengthening trade and economic relations between India and Singapore.

Q.30. Where was the bilateral meeting on US-India Civil Nuclear Commerce held?

- (a) Washington D.C., USA
- (b) New Delhi, India
- (c) Mumbai, India
- (d) Beijing, China

Sol.30.(b) New Delhi, India. The bilateral meeting on US-India Civil Nuclear Commerce in New Delhi was chaired by Dr. Jitendra Singh. The meeting focused on the deepening cooperation between the two nations in critical areas including science, technology, and clean energy. It was held in New Delhi, India.

Q.31. Which two organizations are organizing a regional conference in New Delhi to discuss online radicalisation and counterterrorism?

- (a) United Nations and India Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) European Union and India Ministry of External Affairs
- (c) United States and India Ministry of Defense
- (d) European Union and India Ministry of Defense

Sol.31.(b) European Union and India Ministry of External Affairs.

The conference focused on emerging threats in online radicalisation and strategies to counter the exploitation of online spaces by terrorists. It was held in New Delhi, India.

Q.32. Where did the foreign ministers of

the Quad countries meet on July 29, 2024?

- (a) New Delhi, India (b) Tokyo, Japan
- (c) Washington, USA (d) Sydney, Australia

Sol.32.(b) Tokyo, Japan. The foreign ministers from Australia, India, Japan, and the United States expressed concern about the South China Sea during the meeting on July 29.

Q.33. Who chaired the 9th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog on July 28, 2024?

- (a) President of India
- (b) Vice President of India
- (c) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
- (d) Union Home Minister Amit Shah

Sol.33.(c) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The 9th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog was held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi on July 28, 2024. The meeting focused on development and governance-related issues with the participation of Chief Ministers and Lt. Governors from various states and Union Territories.

Q.34. Where will the International Cricket Council (ICC) Annual Conference be held in 2024?

- (a) India (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Australia (d) United Kingdom

Sol.34.(b) Sri Lanka.

The 2024 ICC Annual Conference marks the first time the event will be held in the Asian region, underlining the importance of Asian cricket. It took place from July 19th to 22nd, 2024.

Q.35. What is the primary goal of the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2024?

- (a) Promoting global media cooperation
- (b) Boosting India's media and entertainment sector
- (c) Advancing film technology
- (d) Strengthening international trade

Sol.35.(b) Boosting India's media and entertainment sector. WAVES 2024, launched on August 22, focuses on enhancing India's global presence in the media and entertainment industry.

Q.36. Where is the 'Global IndiaAI Summit 2024' being held?

- (a) Mumbai, India (b) New Delhi, India
- (c) Bangalore, India (d) Chennai, India

Sol.36.(b) New Delhi, India. The 'Global IndiaAI Summit 2024' is hosted by the

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The summit aims to position India as a global leader in AI innovation while promoting ethical and inclusive AI advancement.

Q.37. Who will represent India at the annual SCO summit in 2024?

- (a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- (b) President Droupadi Murmu
- (c) External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar
- (d) National Security Advisor Ajit Doval

Sol.37.(c) External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. The annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) took place in Astana, Kazakhstan on July 3 and 4, 2024. The SCO summit in 2024 focused on regional security issues and ways to boost connectivity and trade.

Q.38. What new facility did Prime Minister Narendra Modi announce for Bangladeshi nationals during the meeting on June 22, 2024?

- (a) E-tourist visa (b) E-medical visa
- (c) E-business visa (d) E-education visa

Sol.38.(b) E-medical visa. India will open a new consulate in Rangpur, Bangladesh, to facilitate services for people in the northwest region of the country.

Q.39. Where was the 112th International Labour Organization (ILC) held in 2024?

- (a) New York, USA
- (b) Geneva, Switzerland
- (c) London, UK
- (d) Paris, France

Sol.39.(b) Geneva, Switzerland. The 112th ILC in June 2024 was attended by more than 4,900 delegates representing Governments, Employers' organizations, and Workers' organizations. The International Labour Organization (ILC) primarily focuses on labour rights, workforce-related issues, and the promotion of decent work conditions for all workers globally.

Q.40. Where were the mid-year climate discussions held in 2024?

- (a) Paris, France (b) New York, USA
- (c) Bonn, Germany (d) Tokyo, Japan

Sol.40.(c) Bonn, Germany. Discussions focused on reviewing the progress of global climate goals and raised concerns about the limited advancements made so far, ahead of COP29.

Q.41. Where did the two-day India-IOA Cruise Tourism Conference conclude on June 14, 2024?

- (a) Mumbai, India
- (b) New Delhi, India
- (c) Colombo, Sri Lanka
- (d) Dhaka, Bangladesh

Sol.41.(b) New Delhi, India.

The India-IOA Cruise Tourism Conference was organized by the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IOA). Officials and experts from IOA member states including Bangladesh, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Seychelles, and Tanzania participated in the conference. The conference focused on enhancing cooperation in the cruise tourism sector within the IOA region.

Q.42. Where was the UN's 1st International Conference on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) held?

- (a) London, UK
- (b) New York, USA
- (c) Geneva, Switzerland
- (d) Tokyo, Japan

Sol.42.(b) New York, USA. It was organized by the Permanent Mission of India and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The theme of the UN's 1st International Conference on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) focused on promoting international cooperation for the development of digital infrastructure globally.

Q.43. Who organized the World Press Freedom Conference 2024?

- (a) United Nations and UNESCO
- (b) Chile and UNESCO
- (c) World Press Association and UNESCO
- (d) Chile and the International Press Federation

Sol.43.(b) Chile and UNESCO. The World Press Freedom Conference 2024 was held in Santiago, Chile. The theme of the World Press Freedom Conference 2024 was "A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the face of the Environmental Crisis." It was co-hosted by Chile and UNESCO.

Q.44. Where was the World Hydrogen Summit 2024 held?

- (a) New Delhi, India
- (b) Rotterdam Ahoy, Netherlands
- (c) Tokyo, Japan
- (d) Paris, France

Sol.44.(b) Rotterdam Ahoy, Netherlands. Organized by the Sustainable Energy

Council and the Netherlands government, India showcased its green hydrogen advancements at the summit.

Q.45. Where was the Cold Chain and Logistics Summit held?

- (a) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- (b) New Delhi, Delhi
- (c) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- (d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Sol.45.(b) New Delhi, Delhi. The Cold Chain and Logistics Summit was organized by FICCI. The main aim of the Cold Chain and Logistics Summit was to foster collaboration and innovation in developing an integrated cold chain and logistics system.

Q.46. What was the theme of the 2024 World Meteorological Day, which was commemorated during the METOC seminar 'Meghayan-24'?

- (a) Climate Change and Its Impact
- (b) Weather and Climate Resilience
- (c) At the Frontline of Climate Action
- (d) Climate and Water Resources

Sol.46.(c) At the Frontline of Climate Action. The METOC seminar 'Meghayan-24' was conducted at the Southern Naval Command, Kochi. It focused on meteorology and oceanography, with emphasis on weather forecasting for defense and naval operations.

Q.47. Where was the Parivartan Chintan Tri-Service Conference 2024 held?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Kolkata

Sol.47.(b) New Delhi. The Parivartan Chintan Tri-Service Conference, organized by the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff, focused on preparing the armed forces to be "Future Ready" for upcoming.

Q.48. What was the theme of the World Hepatitis Summit held in Lisbon, Portugal?

- (a) Heal the World
- (b) Prevention, Protection, Progress
- (c) Integrate, Accelerate, Eliminate
- (d) End Hepatitis Now

Sol.48.(c) Integrate, Accelerate, Eliminate. The World Hepatitis Summit was organized by the World Health Organization (WHO). The summit focused on integrating strategies, accelerating progress, and working towards the elimination of hepatitis worldwide.

Q.49. Where was the World Future Energy Summit 2024 held?

- (a) Dubai, UAE
- (b) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- (c) Abu Dhabi, UAE
- (d) Doha, Qatar

Sol.49.(c) Abu Dhabi, UAE. The World Future Energy Summit 2024, organized by the Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company, was held at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, focusing on renewable energy, sustainable solutions, and future energy technologies.

Q.50. What was the theme of the Tiger Conservation Conference held in Bhutan?

- (a) Protecting Tiger Habitats
- (b) Sustainable Finance for Tiger Landscape
- (c) Global Tiger Protection Strategies
- (d) The Future of Wildlife Conservation

Sol.50.(b) Sustainable Finance for Tiger Landscape. The conference was organized by the Tiger Conservation Coalition and the Royal Government of Bhutan. The Conference was held in Bhutan, specifically in Thimphu. The conference focused on the role of sustainable finance in maintaining and improving tiger conservation landscapes.

Q.51. Where was The Retail Summit (TRS) 2024 held?

- (a) Abu Dhabi, UAE
- (b) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- (c) Dubai, UAE
- (d) Doha, Qatar

Sol.51.(c) Dubai, UAE. The Retail Summit 2024, organized in partnership with Dubai Chambers, was held in Dubai to bring together leading minds from the global retail community for discussions and innovations in the sector.

Q.52. Which organization has sanctioned the 6th Shaastra Rapid FIDE Rated Chess Tournament?

- (a) All India Chess Federation
- (b) International Chess Federation (FIDE)
- (c) Chess.com
- (d) Indian Chess Association

Sol.52.(b) International Chess Federation (FIDE). The 6th Shaastra Rapid FIDE Rated Chess Tournament will be hosted at IIT Madras. It took place on March 30 and 31, 2024. It is part of the Shaastra Festival at IIT Madras.

Q.53. Where was the inaugural '2+2' defence and foreign ministerial dialogue between India and Brazil held?

- (a) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- (b) São Paulo, Brazil
- (c) New Delhi, India
- (d) Brasília, Brazil

Sol.53.(c) New Delhi, India. The inaugural '2+2' dialogue between India and Brazil was held in New Delhi on March 14, 2024, focusing on strengthening bilateral cooperation across various sectors.

Q.54. Where was the fourth edition of the SCO Startup Forum held?

- (a) Beijing, China
- (b) New Delhi, India
- (c) Moscow, Russia
- (d) Islamabad, Pakistan

Sol.54.(b) New Delhi, India.

The forum focused on enhancing startup interactions, fostering innovation, creating jobs, and nurturing young talent among SCO Member States. It was held on March 19, 2024.

Q.55. What is the main aim of the Startup Mahakumbh 2024?

- (a) To promote traditional industries
- (b) To foster innovation and collaboration across various sectors
- (c) To showcase global trade opportunities
- (d) To focus on education in technology

Sol.55.(b) To foster innovation and collaboration across various sectors. Startup Mahakumbh 2024 was a three-day event focused on fostering innovation and collaboration across various sectors. The event is supported by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

Q.56. Which country hosted the global summit to address the escalating malaria crisis in Africa?

- (a) Kenya
- (b) South Africa
- (c) Cameroon
- (d) Nigeria

Sol.56.(c) Cameroon.

The global summit to address the escalating malaria crisis in Africa was held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, with health ministers from 11 African nations and global malaria partners in attendance.

Q.57. What is the purpose of the US-India Cyber Security Initiative launched in collaboration with the US Consulate and MCCA?

- (a) To enhance bilateral trade between the US and India
- (b) To address cyber security challenges and enhance cooperation between

the US and India

- (c) To promote the digital economy in both countries
- (d) To launch a new digital payment platform

Sol.57.(b) The initiative was launched in collaboration between the US Consulate and the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCA). The US-India Cyber Security Initiative focuses on enhancing cooperation in the area of cyber security.

Q.58. Who inaugurated the 9th edition of the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi?

- (a) Union Minister of External Affairs
- (b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- (c) President of India
- (d) Vice President of India

Sol.58.(b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, was the Chief Guest at the event. The Raisina Dialogue is focused on global discourse on geopolitics and geo-economics.

Q.59. Where was the Neem Summit & Global Neem Trade Fair held in 2024?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Chennai

Sol.59.(b) New Delhi. The Neem Summit & Global Neem Trade Fair was organized by ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi, and other stakeholders. The event aimed to highlight neem's diverse applications in various sectors.

Q.60. Where was the INDUS-X Summit 2024 held?

- (a) New Delhi, India
- (b) Washington, D.C., USA
- (c) Mumbai, India
- (d) Singapore

Sol.60.(a) New Delhi, India. The INDUS-X Summit 2024 was organized by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, India, and the U.S.-India Business Council. The summit aimed to foster strategic defense innovation and partnerships between India and the United States.

Q.61. Where is the 60th Munich Security Conference taking place?

- (a) Berlin, Germany
- (b) Munich, Germany
- (c) Frankfurt, Germany
- (d) Hamburg, Germany

Sol.61.(b) Munich, Germany.

Dr. S Jaishankar, the External Affairs Minister, represented India at the conference. It focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation and addressing global and regional issues.

Q.62. Which initiative was unveiled by India at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting to promote gender equity and equality?

- (a) Global Gender Equality Initiative
- (b) Alliance for Global Good-Gender Equity and Equality
- (c) Women Empowerment Partnership
- (d) Global Equality and Empowerment Forum

Sol.62.(b) The initiative has gained support from the World Economic Forum (WEF) and Invest India as crucial partners.

Q.63. Where is the 54th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) being held?

- (a) Zurich
- (b) Geneva
- (c) Basel
- (d) Davos

Sol.63.(d) Davos. The meeting was held at the Swiss Alpine School in Davos from January 15, 2024, to January 19, 2024. The main focus was on fostering open dialogue among government, business, and civil society leaders.

Q.64. What was the theme of the youth dialogue program organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra?

- (a) Building a New India
- (b) My Bharat Mera Yuva Bharat
- (c) Empowering Youth for Progress
- (d) Youth for a Sustainable Future

Sol.64.(b) My Bharat Mera Yuva Bharat. The program focused on inspiring the youth to contribute to building a strong and prosperous India. The youth dialogue program took place at Malala Auditorium in Diiu.

Q.65. Who revealed the logo and booklet for the "Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024" at a curtain-raiser program in New Delhi?

- (a) Union Minister Piyush Goyal
- (b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- (c) Union Minister Nitin Gadkari
- (d) Union Minister Rajnath Singh

Sol.65.(a) Union Minister Piyush Goyal. Goyal highlighted the global economic opportunities and encouraged the automotive industry to aim for a 50% export share.

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Ranking and Index

Q.1 Who ranked 28th overall in Forbes' 2024 Power Women List?

- (a) Roshni Nadar Malhotra
(b) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
(c) Nirmala Sitharaman
(d) Claudia Sheinbaum

Sol.1.(c) Nirmala Sitharaman. 3 Indians women are included in the Forbes 21st annual list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women. Other two Indian women are : Roshni Nadar Malhotra (Rank 81), Chairperson of HCL Technologies and Kiran Mazumdar Shaw (Rank 82), Founder and Chairperson of Biocon. Claudia Sheinbaum, President of Mexico, secured the top spot in the list.

Q.2 What is India's rank in the 2024 Network Readiness Index (NRI)?

- (a) 60th (b) 49th (c) 55th (d) 52nd

Sol.2.(b) 49th. India ranks 49th in the 2024 Network Readiness Index (NRI), jumping 11 places from 60th in 2023, with an improved score of 53.63. The NRI, published by the Portulans Institute.

Q.3 Who releases the Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2024?

- (a) United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
(b) World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC)
(c) World Economic Forum (WEF)
(d) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Sol.3.(c) World Economic Forum (WEF).

India ranked 39th among 119 countries in the 2024 Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI), climbing from 54th in 2021. This improvement reflects India's recovery in global tourism, with growing prominence in medical and cultural tourism. The United States of America has topped in the index.

Q.4 What is India's rank in the TasteAtlas 2024/25 "100 Best Cuisines in the World" list?

- (a) 15th (b) 12th (c) 10th (d) 8th

Sol.4.(b) 12th. TasteAtlas, a renowned food and travel guide, has recently unveiled its 2024/25 World Food Awards. Mumbai ranked 5th for its iconic Vada Pav, with a rating of 4.5. Naples, Italy, securing the top spot for its iconic Pizza Margherita.

Q.5 Which organization released the report stating that over 77% of Earth's

land has become drier in the last 30 years?

- (a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
(b) World Health Organization (WHO)
(c) UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
(d) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Sol.5.(c) UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). The UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) released a report warning that 77% of Earth's land has become drier in the past 30 years, with drylands expanding by 4.3 million square kilometers, now covering over 40% of the planet.

Q.6 Which university is ranked as the top university in India in the QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2025?

- (a) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
(b) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
(c) Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
(d) Indian Institute of Technology Madras

Sol.6.(b) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. IIT Delhi has secured the 171st position globally in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings: Sustainability 2025, emerging as the top Indian university in sustainability. IIT Kharagpur ranked second in India and globally 202.

Q.7 According to the India Skills Report 2025, which state leads in employability?

- (a) Delhi (b) Maharashtra
(c) Karnataka (d) Andhra Pradesh

Sol.7.(b) Maharashtra. According to the India Skills Report 2025, Maharashtra leads in employability, followed by Delhi, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh. The report highlights that over 50% of Indian graduates are now employable, up from 33% a decade ago. It is prepared by the Industry body Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) in collaboration with Wheebox (a talent assessment agency) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

Q.8. Which country has emerged as the global leader in mobile malware attacks, according to the Zscaler ThreatLabz 2024 report?

- (a) United States (b) India
(c) Canada (d) China

Sol.8.(b) India has emerged as the global leader in mobile malware attacks, surpassing the United States and

Canada, and now accounts for 28% of global mobile malware incidents.

Q.9 Which airline ranked 1st in the AirHelp 2024 report as the best airline globally?

- (a) Qatar Airways (b) Brussels Airlines
(c) United Airlines (d) Singapore Airlines

Sol.9.(b) Brussels Airlines. In the AirHelp 2024 report, Brussels Airlines secured the top spot, followed by Qatar Airways (2nd) and United Airlines (3rd), as the best airlines globally. Air India ranked 61st. IndiGo ranks among worst Airlines Globally 103rd out of 109.

Q.10 Which university is ranked as the top Indian university in the Times Higher Education (THE) Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2025?

- (a) Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
(b) Anna University
(c) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)
(d) Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

Sol.10.(b) Anna University. In the Times Higher Education (THE) Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2025, Anna University emerged as the top Indian university, securing the 42nd position globally. India is the most represented country in the rankings, with 65 universities making it to the list. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (United States) holds the top global rank.

Q.11. How many states are covered in the World Bank report titled 'Jobs at Your Doorstep : A Jobs Diagnostics for Young People'?

- (a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 6 (d) 7

Sol.11.(c) 6. The World Bank's report titled 'Jobs at Your Doorstep: A Jobs Diagnostics for Young People' covers six states: Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan. Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, along with Minister of Labour and Employment and Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched this report in New Delhi.

Q.12. Which country topped the Sustainable Trade Index 2024 ?

- (a) Sweden (b) New Zealand
(c) Norway (d) Finland

Sol.12.(b) New Zealand ranked 1st in the Sustainable Trade Index 2024 for the third consecutive year, achieving the highest overall score of 100. India, with a

score of 24, ranked 23rd globally. It is produced by the Hinrich Foundation and Institute for Management Development (IMD).

Q.13 Which country ranked 4th for the third consecutive year in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025?

- (a) Denmark (b) Sweden
(c) India (d) Germany

Sol.13.(a) Denmark. First three places have been kept empty followed by Denmark (fourth place). The index, released by Germanwatch, New Climate Institute, and Climate Action Network International, evaluates countries based on their climate policies, emissions, and renewable energy adoption. India ranked 10th on a list.

Q.14 Which organization issued the "red alert" warning that 2024 is set to be the hottest year on record?

- (a) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
(b) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
(c) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
(d) Climate Action Network International

Sol.14.(b) World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Global temperatures from January to September averaged 1.54°C above pre-industrial levels, driven by the warming effects of an El Niño event in the Pacific. WMO is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) founded in 1950. Headquarters located in Geneva, Switzerland.

Q.15 What is India's global ranking in patent filings according to the WIPO Global Patent Filing Report 2023?

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

Sol.15.(b) 6th. This milestone reflects a robust 15.7% growth in patent filings, with more than 64,480 patents filed. It marks India's fifth consecutive year of double-digit growth in intellectual property filings.

Q.16 Which city topped the Brand Finance Global City Index for the second consecutive year?

- (a) New York (b) Paris
(c) London (d) Tokyo

Sol.16.(c) London. The ranking, based on a survey of 15,000 people across 20 countries, places London at the top, followed by New York, Paris, Tokyo,

Dubai, Singapore, Los Angeles, Sydney, San Francisco, and Amsterdam in the top 10 cities.

Q.17 Which edition of the World Solar Report series was launched at the 7th Assembly of the International Solar Alliance?

- (a) 1st Edition (b) 2nd Edition
(c) 3rd Edition (d) 4th Edition

Sol.17.(c) 3rd Edition. The World Solar report was released by President of the International Solar Alliance Assembly and India's Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi. ISA was established in 2017 and became the first international intergovernmental organisation to be headquartered in Gurugram, India.

Q.18 Which woman philanthropist emerged as the most generous in India according to the Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024?

- (a) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
(b) Sudha Murthy
(c) Rohini Nilekani
(d) Ratan Tata

Sol.18.(c) Rohini Nilekani. According to the Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024, Rohini Nilekani, co-founder of Infosys and wife of Nandan Nilekani, emerged as India's most generous woman philanthropist in 2024. She donated ₹154 crore through her foundation, Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies. At the top of the list is Shiv Nadar, founder of HCL Technologies, who continues to be India's most generous philanthropist.

Q.19 The top institute in the QS Asia Rankings 2025, Peking University, is located in which city and country?

- (a) Beijing, China
(b) Tokyo, Japan
(c) Singapore, Singapore
(d) Seoul, South Korea

Sol.19.(a) Beijing, China. In the QS Asia Rankings 2025 IIT Delhi ranked 44th, making it the top-ranked Indian institution among the 161 Indian universities included in the rankings. Other top Indian institutes include IIT Bombay (48th), IIT Madras (56th), IIT Kharagpur (60th), and Indian Institute of Science (62nd).

Q.20 What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index for October 2024?

- (a) 70th (b) 83rd (c) 90th (d) 100th

Sol.20.(b) 83rd. Singapore holds the top position with its citizens enjoying

visa-free access to 195 countries. France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and Spain rank second, with visa-free access to 192 countries. The United States ranks 8th, allowing visa-free access to 186 countries.

Q.21 What is India's score in the AI Preparedness Index 2024?

- (a) 0.49 (b) 0.52 (c) 0.45 (d) 0.60

Sol.21.(a) 0.49. India ranks 72nd out of 174 countries in the AI Preparedness Index. This report is released by the International Monetary Fund. The index evaluates a country's AI readiness based on four pillars: digital infrastructure, human capital, technological innovation, and legal frameworks. Singapore holds the top rank with a score of 0.80.

Q.22 Which city has been declared the most polluted city globally according to the recent Air Quality Index (AQI)?

- (a) Beijing (b) New Delhi
(c) Lahore (d) Karachi

Sol.22.(c) Lahore has once again claimed the title of the most polluted city globally, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) soaring to 708. The PM2.5 levels reached an alarming 431 µg/m³, far exceeding the World Health Organization's recommended annual limit by 86 times. The crisis is primarily attributed to unchecked vehicular emissions.

Q.23 What is India's ranking in the Rule of Law Index 2024?

- (a) 79th (b) 75th (c) 85th (d) 70th

Sol.23.(a) 79th. Regionally, India stands 3rd among South Asian countries, with Nepal ranked highest in the region at 69th globally, followed by Sri Lanka. Denmark is ranked first in this report globally. Rule of Law Index 2024 is released by the World Justice Project.

Q.24 Which country ranked 1st in the Economic Freedom of the World: 2024 Annual Report based on the most recent data (2022)?

- (a) Singapore (b) United States
(c) Hong Kong (d) Switzerland

Sol.24.(c) Hong Kong. Other top countries include Singapore (2nd), Switzerland (3rd), New Zealand (4th), and the United States (5th). This report is released by Fraser institute.

Q.25. Which organization is jointly publishing the report with the United

Nations Development Programme (UNDP)?

- (a) World Health Organization (WHO)
- (b) Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI)
- (c) World Bank
- (d) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Sol.25.(b) Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report 2024 is jointly published by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).

Q.26. What is India's ranking, GHI score, and category in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2024?

- (a) Rank: 105th, Score: 27.3, Category: Serious
- (b) Rank: 100th, Score: 20.5, Category: Moderate
- (c) Rank: 105th, Score: 25.0, Category: Serious
- (d) Rank: 120th, Score: 27.3, Category: Critical

Sol.26.(a) Rank: 105th, Score: 27.3, Category: Serious. The Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2024 ranks Belarus as the top performer in hunger reduction at 1st, while Somalia is at the bottom of the list with 127th position. It is published annually by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe.

Q.27. What percentage increase in the average monthly income of rural households was reported by the recent survey conducted by NABARD over the past five years?

- (a) 50.2% (b) 57.6% (c) 60.1% (d) 62.5%

Sol.27.(b) 57.6%. The second 'All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS) 2021-22' reports that the average monthly income of rural households increased from ₹8,059 in 2016-17 to ₹12,698 in 2021-22, reflecting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 9.5%.

Q.28 Which company has been given the status of the 14th Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) in India?

- (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- (c) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- (d) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)

Sol.28.(a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) under the

Ministry of Finance of the Government of India grants Maharatna status to companies.

Q.29 What is India's rank in the IMD World Talent Ranking 2024?

- (a) 50th (b) 58th (c) 60th (d) 65th

Sol.29.(b) 58th. India is ranked 58th globally in the World Talent Ranking 2024, with a talent score of 40.47. The report evaluates the competitiveness of 67 economies. Switzerland ranks first in this ranking. It is released by Institute for Management Development (IMD).

Q.30. India has overtaken which country to become the third most powerful nation in Asia, as per the 2024 edition of the Asia Power Index (API)?

- (a) South Korea (b) Japan
- (c) Russia (d) China

Sol.30.(b) Japan. According to the 2024 edition of the Asia Power Index by the Lowy Institute, India now stands third on the index after the US and China. This shift in rankings highlights India's growing influence across the continent and its ambitions of becoming a global superpower.

Q.31. In the recently released Mutual Evaluation Report by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), India has been placed in which category?

- (a) High-risk monitoring
- (b) Enhanced follow-up
- (c) Regular follow-up
- (d) Watchlist

Sol.31(c) Regular follow-up. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) conducted an on-site assessment of India in November 2023. India, a member of FATF since 2010, was placed in the "regular follow-up" category, which is considered a positive sign. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) was established in 1989 during the G7 Summit in Paris and is headquartered in Paris.

Q.32 Which state secured the first position in the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2024?

- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Gujarat
- (c) Maharashtra (d) Kerala

Sol.32.(d) Kerala has secured the first position in the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2024 for the second consecutive year. The report was released by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of

India (FSSAI) at the Global Food Regulators Summit 2024.

Q.33 What status has India secured in the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024?

- (a) Tier 2 (b) Tier 3 (c) Tier 1 (d) Tier 4

Sol.33.(c) Tier 1. The Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024, published by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). This recognition reflects India's strong commitment to implementing robust digital safety practices on a global scale.

Q.34 Which sportsperson has become the first person in the world to amass 1 billion followers across various social media platforms?

- (a) Lionel Messi (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Cristiano Ronaldo (d) LeBron James

Sol.34.(c) Cristiano Ronaldo.

Q.35. Which Indian company secured the highest position among Indian firms in TIME magazine's World's Best Companies of 2024 list?

- (a) Infosys (b) HCLTech
- (c) Reliance Industries (d) Wipro

Sol.35.(b) HCLTech leads the pack among Indian companies, securing the 112th position globally in TIME magazine's World's Best Companies of 2024 list. Infosys and Wipro follow closely, ranking 119th and 134th respectively. Apple (USA) secured the top position in ranking.

Q.36 Which state topped in providing AYUSH doctor facilities in Primary Health Care Centers (PHCs) across India, as per the latest Government of India report on Health Dynamics?

- (a) Kerala (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Rajasthan

Sol.36.(b) Madhya Pradesh. According to the latest Government of India (GoI) report on Health Dynamics, Madhya Pradesh topped overall for having AYUSH doctors (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa, and Homeopathy) in Primary Health Care Centers (PHCs) across India. This annual report, released by the Ministry of Health and Welfare Affairs.

Q.37 According to the Hurun India Rich List 2024, which city has emerged as the "billionaire capital of Asia"?

- (a) Delhi (b) Mumbai
- (c) Shanghai (d) Hong Kong

Sol.37.(b) Mumbai. The Hurun India Rich List 2024 revealed that Mumbai has surpassed Beijing to become the "billionaire capital of Asia," claiming the title of Asia's billionaire epicenter. The city now hosts 25% of India's billionaires, adding 58 new billionaires. India saw a 29% rise in billionaires, while China experienced a 25% decline, emphasizing India's growing economic prowess.

Q.38 Which food brand has been ranked as the world's strongest food brand in 2024 by Brand Finance?

- (a) Nestle (b) Amul
(c) Coca-Cola (d) Pepsi

Sol.38.(b) Amul has been ranked as the world's strongest food brand in 2024 by Brand Finance, with a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 91 and a valuation of \$3.3 billion. This marks an 11% increase from the previous year, reflecting Amul's dominance in India's dairy market and its strong performance in familiarity, consideration, and recommendation, earning it an AAA+ rating.

Q.39. Which institution secured the top spot in the 'overall' category of the India Rankings 2024, released under the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)?

- (a) IISc Bengaluru (b) IIT Delhi
(c) IIT Madras (d) Miranda House

Sol.39.(c) IIT Madras. The rankings were released by Union Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan on August 12, 2024. In the rankings, IIT Madras is followed by IISc Bengaluru in second place and IIT Bombay in third. Additionally, Miranda House topped the NIRF rankings for the 7th consecutive year, with four other Delhi University colleges ranked among the Top 10.

Q.40 What is the global ranking of India's Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in terms of total assets, as of March 31, 2024?

- (a) 10th (b) 12th (c) 15th (d) 8th

Sol.40.(b) 12th. The RBI's balance sheet grew by 11.08%, reaching Rs 70.47 trillion. While not in the top 10, RBI's position underscores its significant role in the global financial system. The richest central banks globally are the Federal Reserve System of the USA with total assets of \$7.84 trillion.

Q.41. What was the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) for rural areas in the 2022-23 Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)?

- (a) 55.2% (b) 59.4% (c) 61.7% (d) 54.1%

Sol.41.(b) 59.4%. The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), which has been conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is from July to June each year. According to the latest available Annual PLFS Reports, the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for the age group 15 years and above during 2022-23 was 56%. Specifically, for rural areas, the WPR was 59.4%.

Q.42. Who topped the Celebrity Brand Valuation in India in 2023, according to Kroll's Celebrity Brand Valuation Report?

- (a) Shah Rukh Khan (b) Akshay Kumar
(c) Virat Kohli (d) Ranveer Singh

Sol.42.(c) Virat Kohli, with a brand value of \$227.9 million. Although this value is lower than his peak brand value of \$237.7 million in 2020, Kohli still leads the ranking. He is followed by Ranveer Singh at \$203.1 million, Shah Rukh Khan at \$120.7 million, Akshay Kumar at \$111.7 million, and Alia Bhatt at \$101.1 million.

Q.43. What is India's rank in Generative AI (GenAI) innovations, as per the latest data?

- (a) 3rd (b) 5th (c) 7th (d) 4th

Sol.43.(b) 5th. India ranks fifth in Generative AI (GenAI) innovations, trailing behind China, the US, Republic of Korea, and Japan. Despite its position, India has shown the highest annual growth rate in GenAI patent publications, indicating significant potential for economic impact in this field. China tops the list in Generative AI (GenAI) innovations, holding the highest number of patents with 38,210 patents.

Q.44 Which brand is ranked as India's most valuable brand in the Brand Finance India 100 2024 report?

- (a) HDFC Group (b) Infosys
(c) Tata Group (d) Taj Hotels

Sol.44.(c) Tata Group. Tata Group retains its position as India's most valuable brand with a brand value of \$28.6 billion, according to the latest Brand Finance India 100 2024 report. The group's Taj hotel brand also secured the top spot as India's strongest brand. Infosys ranks second with a brand value of \$14.2 billion, showing a steady 9% growth.

HDFC Group surged to third place with a brand value of \$10.4 billion following its merger with HDFC Ltd.

Q.45. What is India's rank in the global domestic airline market in 2024?

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

Sol.45.(c) 3rd. India has rapidly ascended to become the world's third-largest domestic airline market, driven by the highest average annual growth rate in seat capacity globally. As of November 2023, India's domestic market seats amounted to approximately 15 million, with Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL) being the busiest airport. The United States holds the top position with approximately 84 million domestic market seats, followed by China with 65 million.

Q.46. What is India's ranking in the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) for 2024?

- (a) 150th (b) 176th (c) 180th (d) 125th

Sol.46.(b) 176th. The EPI is prepared by Yale and Columbia universities. Estonia ranks among the top with a score of 75.3. The EPI highlighted air pollution control as the top environmental priority.

Q.47. What is India's rank in terms of global nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions?

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

Sol.47.(b) 2nd. India is the world's second-largest source of nitrous oxide (N₂O), a potent greenhouse gas that contributes to atmospheric warming far more than carbon dioxide. In 2020, India accounted for nearly 11% of global man-made N₂O emissions, with China being the largest emitter at 16%. The primary source of these emissions in India is fertilizer usage, according to a global assessment of N₂O emissions published in the journal Earth System Science Data.

Q.48. What is India's rank in the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2024?

- (a) 112th (b) 116th (c) 120th (d) 110th

Sol.48.(b) 116th. The Global Peace Index (GPI) 2024, published by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), provides a comprehensive measure of global peacefulness, evaluating 163 independent states and territories. Most Peaceful Country: Iceland.

Q.49. Who holds the record for the longest total spaceflight duration, having

spent 1,000 days in space for the first time in history?

- (a) Valentina Tereshkova
- (b) Yuri Gagarin
- (c) Oleg Kononenko
- (d) Aleksei Leonov

Sol.49.(c) Oleg Kononenko. Roscosmos state corporation cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko has set a historic record by becoming the first person in the world to reach a total spaceflight duration of 1,000 days. He is currently working aboard the International Space Station (ISS). This achievement marks a significant milestone in space exploration.

Q.50. Who is Asia's richest person as per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, surpassing Mukesh Ambani?

- (a) Shiv Nadar
- (b) Gautam Adani
- (c) Ratan Tata
- (d) Lakshmi Mittal

Sol.50.(b) Gautam Adani, the chairman of the Adani Group, has regained the title of Asia's richest person, surpassing Mukesh Ambani, the head of Reliance Industries. According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Adani's net worth stands at \$111 billion, ranking him as the 11th richest person in the world, while Mukesh Ambani's wealth of \$109 billion places him at the 12th position globally.

Q.51. What is India's rank in the World Press Freedom Index 2024?

- (a) 145th
- (b) 159th
- (c) 162nd
- (d) 150th

Sol.51.(b) 159th. This ranking reflects concerns about the state of press freedom in the country. The World Press Freedom Index 2024 was published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF), evaluates press freedom across 180 countries.

Q.52. Which state is identified as a top performer in India's clean electricity transition, according to the IEEFA and Ember report?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Sol.52.(c) Gujarat. According to a recent report by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and Ember, states like Karnataka and Gujarat are identified as strong performers in India's clean electricity transition. In contrast, states such as Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, and Uttar Pradesh are lagging behind, requiring increased efforts for renewable energy integration and decarbonization.

Q.53. Which passport is ranked as the cheapest in the world according to a recent study by Compare the Market AU?

- (a) Indian passport
- (b) UAE passport
- (c) Canadian passport
- (d) US passport

Sol.53.(b) UAE passport. According to a study conducted by Australian firm Compare the Market AU, the Indian passport ranks second as one of the most cost-effective in terms of acquisition cost and yearly expenses. However, the Indian passport offers relatively limited visa-free access compared to more expensive passports.

Q.54 Which organization released the report titled "Interwoven Lives, Threads of Hope" that highlights India's demographic landscape?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- (c) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- (d) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Sol.54.(b) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). According to the report, India, with a population of 1.44 billion, remains the most populous country globally, with 24% of its population falling within the 0-14 years age bracket, highlighting a significant youth demographic.

Q.55. What is India's rank in global military spending for 2023?

- (a) 3rd
- (b) 4th
- (c) 5th
- (d) 6th

Sol.55.(b) 4th. In 2023, India allocated \$83.6 billion for defense. The countries ahead of India in military spending are the United States, China, and Russia.

Q.56. What is India's rank in the global unicorn landscape as per the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2024?

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

Sol.56.(c) 3rd. According to the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2024, India ranks third globally with 67 unicorns. The United States leads with 703 unicorns, followed by China with 340. However, India witnessed a decline in unicorn creation for the first time since 2017, mainly due to a lack of investment despite a strong stock market performance.

Q.57. How many Indians have been selected for the World Economic Forum's

Young Global Leaders program, Class of 2024?

- (a) 3
- (b) 5
- (c) 7
- (d) 4

Sol.57.(b) 5. They are : Bhumi Pednekar (Art and Culture) – Bollywood actress. Adwaita Nayar (Business) – CEO, Nyka Fashion. Arjun Bhartia (Business) – Director, Jubilant Group. Priya Aggarwal Hebbar (Business) – Non-Executive Director, Vedanta Limited. Sharad Vivek Sagar (Social Entrepreneurs) – Founder and CEO, Dexterity Global.

Q.58. Who released the 'India Employment Report 2024'?

- (a) ILO and IHD
- (b) NITI Aayog
- (c) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (d) Reserve Bank of India

Sol.58.(a) ILO and IHD. The India Employment Report 2024 was prepared and produced under the joint support of the Centre for Employment Studies of the Institute for Human Development (IHD) in New Delhi and the International Labour Organization (ILO). The report, unveiled by Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran, highlights challenges in the Indian job market, particularly the doubling of unemployed youth with higher education.

Q.59. Who released the 'Global Trade Update' report, indicating a 3% decline in global trade in 2023?

- (a) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- (b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- (c) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- (d) World Bank

Sol.59.(b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Q.60. Which city is ranked as the most polluted in the world according to the World Air Quality Report 2023?

- (a) Guwahati
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Begusarai
- (d) Mullanpur

Sol.60.(c) Begusarai. The report also highlights that out of the top 100 most polluted places globally, 83 are from India. After Begusarai, Guwahati is the second most polluted, followed by Delhi and Mullanpur.

Q.61. Who released the 'State of the Global Climate 2023' report?

- (a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- (b) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

(c) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
(d) World Health Organization (WHO)

Sol.61.(b) World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The report highlighted unprecedented levels of climate change indicators, emphasizing the urgent need for global action to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Q.62. What is India's ranking in the DHL Connectedness Index 2023?

(a) 67th (b) 62nd (c) 60th (d) 59th

Sol.62.(b) 62nd. India climbed to 62nd in the DHL Connectedness Index 2023, up from 67th in 2022. The report provides insights into global trends, regional patterns, and corporate globalization, with India also ranking 9th globally in the breadth of its merchandise trade.

Q.63. What is India's ranking in the UN Human Development Index (HDI) 2022?

(a) 134th (b) 135th (c) 136th (d) 130th

Sol.63.(a) 134th, with an HDI value of 0.644. The neighbors like China (75th) and Sri Lanka (78th) rank ahead of India.

Q.64. What is India's status in the V-Dem Institute's Democracy Report 2024?

(a) Full Democracy
(b) Hybrid Regime
(c) Electoral Autocracy
(d) Authoritarian

Sol.64.(c) Electoral Autocracy. According to the V-Dem Institute's Democracy Report 2024, India has been classified as an electoral autocracy since its downgrade in 2018. The report highlights a decline in freedom and democratic standards.

Q.65. What is India's rank in the Gender Inequality Index (GII) 2022 released by UNDP?

(a) 122 (b) 108 (c) 93 (d) 114

Sol.65.(b) 108. India ranked 108 out of 193 countries in the Gender Inequality Index (GII) 2022 with a score of 0.437, as per the Human Development Report 2023-2024 released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). This marks a significant improvement of 14 positions from the 2021 ranking of 122 out of 191 countries, with a score of 0.490. Over the past decade, India has shown steady progress towards achieving gender equality.

Q.66. According to the SIPRI report for 2019-2023, what is India's global rank in arms imports?

(a) 2nd (b) 3rd (c) 1st (d) 4th

Sol.66.(c) 1st. During the period 2019-2023, India's arms imports increased by 4.7% compared to the 2014-2018 period, underscoring the country's heavy reliance on imported weaponry to meet its defense requirements.

Q.67. Who released the report on the status of leopards in India?

(a) Narendra Modi
(b) Bhupender Yadav
(c) Amit Shah
(d) Nirmala Sitharaman

Sol.67.(b) Bhupender Yadav in collaboration with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and Wildlife Institute of India, released the fifth cycle of leopard population estimation in India. The report highlights the country's leopard population at 13,874, reflecting stability. It also identifies population growth in Central India while noting declines in the Shivalik hills and Gangetic plains. Madhya Pradesh hosts the largest leopard population in the country.

Q.68. What is India's rank in the Global Intellectual Property Index 2024?

(a) 40 (b) 42 (c) 45 (d) 50

Sol.68.(b) 42. India secured the 42nd position out of 55 countries evaluated in the Global Intellectual Property Index 2024, with an overall score of 38.64%. This ranking reflects India's efforts and challenges in the intellectual property landscape. It is released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Q.69. What is India's rank globally for cybercrime targeting in 2023?

(a) 75th (b) 78th (c) 80th (d) 85th

Sol.69.(c) 80th. Around 34% of users in the country were affected by local threats, and Kaspersky products blocked a total of 74,385,324 incidents. The rise in cybercrime has led enterprises to increasingly outsource security functions to protect their data and systems.

Q.70. What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2024?

(a) 75th (b) 80th (c) 84th (d) 90th

Sol.70.(c) 84th. Singapore tops the list, offering visa-free access to 195 countries.

Q.71 What is India's rank in the global digitalized nations list according to the "State of India's Digital Economy Report, 2024"?

(a) First (b) Second (c) Third (d) Fourth

Sol.71.(c) Third. India has achieved the milestone of being the third-largest digitalized nation in the world, following the United States and China. This is based on the findings of the "State of India's Digital Economy Report, 2024," released by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). The report highlights India's rapid advancements in digitalization and its global standing.

Q.72. Which pair of cities is not part of NITI Aayog's economic transformation plans?

(a) Mumbai and Surat
(b) Varanasi and Vizag
(c) Delhi and Jaipur
(d) Surat and Varanasi

Sol.72.(c) Delhi and Jaipur. NITI Aayog, under the leadership of CEO BVR Subrahmanyam, is driving an initiative to economically transform Mumbai, Surat, Varanasi, and Vizag. These cities are strategically chosen to align with India's vision of becoming a USD 30 trillion economy by 2047. Delhi and Jaipur are not part of this specific transformation plan.

Q.73. According to the TomTom Traffic Index 2023, which city is ranked as the slowest in terms of traffic congestion?

(a) Bengaluru (b) London
(c) New York (d) Tokyo

Sol.73. (b) London. The TomTom Traffic Index 2023, a report by the renowned location technology company, highlights global traffic congestion. London ranked as the slowest city in 2023 for traffic, while Bengaluru was ranked as the second most congested city worldwide. This report provides critical insights into urban mobility challenges.

Q.74. What is India's rank in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) Report 2023?

(a) 16th (b) 38th (c) 54th (d) 139th

Sol.74.(b) 38th. In the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) Report 2023, India secured the 38th position out

of 139 countries, marking a significant improvement from its 54th rank in 2014. This reflects notable progress in India's logistics infrastructure and operational efficiency over the years.

Q.75. With whom has NITI Aayog collaborated to release the report on 'LNG as a Transportation Fuel in Medium and Heavy Commercial Vehicles'?

- (a) United States Embassy
- (b) Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- (c) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- (d) European Union

Sol.75.(b) Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. This joint effort, part of their energy transition collaboration between India and Netherland since 2020, was unveiled during India Energy Week on February 6, 2024. The report addresses challenges and solutions for LNG adoption in India's MHCV sector.

Q.76. Who has topped the 'Diversified' conglomerates category in the Brand Finance Brand Guardianship Index 2024?

- (a) Gautam Adani (b) Mukesh Ambani
- (c) Jeff Bezos (d) Warren Buffet

Sol.76.(b) Mukesh Ambani, a renowned business leader, has claimed the second spot globally and topped the 'Diversified' conglomerates category in the Brand Finance Brand Guardianship Index 2024. This achievement highlights his exceptional leadership in driving the Reliance Industries brand globally.

Q.77. What is India's rank in the 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) by Transparency International?

- (a) 93rd (b) 85th (c) 100th (d) 75th

Sol.77.(a) 93rd. India ranked 93rd out of 180 countries in the 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) by Transparency International, indicating its position in the global landscape of public sector integrity and ongoing challenges in combating corruption. Denmark topped the ranking list.

Q.78. Who released the "India Ageing Report 2023"?

- (a) IIPS and UNFPA
- (b) NITI Aayog and UNDP
- (c) World Bank and UNFPA
- (d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and WHO

Sol.78.(a) IIPS and UNFPA. The "India Ageing Report 2023" explores into the

challenges, opportunities, and institutional responses surrounding elderly care in India as the nation undergoes a significant demographic shift towards an ageing population.

Q.79. India has surpassed which country's stock market to rank 4th globally with a market cap of \$4.33 trillion?

- (a) Japan (b) Hong Kong
- (c) China (d) United States

Sol.79.(b) Hong Kong.

Q.80. Which state reduced the most number of people from multidimensional poverty from 2013-14 to 2022-23, according to the NITI Aayog report?

- (a) Jharkhand (b) Punjab
- (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Rajasthan

Sol.80.(c) Uttar Pradesh. According to the NITI Aayog report, Uttar Pradesh leads the states in reducing multidimensional poverty, with 5.94 crore people escaping poverty between 2013-14 and 2022-23. The report also highlights that over 24.82 crore Indians escaped multidimensional poverty during this period, with the national poverty rate dropping from 29.17% to 11.28%.

Q.81. Who released the report titled "Global Economic Resilience Amid Dark Outlook"?

- (a) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- (b) World Bank
- (c) United Nations
- (d) Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Sol.81.(b) World Bank. The World Bank released the report "Global Economic Resilience Amid Dark Outlook", which projects a global economic slowdown, with growth expected to decline to 2.4% in 2024 after an estimated 2.6% in 2023. Despite the slowdown, the report notes global economic resilience. For India, the report anticipates it will maintain the fastest growth, rising from 6.3% in 2023-24 to 6.5% by 2025-26.

Q.82. Who released the Global Risk Report 2024?

- (a) United Nations
- (b) World Bank
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) International Monetary Fund

Sol.82.(c) World Economic Forum. It is a Swiss nonprofit foundation established in 1971, based in Geneva, Switzerland. Some major reports published by the

World Economic Forum (WEF) are: Energy Transition Index, Global Competitiveness Report, Global Gender Gap Report, and Global Travel and Tourism Report.

Agreements and MoUs

Q.1. ISRO has recently signed an agreement with which organization to collaborate on advancements in human space exploration ?

- (a) NASA (b) JAXA
(c) ESA (d) Roscosmos

Sol.1.(c) ESA (European Space Agency). The agreement was signed by ISRO Chairman S. Somanath and ESA Director General Dr. Josef Aschbacher. ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) was founded in 1969 by Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, known as the father of the Indian space program, with its headquarters in Bengaluru, India.

Q.2. What is the name of the self-propelled tracked artillery guns being procured under the contract between Indian Army and Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) In December 2024 ?

- (a) K9 VAJRA-T (b) M777 Howitzer
(c) Dhanush Gun (d) Shakti Gun

Sol.2.(a) K9 VAJRA-T. India's Ministry of Defence signed a contract with Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) on December 20, 2024, to procure 155 mm/52 calibre K9 VAJRA-T Self-Propelled Tracked Artillery Guns.

Q.3. Which organization is collaborating with the Government of India on the Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem (SMILE) program ?

- (a) World Bank
(b) United Nations
(c) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
(d) European Union

Sol.3.(c) Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a \$350 million policy-based loan under the second subprogram of the Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem (SMILE) program.

Q.4. India decided to establish a Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) with which country in December 2024 ?

- (a) Kuwait (b) Oman (c) Iran (d) UAE

Sol.4.(a) Kuwait. India and Kuwait have decided to establish a Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) at the foreign minister level to oversee the growing ties between the two nations. This decision was made during Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Abdullah Ali Al Yahya's first

official visit to India, where he met with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

Q.5. Which country partnered with India to co-design and co-produce electric propulsion systems for future warships in November 2024 ?

- (a) United States (b) United Kingdom
(c) France (d) Germany

Sol.5.(b) United Kingdom. Signed in Portsmouth during the third joint working group meeting on electric propulsion capability partnership, this initiative underscores the commitment to indigenous development of advanced naval technologies.

Q.6. Which treaty did India sign in November 2024 to harmonize industrial design registration procedures globally ?

- (a) Paris Agreement
(b) Riyadh Design Law Treaty
(c) Geneva Convention
(d) Berne Convention

Sol.6.(b) Riyadh Design Law Treaty. This treaty aims to harmonize industrial design registration procedures globally, making processes simpler, more efficient, and accessible for applicants. Riyadh is the capital and largest city of Saudi Arabia.

Q.7. Which country's space agency has partnered with ISRO for India's Gaganyaan mission On November 20, 2024 ?

- (a) United States (b) Russia
(c) Australia (d) Japan

Sol.7.(c) Australia. The agreement was signed by D K Singh, Director of ISRO's Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC), in Bengaluru, and Jarrod Powell, General Manager of ASA's Space Capability Branch, in Canberra. Canberra is the federal capital of Australia.

Q.8. With which organization did the Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) sign an MoU on 19th November 2024 to promote Green Hydrogen initiatives ?

- (a) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
(b) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
(c) H2Global Stiftung
(d) World Green Energy Organization (WGE0)

Sol.8.(c) H2Global Stiftung. The MoU aims to contribute significantly to the

advancement of the global green hydrogen economy. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat is located at the UN Campus in Bonn, Germany

Q.9. Which company has partnered with Druk Green Power Corporation Ltd (DGPC) to develop a 5,000 MW green energy project in Bhutan in November 2024 ?

- (a) Adani Power (b) Tata Power
(c) Reliance Power (d) NTPC Limited

Sol.9.(b) Tata Power. This collaboration aims to harness Bhutan's vast hydropower potential and contribute to the region's energy security and sustainability.

Q.10. Which country will India work with to manufacture the Pantsir air defense system ?

- (a) Russia (b) USA (c) France (d) Israel

Sol.10.(a) Russia. Agreement was formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India's Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) and Russia's Rosoboronexport (ROE), aimed at jointly manufacturing the Pantsir air defense system.

Q.11. Where will the BIMSTEC Energy Centre be established according to the agreement signed on November 11, 2024 ?

- (a) New Delhi
(b) Bengaluru, Karnataka
(c) Mumbai, Maharashtra
(d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Sol.11.(b) Bengaluru, Karnataka. The sub-regional organization of BIMSTEC came into being in 1997 through the Bangkok Declaration. Initially, it was formed with four Member States with the acronym 'BIST-EC' (Bangladesh, India, Sri-Lanka and Thailand Economic Cooperation). It became renamed 'BIMST-EC' in 1997, following the inclusion of Myanmar. With the admission of Nepal and Bhutan in 2004, the name of the grouping was changed to 'Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation' (BIMSTEC).

Q.12. Which two companies have formed a joint venture to produce titanium slag in Odisha in November 2024 ?

- (a) IREL (India) Limited and UKTMP
(b) Tata Steel and Kaz Minerals
(c) Hindustan Zinc and UKTMP
(d) Reliance Industries and UKTMP

Sol.12.(a) IREL (India) Limited and UKTMP. The agreement was formalized by Dr. Deependra Singh, CMD of IREL, and Ms. Assem Mamutova, President of UKTMP, witnessed by Dr. A.K. Mohanty, Secretary of DAE, alongside senior officials from both nations. This venture aims to strengthen India's titanium supply chain, create jobs in Odisha, and bolster foreign exchange reserves.

Q.13. Which two countries signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on defense cooperation in November 2024 ?

- (a) India and Russia
- (b) India and Algeria
- (c) India and France
- (d) India and United States

Sol.13.(b) India and Algeria. The agreement was signed by Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan and Said Chanegriha, the Chief of Staff of the Algerian People's National Army. This significant development occurred during Gen. Chauhan's official visit to Algeria from October 31 to November 3.

Q.14. With which group did the Ministry of Labour and Employment sign an MoU on November 7, 2024 ?

- (a) Cygnus Ujala Group
- (b) Apollo Healthcare Group
- (c) Fortis Healthcare Group
- (d) Max Healthcare Group

Sol.14.(a) Cygnus Ujala Group. This agreement is signed to enhance employment opportunities in the healthcare sector, focusing on Tier II and Tier III cities and promoting women's employment.

Q.15. What is the primary aim of the MoU signed between India and the Maldives on November 21, 2024 ?

- (a) To increase trade volume between the two countries
- (b) To promote the use of local currencies in cross-border transactions
- (c) To establish a new trade agreement with the US
- (d) To reduce the trade deficit of both countries

Sol.15.(b) The MoU, signed by Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das and Maldives Monetary Authority Governor Ahmed Munawar, aims to facilitate trade settlements in Indian

Rupees (INR) and Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR).

Q.16. Which two countries signed an electoral cooperation pact in October 2024 ?

- (a) India and Nepal
- (b) India and Uzbekistan
- (c) India and Sri Lanka
- (d) India and Bangladesh

Sol.16.(b) India and Uzbekistan. This agreement was formalized during Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar's visit to Tashkent, where he is serving as an international observer for the upcoming elections scheduled for October 27. Tashkent is the capital city of Uzbekistan. Article 324 of the Constitution of India deals with the provisions related to the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Q.17. For how many more years was the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor agreement extended between India and Pakistan in October 2024 ?

- (a) 3 years
- (b) 5 years
- (c) 7 years
- (d) 10 years

Sol.17.(b) 5 years. The 4 km-long Kartarpur Corridor provides visa-free access for Indian Sikh pilgrims to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, the final resting place of Guru Nanak Dev.

Q.18. Which two countries reached an agreement for the transfer of sovereignty of the Chagos Islands in October 2024 ?

- (a) UK and Mauritius
- (b) UK and India
- (c) Mauritius and France
- (d) None of the above

Sol.18.(a) UK and Mauritius. The agreement allows Mauritius to regain sovereignty while ensuring the continued operation of the U.S. military base on Diego Garcia.

Q.19. Which country is collaborating with India to set up a national security semiconductor fabrication plant in September 2024 ?

- (a) China
- (b) US
- (c) Japan
- (d) Germany

Sol.19.(b) U.S. India to get its first national security semiconductor fabrication plant as part of this collaboration. The India-US joint project was unveiled after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joe Biden held talks in Wilmington.

Q.20. Which two organizations signed an MoU in September 2024 to enhance food safety cooperation ?

- (a) FSSAI (India) and MAPA (Brazil)
- (b) FSSAI (India) and FDA (USA)
- (c) FSSAI (India) and European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
- (d) FSSAI (India) and Food Safety Australia

Sol.20.(a) FSSAI (India) and MAPA (Brazil). This collaboration aims to strengthen food safety measures and promote bilateral cooperation in the sector. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is an autonomous statutory body established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (FSS Act).

Q.21. Which two companies have partnered to develop the world's largest low-carbon hydrogen facility in September 2024 ?

- (a) ADNOC and Shell
- (b) ExxonMobil and TotalEnergies
- (c) ADNOC and ExxonMobil
- (d) BP and Chevron

Sol.21.(c) ADNOC and ExxonMobil. Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and ExxonMobil have announced a landmark partnership to develop the world's largest low-carbon hydrogen facility. This ambitious project, set to be located in Baytown, Texas, marks a significant milestone in the race to lead sustainable energy production and combat climate change.

Q.22. Which two organizations signed an agreement on 24th September 2024 to enhance research in rubber process oils?

- (a) Rubber Research Institute and Indian Oil
- (b) Rubber Research Institute and Tata Chemicals
- (c) Indian Oil and the Ministry of Environment
- (d) Indian Oil and Reliance Industries

Sol.22.(a) Rubber Research Institute and Indian Oil. The MoU was signed by Jessy MD, Director in charge of RRII, and Anil Vasu, DGM (Lubes) at IOCL in Kochi. The collaboration aims to enhance research on using Rubber Process Oils marketed by IOCL in various tyre and non-tyre rubber products.

Q.23. In September 2024, What areas do the agreements signed between India and the UAE focus on ?

- (a) Space research and technology
- (b) Nuclear energy, fossil fuels, and food

security

- (c) Tourism and cultural exchange
(d) Digital innovation and cybersecurity

Sol.23.(b) These deals, covering crucial areas such as nuclear energy, fossil fuels, and food security, were formalized during a high-level meeting between Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

Q.24. Which scheme will focus on enhancing legal literacy among Self-Help Group (SHG) women under the MoU signed on September 25, 2024 ?

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
(b) National Rural Livelihood Mission
(c) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)
(d) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

Sol.24.(c) On September 25, 2024, Additional Secretary Shri Charanjit Singh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SAKSHI NGO in New Delhi. The goal of this partnership is to combat gender-based violence through legal aid, advocacy, and enhancing legal literacy among Self-Help Group (SHG) women.

Q.25. Which portal will Amazon India leverage for job postings as part of the MoU signed with the Ministry of Labour and Employment ?

- (a) National Career Service (NCS) portal
(b) Skill India Portal
(c) Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana
(d) Employment Exchange Portal

Sol.25.(a) National Career Service (NCS) portal. The agreement aims to leverage the National Career Service (NCS) portal for job postings at Amazon. This initiative focuses on creating 20 lakh jobs by 2025.

Q.26. Which countries are involved in the Colombo Security Conclave, as mentioned in the signing of its Founding Documents in August 2024 ?

- (a) India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh
(b) India, Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka
(c) India, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives
(d) India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal

Sol.26.(b) India, Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka. National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister of India, Ajit Doval, participated in the signing of the Founding Documents of the Colombo Security Conclave.

Q.27. Which state has become the first in India to implement a Disaster Risk Transfer Parametric Insurance Solution (DRTPS) ?

- (a) Assam (b) Nagaland
(c) Mizoram (d) Manipur

Sol.27.(b) Nagaland. The Government of Nagaland signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SBI General Insurance for the Disaster Risk Transfer Parametric Insurance Solution (DRTPS) on August 2, 2024 in Kohima.

Q.28. Which ministry does the Department of Posts work under, as mentioned in the MoU signed on August 20, 2024 ?

- (a) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)
(b) Ministry of Finance
(c) Ministry of Communications
(d) Ministry of Rural Development

Sol.28.(c) Ministry of Communications. Under this, the employees of the Postal Department working across the country will do physical verification of new units being set up across the Country under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).

Q.29. The MoU signed by the Indian Navy and BEML Ltd. aligns with which government initiative in August 2024 ?

- (a) Digital India Initiative
(b) Make in India
(c) Aatmanirbhar Bharat Initiative
(d) Skill India Campaign

Sol.29.(c) Aatmanirbhar Bharat Initiative. The MoU was signed between Rear Admiral K Srinivas, ACOM(D&R), Indian Navy, and Shri Ajit Kumar Srivastav, Director of Defence, BEML.

Q.30. On August 9, 2024, which two institutions signed an MoU to advance Ayurvedic education, research, and technology ?

- (a) SCTIMIST and WHO
(b) All India Institute of Ayurveda and Amity University
(c) India and the Maldives
(d) Ministry of Health and WHO

Sol.30.(b) This partnership aims to advance Ayurvedic education, research, and technology. It's a significant step towards integrating traditional medicine with modern science

Q.31. Which organizations signed an MoU on August 9, 2024, at the SCTIMST campus in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala ?

- (a) AIIA and Amity University
(b) India and the Maldives
(c) SCTIMST and WHO
(d) Ministry of Health and WHO

Sol.31.(c) SCTIMST and WHO. Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST). This collaboration aims to enhance the production of medical devices, ensuring better accessibility and quality in healthcare. It marks a significant step towards strengthening global health infrastructure.

Q.32. Which countries were involved in the renewed MoU on civil service training, signed on August 9, 2024 ?

- (a) India and Sri Lanka
(b) India and the Maldives
(c) India and Bhutan
(d) India and Bangladesh

Sol.32.(b) India and the Maldives. This agreement aims to train an additional 1,000 Maldivian civil service officers from 2024 to 2029.

Q.33. On August 13, 2024, which two organizations signed an MoU to promote Digital Health Education ?

- (a) National Health Authority and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences
(b) Ministry of Health and WHO
(c) National Health Authority and Indian Medical Association
(d) Maharashtra University of Health Sciences and AIIMS

Sol.33.(a) This collaboration aims to integrate digital health technologies into medical education, enhancing the skills of healthcare professionals and improving healthcare delivery in India.

Q.34. On August 10, 2024, which two organizations signed an MoU to assist with the launch of Nepal's Munal Satellite ?

- (a) Ministry of External Affairs and NewSpace India Limited
(b) Ministry of External Affairs and Nepal Space Agency
(c) NewSpace India Limited and ISRO
(d) Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Space Research Organisation

Sol.34.(a) The Munal Satellite is designed to enhance Nepal's capabilities in various critical areas, including

communication, weather forecasting, and disaster management.

Q.35. On August 13, 2024, which two organizations signed an MoU to drive Digital Health Education in India ?

- (a) National Health Authority and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences
- (b) National Health Authority and Ministry of Health
- (c) Maharashtra University of Health Sciences and WHO
- (d) Ministry of Health and AIIMS

Sol.35.(a) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the National Health Authority (NHA) and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) in the presence of Union Health Minister, Shri J P Nadda, 3. Launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 27th September 2021, the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) aims to establish a robust digital health ecosystem through active collaboration between public and private sectors.

Q.36. On July 31, 2024, which two organizations signed a Donor Agreement for the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) in Jamnagar, Gujarat ?

- (a) Ministry of Ayush and World Health Organization
- (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and WHO
- (c) Indian Medical Association and WHO
- (d) Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Health

Sol.36.(a) Ministry of Ayush and World Health Organization.

Q.37. Which organization signed an agreement with IIT Roorkee and IIT Mandi to develop indigenous technology in July 2024 ?

- (a) C-DOT
- (b) DRDO
- (c) ISRO
- (d) NITI Aayog

Sol.37.(a) C-DOT. The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) is an Indian Government owned telecommunications technology development centre. It was established in 1984 with the initial mandate of designing and developing digital exchanges.

Q.38. What is the name of the agreement India is preparing to sign with the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) in July 2024 ?

- (a) Headquarters Agreement
- (b) Biofuels Collaboration Pact

- (c) Sustainable Energy Agreement
- (d) Biofuels Development Framework

Sol.38.(a) Headquarters Agreement. India, United States, Brazil launched the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) in September 2023.

Q.39. Where was the MoU between the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department and MakeMyTrip signed in July 2024 ?

- (a) Agra
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Kanpur
- (d) Varanasi

Sol.39. (b) Lucknow. This collaboration aims to boost tourism by leveraging MakeMyTrip's insights and enhancing tourist experiences in the state.

Q.40. Which two entities signed an MoU on July 5, 2024, to collaborate in aerospace teaching and research ?

- (a) Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) and Airbus
- (b) GSV and Boeing
- (c) GSV and Indian Air Force
- (d) GSV and Lockheed Martin

Sol.40.(a) Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) and Airbus

Q.41. Where did the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting take place in June 2024 ?

- (a) Moscow
- (b) Beijing
- (c) Nizhny Novgorod
- (d) New Delhi

Sol.41.(c) Nizhny Novgorod. India Welcomes Egypt, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia Joining BRICS on 10 June 2024. BRICS is an intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the United Arab Emirates.

Q.42. What is the name of the drone startup acceleration initiative launched by IIT Kanpur, the Centre of Excellence for UAVs, and DFI in June 2024 ?

- (a) Dronix
- (b) UDAAN
- (c) AeroTech
- (d) SkyLaunch

Sol.42.(b) UDAAN. The UDAAN (UAV/UAS/Drone Acceleration and Networking) program is a collaboration between the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT Kanpur), the Centre of Excellence for UAVs, and the Drone Federation of India (DFI). Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) is a Regional Connectivity Scheme(RCS) that was launched on 21 October 2016 by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Q.43. What is the name of the digital library that was established through the MoU which was signed between the National Book Trust and Department of School Education on June 3, 2024 ?

- (a) Rashtriya Gyan Pustakalaya
- (b) Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya
- (c) Digital Bharat Library
- (d) E-Books India

Sol.43.(b) Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya. This platform will host over 10,000 books in more than 100 languages, accessible round-the-clock.

Q.44. Which organization entered into a collaborative agreement with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) on June 13, 2024 ?

- (a) Sansad TV
- (b) National Film Development Corporation
- (c) Prasar Bharati
- (d) National Media Center

Sol.44.(a) Sansad TV. The signing was officiated by Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary of IGNCA, and Rajat Punhani, CEO of Sansad TV.

Q.45. Which two states signed an MoU on June 30, 2024, for the Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal river linking project ?

- (a) Rajasthan and Gujarat
- (b) Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan
- (c) Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan and Haryana

Sol.45.(b) Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal river linking project aims to provide water to 26 districts and irrigate nearly 5.6 lakh hectares of land.

Q.46. Which country collaborated with the Government of Nagaland to establish the Kohima Peace Memorial and Eco Park in May 2024 ?

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) Korea
- (d) Thailand

Sol.46.(b) Japan. The Kohima Peace Memorial and Eco Park were inaugurated to commemorate the historical event 'the Battle of Kohima during World War II'.

Q.47. The 10-year deal signed by India pertains to the operation of which port in Iran in May 2024 ?

- (a) Bandar Abbas Port
- (b) Chabahar Port
- (c) Bushehr Port
- (d) Qeshm Port

Sol.47.(b) Chabahar Port. India signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the development of the Chabahar port

in May 2015. In May 2016, India, Iran, and Afghanistan signed a trilateral agreement to establish the International Transport and Transit Corridor, also known as the Chabahar Agreement.

Q.48. Which bank signed an MoU with the Indian Coast Guard on May 9, 2024 ?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Bank of Baroda
- (c) Punjab National Bank
- (d) Bank of India

Sol.48.(d) Bank of India. This agreement was formalized to introduce the "BOI Rakshak Salary/Pension Savings Scheme," a Defence service Salary Package with top-tier features.

Q.49. On May 9, 2024, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) signed an MoU with which company for the manufacturing and supply of indigenous marine-grade aluminium ?

- (a) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- (b) Hindalco Industries
- (c) Tata Steel
- (d) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)

Sol.49. (b) Hindalco Industries. The MoU is for the manufacturing and supply of indigenous marine-grade aluminium to Indian public and private shipyards for the construction of ships. The ICG fleet currently operates 67 ships with aluminium hulls, designed for operations in shallow waters.

Q.50. On May 27, 2024, the Indian Army received a green hydrogen fuel cell bus from which organization ?

- (a) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- (b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- (c) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- (d) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)

Sol.50.(c) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL).

Q.51. Which bank signed an MoU with SINE, IIT Bombay in April 2024 ?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) Punjab National Bank
- (d) Bank of Baroda

Sol.51.(b) Canara Bank. Canara Bank and the Society For Innovation & Entrepreneurship (SINE) of IIT Bombay signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to empower start-ups across India. The headquarters of Canara Bank

is located in Bangalore, India. As of 30 December 2024, the current Managing Director (MD) & CEO of the bank is K Satyanarayana Raju.

Q.52. In April 2024, NTPC Limited signed an MoU with which organization for the supply of 9 lakh metric tonnes of limestone ?

- (a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- (b) Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)
- (c) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)
- (d) National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)

Sol.52.(c) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL). It was formed on 18 February 1982. NTPC was established in 1975. Gurdeep Singh is the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NTPC Limited as of December 2024.

Q.53. What is the name of the joint venture formed by NALCO, HCL, and MECL ?

- (a) KABIL
- (b) CSIR-NGRI
- (c) NALCO-HCL
- (d) MECL-NGRI

Sol.53.(a) KABIL. On April 24, 2024, Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - National Geophysical Research Institute (CSIR-NGRI) in Bhubaneswar.

Q.54. Which company has partnered with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) to establish a nationwide network of 5,000 EV public charging stations by the end of 2024 ?

- (a) Mahindra Electric
- (b) Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM)
- (c) Hero Electric
- (d) Bajaj Auto

Sol.54.(b) Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM). The collaboration will leverage HPCL's extensive network of over 21,500 fuel stations across the country. TPEM's insights from over 1.2 lakh Tata EVs on Indian roads will help identify locations frequently visited by Tata EV owners for setting up charging stations.

Q.55. Which bank partnered with the Indian Olympic Association for the Paris Olympics in March 2024 ?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) YES Bank
- (d) State Bank of India

Sol.55.(c) YES Bank. YES Bank introduces the 'Milkar Jitayegey' campaign to signify unity and determination in achieving victory. The campaign embodies the spirit of collaboration between YES Bank and the Indian Olympic Association to support Team India in their quest for success at the Paris Olympics.

Q.56. Which state signed an MoU to implement the PM SHRI School Scheme in March 2024 ?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Sol.56.(b) Tamil Nadu. This initiative aims to enhance the quality of education in the state and align with the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020. PM SHRI Schools Overview Scheme was launched on September 7, 2022.

Q.57. In March 2024, India and Singapore signed an MoU to collaborate in which area ?

- (a) Trade and Investment
- (b) Space Research
- (c) Law and Dispute Resolution
- (d) Climate Change

Sol.57.(c) Law and Dispute Resolution. This agreement aims to bolster collaboration in areas such as international commercial dispute resolution. This MoU was signed by Mr. Edwin Tong SC (Singapore) and Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal (India).

Q.58. In March 2024, Which country formally joined NATO, ending over 200 years of neutrality, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine ?

- (a) Finland
- (b) Sweden
- (c) Norway
- (d) Denmark

Sol.58.(b) Sweden. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), 1949. There are 32 member states in NATO (30 European and 2 North American). NATO headquarters is located in Brussels, Belgium.

Q.59. On 12th March 2024, which two institutions signed an MoU to foster collaboration in the Information, Electronics, and Communication Technology (IECT) domain ?

- (a) NIELIT and IIT
- (b) NIELIT and ITI
- (c) ITI and IIT
- (d) NIELIT and University of Cairo

Sol.59.(b) NIELIT and ITI. This MoU is aimed at fostering mutual collaboration

in the Information, Electronics, and Communication Technology (IECT) domain.

Q.60. What state government signed an MoU with Google to leverage Google's AI capabilities for various sectors including agriculture, healthcare, and education on February 8, 2024 ?

- (a) Karnataka (b) Maharashtra
(c) Gujarat (d) Tamil Nadu

Sol.60.(b) Maharashtra. The collaboration aims to leverage Google's AI capabilities to provide solutions in sectors like agriculture, healthcare, education, and startups. This includes training for government IT professionals, AI-enabled health screenings, and agricultural insights.

Q.61. Which Indian payment system is being linked with Nepal's NPI under the agreement ?

- (a) Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)
(b) Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)
(c) Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
(d) Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)

Sol.61.(c) Unified Payments Interface (UPI). Dr. Raghuram G Rajan, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), launched the UPI in Mumbai on April 11, 2016. The RBI and Nepal Rastra Bank have formalized an agreement to integrate their fast payment systems, UPI and NPI respectively, to enable seamless cross-border transactions.

Q.62. What region was targeted for NMBA awareness activities through the dedicated vehicle which was launched on February 14, 2024, by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment ?

- (a) Northern India (b) Delhi-NCR
(c) Southern India (d) Eastern India

Sol.62.(b) Delhi-NCR. Social Justice & Empowerment Ministry, with Brahma Kumaris, introduces NMBA Vehicle in Delhi-NCR, flagged off on 14th Feb to raise drug abuse awareness. The collaboration between the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Brahma Kumaris, Mount Abu, dates back to March 4th, 2023.

Q.63. Which two countries signed the protocol on nuclear cooperation in February 2024?

- (a) India and USA (b) India and Russia
(c) India and France (d) India and Japan

Sol.63.(b) India and Russia. The agreement focuses on the construction

of additional nuclear reactors at the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project site and the development of Russia-designed nuclear power plants at new locations in India. The February 2024 protocol is an amendment to an agreement originally signed in 2008.

Q.64. Which institution partnered with the Uttar Pradesh government for disaster management on February 13, 2024 ?

- (a) IIT Kanpur (b) IIT Roorkee
(c) IIT Bombay (d) IIT Delhi

Sol.64.(b) IIT Roorkee. This collaboration aims to enhance disaster management in the state by leveraging IIT Roorkee's expertise in research and training. The partnership is expected to bolster the state's resilience against natural calamities over the next five years.

Q.65. Who were the signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Colombia on 16th February 2024 ?

- (a) Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar and Mr. Mauricio Lizcano
(b) Shri Narendra Modi and Mr. Gustavo Petro
(c) Shri S. Jaishankar and Mr. Iván Duque
(d) Shri Amit Shah and Mr. Juan Manuel Santos

Sol.65.(a) The MoU aims to share successful digital solutions implemented at population scale for digital transformation. This includes India's Digital Public Infrastructures, known as India Stack Solutions, which will be shared with Colombia to facilitate their digital transformation. Colombia : Capital - Bogota.

Q.66. On February 16, 2024, India and Taiwan signed an MoU for the employment of Indian workers in Taiwan. Who signed the MoU on behalf of India and Taiwan ?

- (a) Manharsinh Laxmanbhai Yadav and Baushuan Ger
(b) Shri S. Jaishankar and Mr. William Lai
(c) Narendra Modi and Tsai Ing-wen
(d) Amit Shah and James Soong

Sol.66.(a) The agreement, signed by the Director General of the India-Taipei Association (ITA) Manharsinh Laxmanbhai Yadav and Baushuan Ger, the head of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in New Delhi, stipulates that Taiwan would decide the number of migrant workers and types of industries,

while India would handle recruitment and training. Taiwan: Capital - Taipei City.

Q.67. In January 2024, a historic security agreement was signed between Ukraine and the United Kingdom. Who were the signatories of this agreement ?

- (a) President Zelenskyy and Prime Minister Sunak
(b) President Zelenskyy and Foreign Secretary James Cleverly
(c) President Zelenskyy and Defense Minister Ben Wallace
(d) President Zelenskyy and Chancellor Jeremy Hunt

Sol.67.(a) President Zelenskyy and Prime Minister Sunak. The signed security accord is poised to remain in effect until Ukraine becomes a member of NATO, marking a strategic commitment between the two nations. Zelenskyy was President of Ukraine. The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, which began in February 2022.

Q.68. What is the purpose of the MoU signed between Paytm and Ayodhya Nagar Nigam on 3rd January 2024 ?

- (a) promote digital payments
(b) open paytm branch
(c) introduce mobile banking
(d) create digital currency

Sol.68.(a) promote digital payments. Ahead of the Ram Temple consecration ceremony, Paytm has partnered with Ayodhya Nagar Nigam to facilitate digital/mobile payments in the city.

Q.69. On 3rd January 2024, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed an MoU with which organization to develop a "Green Cover Index" for National Highways ?

- (a) National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)
(b) Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE)
(c) Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
(d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Sol.69.(a) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) under the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for three years to develop and report a "Green Cover Index" for the extensive network of National Highways in India on 3rd January 2024 in Hyderabad.

Q.70. On 19th January 2024, India and Cuba signed an MoU for cooperation in sharing digital solutions. Who were the signatories of this MoU ?

- (a) Shri S Krishnan and H.E. Mr. Wilfredo Gonzalez Vidal
- (b) Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar and H.E. Mr. Gustavo Rodriguez
- (c) Shri Amit Shah and H.E. Mr. Juan Manuel Santos
- (d) Shri S. Jaishankar and H.E. Mr. Luis Alberto Rodriguez

Sol.70.(a) The signatories were Shri S Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY from India's side and H.E. Mr. Wilfredo Gonzalez Vidal, First Deputy Minister of Communications, from Cuba's side. This MoU is on Cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions Implemented at Population Scale for Digital Transformation.

Q.71. Who were the key organizations involved in the defence collaboration for research and development between India and the UK as per the agreement signed on January 9, 2024 ?

- (a) DRDO and DSTL
- (b) Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Defence
- (c) ISRO and DSTL
- (d) DRDO and British Army

Sol.71.(a) DRDO and DSTL. This agreement aims to foster youth exchanges. Additionally, a Letter of Arrangement was signed for defence collaboration in research and development between the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) of India and the UK's Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL).

Important Days and Themes

Q.1. What is celebrated on December 25th in India, in honor of Atal Bihari Vajpayee's legacy?

- (a) National Consumer Day
- (b) Good Governance Day
- (c) Earth Day
- (d) National Education Day

Sol.1.(b) Good Governance Day (Sushashan Diwas) was officially established in 2014 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The day is dedicated to promoting awareness about the importance of accountability in government."

Q.2. What is the theme of National Consumer Day 2024?

- (a) Consumer Rights in E-Commerce
- (b) Virtual Hearings & Digital Access to Consumer Justice
- (c) Protecting Consumer Interests
- (d) Digital Consumer Empowerment

Sol.2.(b) National Consumer Day is celebrated annually on 24th December in India to mark the enactment of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Q.3. What is celebrated on December 23rd in India to honor the contributions of farmers?

- (a) National Consumer Day
- (b) National Farmers' Day (Kisan Diwas)
- (c) National Youth Day
- (d) Republic Day

Sol.3.(b) National Farmers' Day (Kisan Diwas) honors the contributions of farmers and commemorates the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh. The theme for 2024 is 'Empowering Annadatas for a Prosperous Nation.'

Q.4. When is National Mathematics Day celebrated in India?

- (a) December 15 (b) December 22
- (c) January 26 (d) November 14

Sol.4.(b) December 22. National Mathematics Day is celebrated in honor of the birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan. This day, first declared in 2012 by Dr. Manmohan Singh, acknowledges Ramanujan's profound contributions to the field of mathematics.

Q.5. What is observed on December 16 in India to commemorate the 1971 Indo-Pak War victory?

- (a) Independence Day

- (b) Republic Day
- (c) Vijay Diwas
- (d) Kargil Vijay Diwas

Sol.5.(c) Vijay Diwas. The 13-day war concluded with the surrender of 93,000 Pakistani soldiers, leading to the liberation of Bangladesh as an independent nation.

Q.6. What is the theme of International Anti-Corruption Day 2024?

- (a) Fighting Corruption for Sustainable Development
- (b) Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow's Integrity
- (c) Transparency and Accountability in Governance
- (d) Building a Corruption-Free World

Sol.6.(b) International Anti-Corruption Day, observed on December 9, highlights the need to combat corruption and promote transparency and accountability.

Q.7. What is observed annually on December 4?

- (a) International Wildlife Day
- (b) International Cheetah Day
- (c) World Endangered Species Day
- (d) Global Conservation Day

Sol.7.(b) International Cheetah Day. To raise awareness about the challenges faced by cheetahs and to promote conservation efforts. Established by the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF).

Q.8. What is the theme of World Soil Day 2024?

- (a) Save Soil for Future Generations
- (b) Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage
- (c) Healthy Soil, Healthy Life
- (d) Sustainable Soil Conservation

Sol.8.(b) World Soil Day, observed on December 5, emphasizes the importance of soil health and sustainable management of soil resources.

Q.9. Which event during the 1971 Indo-Pak War is particularly honored on Indian Navy Day (December 4)?

- (a) Operation Vijay
- (b) Operation Cactus
- (c) Operation Trident
- (d) Operation Shakti

Sol.9.(c) Operation Trident. The theme for Indian Navy Day 2024 is "Strength and Capability through Innovation and Indigenization," emphasizing the Navy's

commitment to self-reliance and technological advancements.

Q.10. What is the theme of World AIDS Day 2024, observed on December 1?

- (a) Ending HIV: A Global Mission
- (b) Take the rights path: My health, my right!
- (c) Eradicating AIDS Together
- (d) HIV Awareness for a Healthier Future

Sol.10.(b) Take the rights path: My health, my right! Aims - To raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, reduce stigma, and highlight the importance of human rights in ensuring access to healthcare.

Q.11. What is observed on November 29 every year to highlight the rights of the Palestinian people?

- (a) International Peace Day
- (b) International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
- (c) World Human Rights Day
- (d) Global Unity Day

Sol.11.(b) International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People was established by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 1977. The day emphasizes the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and promotes global support for achieving peace in the region.

Q.12. When is Aviation Safety Awareness Week observed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI)?

- (a) Last week of November (November 25 to 29)
- (b) First week of December
- (c) Second week of November
- (d) Last week of December

Sol.12.(a) This week highlights AAI's commitment to safety in all aspects of aviation, emphasizing the importance of safety measures and protocols in the aviation industry.

Q.13. India celebrates Constitution Day (Samvidhan Diwas) on which date?

- (a) November 26 (b) January 26
- (c) August 15 (d) October 2

Sol.13.(a) November 26. It is celebrated to mark the adoption of the Indian Constitution in 1949.

Q.14. What is the main focus of the theme for World Fisheries Day 2024?

- (a) Promoting large-scale industrial fishing
- (b) Strengthening small-scale and

- sustainable fisheries
(c) Increasing fish exports
(d) Protecting marine species from overfishing

Sol.14.(b) World Fisheries Day 2024 is celebrated on November 21, highlighting sustainable fisheries, protecting aquatic ecosystems, and empowering fishing communities. Kerala received the Best Marine State award at World Fisheries Day 2024. Since 1997, World Fisheries Day has been observed on November 21 worldwide.

- Q.15.** What is celebrated on November 19 every year in India?
(a) National Unity Day
(b) National Integration Day
(c) National Democracy Day
(d) National Freedom Day

Sol.15.(b) National Integration Day. It marks the birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi, the first woman Prime Minister of India.

- Q.16.** When is the International Day for Tolerance observed?
(a) November 10 (b) November 16
(c) November 20 (d) November 25

Sol.16.(b) November 16. It is observed every year to promote mutual understanding among cultures and encourage tolerance among individuals.

- Q.17.** What is observed on November 16 every year in India to commemorate the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI) in 1966?
(a) National Media Day
(b) National Press Day
(c) National Journalism Day
(d) National News Day

Sol.17.(b) National Press Day. This day serves as a reminder of the indispensable role of a free press in a vibrant democracy like India and highlights the importance of ethical journalism.

- Q.18.** On which date is Birsa Munda Jayanti, also known as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas or Tribal Pride Day, celebrated?
(a) November 14 (b) November 15
(c) November 16 (d) November 17

Sol.18.(b) November 15. This day marks the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda. He is remembered for leading the Ulgulan movement against British rule and fighting for the rights of tribal people in India.

- Q.19.** On which date is World Diabetes Day observed every year?
(a) November 15 (b) November 14
(c) October 14 (d) December 1

Sol.19.(b) November 14. The theme for 2024-2026 is "Diabetes and Well-being," focusing on the importance of preventive measures, early diagnosis, and improving the overall well-being of individuals living with diabetes.

- Q.20.** On which date does India observe National Education Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad?
(a) November 12 (b) November 14
(c) November 17 (d) November 11

Sol.20.(d) November 11. It is observed to honor Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister. His significant contributions to India's educational development are recognized. The theme for National Education Day 2024 is "Inclusive Quality Education".

- Q.21.** World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) is observed on which date to promote tsunami awareness and preparedness worldwide?
(a) November 3 (b) November 4
(c) November 5 (d) November 6

Sol.21.(c) November 5. The day aims to educate communities, raise awareness about tsunami risks, and enhance global resilience to disasters. It was established by the United Nations. Theme: "Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future".

- Q.22.** On which date is National Unity Day celebrated in India, and whom does it honor?
(a) October 31st, honoring Jawaharlal Nehru
(b) October 31st, honoring Mahatma Gandhi
(c) November 15th, honoring Birsa Munda
(d) October 31st, honoring Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Sol.22.(d) October 31st, honoring Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. It commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, known as the "Iron Man of India."

- Q.23.** On which date is the 9th Ayurveda Day celebrated in 2024?
(a) October 28 (b) October 29
(c) October 30 (d) October 27

Sol.23.(b) October 29. This year's theme, "Ayurveda Innovations for Global Health,"

emphasizes the role of Ayurveda in advancing global healthcare and brings together over 150 countries in its observance.

- Q.24.** What is the theme for World PolioDay 2024, observed on October 24?
(a) "Polio-Free World: A Shared Responsibility"
(b) "A Global Mission to Reach Every Child"
(c) "Eradicate Polio: Together for Tomorrow"
(d) "Every Child Counts: End Polio Now"

Sol.24.(b) "A Global Mission to Reach Every Child". World Polio Day is observed to raise awareness about polio, a debilitating disease. This day was established in 1985 by Rotary International to honor Dr. Jonas Salk, who developed the first successful polio vaccine.

- Q.25.** When is World Statistics Day celebrated?
(a) 15th October (b) 20th October
(c) 25th October (d) 30th October

Sol.25.(b) 20th October. World Statistics Day is observed every five years, and the theme "Harnessing Data for Better Decisions" underscores the critical role of accurate, timely, and reliable data in decision-making processes.

- Q.26.** What is celebrated on October 15 in honor of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's birth anniversary?
(a) National Science Day
(b) World Student's Day
(c) Teacher's Day
(d) National Technology Day

Sol.26.(b) World Student's Day, celebrated on the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, honors his remarkable legacy as India's "Missile Man" and a visionary leader. The theme for 2024, "Empowering Students to be Agents of Change".

- Q.27.** What is the theme for the International Day of the Girl Child 2024?
(a) Empowering Girls for a Better Tomorrow
(b) Girls' Vision for the Future
(c) Equal Rights, Equal Future
(d) Educate and Empower Girls

Sol.27.(b) Girls' Vision for the Future. The International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated on October 11th every year, and is dedicated to recognizing and uplifting the rights, voices, and potential

of girls worldwide.

Q.28. When is World Mental Health Day observed annually?

- (a) October 5 (b) October 10
(c) November 10 (d) December 1

Sol.28.(b) October 10. World Mental Health Day, first initiated in 1992 by the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH), aims to raise awareness about mental health issues and promote better mental well-being globally. The theme for 2024, "Mental Health at Work".

Q.29. When is World Teacher's Day celebrated?

- (a) October 1st (b) October 5th
(c) November 10th (d) September 15th

Sol.29.(b) October 5th. The Theme for World Teacher's Day 2024 is "Empowering Educators: Strengthening Resilience, Building Sustainability". National Teachers Day is celebrated on the 5th of September in India, marking the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

Q.30. What is celebrated on 2nd October every year to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?

- (a) International Day of Peace
(b) International Day of Non-Violence
(c) World Humanitarian Day
(d) Global Peace Day

Sol.30.(b) International Day of Non-Violence. This day honors Gandhi's legacy as a global symbol of peace and non-violence, promoting the ideals of peaceful conflict resolution and the power of non-violent methods.

Q.31. What is the date of World Heart Day, observed annually to raise awareness about cardiovascular health?

- (a) September 29th (b) October 5th
(c) November 14th (d) August 12th

Sol.31.(a) September 29th. The theme for World Heart Day 2024, "Use Heart for Action," encourages individuals and communities to take proactive steps in promoting cardiovascular health.

Q.32. What is the theme for World Tourism Day 2024?

- (a) Sustainable Tourism for All
(b) Tourism and Peace
(c) Explore the World
(d) Tourism for Global Unity

Sol.32.(b) Tourism and Peace. The UNWTO established World Tourism Day

in 1980, marking a significant milestone in recognizing the global impact of tourism.

Q.33. On which date is World Environmental Health Day celebrated?

- (a) September 22 (b) September 25
(c) September 30 (d) October 5

Sol.33.(b) September 25. The day focuses on raising awareness about environmental health issues. The theme for 2024 is "Environmental Health: Creating Resilient Communities through Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation".

Q.34. On which date is World Maritime Day celebrated?

- (a) September 25 (b) September 27
(c) September 26 (d) September 24

Sol.34.(c) September 26. The theme for 2024 is "Navigating the Future: Safety First!", emphasizing the importance of safety in the maritime industry.

Q.35. What is the theme for the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons 2024, observed on September 26?

- (a) Peace through Unity and Disarmament
(b) Global Security through Non-Violence
(c) Fostering Global Peace and Security through Nuclear Disarmament
(d) Disarmament for a Better Future

Sol.35.(c) The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared September 26 as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons through UNGA Resolution 68/32. This day is also known as Nuclear Abolition Day.

Q.36. On which date is Antyodaya Diwas celebrated to honor Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya?

- (a) September 22 (b) September 25
(c) October 5 (d) October 15

Sol.36.(b) September 25. Antyodaya Diwas is an annual occasion in India commemorating the birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.

Q.37. What is the theme for the International Day of Sign Languages 2024?

- (a) Speak Up for Deaf Rights
(b) Sign Up for Sign Language Rights
(c) Empowering Deaf Communities Through Language
(d) Global Recognition of Sign

Languages

Sol.37.(b) Sign Up for Sign Language

Rights. The International Day of Sign Languages, observed on September 23rd, was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly to raise awareness about the importance of sign language in realizing the human rights of deaf people.

Q.38. The theme "Need to Eliminate Wage Discrimination" is observed on which day in 2024?

- (a) International Women's Day
(b) World Mental Health Day
(c) World Alzheimer's Day
(d) International Equal Pay Day

Sol.38.(d) International Equal Pay Day. It is celebrated on 19 September. The day is meant to raise awareness of the gender pay gap and the need to close it. The theme for 2024 is "Need to Eliminate Wage Discrimination". World Alzheimer's Day, observed annually on September 21. The theme for World Alzheimer's Day 2024 is "Time to Act on Dementia, Time to Act on Alzheimer's".

Q.39. World Ozone Day is celebrated on which date?

- (a) September 15 (b) September 16
(c) September 17 (d) September 18

Sol.39.(b) September 16. This date commemorates the signing of the Montreal Protocol in 1987, which aims to restore the ozone layer and combat climate change. The theme for 2024 is "Montreal Protocol: Restoring the Ozone Layer and Combating Climate Change."

Q.40. National Engineer's Day is celebrated on which date to honor the contributions of engineers and commemorate the birth anniversary of M. Visvesvaraya?

- (a) September 14 (b) September 15
(c) September 16 (d) September 17

Sol.40.(b) September 15. The theme for 2024 is "Innovating for a Sustainable Future," highlighting the importance of engineering in promoting sustainable growth and development.

Q.41. What is the theme for Hindi Diwas 2024?

- (a) Hindi: Connecting Cultures
(b) Hindi: Vishwa Bhasha
(c) Hindi: A Language of Unity
(d) Hindi: The Future of Communication

Sol.41.(b) Hindi: Vishwa Bhasha. Hindi Diwas is observed annually on

September 14th to celebrate the recognition of Hindi as one of the official languages of India.

Q.42. What is the theme for World First Aid Day 2024?

- (a) First Aid for All: Reducing Emergency Response Time
- (b) First Aid in the Digital Age
- (c) First Aid: A Skill for Life
- (d) First Aid: Saving Lives with Innovation

Sol.42.(b) First Aid in the Digital Age. World First Aid Day is observed annually on the second Saturday of September, which in 2024 falls on September 14th.

Q.43. World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is observed on which date?

- (a) September 8 (b) September 9
- (c) September 10 (d) September 11

Sol.43.(c) September 10. The theme for 2024, "Changing the Narrative on Suicide," with the call to action "Start the Conversation," encourages open discussions around mental health and suicide prevention to reduce stigma and promote support for those in need.

Q.44. International Literacy Day is celebrated on which day?

- (a) 5th September (b) 8th September
- (c) 10th September (d) 12th September

Sol.44.(b) 8th September. The theme for 2024, "Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace," emphasizes the importance of promoting literacy in multiple languages to foster mutual understanding and global peace.

Q.45. National Nutrition Week (NNW) is observed in India during which dates?

- (a) August 25 to 31
- (b) September 1 to 7
- (c) September 5 to 11
- (d) September 10 to 16

Sol.45.(b) September 1 to 7. The week aims to raise awareness about the importance of good nutrition in maintaining health and preventing malnutrition-related diseases.

Q.46. National Sports Day is celebrated in India on which date?

- (a) August 28 (b) August 29
- (c) August 30 (d) September 1

Sol.46.(b) August 29. National Sports Day in India is observed annually to honor the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, a legendary hockey player.

The theme for 2024, "Sports for All: Striving for Excellence".

Q.47. World Water Week 2024 is observed from which date?

- (a) August 20-24
- (b) August 25-29
- (c) August 25-29
- (d) August 30 - September 3

Sol.47.(c) August 25-29. The theme for 2024, "Bridging Borders: Water for a Peaceful and Sustainable Future," emphasizes the importance of water as a shared resource and the need for international cooperation to ensure its sustainable management for peace and prosperity.

Q.48. On which date is National Space Day celebrated in India?

- (a) 15th August (b) 23rd August
- (c) 29th September (d) 14th November

Sol.48.(b) 23rd August. The theme for 2024, "Touching Lives while Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga," highlights the significant achievements of India's space program and its contributions to technological advancements and global exploration.

Q.49. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is observed on which day?

- (a) 18th August (b) 23rd August
- (c) 15th September (d) 12th October

Sol.49.(b) 23rd August. The theme for 2024, "Decolonizing History: Memory, Heritage, and Education," focuses on recognizing the legacy of the transatlantic slave trade, the importance of preserving its history, and the role of education in promoting remembrance and decolonization.

Q.50. International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed on which day?

- (a) 19th August (b) 21st August
- (c) 23rd August (d) 25th August

Sol.50.(b) 21st August. The theme for 2024, "Voices for Peace: Victims of Terrorism as Peace Advocates and Educators".

Q.51. World Mosquito Day is celebrated on which date to raise awareness about mosquito-borne diseases?

- (a) August 15th (b) August 20th
- (c) August 25th (d) September 5th

Sol.51.(b) August 20th. World Mosquito

Day is celebrated annually to commemorate the discovery in 1897 by Sir Ronald Ross that female Anopheles mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans.

Q.52. World Humanitarian Day is observed on which day, and what is the theme for 2024?

- (a) August 15, "#Humanity For All"
- (b) August 19, "#Act For Humanity"
- (c) September 5, "#Global Humanitarian Aid"
- (d) October 10, "#Serve With Compassion"

Sol.52.(b) August 19, "#Act For Humanity". World Humanitarian Day is observed annually to honor humanitarian efforts and those who have lost their lives while helping others.

Q.53. Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, also known as "Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas," is observed on which date in India?

- (a) August 13th (b) August 14th
- (c) August 15th (d) August 16th

Sol.53.(b) August 14th. Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is observed annually to remember the atrocities and pain caused by the partition of India in 1947. The theme for 2024, "Healing and Reconciliation".

Q.54. World Organ Donation Day 2024 is observed on which date?

- (a) August 10 (b) August 13
- (c) August 15 (d) August 20

Sol.54.(b) August 13. World Organ Donation Day is observed to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation and encourage individuals to register as organ donors. The theme for 2024, "Be the Reason for Someone's Smile Today!".

Q.55. What is the theme of World Elephant Day 2024, observed on August 12?

- (a) "Save Elephants, Save Earth"
- (b) "Protecting Elephant Habitats"
- (c) "Elephants: Guardians of the Forest"
- (d) "Conserve Elephants for Future Generations"

Sol.55.(b) "Protecting Elephant Habitats". World Elephant Day is dedicated to raising awareness about the challenges faced by elephants, including threats like habitat loss, poaching, and human-wildlife conflict. The event aims to promote the protection and

conservation of elephants, the largest land mammals.

Q.56. On which date is International Youth Day 2024 observed?

- (a) August 10 (b) August 12
(c) August 14 (d) August 15

Sol.56.(b) August 12. In 2024, the theme is "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development," which highlights the role of digital tools and technology in advancing sustainable development goals.

Q.57. World Lion Day is observed on which date?

- (a) August 5 (b) August 10
(c) August 12 (d) August 15

Sol.57.(b) August 10. World Lion Day is observed annually to raise awareness about the conservation of lions and their habitats. The theme for 2024, "Protecting the King of the Jungle."

Q.58. National Javelin Day 2024 is observed on which date to commemorate Neeraj Chopra's Olympic gold medal victory?

- (a) August 5 (b) August 7
(c) August 10 (d) August 12

Sol.58.(b) August 7. National Javelin Day, celebrates Neeraj Chopra's historic achievement of winning India's first-ever Olympic gold medal in track and field in 2021. The theme for 2024, "Empowering Youth Through Sports".

Q.59. On which date did India commemorate the 10th National Handloom Day in 2024?

- (a) August 1 (b) August 7
(c) August 12 (d) August 15

Sol.59.(b) August 7. National Handloom Day is observed every year to honor the handloom industry and its contribution to the country's cultural heritage, with the first event being held in 2015. The theme for 2024, "Handlooms for Sustainable Fashion".

Q.60. What is the theme for the 2024 World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, observed on July 30?

- (a) "End Human Trafficking"
(b) "Unite to Stop Trafficking"
(c) "Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking"
(d) "Freedom for All"

Sol.60.(c) The theme for World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2024

emphasizes the protection of children from trafficking. It focuses on the need to end child trafficking, strengthen protective measures, dismantle trafficking networks, and ensure that children are safeguarded from exploitation.

Q.61. On which day is International Tiger Day observed?

- (a) 29th July (b) 15th August
(c) 5th September (d) 1st October

Sol.61.(a) 29th July. International Tiger Day is observed annually to raise awareness about the conservation of tigers and their habitats. The theme for 2024 is "It's time for action."

Q.62. What is the theme for World Hepatitis Day 2024?

- (a) "Hepatitis: Awareness and Prevention"
(b) "It's Time for Action"
(c) "Fighting Hepatitis Together"
(d) "Towards a Hepatitis-Free World"

Sol.62.(b) "It's Time for Action". World Hepatitis Day is observed annually to raise awareness about viral hepatitis. The theme for 2024 emphasizes the urgency of taking action to address this global health issue.

Q.63. On which date does India observe Kargil Vijay Diwas?

- (a) July 20 (b) July 26
(c) August 15 (d) November 26

Sol.63.(b) July 26. It is celebrated to commemorate the victory of the Indian Armed Forces in the 1999 Kargil War.

Q.64. National Income Tax Day in India is observed on which date to commemorate a significant milestone in the country's fiscal history?

- (a) July 15 (b) July 20
(c) July 24 (d) August 1

Sol.64.(c) July 24. This day highlights the importance of income tax as a key government levy on the income earned by individuals and businesses, contributing to the country's economic development and public welfare.

Q.65. On which date is World Brain Day observed?

- (a) July 15 (b) July 22
(c) August 22 (d) June 22

Sol.65.(b) July 22. The 2024 theme for the day is "Brain Health and Prevention," emphasizing the importance of maintaining brain health and taking

preventive measures against neurological diseases.

Q.66. On which date is International Chess Day observed?

- (a) July 20 (b) July 10
(c) August 20 (d) June 20

Sol.66.(a) July 20. International Chess Day, celebrates the ancient game of chess and its profound influence on global culture, education, and intellectual development. Recognized by UNESCO since 1966.

Q.67. What is the theme for Nelson Mandela International Day 2024, observed on July 18th?

- (a) Unity for Peace
(b) Combating poverty and inequality is in our hands
(c) Empowering youth for a better future
(d) Human rights for all

Sol.67.(b) Every year on July 18th, the world unites to celebrate Nelson Mandela International Day, honouring the life and enduring legacy of one of history's most inspiring figures.

Q.68. When is World Day for International Justice observed?

- (a) 17th July (b) 18th July
(c) 19th July (d) 16th July

Sol.68.(a) 17th July. This day is also known as International Justice Day or Day of International Criminal Justice. It commemorates the adoption of the Rome Statute, the treaty that established the International Criminal Court (ICC), on July 17, 1998.

Q.69. When is World Population Day observed?

- (a) 10th July (b) 12th July
(c) 11th July (d) 9th July

Sol.69.(c) 11th July. World Population Day, established by the United Nations in 1989, serves as an important platform to raise awareness about global population issues. The theme for 2024, "Leave no one behind, count everyone".

Q.70. National Doctor's Day is observed on which date to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy?

- (a) June 30 (b) July 1
(c) July 10 (d) August 1

Sol.70.(b) July 1. National Doctor's Day is an annual celebration that recognizes the invaluable contributions of medical professionals to our society. The theme

for 2024, "Healing Hands, Caring Hearts".

Q.71. On which date is National Statistics Day celebrated in India?

- (a) June 28th (b) June 30th
(c) June 29th (d) July 1st

Sol.71.(c) June 29th. National Statistics Day is celebrated to honor the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, a prominent statistician and economist. The theme for 2024, "Use of Data for Decision Making".

Q.72. On which date is Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day observed annually?

- (a) June 25 (b) June 26
(c) June 27 (d) June 28

Sol.72.(c) June 27. This day is celebrated every year to emphasize the critical role of micro-, small, and medium-sized enterprises in fostering economic growth, creating jobs, and driving sustainable development. The 2024 theme, "Leveraging the Power and Resilience of Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises to Accelerate Sustainable Development and Eradicate Poverty in Times of Multiple Crises".

Q.73. What is the theme for International Yoga Day 2024?

- (a) Yoga for Health
(b) Yoga for Humanity
(c) Yoga for Self and Society
(d) Yoga for Peace

Sol.73.(c) Yoga for Self and Society. International Yoga Day is observed globally on June 21st every year to promote awareness of yoga's numerous benefits for physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. The United Nations General Assembly declared this day in 2014.

Q.74. When is World Sickle Cell Day observed?

- (a) June 18 (b) June 19
(c) June 20 (d) June 21

Sol.74.(b) June 19. The United Nations General Assembly recognized sickle cell disease as a public health issue in December 2008. The theme for the 2024 World Sickle Cell Day is "Hope through progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally".

Q.75. What is the theme for World Refugee Day 2024?

- (a) Refugees: A Global Responsibility

- (b) For a World Where Refugees are Welcomed
(c) Empowering Refugees for a Better Future
(d) Strengthening Refugee Rights

Sol.75.(b) World Refugee Day is observed annually on June 20th to honor the millions of people who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict, persecution, or disaster.

Q.76. World Blood Donor Day 2024 is observed on which date, with the theme "20 years of celebrating giving: thank you blood donors"?

- (a) June 10 (b) June 12
(c) June 14 (d) June 15

Sol.76.(c) June 14. World Blood Donor Day aims to encourage voluntary blood donation, raise awareness about the significance of blood donation for saving lives, and recognize the selfless contributions of blood donors worldwide.

Q.77. World Day Against Child Labour is observed on which date?

- (a) June 10 (b) June 12
(c) June 14 (d) June 15

Sol.77.(b) June 12. World Day Against Child Labour is observed each year to raise awareness about the harmful effects of child labor and to promote actions to eliminate it. The 2024 theme, "Let's Act on Our Commitments: End Child Labour!".

Q.78. What is the theme for World Brain Tumour Day 2024, observed on June 8th?

- (a) "Brain Health and Prevention"
(b) "Fighting Brain Tumours Together"
(c) "Awareness and Research for Brain Health"
(d) "Empowering Patients, Enhancing Lives"

Sol.78.(a) "Brain Health and Prevention". World Brain Tumour Day aims to raise awareness about brain tumours, their impact on individuals and families, and the importance of early diagnosis and prevention.

Q.79. What is the theme for World Environment Day 2024?

- (a) "Climate Action for a Better Future"
(b) "Biodiversity for a Sustainable World"
(c) "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience"
(d) "Protecting Our Planet for Future Generations"

Sol.79.(c) World Environment Day, celebrated every year on June 5th, focuses on global environmental issues. Established by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) in 1972.

Q.80. World No Tobacco Day is celebrated on which day?

- (a) April 1st (b) May 1st
(c) June 1st (d) May 31st

Sol.80.(d) May 31st. World No Tobacco Day raises awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use. The theme for 2024 is "Protecting children from tobacco industry interference."

Q.81. World Turtle Day is celebrated on which date to raise awareness about the unique lifestyle and habitats of turtles and tortoises?

- (a) May 15 (b) May 23
(c) May 25 (d) June 1

Sol.81.(b) May 23. World Turtle Day is celebrated every year to raise awareness about the conservation of turtles and tortoises and the protection of their habitats.

Q.82. Anti-Terrorism Day is observed in India on which date to commemorate the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi?

- (a) May 10 (b) May 15
(c) May 21 (d) May 25

Sol.82.(c) May 21. India observes Anti-Terrorism Day each year to commemorate the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi by a suicide bomber from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). This day serves as a reminder of the importance of combating terrorism and promoting peace and unity.

Q.83. Armed Forces Day and National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day are observed on which date?

- (a) May 10 (b) May 15
(c) May 18 (d) May 21

Sol.83.(c) May 18. Armed Forces Day honors the military personnel who serve in the armed forces, while National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day aims to raise awareness about the importance of developing a vaccine for HIV/AIDS.

Q.84. National Dengue Day is observed on which date to raise awareness about dengue prevention?

- (a) May 14 (b) May 16
(c) May 18 (d) May 20

Sol.84.(b) May 16. The theme for 2024, "Dengue Prevention: Our Responsibility for a Safer Tomorrow," emphasizes the collective responsibility in combating the spread of the disease and promoting safer, healthier environments.

Q.85. International Nurses Day is observed on which date to honor the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale?

- (a) May 10 (b) May 12
(c) May 14 (d) May 15

Sol.85.(b) May 12. Every year on 12 May, the world observes International Nurses Day to honor the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the pioneer of modern nursing. The theme for 2024, "Our Nurses. Our Future".

Q.86. On which date is World Red Cross Day observed?

- (a) May 1 (b) May 8
(c) May 15 (d) June 8

Sol.86.(b) May 8. This day celebrates the unity and uniqueness of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The theme for 2024 is "I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward."

Q.87. When is World Asthma Day observed in 2024?

- (a) May 1 (b) May 7
(c) May 14 (d) May 21

Sol.87.(b) May 7. World Asthma Day is a global healthcare event commemorated every year on the first Tuesday in May to promote awareness of asthma worldwide. This year 2024 World Asthma Day is observed on 7th of May (Tuesday). The theme for this year is "Asthma Education Empowers".

Q.88. When is World Tuna Day observed annually?

- (a) May 1 (b) May 2 (c) May 3 (d) May 4

Sol.88.(b) May 2. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the critical importance of tuna conservation and promoting sustainable fishing practices to protect tuna populations globally.

Q.89. What is the theme for International Labour Day 2024?

- (a) "Promoting Fair Wages and Working Conditions"
(b) "Ensuring Safety and Health at Work in a Changing Climate"
(c) "Workers' Rights and Equal Opportunities"

(d) "Advancing Worker Welfare Across the Globe"

Sol.89.(b) International Labour Day, also known as May Day or Workers' Day, is celebrated every year on May 1. The day originated from the Haymarket Affair in Chicago in 1886.

Q.90. When is Ayushman Bharat Diwas celebrated annually?

- (a) April 29 (b) April 30
(c) May 1 (d) May 2

Sol.90.(b) April 30. Ayushman Bharat Diwas is celebrated annually to raise awareness about the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. This day highlights the scheme's objective of providing better access to affordable and quality healthcare services, particularly for the underprivileged.

Q.91. World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated on which day?

- (a) April 25 (b) April 26
(c) April 27 (d) April 28

Sol.91.(b) April 26. World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated annually by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The theme for 2024 is "IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity."

Q.92. World Malaria Day is observed on which date every year?

- (a) April 24 (b) April 25
(c) April 26 (d) April 27

Sol.92.(b) April 25. World Malaria Day is observed annually to raise awareness about the prevention, treatment, and control of malaria. The theme for 2024 is "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world".

Q.93. National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated annually on which date to commemorate the establishment of the Panchayati Raj system in India?

- (a) April 20 (b) April 24
(c) May 1 (d) April 10

Sol.93.(b) April 24. National Panchayati Raj Day is observed every year to commemorate the establishment of the Panchayati Raj system in India, which empowers local self-governance at the grassroots level. This system was introduced through the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1992.

Q.94. International Mother Earth Day, celebrated on April 22nd, aims to raise

awareness about environmental degradation. What is the theme for 2024?

- (a) Save Water, Save Earth
(b) Protect Our Forests
(c) Planet vs. Plastics
(d) Earth for Future Generations

Sol.94.(c) Planet vs. Plastics. The concept of Earth Day began in 1970, proposed by Senator Gaylord Nelson, to highlight the environmental challenges facing Earth.

Q.95. National Civil Service Day is celebrated on which date every year?

- (a) April 20 (b) April 21
(c) April 22 (d) April 23

Sol.95.(b) April 21. The day recognizes the contributions of civil servants in the country and highlights the role of the public service in shaping governance. The first National Civil Services Day in India was observed on April 21, 2006. The theme for 2024 is "Public Service in a Changing World".

Q.96. World Health Day is celebrated on which date every year?

- (a) April 5 (b) April 7
(c) April 10 (d) April 12

Sol.96.(b) April 7. World Health Day is celebrated every year on April 7th, the founding date of the World Health Organization (WHO). The theme for World Health Day 2024 is "My Health, My Right".

Q.97. National Maritime Day, celebrated annually on April 5th in India, focuses on recognizing the importance of the maritime sector. What is the theme for 2024?

- (a) Sailing Towards a Greener Future
(b) Navigating the Future: Safety First!
(c) Maritime Safety and Trade Expansion
(d) Protecting Oceans for Future Generations

Sol.97.(b) Navigating the Future: Safety First! It is a day dedicated to recognizing the importance of the maritime sector in the country's international trade and economic growth.

Q.98. World Autism Awareness Day is celebrated on which date?

- (a) April 1 (b) April 2 (c) April 3 (d) April 4

Sol.98.(b) April 2. World Autism Awareness Day is celebrated annually to raise awareness about autism and promote acceptance and inclusion. The 2024 theme, "Moving from Surviving to

Thriving: Autistic Individuals share regional perspectives".

Q.99. World Tuberculosis Day is observed on which date every year?
(a) March 22 (b) March 23
(c) March 24 (d) March 25

Sol.99.(c) March 24. World Tuberculosis Day is observed annually to raise public awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis (TB) and efforts to eliminate the disease. The theme for 2024 is "Yes! We can end TB!".

Q.100. World Meteorological Day is observed on March 23 and what is the theme for 2024?
(a) "Climate Solutions for All"
(b) "Weather and Climate Change"
(c) "Sustainable Weather Practices"
(d) "At the frontline of climate action"

Sol.100.(d) "At the frontline of climate action". This theme highlights the urgent need for action against climate change and its potentially catastrophic consequences. The day (23rd March) marks the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1950.

Q.101. World Down Syndrome Day is observed on which date annually?
(a) March 20 (b) March 21
(c) March 22 (d) March 23

Sol.101.(b) March 21. World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The theme for 2024 is "End The Stereotypes", emphasizing the need to break down misconceptions and promote equality.

Q.102. What is the theme of World Sparrow Day 2024?
(a) "Save Our Sparrows"
(b) "I Love Sparrows"
(c) "Helping Sparrows Thrive"
(d) "Raise Awareness for Sparrows"

Sol.102.(b) "I Love Sparrows". World Sparrow Day is observed annually on March 20th to raise awareness about the declining population of the household sparrow. The day was conceived by the Nature Forever Society (NFS) of India and the Eco-Sys Action Foundation from France.

Q.103. National Vaccination Day in India is observed on which date every year?
(a) March 14 (b) March 16
(c) March 17 (d) March 18

Sol.103.(b) March 16. National Vaccination Day is observed annually in India to raise awareness about the importance of vaccination in preventing diseases. The theme for 2024 is "Vaccines Work For All". This day commemorates the launch of the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme in 1995.

Q.104. The theme for 2024 is "Fair and Responsible AI for Consumers". Which day is observed on this date?
(a) World Consumer Rights Day
(b) World Data Protection Day
(c) International Trade Day
(d) World Internet Day

Sol.104.(a) World Consumer Rights Day is observed every year on 15th March. It aims to raise awareness about consumer rights and responsibilities in the marketplace. The theme for 2024 is "Fair and Responsible AI for Consumers". This day has been globally recognized since 1983, with endorsement from the United Nations.

Q.105. International Women's Day 2024 falls on March 8th. What is the theme for International Women's Day 2024?
(a) Empower Women for Change
(b) Women for Equality
(c) Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress
(d) Celebrating Women's Achievements

Sol.105.(c) Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress. The United Nations has chosen the theme 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress' for International Women's Day 2024. This theme underscores the critical importance of empowering women economically.

Q.106. Zero Discrimination Day is observed on which date?
(a) February 28 (b) March 1
(c) March 5 (d) March 10

Sol.106.(b) March 1. This day advocates for the right of every individual to live a life free from discrimination and prejudice. The theme for 2024 is "To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights."

Q.107. On which day is National Science Day celebrated in India?
(a) February 14 (b) February 28
(c) March 1 (d) January 26

Sol.107.(b) February 28. National Science Day in India is celebrated to honor the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman,

which won him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. The theme for 2024 is "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat".

Q.108. On which day is International Mother Language Day celebrated?
(a) February 20 (b) February 21
(c) February 22 (d) February 23

Sol.108.(b) February 21. The theme for International Mother Language Day 2024 is "Multilingual education is a pillar of learning and intergenerational learning", highlighting the importance of multilingual education in fostering learning across generations and supporting linguistic diversity.

Q.109. National Women's Day is celebrated on which day in honor of the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu, the "Nightingale of India"?
(a) February 13 (b) March 8
(c) August 15 (d) November 14

Sol.109.(a) February 13. This day marks the 145th birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu, a distinguished figure in India's struggle for independence.

Q.110. International Epilepsy Day is observed on which day of February?
(a) 2nd Sunday (b) 2nd Monday
(c) 1st Sunday (d) 3rd Monday

Sol.110.(b) 2nd Monday. In 2024, the theme is "Milestones on My Epilepsy Journey", which focuses on raising awareness and recognizing the journey of individuals affected by epilepsy.

Q.111. On which day is the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (IDWGIS) celebrated annually?
(a) February 12th (b) February 11th
(c) February 10th (d) February 9th

Sol.111.(b) February 11th. In 2024, the theme is "Women and Girls in Science Leadership, a New Era for Sustainability", emphasizing the leadership roles of women and girls in shaping a sustainable future through science.

Q.112. What is the theme for World Cancer Day 2024, observed on February 4th?
(a) "Fight Cancer, Win the Battle"
(b) "Close the Care Gap"
(c) "Hope for All Cancer Survivors"
(d) "Together Against Cancer"

Sol.112.(b) "Close the Care Gap". This theme highlights the disparities in cancer care and aims to promote equal access

to treatment and support for all individuals affected by cancer.

Q.113. World Wetlands Day is observed on which day every year?

- (a) 1st February (b) 2nd February
(c) 3rd February (d) 4th February

Sol.113.(b) 2nd February. World Wetlands Day is observed annually to commemorate the anniversary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, which was signed on this day in 1971 in Ramsar, Iran. The theme for World Wetlands Day 2024 is "Wetlands and Human Well-being."

Q.114. What is the theme for World Leprosy Day, observed annually on the last Sunday of January

- (a) "End Leprosy Now"
(b) "Beat Leprosy"
(c) "Leprosy Awareness for All"
(d) "Together Against Leprosy"

Sol.114.(b) "Beat Leprosy". This theme encapsulates the dual objectives of the day: To eradicate the stigma associated with leprosy and to promote the dignity of people affected by the disease.

Q.115. International Customs Day is celebrated on which day?

- (a) 25th January (b) 26th January
(c) 27th January (d) 28th January

Sol.115.(b) 26th January. In 2024, the theme for the day is "Customs Engaging Traditional and New Partners with Purpose", which highlights the importance of collaboration between customs authorities and their partners to foster global trade and security.

Q.116. National Voters' Day is observed on which day?

- (a) 24th January (b) 25th January
(c) 26th January (d) 27th January

Sol.116.(b) 25th January. The theme for 2024 is "Nothing like voting, I vote for sure", emphasizing the importance of voting and encouraging citizens to participate in the electoral process.

Q.117. National Tourism Day is observed on which day?

- (a) 24th January (b) 25th January
(c) 26th January (d) 27th January

Sol.117.(b) 25th January. Its theme for 2024 is "Sustainable Journeys, Timeless Memories", highlighting the importance of sustainable tourism practices to

preserve cultural and natural heritage for future generations.

Q.118. Parakram Diwas, observed on January 23rd, marks the birth anniversary of which prominent figure in India's freedom struggle?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru
(b) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
(c) Subhas Chandra Bose
(d) Bhagat Singh

Sol.118.(c) Subhas Chandra Bose. The day recognizes his courage, leadership, and unwavering commitment to India's independence.

Q.119. On which day is National Startup Day celebrated?

- (a) January 16 (b) January 26
(c) February 14 (d) March 8

Sol.119.(a) January 16. National Startup Day is celebrated to honor and recognize the vibrant and rapidly growing startup ecosystem in India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi proclaimed this day to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation across the country.

Q.120. On which day is the National Youth Festival celebrated?

- (a) January 12 (b) January 15
(c) February 14 (d) March 8

Sol.120.(a) January 12. The National Youth Festival is celebrated every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The theme for 2024 is "MY Bharat - Viksit Bharat@2047 - By the Youth, For the Youth," emphasizing the role of youth in shaping the future of India.

Q.121. World Hindi Day is celebrated on which day?

- (a) January 12 (b) January 10
(c) February 14 (d) March 21

Sol.121.(b) January 10. The theme for 2024 is "Bridging Traditional Knowledge and Artificial Intelligence," highlighting the importance of integrating traditional knowledge with modern technological advancements like AI.

Q.122. World Braille Day is observed on which day?

- (a) January 1 (b) January 4
(c) February 14 (d) March 21

Sol.122.(b) January 4. World Braille Day is observed each year to honor the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the inventor of the Braille system of reading and

writing for the blind. The theme for 2024 is "Empowering Through Inclusion and Diversity".

Science and Technology

Important Missions 2024

ISRO's Mission Plans

1. ISRO's Space Docking Experiment

Mission (2024) : On December 30, 2024, ISRO successfully launched the Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX) mission. Launch Vehicle : PSLV-C60 from Sriharikota.

Key Achievement : India's first in-space docking attempt, placing India on par with global leaders in space docking technology.

Collaboration : Between ISRO and the Department of Biotechnology to explore space biology applications.

2. XPoSat (X-ray Polarimeter Satellite)

Launch Date : January 01, 2024

Launch Vehicle : PSLV-C58

Location: Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

Key Achievement: India's first dedicated mission to study various dynamics of bright astronomical X-ray sources in extreme conditions.

3. NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR)

: It is a joint mission between NASA and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to study Earth's surface and climate.

Launch Year : 2025

Launch Vehicle : ISRO GSLV-II

4. INSAT-3DS (Indian National Satellite System)

: Aims to enhance the monitoring of Earth's surface, atmosphere, oceans, and environment, elevate capabilities in data collection and dissemination and satellite-aided search and rescue services.

Launch Date : February 17, 2024

Launch vehicle : GSLV-F14

5. Chandrayaan-4 (Lunar Sample Return Mission)

: Focus on returning lunar samples safely to Earth, a critical capability in future manned missions. Launch Date : Expected launch in 2028 Launch Vehicle: Two LVM3 rockets Note : India has launched three lunar missions: Chandrayaan-1 in 2008, Chandrayaan-2 in 2019, and Chandrayaan-3 in 2023.

6. Gaganyaan (Human Spaceflight Programme)

: Aims to demonstrate India's ability to send a crew of up to three people to Low Earth Orbit (LEO) for

up to three days, and safely return them to Earth.

Launch Vehicle: GSLV Mk III (LVM3)

7. India's Space Station(Bharatiya Antriksh Station)

: India's first indigenous space station, designed to facilitate microgravity-based scientific research and technology development in low Earth orbit.

Date: First module launch planned for 2028; full station completion targeted by 2035.

NASA Mission Plans

1. Artemis II : NASA's first crewed

mission to the Moon.

Launch Vehicle: Space Launch System (SLS) megarocket .

Launch site: Kennedy Space Center, LC-39B.

Crew: Four astronauts, including three from NASA and one from the Canadian Space Agency.

2. Europa Clipper : Mission to Study

Jupiter's Moon Europa.

Launch Date : October 14, 2024.

Launch Vehicle : SpaceX Falcon Heavy.

Location : Launched from Kennedy

Space Center, Florida, USA.

3. OSAM-1 (On-Orbit Servicing,

Assembly, and Manufacturing 1) : It is a robotic spacecraft tasked with the job of servicing satellites to extend their lifespan in space.

4. VERITAS (Venus Emissivity, Radio

Science, InSAR, Topography, and Spectroscopy) : To study Venus and its evolution.

Launch: Planned for 2031

5. Mars Sample Return (MSR) : It is a

joint mission between NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA).

Aims : To return samples of Martian rocks, soils, and atmosphere to Earth for analysis.

6. Dragonfly Mission to Titan : It is a

mission that delivers a rotorcraft to Saturn's moon Titan to advance our search for the building blocks of life.

Launch Vehicle : SpaceX Falcon Heavy.

7. DAVINCI (Deep Atmosphere Venus

Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging) mission will explore whether the inhospitable surface of Venus could once have been a twin of Earth - a habitable world with liquid water oceans.

8. Near-Earth Object (NEO) Surveyor is the first space telescope specifically designed to hunt asteroids and comets that may be potential hazards to Earth.

Multiple Choice Questions

Q.1. What does Glass Child Syndrome refer to?

- (a) The physical health struggles of children with chronic illnesses.
- (b) The emotional challenges faced by siblings of children with chronic illnesses or disabilities.
- (c) The medical treatment of children with disabilities.
- (d) The academic challenges faced by children with chronic illnesses.

Sol.1.(b) Glass Child Syndrome refers to the emotional and psychological impact on siblings of children with chronic illnesses or disabilities. These siblings often feel fragile, vulnerable, and anxious, as if they are made of glass, hence the term.

Q.2. What is the focus of the Youth Co:Lab 2025 National Innovation Challenge?

- (a) Innovations for sustainable development.
- (b) Innovations to enhance opportunities and well-being for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).
- (c) Innovations in healthcare for children.
- (d) Innovations for renewable energy solutions.

Sol.2.(b) The 2024-2025 Youth Co:Lab National Innovation Challenge, launched by NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission, UNDP, and Citi Foundation, focuses on startups enhancing opportunities and well-being for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). It encourages inclusive innovations under the theme: "Enhance Access to Opportunities and Well-Being for Persons with Disabilities."

Q.3. Which launch vehicle will be used for the SpaDeX mission in December 2024?

- (a) PSLV-C60
- (b) GSLV Mk III
- (c) Falcon 9
- (d) Ariane 5

Sol.3.(a) PSLV-C60 will launch the SpaDeX mission in December 2024, deploying two 220-kg spacecraft, SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target), to demonstrate rendezvous, docking, and undocking technologies in a 470 km orbit.

Q.4. What was the duration of the record-breaking spacewalk conducted by Chinese astronauts December 2024?

- (a) 8 hours 56 minutes (b) 9 hours
(c) 8 hours 23 minutes (d) 10 hours

Sol.4.(b) 9 hours. Chinese astronauts Cai Xuzhe and Song Lingdong set a new global record with a 9-hour extravehicular activity (EVA) outside the Tiangong space station. The record surpasses the previous 8 hours and 56 minutes held by U.S. astronauts James Voss and Susan Helms on March 12, 2001.

Q.5. Where was the CE20 cryogenic engine successfully tested in November 2024?

- (a) ISRO Space Center, Bangalore
(b) ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri
(c) ISRO Launch Center, Sriharikota
(d) Vikram Sarabhai Space Center, Thiruvananthapuram

Sol.5.(b) ISRO successfully conducted the sea-level hot test of its CE20 cryogenic engine at ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu, on November 29, 2024. The CE20 engine powers the upper stage of the GSLV Mk III (LVM3) launch vehicle, essential for missions like Gaganyaan.

Q.6. By which year is India planning to establish its own space station, the Bharat Antariksha Station?

- (a) 2025 (b) 2030 (c) 2035 (d) 2040

Sol.6.(c) 2035. India plans to establish its own space station, the Bharat Antariksha Station, by 2035, with the first module launch targeted for 2028. The station will support long-duration astronaut missions for scientific research and technological advancements. This is part of ISRO's broader vision, which includes the Gaganyaan mission by 2026 and a Moon landing by 2040.

Q.7. What is the name of OpenAI's AI video generation model?

- (a) GPT-4 Video (b) Sora
(c) DeepMind Video (d) VisionAI

Sol.7.(b) Sora. The model, introduced as Sora Turbo, allows users to generate up to 20-second-long videos in 1080p resolution. ChatGPT is a generative artificial intelligence chatbot developed by OpenAI and launched in 2022.

Q.8. What is the name of the newly emerging deadly illness in the

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in December 2024?

- (a) Disease Z
(b) Disease X
(c) Congo Flu
(d) Viral Hemorrhagic Fever

Sol.8.(b) Disease X. The outbreak of Disease X was first reported in October 2024. The outbreak is concentrated in a remote region of Kwango province. In 2019 COVID-19 was first reported in Wuhan, China, and subsequently spread globally to become the fifth documented pandemic since the 1918 flu pandemic.

Q.9. What is the name of the quantum chip recently unveiled by Google in December 2024?

- (a) QuantumX (b) Willow
(c) Aurora (d) QuantumOne

Sol.9.(b) Willow. It addresses a critical challenge in quantum computing-qubit error correction. Google Quantum AI, established in 2012, is primarily focused on developing scalable quantum computing technology.

Q.10. Which institution successfully completed a 410-meter-long Hyperloop test track in India?

- (a) IIT Delhi (b) IIT Bombay
(c) IIT Madras (d) IIT Kanpur

Sol.10.(c) IIT Madras. The Mumbai-Pune corridor will be the first full-scale Hyperloop project in India. Hyperloop is an advanced transportation system that was originally proposed by Elon Musk in 2012.

Q.11. What is the name of the newly discovered damselfish species in the Maldives in December 2024?

- (a) Chromis maldivica
(b) Chromis abadhah
(c) Chromis mesophotica
(d) Chromis dhivehi

Sol.11.(b) Chromis abadhah. The species was found in the mesophotic zone, a region of deep-sea coral reefs in the Maldives. It is the first recorded instance of Chromis abadhah anywhere in the world.

Q.12. What is the purpose of the collaboration between Aditya L1 and Proba-3?

- (a) To study the Sun's surface
(b) To study the Sun's corona
(c) To launch a new satellite
(d) To test a new coronagraph

Sol.12.(b) To study the Sun's corona.

India's Aditya L1 and European Space Agency's (ESA) Proba-3 missions will advance solar research with joint observations starting in 2025. Proba-3, monitored from Belgium, focuses on precise solar measurements. ESA Headquarters: Paris, France. ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

Q.13. Which rocket successfully launched ESA's Proba-3 mission on December 5, 2024?

- (a) PSLV-C57 (b) PSLV-C59
(c) GSLV-MkIII (d) PSLV-C60

Sol.13.(b) PSLV-C59. This rocket, launched from ISRO's Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, carried ESA's Proba-3 satellites. Proba-3 mission aims to explore the Sun's outer atmosphere by conducting scientific experiments.

Q.14. Which company is set to launch India's first AI laboratory in space?

- (a) ISRO
(b) TakeMe2Space (TM2Space)
(c) IN-SPACE
(d) OrbitLab

Sol.14.(b) TakeMe2Space (TM2Space). Hyderabad-based space tech company TakeMe2Space (TM2Space) is set to launch MOI-TD (My Orbital Infrastructure-Technology Demonstrator), India's first AI laboratory in space, aboard ISRO's PSLV C60 rocket in mid-December 2024.

Q.15. What is the name of the newly identified giant radio galaxy ?

- (a) MGTC J100022.85+031520.4
(b) GRG-23A
(c) MegaGRG-1
(d) Cosmos Radio Galaxy 56

Sol.15.(a) MGTC J100022.85+031520.4. MeerKAT radio telescope radio telescope was used to discover it. It was found within the area observed by the Cosmological Evolution Survey (COSMOS). The MeerKAT radio telescope in South Africa was employed to study giant radio galaxies at high frequencies (about 1.0 GHz).

Q.16. What did IISc develop to encode nanopore shapes into character sequences in November 2024?

- (a) STRONG (b) NANO
(c) PORE-MAP (d) NANOSIM

Sol.16.(a) STRONG. STRONG (String Representation Of Nanopore Geometry) functions like those in natural language

processing (e.g., ChatGPT). This helps train machine learning models to predict nanopore properties, enabling advanced applications like gas separation.

Q.17. Which rocket was used for the GSAT-N2 satellite launch on November 19, 2024?

- (a) SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket
- (b) ISRO's GSLV rocket
- (c) SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket
- (d) ISRO's PSLV rocket

Sol.17.(a) SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket launched ISRO's GSAT-N2 communication satellite from Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida. This collaboration marks the first commercial partnership between ISRO and SpaceX, advancing global space cooperation. ISRO was established in August 1969.

Q.18. Where was the maiden flight-test of the LRLACM conducted on November 12, 2024?

- (a) Pokhran Test Range
- (b) Chandipur Test Range
- (c) Sriharikota Test Range
- (d) Jaisalmer Test Range

Sol.18.(b) Chandipur Test Range (Odisha). DRDO successfully conducted the maiden flight-test of the Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) with a range of 1,000 km. The missile was developed by DRDO's Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) in Bengaluru, with support from other DRDO laboratories and Indian industries.

Q.19. What is the name of the world's first wooden satellite which was launched into space on November 5, 2024?

- (a) WoodSat
- (b) LignoSat
- (c) TimberSat
- (d) EcoSat

Sol.19.(b) LignoSat. LignoSat was launched from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida by SpaceX's Falcon 9 Block 5 rocket. It was developed by Kyoto University and Sumitomo Forestry, with support from astronaut Takao Doi. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was established in 1958.

Q.20. Where will the new missile testing range be established?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Sol.20.(b) Andhra Pradesh. The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has

approved the establishment of a new missile testing range in Nagayalanka, Andhra Pradesh. This facility aims to enhance India's defense capabilities by focusing on testing tactical missile systems.

Q.21. What are the suggested common English names for the newly discovered snake species?

- (a) Himalayan Cobra
- (b) DiCaprio's Himalayan Snake
- (c) Western Himalayan Viper
- (d) Himalayan King Snake

Sol.21.(b) DiCaprio's Himalayan Snake.

A team of scientists has discovered a new species of snake in the Western Himalayas, naming it Anguiculus dicaprio in honor of Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio, recognizing his significant contributions to wildlife conservation. The snake species is named Anguiculus dicaprio.

Q.22. Where is IIT Madras set to launch its first international research centre by 2025?

- (a) London
- (b) Dubai
- (c) New York
- (d) Singapore

Sol.22. (b) Dubai.

Q.23. What is the primary destination of NASA's Europa Clipper spacecraft?

- (a) Mars
- (b) Europa, one of Jupiter's moons
- (c) Saturn
- (d) Venus

Sol.23.(b) Europa, one of Jupiter's moons. NASA's Europa Clipper spacecraft mission, which launched on October 14, 2024, aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket. Launch Site : NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Florida. SpaceX, or Space Exploration Technologies Corporation, was founded on March 14, 2002 by Elon Musk.

Q.24. Who inaugurated India's first Demonstration Facility for Biopolymers in October 2024?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) Amit Shah

Sol.24.(b) Dr. Jitendra Singh. The initiative highlights the country's commitment to sustainability and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a 'Net Zero' carbon economy by 2070.

Q.25. What is the name of the mission launched by Space Kidz India to train girls in space technology?

- (a) ShakthiSAT
- (b) Chandrayaan-4
- (c) Space Kidz Mission
- (d) Girls in Space

Sol.25.(a) ShakthiSAT. Aerospace startup Space Kidz India has launched the ShakthiSAT mission, aiming to train 12,000 girls aged 14-18 from 108 countries in space technology, targeting a satellite launch under ISRO's Chandrayaan-4 mission in 2026. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) was established in August 1969.

Q.26. Where is the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory located which was inaugurated by the?

- (a) Kashmir
- (b) Hanle, Ladakh
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Bangalore

Sol.26.(b) Hanle, Ladakh. This monumental facility is the largest imaging Cherenkov telescope in Asia and stands as the highest of its kind in the world, located at an altitude of approximately 4,300 meters.

Q.27. Where did the recent outbreak of Marburg virus occur?

- (a) Uganda
- (b) Kenya
- (c) Rwanda
- (d) Tanzania

Sol.27.(c) Rwanda. Marburg virus disease (MVD) is a highly infectious illness caused by the Marburg virus, a member of the Filoviridae family, which includes the Ebola virus.

Q.28. What is the name of India's newly approved lunar exploration mission in October 2024?

- (a) Chandrayaan-4
- (b) Lupex
- (c) Gaganyaan
- (d) Vikram

Sol.28.(b) Lupex. Lupex is a joint venture between India's ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) and JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency). Lupex is designed to operate for up to 100 days on the Moon, significantly longer than previous missions like Chandrayaan-3.

Q.29. Which organization validated India's elimination of trachoma as a public health problem in 2024?

- (a) United Nations
- (b) World Health Organization (WHO)
- (c) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- (d) UNICEF

Sol.29.(b) World Health Organization (WHO). Trachoma, caused by the bacterium *Chlamydia trachomatis*, is one of the leading causes of global blindness. India first launched its trachoma control project in 1963.

Q.30. What rocket was used to launch the Crew-9 mission on September 28, 2024?

- (a) Delta IV Heavy
- (b) Atlas V
- (c) SpaceX Falcon 9
- (d) Space Shuttle Endeavour

Sol.30.(c) SpaceX Falcon 9. This mission successfully launched on Sept. 28, 2024, from Space Launch Complex-40, Cape Canaveral. The first module of the International Space Station was launched in 1998, and the station was fully assembled in 2011.

Q.31. What is the theme for World Space Week 2024?

- (a) Space Exploration and Humanity
- (b) Space and Climate Change
- (c) The Role of Satellites in Communication
- (d) Astronomy for the Future

Sol.31.(b) Space and Climate Change. The United Nations General Assembly declared in 1999 that World Space Week will be held each year from October 4-10. On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched the earth's first artificial satellite, Sputnik I.

Q.32. What is the name of the temporary "mini-moon" set to orbit Earth in 2024?

- (a) 2024 PT5
- (b) 2024 LT7
- (c) 2024 AT1
- (d) 2024 ST9

Sol.32.(a) 2024 PT5. This is discovered by NASA's Asteroid Terrestrial-Impact Last Alert System (Atlas) on August 7, 2024, this asteroid measures approximately 33 feet wide and originates from the Arjuna asteroid belt.

Q.33. Who has taken command of the International Space Station (ISS) for the second time?

- (a) Kalpana Chawla
- (b) Sunita Williams
- (c) Rakesh Sharma
- (d) Peggy Whitson

Sol.33.(b) Sunita Williams. She, along with fellow astronaut Butch Wilmore, has been on the station since June 5, 2024. Sunita Williams and Vic Willmore had originally planned to stay on the ISS for eight days. But their return was canceled due to technical issues with the spacecraft.

Q.34. What is the name of the initiative launched by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) in collaboration with the British Council in September 2024?

- (a) Women in STEM Program
- (b) A Women in Space Leadership Program (WiSLP)
- (c) Space for Women Initiative
- (d) Global Women in Space Initiative

Sol.34.(b) A Women in Space Leadership Program (WiSLP). The Department of Science and technology (DST) in India with the collaboration with the British Council launches the initiative of "A Women in Space Leadership" (WiSLP) as a part of the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI).

Q.35. How many PARAM Rudra supercomputers were launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 26, 2024?

- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) Four

Sol.35.(c) Three. The PARAM Rudra supercomputers will support advanced scientific research in diverse fields. For instance, the Giant Metre Radio Telescope (GMRT) in Pune will utilize the supercomputers to explore astronomical phenomena such as Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs). These three systems were deployed in Pune, Delhi, and Kolkata.

Q.36. Who will pilot the Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2025?

- (a) Rakesh Sharma
- (b) Sunita Williams
- (c) Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla
- (d) Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman

Sol.36.(c) Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla. He was associated with the Indian Air Force (IAF).

Q.37. What is the capacity of India's third home-built nuclear reactor that achieved criticality in September 2024?

- (a) 500 MWe
- (b) 700 MWe
- (c) 1000 MWe
- (d) 1200 MWe

Sol.37.(b) 700 MWe. The nuclear power reactor that achieved criticality is the first of a new series of Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) to be built at Rajasthan Atomic Power Project in Rawatbhata.

Q.38. Where did the Polaris Dawn mission conclude with a splashdown on 15 September 2024?

- (a) Pacific Ocean
- (b) Atlantic Ocean
- (c) Gulf of Mexico
- (d) Indian Ocean

Sol.38.(c) Gulf of Mexico. The Polaris Dawn mission featured the first-ever private spacewalk (Extravehicular Activity or EVA) conducted by civilians. Jared Isaacman and Sarah Gillis.

Q.39. What is the unofficial name of the Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM) which was announced in September 2024?

- (a) Surya Mission
- (b) Shukrayaan
- (c) Venus Express
- (d) VenuSat

Sol.39.(b) Shukrayaan. Venus is the second planet from the Sun and sixth in the solar system in size and mass. It is the second brightest natural object in the night sky after the Moon. It is the hottest planet in the solar system. Venus has been called Earth's twin. The Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM) is scheduled for launch in March 2028.

Q.40. What is the name of India's new light tank developed by DRDO that underwent successful trials on September 13, 2024?

- (a) Arjun
- (b) Zorawar
- (c) T-90
- (d) T-72

Sol.40.(b) Zorawar. As of December 2024, the Chairman of DRDO is Samir V Kamat. Defence Research and Development Organisation, (DRDO) was established in 1958.

Q.41. What was successfully test-fired by the DRDO and Indian Navy from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha, on September 12, 2024?

- (a) Vertical Launch Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-MRSAM)
- (b) Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)
- (c) Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM)
- (d) Akash Surface-to-Air Missile

Sol.41.(b) Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy successfully conducted a flight test of the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, Odisha.

Q.42. What is the missile tested by DRDO in September 2024 known as ?

- (a) BrahMos
- (b) Agni-4
- (c) Prithvi-3
- (d) Nirbhay

Sol.42.(b) Agni-4. India successfully test-fired the Agni-4 Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) from Odisha. Developed by DRDO, the missile, with a

range of 4,000 km and a payload capacity of 1,000 kg, validated all operational and technical parameters. The development of the Agni missile series was started in early 1980 as part of the Integrated Guided Missile Development Program led by former President APJ Abdul Kalam.

Q.43. What is the name of the oral cholera vaccine launched by Bharat Biotech in August 2024?

- (a) CholeraX (b) Hillchol (BBV131)
(c) CholaVax (d) OCV-X

Sol.43.(b) Hillchol (BBV131). Hillchol (BBV131) is a novel single-strain oral cholera vaccine (OCV) developed under license from Hilleman Laboratories. Bharat Biotech International Ltd: Founded: 1996, Headquarters: Hyderabad, India.

Q.44. Who is India's first civilian space tourist?

- (a) Rakesh Sharma
(b) Gopichand Thotakura
(c) Kalpana Chawla
(d) Sunita Williams

Sol.44.(b) Gopichand Thotakura. Thotakura made history by joining Blue Origin's New Shepard-25 (NS-25) mission, founded by Amazon's Jeff Bezos, becoming the second Indian citizen to travel to space after Rakesh Sharma's 1984 mission.

Q.45. Which of the following is NOT a crew member of SpaceX's Polaris Dawn mission?

- (a) Scott "Kidd" Poteet
(b) Sarah Gillis
(c) Anna Menon
(d) Gopichand Thotakura

Sol.45.(d) Gopichand Thotakura. SpaceX's Polaris Dawn mission, launching on August 26, 2024, will be the first private spacewalk. Led by billionaire Jared Isaacman, the mission features a crew of four, including Scott "Kidd" Poteet, Sarah Gillis, and Anna Menon. They will test new spacesuits and perform a 2-hour spacewalk.

Q.46. From which aircraft was the long-range glide bomb 'GAURAV' tested by DRDO?

- (a) MiG-29 (b) Su-30 MK-I
(c) Tejas (d) Rafale

Sol.46.(b) Su-30 MK-I.

Q.47. Which company did Mankind Pharma acquire in a deal announced on July 26th, 2024?

- (a) Serum Institute of India
(b) Bharat Serums and Vaccines (BSV)
(c) Cipla Ltd
(d) Glenmark Pharmaceuticals

Sol.47.(b) Bharat Serums and Vaccines (BSV). Mankind Pharma has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire a 100 per cent stake in Bharat Serums and Vaccines (BSV) from Advent International.

Q.48. Where was the first confirmed death due to Chandipura virus infection reported in July 2024?

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

Sol.48.(b) Gujarat. Chandipura virus (CHPV) is part of the Rhabdoviridae family, transmitted primarily by sandflies (Phlebotomine sandflies, Phlebotomus papatasi) and mosquitoes (Aedes aegypti). CHPV infection was first identified in 1965 in Maharashtra.

Q.49. What is the name of the malaria vaccine developed by the Serum Institute of India and the University of Oxford?

- (a) RTS,S (b) R21/Matrix-M
(c) R21 (d) Matrix-M

Sol.49.(b) R21/Matrix-M. Côte d'Ivoire has become the first country in West Africa to start administering R21/Matrix-M. Serum Institute of India: Founded - 1966. Headquarters - Pune. Current CEO -Cyrus Ponawala.

Q.50. Which country became the first to retrieve rocks from the Moon's far side?

- (a) United States (b) Russia
(c) China (d) India

Sol.50.(c) China. China's Chang'e 6 spacecraft has successfully brought samples from the far side of the moon back to Earth on June 26, 2024. China has also announced its intention to land humans on the moon by 2030. The Apollo program was a series of missions that landed astronauts on the Moon between 1969 and 1972.

Q.51. Which cosmonaut has set a record of 1,000 days in total spaceflight duration?

- (a) Oleg Kononenko
(b) Nikolai Chub
(c) Loral O'Hara
(d) None of the above

Sol.51.(a) Oleg Kononenko. His current trip to the ISS began Sept. 15, 2023, when he launched alongside NASA astronaut Loral O'Hara and compatriot Nikolai Chub. Oleg Kononenko is a Russian cosmonaut.

Q.52. What is the name of ISRO's upcoming mission aimed at landing a rover and helicopter on Mars?

- (a) Mangalyaan-1 (b) Mangalyaan-2
(c) Mars Odyssey (d) Mars Mission 2024

Sol.52.(b) Mangalyaan-2. Mangalyaan-2 will be launched using ISRO's most powerful rocket yet, the Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM3). Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM), India's first interplanetary mission to planet Mars was launched onboard PSLV-C25 on November 05, 2013. Entered Mars orbit on September 24, 2014.

Q.53. What is the name of the newly discovered tiger species in Brazil's rainforests?

- (a) Panthera leo (b) Clouded Tiger Cat
(c) Bengal Tiger (d) Snow Leopard

Sol.53.(b) Clouded Tiger Cat.

Q.54. What is the name of the largest stellar black hole discovered in the Milky Way galaxy?

- (a) BH-1 (b) BH-2 (c) BH-3 (d) BH-X

Sol.54.(c) BH-3. The existence of 'BH-3' was unveiled by the Gaia Space Observatory, a cutting-edge mission operated by the European Space Agency (ESA).

Q.55. Which country ranks second globally in Hepatitis B and C cases, according to WHO's 2024 Global Hepatitis Report?

- (a) China (b) India (c) USA (d) Brazil

Sol.55.(b) India. The World Health Organisation's (WHO) 2024 Global Hepatitis Report reveals that India is second only to China in the number of Hepatitis B and C infections, with 3.5 crore cases.

Q.56. To which country did India deliver its first batch of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles?

- (a) Vietnam (b) Indonesia
(c) Philippines (d) Malaysia

Sol.56.(c) Philippines. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India, also a missile technologist, and N V Mikhailov, Russia's first Deputy Defence Minister,

signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement in Moscow on February 12, 1998. It paved the way for BrahMos Aerospace, the joint venture entity between DRDO and Russia's NPO Mashinostroyeniya (NPOM).

Q.57. Which organization launched the CoViNet initiative?

- (a) World Health Organization (WHO)
- (b) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- (c) United Nations (UN)
- (d) Global Pandemic Alliance (GPA)

Sol.57.(a) World Health Organization (WHO). CoViNet is a Global Network for Coronaviruses. The World Health Organization's Constitution went into effect on April 7, 1948, which is now known as World Health Day.

Q.58. What is the name of India's first government-backed OTT platform by State Kerala in March 2024?

- (a) DigiSpace (b) CSpace
- (c) KeralaStream (d) OTTIndia

Sol.58.(b) CSpace. CSpace, India's first government-backed OTT platform, was launched by Kerala in March 2024 to provide access to diverse digital content, showcasing the state's commitment to innovation in digital public services.

Q.59. What is the name of the platform launched by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to report fraud calls and texts?

- (a) Sanchar Rakshak (b) FraudNet
- (c) Chakshu (d) CyberTrack

Sol.59.(c) Chakshu. Chakshu' is a citizen-centric facility introduced on the Sanchar Saathi portal by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). It aims to empower individuals to report suspected fraud communications received via various channels, including calls, SMS, or WhatsApp.

Q.60. Which institution is credited with the development of the sound-based anti-drone system?

- (a) IIT Kanpur (b) IIT Jammu
- (c) IIT Delhi (d) IIT Bombay

Sol.60.(b) IIT Jammu. The Indian Institute of Technology Jammu (IIT Jammu) was established in 2016.

Q.61. Which institution recently launched a Human DNA Bank under the Make in India initiative in February 2024?

- (a) IIT Delhi (b) BHU

- (c) AIIMS Delhi (d) IISc Bangalore

Sol.61.(b) BHU (Banaras Hindu University). Banaras Hindu University is situated in the holy city of Varanasi and founded by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, in 1916 under the Parliamentary legislation - B.H.U. Act 1915.

Q.62. Which two institutions are involved in the development of the AI platform iOncology.ai in February 2024?

- (a) AIIMS, New Delhi, and CDAC, Pune
- (b) IIT, Mumbai, and AIIMS, New Delhi
- (c) CDAC, Pune, and IISc, Bangalore
- (d) AIIMS, New Delhi, and IIT, Delhi

Sol.62.(a) AIIMS, New Delhi, and CDAC, Pune. The All-India Institute of Medical Sciences Act of 1956 established AIIMS New Delhi as the first of the AIIMS institutes. AI platform iOncology.ai focuses on the early detection of cancer, particularly targeting breast and ovarian cancers.

Q.63. Which spacecraft made the first commercial moon landing in history?

- (a) Apollo (b) Odysseus
- (c) Lunar Explorer (d) Space Shuttle

Sol.63.(b) Odysseus. The Odysseus spacecraft, led by Intuitive Machines (IM), successfully landed on the moon on February 22, 2024, making it the first commercial moon landing in history.

Q.64. Which company successfully implanted its first brain chip into a human in January 2024?

- (a) OpenAI (b) Neuralink
- (c) SpaceX (d) Tesla

Sol.64.(b) Neuralink. Neuralink, the neurotechnology company co-founded by Elon Musk, has successfully implanted its first brain chip into a human being.

Q.65. Which country became the fifth to successfully soft-land a spacecraft on the Moon?

- (a) China (b) India
- (c) Japan (d) United States

Sol.65.(c) Japan. The name of Japan's space agency is Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), which was formed on October 1, 2003.

Q.66. What is the name of the AI chatbot launched by Google for teenagers?

- (a) Google Assistant (b) Bard
- (c) ChatGPT (d) Google Bot

Sol.66.(b) Bard. Google was founded in 1998 by Larry Page and Sergey Brin while they were Ph. D. students at Stanford University in California.

Q.67. Which university is launching its own satellite under the 'SS AMU SAT' project?

- (a) Jamia Millia Islamia
- (b) Aligarh Muslim University
- (c) Banaras Hindu University
- (d) University of Delhi

Sol.67.(b) Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). The SS AMU SAT satellite is named after Sir Syed Ahmad Khan which was developed by AMU. Aligarh Muslim University was established as Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College in 1875 by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

Q.68. India became the ____ country to successfully land on the Moon with the Chandrayaan-3 mission.

- (a) 5th (b) 4th (c) 3rd (d) 2nd

Sol.68.(b) 4th. India successfully landed its Chandrayaan-3 mission on the lunar surface on August 23, 2023, making it the fourth country to do so after the United States, Russia, and China. The lander Vikram touched down on the south pole of the moon.

Q.69. Where are the first-in-human vaccine (ChAdOx1 NipahB) trials for the Nipah virus being conducted?

- (a) Harvard University
- (b) University of Oxford
- (c) Stanford University
- (d) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Sol.69.(b) University of Oxford. The recent outbreak of the Nipah virus occurred in Kerala in 2022. The first reported cases of Nipah virus were in 1998 in Malaysia and Singapore. The first outbreak of Nipah virus in India was reported in Siliguri, West Bengal in 2001.

Q.70. Lenacapavir, a drug developed by Gilead Sciences, is primarily used for which of the following purposes?

- (a) Treatment of tuberculosis
- (b) Long-acting treatment for HIV infections
- (c) Vaccine against Hepatitis B
- (d) Antiviral treatment for influenza

Sol.70.(b) Long-acting treatment for HIV infections. Lenacapavir is a long-acting injectable drug developed by Gilead Sciences for HIV treatment, targeting the virus's capsid to inhibit its replication.

Q.71. What is the name of SpaceX's rocket-catching technology designed to improve the reusability of its rockets?

- (a) Falcon Catcher (b) Mechazilla
(c) Starhook (d) SkyGrip

Sol.71.(b) Mechazilla. Mechazilla is SpaceX's tower-based rocket-catching system designed to capture returning rocket stages, such as Starship boosters, eliminating the need for landing legs and enabling rapid reusability.

Q.72. In which year did Google unveil its quantum computing chip, Willow, capable of solving complex problems exponentially faster than traditional supercomputers?

- (a) 2023 (b) 2021 (c) 2024 (d) 2020

Sol.72.(c) 2024. In December 2024, Google introduced its quantum computing chip, Willow, marking a significant advancement in computational capabilities.

Q.73. Evo AI models, often in the news, are primarily based on which concept?

- (a) Genetic algorithms
(b) Blockchain technology
(c) Quantum computing
(d) Cloud computing

Sol.73.(a) Genetic algorithms. Evo AI models utilize genetic algorithms, inspired by natural evolution, for optimization and adaptability in problem-solving.

Q.74. What is the primary feature of the "Factory of the Future 1.0 (FoF 1.0)" technology?

- (a) AI-powered robotic arms for assembly
(b) World's largest 3D printer for large-scale manufacturing
(c) Blockchain-enabled supply chain management
(d) Quantum computing for production optimization

Sol.74.(b) World's largest 3D printer for large-scale manufacturing. FoF 1.0 features the world's largest 3D printer, enabling the production of large-scale objects with advanced manufacturing capabilities and reduced waste.

Q.75. mRNA-4157/V940, developed by Moderna and Merck, is primarily designed as a:

- (a) COVID-19 booster vaccine
(b) Personalized cancer vaccine
(c) Universal flu vaccine
(d) Vaccine for autoimmune diseases

Sol.75.(b) Personalized cancer vaccine.

mRNA-4157/V940 is a personalized cancer vaccine that uses mRNA technology to stimulate an immune response specific to an individual's tumor.

Q.76. Which of the following best describes the function of the BiVACOR Total Artificial Heart?

- (a) Assists the heart in pumping blood efficiently
(b) Completely replaces the natural heart's function
(c) Focuses on repairing heart valves
(d) Regulates the rhythm of the heartbeat

Sol.76.(b) Completely replaces the natural heart's function. The BiVACOR Total Artificial Heart is designed to fully replicate the functionality of a failing human heart, providing a life-saving alternative for patients with severe heart conditions.

Q.77. What is the primary benefit of carbon-sequestering concrete?

- (a) It reduces water usage in construction.
(b) It captures and stores carbon dioxide during production.
(c) It increases the strength of concrete.
(d) It eliminates the need for cement in construction.

Sol.77.(b) It captures and stores carbon dioxide during production.

Carbon-sequestering concrete helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions by trapping CO₂ during its production and curing process, contributing to sustainable construction practices.

Q.78. What is the primary characteristic of Swarm AI Robots?

- (a) They operate individually without coordination.
(b) They mimic natural swarms to work collectively and efficiently.
(c) They require centralized control for coordination.
(d) They are designed exclusively for industrial manufacturing.

Sol.78.(b) They mimic natural swarms to work collectively and efficiently. Swarm AI Robots use decentralized control and collaborative algorithms, mimicking behaviors of natural swarms like ants or bees, to achieve complex tasks through coordination.

Q.79. What is the primary function of self-healing polymers?

- (a) To increase the strength of materials permanently.
(b) To repair damage such as cracks or tears autonomously.
(c) To make materials resistant to high temperatures.
(d) To reduce the weight of materials for aerospace applications.

Sol.79.(b) To repair damage such as cracks or tears autonomously.

Self-healing polymers are designed to repair damage like cracks or tears autonomously. This ability helps extend the lifespan of materials, reduces maintenance costs, and minimizes waste, making them valuable for applications in electronics, construction, and automotive industries.

Q.80. Which natural organisms have inspired the development of bio-inspired adhesives?

- (a) Bees and ants
(b) Geckos and mussels
(c) Spiders and butterflies
(d) Frogs and snakes

Sol.80.(b) Geckos and mussels. Bio-inspired adhesives are modeled after the gripping hairs found on gecko feet and the water-resistant proteins produced by mussels. These innovations have applications in various fields, including medicine, industry, and environmental conservation.

Portals and Apps

Q.1. The Rashtraparv Website and Mobile App, launched on December 25, 2024, aims to enhance public engagement with national festivals. Which ministry is responsible for this initiative?

- (a) Ministry of Culture
- (b) Ministry of Defence
- (c) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs

Sol.1.(b) Ministry of Defence. The Rashtraparv Website and Mobile App were launched by the Ministry of Defence to provide citizens with digital access to event schedules, live streaming, and other features related to national festivals like Republic Day and Independence Day.

Q.2. The Jago Grahak Jago App and Jagriti Dashboard, launched on December 24, 2024, aim to empower consumers in the digital marketplace. What is the primary purpose of the Jagriti Dashboard?

- (a) To track consumer spending patterns
- (b) To monitor deceptive online practices
- (c) To provide discounts on e-commerce platforms
- (d) To aggregate consumer reviews of products

Sol.2.(b) To monitor deceptive online practices. The Jagriti Dashboard is designed to identify and monitor "dark patterns" in e-commerce, ensuring a transparent and fair digital marketplace for consumers.

Q.3. The Anna Chakra, launched on December 5, 2024, under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, is designed for:

- (a) Monitoring food grain quality in Fair Price Shops
- (b) Optimizing logistics in the Public Distribution System (PDS)
- (c) Automating subsidy claim processes under NFSA
- (d) Integrating food security schemes with Aadhaar

Sol.3.(b) Optimizing logistics in the Public Distribution System (PDS). The Anna Chakra is a supply chain optimization tool aimed at improving the efficiency of food grain delivery under the PDS, reducing costs and environmental impact.

Q.4. The revamped e-Migrate V2.0 platform, highlighted in December 2024,

offers new features to ensure safe migration for Indian workers. Which of the following is one of its key recent developments?

- (a) Real-time visa application status updates
- (b) Integration with DigiLocker for secure document storage
- (c) Automated grievance settlement within 24 hours
- (d) Subsidy disbursal for emigrant workers

Sol.4.(b) Integration with DigiLocker for secure document storage. The e-Migrate V2.0 platform introduced DigiLocker integration to facilitate paperless and secure document submissions, streamlining emigration clearance processes and enhancing security for Indian workers seeking overseas employment.

Q.5. On 28th November 2024, which online learning platform was unveiled by the Chief of the Army Staff General for the Indian Army?

- (a) Eklavya
- (b) Army Learn
- (c) Shakti
- (d) Army Connect

Sol.5.(a) Eklavya. General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff, launched the "Eklavya" online learning platform for the Indian Army on 28th November 2024. This platform, developed under the aegis of Headquarters Army Training Command with Army War College as the sponsor agency, is hosted on the Army Data Network and features a scalable architecture capable of integrating multiple training establishments and offering diverse courses.

Q.6. The mobile application recently launched by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to support frontline officers is called _____.

- (a) PAAT
- (b) TRACE
- (c) U-WIN
- (d) SAARTHI

Sol.6.(a) PAAT. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) launched the "Personnel Alarm Assessment Tool (PAAT)" app to assist frontline officers in assessing radiation alarms triggered by individuals at airports, border crossings, and other entry points. The app provides immediate support by offering a red, yellow, or green signal to help assess the radiation source. It is available in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish.

Q.7. Who has recently (in November '24) launched the official website

(pbdindia.gov.in) for the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention in New Delhi, Delhi?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) S. Jaishankar
- (d) Piyush Goyal

Sol.7.(c) S. Jaishankar. The 18th PBD Convention will take place from 8th to 10th January 2025 in Bhubaneswar (Odisha) in partnership with the Government of Odisha. The theme of PBD Convention for 2025 is "Diaspora's contribution to a Viksit Bharat".

Q.8. Who launched the "VISION Portal" in November 2024, aimed at nurturing skill development in underprivileged children?

- (a) Smriti Irani
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- (d) Dharmendra Pradhan

Sol.8.(c) Dr. Jitendra Singh. The "VISION Portal," focuses on providing skill development opportunities to underprivileged children. This initiative aims to bridge the skill gap and empower youth for better career prospects.

Q.9. Which Union Minister inaugurated the 'TULIP' digital platform during the 'Shilp Samagam Mela 2024' in November 2024?

- (a) Smriti Irani
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Dr. Virendra Kumar
- (d) Dharmendra Pradhan

Sol.9.(c) Dr. Virendra Kumar. The 'TULIP' brand, a digital platform for craft and community empowerment, launched during the 'Shilp Samagam Mela 2024' in November 2024. The initiative focuses on promoting traditional crafts and supporting artisans through digital connectivity.

Q.10. Which state launched the 'Sugam (Convenient) App' in October 2024 to streamline the online property registration process?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Rajasthan

Sol.10.(a) Chhattisgarh. Sugam App integrates with existing land records and revenue databases, facilitating seamless access to vital information for both citizens and officials.

Q.11. On October 29, 2024, which mobile application was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to simplify birth and death registrations in India?

- (a) e-Vital

- Sol.21.(b) BHASKAR.** Union Minister Piyush Goyal has launched the 'Bharat

Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR – Rising Sun) Portal' in New Delhi, to boost India's startup ecosystem. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), MoC&I through its flagship program 'Startup India', hosted the launch event of BHASKAR portal.

Q.22. Which of the following is not one of the applications launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in August 2024 for the three new criminal laws in Chandigarh?

- (a) e-Sakshya (b) Nyaya Setu
(c) Nyaya Shruti (d) e-Samman

Sol.22.(d) e-Samman. The 3 new criminal laws – Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) which came into effect on 1st July, 2024, has repealed the British-era laws, the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860; the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPc), 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act (IEA), 1872 respectively.

Q.23. In August 2024, Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud launched which platform dedicated to reportable judgments from the Delhi High Court?

- (a) Sankalan (b) Saksham
(c) e-DHCR (d) eCourt

Sol.23.(c) e-DHCR. Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dr. Dhananjaya Yeshwant (DY) Chandrachud launched the e-DHCR portal, a new platform dedicated to reportable judgments from the Delhi High Court.

Q.24. Which state has recently (in August '24) launched the 'Upasthiti (attendance) Portal'?

- (a) Odisha (b) Chhattisgarh
(c) West Bengal (d) Jharkhand

Sol.24.(d) Jharkhand. On 5th August 2024, Hemant Soren, the Chief Minister (CM) of Jharkhand, launched 'Upasthiti (attendance) Portal', to ensure daily attendance of doctors, para-medical staff and other employees under the health department. The cross-verification of biometric attendance by health department staff will be done through this portal.

Q.25. Which portal was launched in August 2024 under 'Mission Karmayogi' during the Civil Service Training Institutions (CSTI) Convention at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi?

- (a) Bhusanket (b) NIRMAN

- (c) Sankhyiki (d) Amrit Gyan Kosh

Sol.25.(d) Amrit Gyan Kosh. It was launched by Dr. Jitendra Singh. The 'Amrit Gyan Kosh' portal is a comprehensive knowledge repository that offers access to India-centric case studies, reducing the dependence on Western sources.

Q.26. Which ministry has recently (in August '24) launched the 'Jiyo Parsi Scheme Portal' for Parsis to get financial aid online through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode?

- (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(b) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(c) Ministry of Finance
(d) Ministry of Minority Affairs

Sol.26.(d) Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) along with the Minister of State (MoS) George Kurian, MoMA launched the 'Jiyo Parsi Scheme Portal' and 'Haj Applications(app) - 2025' at Manthan Hall in New Delhi, Delhi.

Q.27. Which portal was launched by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development on 29th August 2024 to manage and monitor sexual harassment complaints at workplaces in both government and private sectors?

- (a) Saksham Portal
(b) Nirbhaya Portal
(c) SHe-Box
(d) Mahila Suraksha Portal

Sol.27.(c) SHe-Box. This portal acts as a central repository for information on Internal Committees (ICs) and Local Committees (LCs) set up to address sexual harassment complaints in the workplace.

Q.28. On August 1, 2024, Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi, launched Version 4.0 of which mobile app in New Delhi?

- (a) Price Tracker
(b) Price Monitor
(c) Price Monitoring System (PMS)
(d) Market Watch

Sol.28.(c) Price Monitoring System (PMS). The PMS provides advance inputs for policy decisions related to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation, benefiting the government, RBI, and analysts.

Q.29. On 29th July 2024, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, launched which portal to invite innovative ideas related to environment-friendly lifestyles?

- (a) Ideas4LiFE portal
(b) GreenInnovation portal
(c) EcoSolutions platform
(d) CleanTech Ideas portal

Sol.29.(a) Ideas4LiFE portal was launched to support Mission LiFE by gathering innovative ideas focused on sustainable and eco-friendly practices.

Q.30. Union Minister Shri G Kishan Reddy launched the NIRMAN portal to provide support to eligible UPSC aspirants. What is the name of the portal in July 2024?

- (a) NIRMAN portal
(b) UPSC Support portal
(c) ExamPrep portal
(d) StudyIndia portal

Sol.30.(a) NIRMAN portal. The scheme provides ₹1 lakh support to Preliminary examination qualified candidates from Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, female or third gender with annual family income less than ₹8 lakhs, residing in 39 operational districts of Coal India Limited (CIL).

Q.31. Who launched the 'Steel Import Monitoring System' 2.0 Portal in July 2024?

- (a) Piyush Goyal
(b) S. Jaishankar
(c) H.D. Kumaraswamy
(d) Jyotiraditya Scindia

Sol.31.(c) H.D. Kumaraswamy. Steel Import Monitoring System', introduced in 2019, has played a crucial role in providing detailed steel import data to the domestic industry.

Q.32. Which mobile app was introduced by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav to enhance transparency and public welfare?

- (a) Lokpath (b) JanSamarth
(c) Naya Bharat (d) Bhavishya

Sol.32.(a) Lokpath. The Lokpath Mobile App, launched by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on July 2, 2024, aims to resolve road-related issues within seven days and increase accountability of the Public Works Department (PWD).

Q.33. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) launched the 'Fauna of India Checklist

Portal' at the event organised to celebrate the 109th Foundation Day of _____ on 30th June 2024.

- (a) ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)
- (b) National Safety Council (NSC)
- (c) Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)
- (d) Forest Research Institute (FRI)

Sol.33.(c) Zoological Survey of India (ZSI). Union Minister Bhupender Yadav launched the 'Fauna of India Checklist Portal' on June 30, 2024, in Kolkata, West Bengal, marking the 109th Foundation Day of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI).

Q.34. Which organisation has recently (in July '24) launched an online platform named 'Medical Devices Information System' (MeDeVIS)?

- (a) Quality Council of India
- (b) International Institute of Health Management Research
- (c) World Health Organization
- (d) National Medical Commission

Sol.34.(c) World Health Organization. The MeDeVIS platform began operational in March 2024 to facilitate consultation with WHO Member States. It was made available to the public on July 8 2024. The World Health Organization (WHO) was established in 1948 and its headquarters is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

Q.35. Which portal was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in July 2024 to record vaccinations under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP)?

- (a) Sankalan
- (b) Saksham
- (c) U-WIN
- (d) SWATI

Sol.35.(c) U-WIN. 'U-WIN' is an online vaccine management portal to capture every vaccination record of all pregnant women and children up to 6 years under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).

Q.36. Which Indian ministry launched the eSankhyiki portal to enhance data accessibility and user experience in June 2024?

- (a) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (b) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- (c) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (d) Ministry of Communications

Sol.36.(b) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)

launched the eSankhyiki portal to centralize access to national statistical data, featuring modules like Data Catalogue and Macro Indicators to support planners, policymakers, researchers, and the public.

Q.37. Which mobile application was launched on the occasion of World Environment Day 2024 (5th June) for monitoring the real-time Air Quality Index (AQI)?

- (a) K-SMART
- (b) MPLADS e-SAKSHI
- (c) Saksham
- (d) Air-Pravah

Sol.37.(d) Air-Pravah. On the occasion of World Environment Day 2024 (5th June 2024), S Krishnan, launched the mobile application "Air-Pravah" for real-time Air Quality Index (AQI) monitoring.

Q.38. In June 2024, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched a new web portal to automate and accelerate the process of settlement of interest subvention claims of banks made under the _____.

- (a) International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- (b) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- (c) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- (d) Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

Sol.38.(d) Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF). This portal was launched by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. The portal was jointly developed by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

Q.39. Which ministry launched the Environmental Flows (E-flows) Monitoring System in June 2024 to monitor the cleaning progress of the river Ganga?

- (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (b) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- (c) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (d) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Sol.39.(c) Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS). It was launched by CR Patil (the then Jal Shakti minister) during a programme when the Union Minister was reviewing the progress of the cleaning projects under the Namami Ganga Mission in New Delhi, Delhi.

Q.40. Which AI platform was launched jointly by 3AI Holding and Seetha Mahalaxmi Healthcare (SML) in May 2024?

- (a) IndiaAI
- (b) Assert AI
- (c) BharatGPT
- (d) Hanooman AI

Sol.40.(d) Hanooman AI. Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates (UAE))-based AI investment firm 3AI Holding and Seetha Mahalaxmi Healthcare (SML) India have launched India's homegrown generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) platform 'Hanooman AI', an Indian large language model (LLM) in 98 global languages, including 12 Indian languages, along with text translation capabilities.

Q.41. Which company has recently (in May '24) launched a new digital service named 'TCPay' designed to simplify international money transfers?

- (a) BookMyForex
- (b) Aditya Birla Capital Limited
- (c) Thomas Cook (India) Limited
- (d) Easy Trip Planner Limited

Sol.41.(c) Thomas Cook (India) Limited. Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Thomas Cook (India) Limited (TCIL) has introduced the 'TCPay', a new digital service designed to simplify international money transfers.

Q.42. Which portal was launched by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in May 2024 to simplify the process of filing health insurance claims?

- (a) Anuvadini
- (b) Samman
- (c) JanSamarth
- (d) NHCX

Sol.42.(d) NHCX. The NHCX is developed by the National Health Authority (NHA) and it has been developed as part of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). The portal will serve as a single-window platform between health insurance companies, hospitals and insurance policyholders, and will facilitate easier and faster health insurance claim settlements.

Q.43. Which Ministry has recently (in April '24) launched the myCGHS app to advance healthcare accessibility for Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiaries?

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Ministry of Women & Child Development

Sol.43.(b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The app is designed to enhance access to Electronic Health Records, information, and resources for CGHS beneficiaries. The myCGHS iOS app is developed by the technical teams of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) Himachal Pradesh and the NIC Health Team.

Q.44. Which company has recently (in April '24) launched the omnichannel Direct-to-Consumer (D2C) Fintech App to offer various financial products on a single digital platform?

- (a) Kalaari Capital Limited
- (b) Piramal Capital and Housing Finance
- (c) Aditya Birla Capital Limited
- (d) Reliance Capital Limited

Sol.44.(c) Aditya Birla Capital Limited. This platform is housed under Aditya Birla Capital Digital Limited (ABCDL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL). The D2C platform has 22 products and services that includes Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments, multi-account payments, loans, insurance, and spend analysis tools.

Q.45. Name the website launched by Punjab in April 2024 to enhance election management through innovative initiatives.

- (a) Booth Raabta
- (b) Election Connect
- (c) Raabta Portal
- (d) Punjab Votes

Sol.45.(a) Booth Raabta. Punjab's Malerkotla district has introduced the 'Booth Raabta' website. Spearheaded by District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Pallavi, this platform, accessible via boothraabta.com, serves as a comprehensive resource hub for voters and polling personnel alike.

Q.46. What is the primary aim of the PM-SURAJ portal launched by Prime Minister Modi in March 2024?

- (a) Providing financial support to entrepreneurs
- (b) Offering healthcare services to rural areas
- (c) Enhancing sanitation infrastructure
- (d) Distributing scholarships to students

Sol.46.(a) Providing financial support to entrepreneurs. The PM-SURAJ portal aims to empower marginalized communities by offering credit support to one lakh entrepreneurs, fostering economic growth and inclusivity.

Q.47. Which app was launched by Minister for Minority Affairs, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, during the inauguration of the training of trainers programme in March 2024 to enhance the Haj pilgrimage experience?

- (a) Haj Suvidha App
- (b) Haj Connect App
- (c) Haj Service Portal
- (d) Haj Assistance App

Sol.47.(a) Haj Suvidha App. The Haj Guide-2024, released alongside the Haj Suvidha App, was prepared in 10 languages.

Q.48. Which department has recently (in March '24) launched the Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP) & Chakshu facility on the Sanchar Saathi portal to curb Cyber Crime & Financial Frauds?

- (a) Department of Home
- (b) Department of Telecommunications
- (c) Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare
- (d) Department of Financial Services

Sol.48.(b) Department of Telecommunications. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, launched the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)'s 'Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP)' and 'Chakshu' facility on the Sanchar Saathi portal to empower the people and to foster a secure digital ecosystem. DIP aims to eliminate the use of telecom resources in cybercrimes and financial frauds by coordinating the stakeholders.

Q.49. Name the portal developed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for individuals to search for their unclaimed deposits/accounts in March 2024.

- (a) UDGM
- (b) NHCX
- (c) e-Sakshya
- (d) JanSamarth

Sol.49.(a) UDGM. This portal, developed by the RBI, aims to provide a centralized platform for users to access information regarding unclaimed deposits across multiple banks. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that 30 banks are now participating in the UDGM portal, designed for individuals to search for their unclaimed deposits/accounts.

Q.50. Name the portal inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March 2024 to support entrepreneurs from disadvantaged communities.

- (a) PM-SURAJ
- (b) PM-SAKSHAM
- (c) PM-UDYAM
- (d) PM-SAMRIDDHI

Sol.50.(a) PM-SURAJ. The portal signifies the government's commitment to extending credit support and empowering one lakh entrepreneurs from disadvantaged communities.

Q.51. Who launched the "Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)" portal on the International Day of Girls and Women in Science (11 February, 2024)?

- (a) Dr. Renu Swarup
- (b) Dr. Ajay Kumar Sood
- (c) Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- (d) Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan

Sol.51.(b) Dr. Ajay Kumar Sood. The portal was announced on International Women's Day in 2021, and inaugurated on October 25, 2021. The SWATI portal is intended to serve as a Gateway to view the Expertise and Contributions of Indian Women in Science, specially to mark the 75th year of Indian Independence, in celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Q.52. What is the primary purpose of the GHAR portal launched by NCPDR?

- (a) To provide education for underprivileged children
- (b) To facilitate restoration and repatriation of children
- (c) To monitor child labor activities
- (d) To offer healthcare services

Sol.52.(b) To facilitate restoration and repatriation of children. The GHAR portal tracks and manages the digital transfer, restoration, and repatriation of children under the Juvenile Justice Act, ensuring timely and effective support.

Q.53. Who recently (in February 2024) launched the logo and website for the Alliance for Global Good – Gender Equity and Equality?

- (a) Smriti Zubin Irani
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (d) Virendra Kumar

Sol.53.(a) Smriti Zubin Irani. The logo forms the alphabet "e" symbolising Equality and Equity. Alliance for Global Good – Gender Equity and Equality was launched by India on the sidelines of the 54th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF 2024) held in Davos, Switzerland in January 2024.

Q.54. The e-SAKSHI app was launched by which department in January 2024?

- (a) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI)
- (b) Ministry of Rural Development

- (c) Ministry of Finance
(d) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Sol.54.(a) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI).

The e-Sakshi app is specifically designed for real-time monitoring of projects funded under the MPLADS scheme, ensuring transparency and effective implementation.

Q.55. On 22nd January 2024, Akashvani introduced which new digital channel, now accessible on YouTube and the News on AIR App?

- (a) Sangeet Sagar (b) Aaradhana
(c) Swaraj (d) Bhakti Dhara

Sol.55.(b) Aaradhana.

Q.56. Which mobile application was launched by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on 1st January 2024 for managing administrative reformation and transformation?

- (a) K-SMART (b) KeralaOne
(c) AdminTrack (d) SMART Kerala

Sol.56.(a) K-SMART. This initiative aims to bring all services of the three-tier local self-government institutions on a unified digital platform. Kerala : State Capital - Thiruvananthapuram.

Q.57. Which state/UT's Police has recently (in Jan '24) launched the Grievance Redressal Portal 'Awaam Se, Awaam Ke Liye'?

- (a) Ladakh
(b) Jammu & Kashmir
(c) Himachal Pradesh
(d) Uttarakhand

Sol.57.(b) Jammu & Kashmir. The Director General of Police (DGP) of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), R R Swain, has launched the J&K Police Grievance Redressal Portal 'Awaam Se, Awaam Ke Liye'. The portal aims to address the issues faced by the citizens and police personnel in a more structured and decentralised manner.

Q.58. In January 2024, which state became the first in India to map all 784 accident black spots on the "Mappls" mobile application?

- (a) Odisha (b) Maharashtra
(c) Gujarat (d) Punjab

Sol.58.(d) Punjab has become the first state in India to map all 784 accident black spots on the "Mappls" mobile application, developed by C. E. Info

Systems Limited (MapmyIndia). The Punjab Police collaborated with MapmyIndia to provide real-time traffic updates and alerts about black and blind spots through the Mappls app.

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Baba Siddique (12 October 2024): Former MLA from Maharashtra.

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Jitta Balakrishna Reddy (6 September 2024): Leader of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS).

Natwar Singh (10 August 2024): Former Foreign Minister.

Prabhat Jha (26 July 2024): BJP leader from Madhya Pradesh.

Sushil Kumar Modi (13 May 2024): Former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar.

Ishwar Prasanna Hazarika (13 May 2024): Congress leader from Assam.

Prabha Atre (January 2024): Renowned classical singer.

Baldev Raj Chawla (17 January 2024): Senior BJP leader from Punjab.

Pankaj Udhas (2024): Famous ghazal singer.

Shyam Benegal (2024): Renowned filmmaker.

Fali S. Nariman (2024): Renowned jurist.

Bibek Debroy (2024): Renowned economist.

Ameen Sayani (2024): Famous radio presenter.

Multiple Choice Questions

Q.1. Who was the former Prime Minister of India who passed away in December, 2024?

- (a) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- (b) Manmohan Singh
- (c) Indira Gandhi
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru

Sol.1.(b) Dr. Manmohan Singh, the 14th Prime Minister of India (2004-2014), was a key figure in India's economic reforms. He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 1987 for his contributions to public affairs. Books by him: "Changing India", "In Ghost's Den".

Q.2. Who was the renowned writer, screenwriter, and filmmaker, known for his timeless classics, who passed away in December, 2024?

- (a) M. T. Vasudevan Nair
- (b) C. G. Rajendra Babu
- (c) O. V. Vijayan
- (d) Kamala Das

Sol.2.(a) M. T. Vasudevan Nair. A renowned Malayalam writer and filmmaker, was born in 1933 in Kudallur, Kerala. He is famous for works like "Naalukettu" and "Randamoozham". His literary contributions earned him the Padma Bhushan (2005), Jnanpith Award (1995) and Kendra Sahitya Academy Award (1970).

Q.3. Who was the celebrated filmmaker renowned for socially relevant and realistic films, who passed away in December, 2024?

- (a) Satyajit Ray
- (b) Shyam Benegal
- (c) Rajkumar Hirani
- (d) Mani Ratnam

Sol.3.(b) Shyam Benegal. He was an Indian film director, screenwriter, and documentary filmmaker. His notable films include "Ankur", "Nishant", and "Bhumika". He received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2005. He was also honored with the Padma Shri in 1976 and Padma Bhushan in 1991.

Q.4. Who was the co-founder of the popular brand Epigamia, who tragically passed away at the age of 42?

- (a) Rohan Mirchandani
- (b) Nikhil Vora
- (c) Harsh Mariwala
- (d) Deepinder Goyal

Sol.4.(a) Rohan Mirchandani. Epigamia is a popular Indian brand known for its Greek yogurt and other dairy products, offering innovative and health-conscious food options.

Q.5. Who was the former Chief Minister of Haryana who passed away in December, 2024, at the age of 89?

- (a) Om Prakash Chautala
- (b) Bhupinder Singh Hooda
- (c) Devi Lal
- (d) Bansi Lal

Sol.5.(a) Om Prakash Chautala. He was an Indian politician and the 7th Chief Minister of Haryana, representing the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD). He was the son of Chaudhary Devi Lal, the 6th Deputy Prime Minister of India.

Q.6. Who was the renowned classical singer and harmonium artist who passed away in December, 2024, at the age of 68?

- (a) Pandit Sanjay Marathe
- (b) Pandit Jasraj
- (c) Ustad Rashid Khan
- (d) Pandit Bhimsen Joshi

Sol.6.(a) Pandit Sanjay Marathe. He was a renowned classical singer and harmonium artist. He was the eldest son of Pandit Ram Marathe, a legendary musician.

Q.7. Who was the renowned environmentalist from Karnataka, known as the "Tree Goddess," who passed away recently?

- (a) Tulsi Gowda
- (b) Sunderlal Bahuguna
- (c) Medha Patkar
- (d) Baba Amte

Sol.7.(a) Tulsi Gowda. A dedicated environmentalist from Karnataka, she planted over 1 lakh trees. She was honored with several awards, including the Padma Shri (2020), Indira Priyadarshini Vrikshamitra Award (1986), and Rajyotsava Award (1999).

Q.8. Who was the legendary tabla player, awarded the Padma Bhushan, who passed away at the age of 73?

- (a) Ustad Zakir Hussain
- (b) Pandit Ravi Shankar
- (c) Ustad Allah Rakha
- (d) Pandit Anindo Chatterjee

Sol.8.(a) Ustad Zakir Hussain. He was the legendary tabla player. Awards - Padma Vibhushan (2023), Padma Bhushan (2002), Padma Shri (1988), and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1990).

Q.9. Who was the legendary Gujarati singer and composer who passed away at the age of 90?

- (a) Purushottam Upadhyay
- (b) Kavi Narmad
- (c) Vasant Desai
- (d) Mahesh Babu

Sol.9.(a) Purushottam Upadhyay. He was a renowned Indian musician, singer, and composer known for his work in Gujarati and Hindi music. He composed

music for over 20 films and 30 plays and was awarded the Padma Shri in 2017.

Q.10. Who was the poet and prominent figure of the Black Arts movement who passed away at the age of 81?

- (a) Maya Angelou (b) Nikki Giovanni
(c) Audre Lorde (d) Toni Morrison

Sol.10.(b) Nikki Giovanni. Books by Her: "Love Poems", "Hip Hop Speaks to Children", "The Sun is so quiet".

Q.11. Who was the freedom fighter and member of the Mewar Praja Mandal who passed away at the age of 102?

- (a) Madan Mohan Somtiya
(b) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
(c) Motilal Nehru
(d) Lala Lajpat Rai

Sol.11.(a) Madan Mohan Somtiya. A freedom fighter and member of the Mewar Praja Mandal, played a key role in India's independence movement, including the Quit India Movement. Known for his acts of defiance, he assisted in blackening Queen Victoria's statue in Udaipur as a protest.

Q.12. Who was known as the "architect of Brand Bengaluru" and served as the Chief Minister of Karnataka?

- (a) SM Krishna (b) HD Deve Gowda
(c) BS Yediyurappa (d) Siddaramaiah

Sol.12.(a) SM Krishna. A former Chief Minister of Karnataka, SM Krishna is renowned for transforming Bengaluru into a global IT hub. Serving as CM from 1999 to 2004, he significantly advanced infrastructure and attracted investments. Award: Padma Vibhushan (2023).

Q.13. Neale Fraser, who recently passed away, was a legendary sportsman associated with which sport?

- (a) Cricket (b) Tennis
(c) Rugby (d) Basketball

Sol.13.(b) Tennis. An Australian tennis legend, Neale Fraser who won three Grand Slam singles titles and guided Australia to four Davis Cup titles during a 24-year career as team captain.

Q.14. Brigadier Raj Manchanda, who passed away recently, was associated with which sport?

- (a) Cricket (b) Squash
(c) Badminton (d) Hockey

Sol.14.(b) Squash. Raj Manchanda was a legendary Indian squash player who won six consecutive National Squash Championships from 1977 to 1982. He

received the Arjuna Award in 1980 and the Best Services Sportsman Award in 1981. He also earned silver and bronze medals at the Asian Team Squash Championships.

Q.15. Who was the renowned economic historian and macroeconomist who passed away in November, 2024?

- (a) Amiya Kumar Bagchi
(b) Raghuram Rajan
(c) Pranab Bardhan
(d) Manmohan Singh

Sol.15.(a) Amiya Kumar Bagchi. He was an Indian political economist. In 2005, he was awarded the Padma Shri.

Q.16. Who was the renowned South African writer known for his opposition to apartheid and his literary works, who passed away at the age of 85 in November, 2024?

- (a) Breyten Breytenbach
(b) J.M. Coetzee
(c) Nadine Gordimer
(d) Alan Paton

Sol.16.(a) Breyten Breytenbach. He became internationally well-known as a dissident poet and vocal critic of South Africa under apartheid, and as a political prisoner of the National Party-led South African Government. He was also known as a founding member of the Sestigers.

Q.17. Who was the co-founder and Chairman of Essar Group, who passed away at the age of 81 in November, 2024?

- (a) Shashikant Ruia (b) Ravi Ruia
(c) Anil Agarwal (d) Lakshmi Mittal

Sol.17.(a) Shashikant Ruia. He established India's first Independent Power Producer in 1991 and expanded Essar into energy, telecom, steel, and infrastructure sectors. Under his leadership, Essar's global portfolio generated \$14 billion annually. Ruia is remembered as a visionary leader who transformed India's corporate landscape and contributed to global philanthropic efforts.

Q.18. Who was the former Supreme Court judge and ex-Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, who passed away on November 22, 2024?

- (a) Justice Harjit Singh Bedi
(b) Justice R. C. Lahoti
(c) Justice M. H. Kania
(d) Justice P. N. Bhagwati

Sol.18.(a) Justice Harjit Singh Bedi. He was a distinguished Supreme Court

Judge, serving from 2007 to 2011. He held key legal positions, including Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court and Advocate General of Punjab.

Q.19. Who was the former Deputy Prime Minister of Britain who passed away at the age of 86?

- (a) Tony Blair (b) John Prescott
(c) Gordon Brown (d) David Cameron

Sol.19.(b) John Prescott, UK Deputy Prime Minister from 1997 to 2007, was a key Labour Party figure who represented Kingston upon Hull East for 40 years. Known for his working-class roots, he helped bridge divisions between Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. After retiring in 2010, he became a life peer and remained active in politics until his death.

Q.20. Who was the oldest member of Japan's royal family who passed away at the age of 101 in 2024?

- (a) Princess Takamatsu
(b) Princess Mikasa
(c) Princess Chichibu
(d) Empress Michiko

Sol.20.(b) Princess Mikasa. Yuriko Princess Mikasa was the wife of Prince Mikasa, the fourth son of Emperor Taisho. As the oldest member of Japan's imperial family, she was the last surviving paternal great-aunt by marriage of Emperor Naruhito. Born in the Taisho era, she held a prominent position within the royal family.

Q.21. Who was the world-renowned Mridangam scholar who passed away at the age of 88 in Rajahmundry in November, 2024?

- (a) T. K. Murthy
(b) Varadarao Kamalakara Rao
(c) Palghat Mani Iyer
(d) S. K. Venkataraman

Sol.21.(b) Varadarao Kamalakara Rao. He was a prominent Indian film director known for his work in Telugu cinema. He directed over fifty films, including the critically acclaimed Nartanasala (1963) and Gundamma Katha (1962).

Q.22. Who was the noted Tamil actor known for his versatility in over 400 films who passed away at the age of 80 in November 2024?

- (a) Delhi Ganesh (b) Rajinikanth
(c) Kamal Haasan (d) Vijayakanth

Sol.22.(a) Delhi Ganesh. He was introduced to the industry by K.

Balachander in the 1976 film Pattina Pravesam.

Q.23. Who was the revolutionary sarangi virtuoso who passed away on November 8, 2024?

- (a) Pandit Ravi Shankar
- (b) Pandit Ram Narayan
- (c) Ustad Allah Rakha
- (d) Pandit Bhimsen Joshi

Sol.23.(b) Pandit Ram Narayan. He was a renowned sarangi virtuoso who popularized the instrument as a solo performer in Hindustani classical music. He toured internationally from 1964 and received the Padma Vibhushan (2005), Padma Bhushan (1991), and Padma Shri (1976).

Q.24. At what age did Sharda Sinha, the legendary folk singer known as the "Bihar Kokila," pass away?

- (a) 68 (b) 72 (c) 75 (d) 80

Sol.24.(b) 72. Sharda Sinha was a renowned folk singer in Maithili and Bhojpuri. She received the Padma Shri in 1991, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2000, and Padma Bhushan in 2018 for her contributions to music. She was famous for songs like "Vivah Geet" and "Chhath Geet."

Q.25. Who was the iconic Indian fashion designer known for his mastery of textile, design, and craftsmanship, who passed away at the age of 63 on November 1, 2024?

- (a) Manish Malhotra
- (b) Sabyasachi Mukherjee
- (c) Rohit Bal
- (d) Abu Jani

Sol.25.(c) Rohit Bal. He was a prominent Indian fashion designer known for his collections for men and women. He started his career in 1986 and debuted his independent collection in 1990.

Q.26. Who was the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (EAC-PM), who passed away at the age of 69 in December 2024?

- (a) Bibek Debroy
- (b) Raghuram Rajan
- (c) Arvind Subramanian
- (d) Rajiv Kumar

Sol.26.(a) Bibek Debroy. He was a renowned Indian economist and Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2015 and received several other honors,

including Lifetime Achievement Awards in 2016 and 2022.

Q.27. What was the age of Marathi actor Atul Parchure at the time of his passing?

- (a) 57 (b) 60 (c) 65 (d) 50

Sol.27.(a) 57. Atul Parchure, renowned for his comedic roles in Marathi and Hindi films. He was known for his work in films like Navra Mazha Navsacha and Partner, and for his roles in popular TV shows like "Jaago Mohan Pyare".

Q.28. Who was the popular radio presenter of Akashvani Darbhanga, known for his rural talk program "Gamghar," who passed away at the age of 77 in November 2024?

- (a) Indranand Singh Jha
- (b) Manohar Shyam Joshi
- (c) Prakash Jha
- (d) Ramesh Chandra Sharma

Sol.28.(a) Indranand Singh Jha, known as Khur Khur Bhai, was a former radio presenter at Akashvani Darbhanga. He gained fame for his popular rural program "Gamghar," which made significant contributions to local culture. His work fostered cultural pride and unity, earning him heartfelt tributes from social and cultural organizations.

Q.29. Who was honored by the Bihar Postal Circle with the release of a special cover in November 2024?

- (a) Dhirubhai Ambani (b) Ratan Tata
- (c) Mukesh Ambani (d) Azim Premji

Sol.29.(b) Ratan Tata. He was a renowned industrialist, leading the Tata Group from 1991 to 2012. He expanded the group globally, acquiring Tetley, Jaguar Land Rover, and Corus. Tata received the Padma Bhushan (2000) and Padma Vibhushan (2008) for his contributions and invested in over 40 start-ups.

Q.30. What was the name of the iconic character played by veteran actor Mohanraj in the Malayalam film Kireedam?

- (a) Achuthan Nair (b) Gopi Krishnan
- (c) Keerikkadan Jose (d) Raghavan

Sol.30.(c) Keerikkadan Jose. Mohan Raj, widely known as Keerikkadan Jose, was an Indian actor and assistant enforcement officer who passed away in October 2024.

Q.31. Which legendary British actress, known for her roles in Harry Potter and

Downton Abbey, passed away at the age of 89?

- (a) Judi Dench (b) Maggie Smith
- (c) Helen Mirren (d) Vanessa Redgrave

Sol.31.(b) Maggie Smith won two Academy Awards (1969, 1978), five BAFTAs, four Emmys, and a Tony Award (1990).

Q.32. Which legendary tennis player from Chile passed away at the age of 91 in 2024?

- (a) Marcelo Rios (b) Ivan Lendl
- (c) Luis Ayala (d) Guillermo Vilas

Sol.32. (c) Luis Ayala. He was a two-time French Championships singles runner-up and a gold medalist in singles at the 1959 Pan American Games. He won the Italian Open and claimed three Argentina International Tennis Championships titles. Ayala also triumphed in the Madrid Championships (1960) and Hanover Championships (1961).

Q.33. Which celebrated Venezuelan Olympic cyclist passed away at the age of 51 in 2024?

- (a) Daniela Chirinos
- (b) Mariana Pajón
- (c) Lilia Enríquez
- (d) Maria Isabel Urrutia

Sol.33.(a) Daniela Larreal Chirinos. She was a Venezuelan track cyclist and five-time Olympian. She set an Olympic record in the women's track time trial in 2000.

Q.34. Which former Swedish tennis player, who also coached Roger Federer, passed away at the age of 59 in 2024?

- (a) Mats Wilander (b) Björn Borg
- (c) Peter Lundgren (d) Stefan Edberg

Sol.34.(c) Peter Lundgren. He was a Swedish tennis player who reached a career-high world ranking of 25th. He won his first title in 1985 and had notable victories over players like Ivan Lendl and Pete Sampras.

Q.35. Who was the former Director-General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) who passed away at the age of 68 in 2024?

- (a) Raghunath Mashelkar
- (b) Girish Sahni
- (c) C.N.R. Rao
- (d) Harsh Vardhan

Sol.35.(b) Dr. Girish Sahni was known for his groundbreaking research on blood clot treatments, including STPase. He received prestigious awards like National

Biotechnology Product Development Award (2002) and the Vigyan Rattan Award (2014).

Q.36. Who was the former Chief of Army Staff of India who passed away on August 19, 2024?

- (a) General V. P. Malik
- (b) General S Padmanabhan
- (c) General Bipin Rawat
- (d) General K. V. Krishna Rao

Sol.36.(b) General S Padmanabhan. General Padmanabhan served as the 20th Chief of Army Staff and played a key role in 'Operation PARAKRAM.' Known as "Paddy," he retired in 2002 after 43 years of service.

Q.37. Who was the world's oldest person who passed away at the age of 117 in August 2024?

- (a) Kane Tanaka
- (b) Maria Branyas Morera
- (c) Lucile Randon
- (d) Jeanne Calment

Sol.37.(b) Maria Branyas Morera. Born in 1907 in San Francisco (California, U.S), she became the world's oldest verified person at 117 years and 168 days.

Q.38. Who was the Director General of the Indian Coast Guard who passed away due to cardiac arrest in August 2024?

- (a) K. Natarajan
- (b) Rakesh Pal
- (c) Rajendra Singh
- (d) Virender Singh

Sol.38.(b) Rakesh Pal. He served in various key roles, including Commander of the Coast Guard Northwest Region and Deputy Director General for Policy and Plans. He received the Tatrakshak Medal (2013), President's Tatrakshak Medal (2018), and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (2024).

Q.39. Who, known as the Father of Agni Missiles, passed away at the age of 84 on August 16, 2024?

- (a) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- (b) Dr. Ram Narain Agarwal
- (c) Dr. Vikram Sarabhai
- (d) Dr. Satish Dhawan

Sol.39.(b) Dr. Ram Narain Agarwal. He played a key role in India's missile program and was awarded the Padma Shri (1990) and Padma Bhushan (2000).

Q.40. Who passed away at the age of 95 on August 10, 2024, due to prolonged illness, and had served as India's External Affairs Minister?

- (a) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

- (b) Natwar Singh
- (c) Salman Khurshid
- (d) Sushma Swaraj

Sol.40.(b) Natwar Singh. Kunwar Natwar Singh was India's External Affairs Minister (2004-2005) and a distinguished diplomat, serving as Ambassador to Poland and Pakistan. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1984. He later wrote a controversial autobiography, "One Life is Not Enough."

Q.41. Who was the former CEO of YouTube, who passed away at the age of 56 after a battle with cancer in August 2024?

- (a) Sheryl Sandberg
- (b) Susan Wojcicki
- (c) Marissa Mayer
- (d) Meg Whitman

Sol.41.(b) Susan Wojcicki. She was the former YouTube CEO and played a key role in Google's growth, including overseeing the acquisition of YouTube in 2006.

Q.42. Who was the former Vice-Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) who passed away at the age of 71 in August, 2024?

- (a) H. Devaraj
- (b) M. Ramaswamy
- (c) P. R. Pandian
- (d) N. Subramanian

Sol.42.(a) H. Devaraj.

Q.43. Who passed away on August 4, 2024, at the age of 97, and was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1957?

- (a) Tsung-Dao Lee
- (b) Albert Einstein
- (c) Stephen Hawking
- (d) Richard Feynman

Sol.43.(a) Tsung-Dao Lee. The Nobel Prize in Physics 1957 was awarded jointly to Chen Ning Yang and Tsung-Dao (T.D.) Lee "for their penetrating investigation of the so-called parity laws which has led to important discoveries regarding the elementary particles".

Q.44. Who passed away on August 8, 2024, at his residence in Kolkata's Palm Avenue, and was the former Chief Minister of West Bengal?

- (a) Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee
- (b) Mamata Banerjee
- (c) Jyoti Basu
- (d) Subhas Chakraborty

Sol.44. (a) Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee. He was the 7th Chief Minister of West Bengal, serving from 2000 to 2011. He was a prominent leader of the Communist Party of India (Marxist).

Q.45. Who passed away at the age of 99 in Pune on August 8, 2024, marking the end of an era in India's social reform movement?

- (a) Shobhana Ranade
- (b) Sarojini Naidu
- (c) Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay
- (d) Kasturba Gandhi

Sol.45.(a) Shobhana Ranade. She was a Gandhian social worker honored with the Padma Bhushan in 2011 for her contributions to destitute women and children.

Q.46. Who passed away on August 3, 2024, at the age of 83, and was an iconic classical dancer of India?

- (a) Yamini Krishnamurthy
- (b) Birju Maharaj
- (c) Pandit Ravi Shankar
- (d) Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay

Sol.46.(a) Yamini Krishnamurthy. She was a renowned Indian classical dancer known for her expertise in Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi. She received numerous accolades, including Padma Vibhushan (2016), Padma Bhushan (2001), and Padma Shri (1968).

Q.47. Who passed away on July 31, 2024, at the age of 71, and was a former Indian cricketer and coach?

- (a) Anshuman Gaekwad
- (b) Sunil Gavaskar
- (c) Kapil Dev
- (d) Mohammad Azharuddin

Sol.47.(a) Anshuman Gaekwad. He was an Indian cricketer and coach, playing 40 Tests and 15 ODIs between 1974 and 1984. He coached India to the 2000 ICC Champions Trophy runners-up finish. Gaekwad was honored with the C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018.

Q.48. Who was assassinated in Tehran, Iran, on July 31, 2024?

- (a) Ismail Haniyeh
- (b) Osama Bin Laden
- (c) Ayman al-Zawahiri
- (d) Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

Sol.48.(a) Ismail Haniyeh. He served as the Prime Minister of the Palestinian National Authority from 2006 to 2014. Haniyeh was a key figure in Hamas and led its 2023 attack on Israel.

Q.49. Who passed away on July 26, 2024, at the age of 84 and served as the Vice-President of Indonesia from 2001 to 2004?

- (a) Hamzah Haz
(b) Joko Widodo
(c) Megawati Sukarnoputri
(d) B. J. Habibie

Sol.49.(a) Hamzah Haz. He served as Indonesia's Vice President from 2001 to 2004 under President Megawati Sukarnoputri. He was also the chairman of the United Development Party and a 2004 presidential candidate.

Q.50. Who passed away at the age of 93 due to age-related ailments on July 24, 2024, and was a distinguished economist and former professor at Madras Christian College?

- (a) C.T. Kurien (b) Amartya Sen
(c) Raghuram Rajan (d) Bimal Jalan

Sol.50.(a) C.T. Kurien. He was a prominent economist and professor at Madras Christian College and the Madras Institute of Development Studies. He received the UGC Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996 and authored "WEALTH AND ILLFARE".

Q.51. Who was the founder of the iconic stationery brand Camlin, who passed away at the age of 86 on July 17, 2024?

- (a) Subhash Dandekar
(b) Ramesh Agrawal
(c) Jagdish N. Seth
(d) Rajendra Kumar Sharma

Sol.51.(a) Subhash Dandekar. He was the founder of Camlin and played a key role in transforming India's stationery industry, leading the company to become a market leader.

Q.52. Which Kannada actress and the familiar voice behind Namma Metro's announcements passed away at the age of 57 in July, 2024?

- (a) Aparna Vastarey (b) Shruti Hassan
(c) Radhika Pandit (d) Anushree

Sol.52.(a) Aparna Vastarey. She was a popular Kannada actress. She made her film debut in 1984 with Masanada Hoovu, directed by Puttanna Kanagal.

Q.53. Who passed away on June 4, 2024, due to a heart attack at a hospital in Pakistan and was the founder and patron of Dal Khalsa?

- (a) Gajinder Singh Khalsa
(b) Harjit Singh
(c) Baljit Singh
(d) Satnam Singh

Sol.53.(a) Gajinder Singh Khalsa was a key figure in the Sikh radical organization, formed in 1978, advocating for the

creation of a Sikh state, Khalistan. The group gained prominence during the Punjab insurgency in the 1980s, alongside Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. Dal Khalsa has been accused of involvement in the assassination of Lala Jagat Narain.

Q.54. Who passed away in July, 2024, at the age of 63, and was known for his collaborations with director James Cameron on films like Titanic and Avatar?

- (a) Jon Landau
(b) Jerry Bruckheimer
(c) Steven Spielberg
(d) George Lucas

Sol.54.(a) Jon Landau. He was an American film producer known for his work on Titanic (1997), which earned him an Academy Award for Best Picture. He also produced Avatar (2009) and Avatar: The Way of Water (2022), both of which became among the highest-grossing films.

Q.55. Who passed away on July 3, 2024, at the age of 100 and was known for her work in Bengali, Hindi, and Marathi films?

- (a) Smriti Biswas (b) Swaroop Sampat
(c) Shashi Tharoor (d) Nandita Das

Sol.55.(a) Smriti Biswas. She debuted as a child artist in the Bengali film Sandhya (1930) and worked with notable filmmakers like Guru Dutt and V. Shantaram.

Q.56. Who passed away in June, 2024, at the age of 84 and was the co-inventor of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method for determining cricket match results under rain-affected conditions?

- (a) Frank Duckworth (b) Richard Lewis
(c) Tony Lewis (d) Steve Stern

Sol.56.(a) Frank Duckworth - An English statistician developed the Duckworth-Lewis (later Duckworth-Lewis-Stern) method with Tony Lewis and it was first used in international cricket in 1997.

Q.57. Which Canadian actor, known for his roles in The Hunger Games and Don't Look Now, passed away at the age of 88 after a long illness?

- (a) Donald Sutherland
(b) Christopher Plummer
(c) Michael Caine
(d) Martin Sheen

Sol.57.(a) Donald Sutherland. Canadian actor known for The Dirty Dozen, Kelly's Heroes, and The Hunger Games series.

He received an honorary Academy Award in 2017 and was a prominent political activist.

Q.58. Who passed away on June 15, 2024, at the age of 95, and was the former Governor of Odisha?

- (a) Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare
(b) Ganeshi Lal
(c) Shankar Acharya
(d) Droupadi Murmu

Sol.58.(a) Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare was a senior Indian National Congress leader from Maharashtra. He served as a Rajya Sabha member for three terms: 1980-1982, 1982-1988, and 1988-1994. Additionally, he held the position of President of the Supreme Court Bar Association for two terms. His autobiography, titled "The Arc of Memory: My Life and Times".

Q.59. Who passed away in June, 2024, at the age of 91, and was a legendary Sarod maestro?

- (a) Pandit Rajeev Taranath
(b) Pandit Ravi Shankar
(c) Ustad Amjad Ali Khan
(d) Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia

Sol.59.(a) Pandit Rajeev Taranath. He was a disciple of Ali Akbar Khan. Awards - Padma Shri (2019), The Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1999-2000).

Q.60. Who passed away in May 2024 at the age of 88 and was a legendary figure in the Indian banking industry?

- (a) N Vaghul
(b) Raghuram Rajan
(c) Y. V. Reddy
(d) Arundhati Bhattacharya

Sol.60.(a) N Vaghul, former chairman of ICICI Bank, was a visionary Indian banker and philanthropist. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2010.

Q.61. Who was the former Indian Army officer serving with the UN who was killed in a Gaza attack in May 2024?

- (a) Colonel Waibhav Anil Kale
(b) Colonel Arjun Singh
(c) Colonel Ravi Kumar
(d) Colonel Pradeep Sharma

Sol.61.(a) Colonel Waibhav Anil Kale. Colonel (Retd.) Waibhav Anil Kale, known for his service in challenging terrains and peacekeeping missions, joined the UN in 2022, embodying bravery in global peace efforts.

Q.62. Who passed away at the age of 90 on Wednesday after a battle with cancer

and was a recipient of the Padma Shri award?

- (a) Malti Joshi (b) Kamala Das
(c) Ismat Chughtai (d) Shashi Tharoor

Sol.62.(a) Malti Joshi. Malti Joshi, an acclaimed novelist and essayist in Hindi and Marathi, was awarded the Padma Shri in 2018. Books: "Samarpan Ka Sukh", "Chhota Sa Man Bada Sa Dukh".

Q.63. Who passed away on May 13, 2024, at the age of 72, after battling cancer and was a former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar?

- (a) Sushil Kumar Modi
(b) Lalu Prasad Yadav
(c) Nitish Kumar
(d) Jagannath Mishra

Sol.63.(a) Sushil Kumar Modi. He was a senior BJP leader who served as the Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister of Bihar. He was also a member of the Rajya Sabha and a lifelong member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

Q.64. Who was the renowned Punjabi poet and writer, and Padma Shri recipient, who passed away at the age of 79 in May 2024?

- (a) Surjit Patar
(b) Amrita Pritam
(c) Shiv Kumar Batalvi
(d) Gursharan Singh

Sol.64.(a) Surjit Patar. He was a renowned Punjabi poet and writer from Jalandhar, Punjab. Awards - Padma Shri (2012), Sahitya Akademi Award (1993). Books: "Hawa Vich Likhe Harf", "Hanere Vich Sulagdi Varnmala".

Q.65. Who was the renowned Urdu writer, known by the pseudonym Salam Bin Razzaq, who passed away at the age of 83 in May 2024?

- (a) Abdussalam Abdurrazzaq
(b) Faiz Ahmed Faiz
(c) Saadat Hasan Manto
(d) Ismat Chughtai

Sol.65.(a) Abdussalam Abdurrazzaq .

Q.66. Who is known as the Father of Indian Psychology and passed away at the age of 85 in September 2024?

- (a) Sudhir Kakar (b) Giri Raj Sinha
(c) Radhakrishnan Pillai (d) V. N. Shukla

Sol.66.(a) Sudhir Kakar. He was a renowned writer, cultural critic. Books by Sudhir Kakar - "The Analyst and the Mystic", "The Colors of Violence", "Mira and the Mahatma".

Q.67. Which former England Test batsman passed away at the age of 92 in 2024?

- (a) Raman Subba Row
(b) Geoffrey Boycott
(c) David Gower
(d) Dennis Amiss

Sol.67.(a) Raman Subba Row played 13 Tests for England from 1958 to 1961. He hit three centuries. His final Test innings was 137 against Australia at The Oval.

Q.68. Who was the renowned Carnatic musician who passed away on April 16, 2024, at the age of 90?

- (a) K.G. Jayan
(b) T.V. Gopalakrishnan
(c) M.B. Sreenivasan
(d) T.R. Subramaniam

Sol.68.(a) K.G. Jayan. He was a renowned Carnatic singer and composer. Awards: Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi Award (1991), Padma Shri (2019).

Q.69. Who was the former chair of Cricket Australia who passed away at the age of 70 in April 2024?

- (a) Jack Clarke (b) John Buchanan
(c) Michael Clarke (d) Greg Chappell

Sol.69.(a) Jack Clarke.

Q.70. Who was the British physicist, known for the discovery of the 'Higgs-Boson Particle', who passed away at the age of 94 on April 11, 2024?

- (a) Stephen Hawking
(b) Peter Higgs
(c) Richard Feynman
(d) Brian Cox

Sol.70.(b) Peter Higgs. He was a British theoretical physicist and Nobel laureate in Physics (2013) for his work on the Higgs mechanism, which explained the origin of mass for elementary particles. His theoretical prediction of the Higgs boson was confirmed in 2012 by CERN at the Large Hadron Collider.

Q.71. Who was the legendary cinematographer who passed away at the age of 83 in April, 2024, in Mumbai?

- (a) Gangu Ramsay (b) K.K. Hema
(c) B.K. Ramaswamy (d) P.L. Rai

Sol.71.(a) Gangu Ramsay. He was a renowned cinematographer and filmmaker, contributing to over 50 iconic films under the Ramsay Brothers banner.

Q.72. Who was the psychologist that revolutionized economics by pioneering

the field of behavioural economics and passed away at the age of 90 in March 2024?

- (a) Daniel Kahneman (b) Amos Tversky
(c) Richard Thaler (d) Herbert Simon

Sol.72.(a) Daniel Kahneman. He was an Israeli-American psychologist who won the 2002 Nobel Prize in Economics for his work on behavioral economics. He co-developed prospect theory and challenged traditional economic assumptions about human rationality. His book - "Thinking, Fast and Slow".

Q.73. Who was the prominent Buddhist Monk of Ladakh, also known as Lama Lobzang, who passed away at the age of 94 in March 2024?

- (a) Tenzin Gyatso (b) Lama Lobzang
(c) Jigme Palden (d) Chodak Rinpoche

Sol.73. (b) Lama Lobzang. He served as a member of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for over 19 years. He facilitated medical care for Ladakh residents and led several Buddhist organizations.

Q.74. Who was the former Indian Navy Chief who passed away at the age of 90 in March, 2024?

- (a) Admiral Laxminarayan Ramdas
(b) Admiral R. H. Tahiliani
(c) Admiral Sunil Lanba
(d) Admiral Sushil Kumar

Sol.74.(a) Admiral Laxminarayan Ramdas. He served as the Chief of Naval Staff from 1990 to 1993. He was awarded the Vir Chakra for gallantry and the Param Vishisht Seva Medal.

Q.75. Who was the American author and lawyer, known as the man in the iron lung, who passed away at the age of 78 on March 14, 2024?

- (a) Paul Alexander
(b) Stephen Hawking
(c) Christopher Reeve
(d) Franklin D. Roosevelt

Sol.75.(a) Paul Alexander. He was the last person to live in an iron lung. He earned his law degree from the University of Texas and published his memoir Three Minutes for a Dog in 2020. He was recognized by Guinness World Records for his unique condition.

Q.76. Who was the renowned artisan and Padma awardee who passed away in March 2024, known for his contributions to the handloom industry and the revival of Bababuti sarees?

- (a) Kapildev Prasad
(b) Bhanu Awasthi
(c) Ramesh Chandra Mishra
(d) Manoj Kumar Sinha

Sol.76.(a) Kapildev Prasad. Kapil Dev Prasad, a renowned weaver from Bihar, popularized 'bawan buti' weaving and was awarded the Padma Shri in 2023 for his contributions to the handloom industry.

Q.77. Who was the legendary ghazal singer who passed away at the age of 72 on February 26, 2024?

- (a) Jagjit Singh (b) Ghulam Ali
(c) Pankaj Udhas (d) Mehdi Hassan

Sol.77.(c) Pankaj Udhas. He was a renowned Indian ghazal singer, famous for hits like "Chitthi Aayee Hai" and albums such as Aahat and Mehfil. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2006.

Q.78. Who was the renowned filmmaker who passed away at the age of 83 on February 26, 2024?

- (a) Kumar Shahani (b) Satyajit Ray
(c) Shyam Benegal (d) Mani Kaul

Sol.78.(a) Kumar Shahani. He was a celebrated Indian filmmaker and theorist, known for his contributions to parallel cinema with films like Maya Darpan (1972) and Khayal Gatha (1989).

Q.79. Which former Karnataka junior cricketer passed away at the age of 34 due to cardiac arrest on February 24, 2024?

- (a) K Hoysala (b) R Vinay Kumar
(c) Abhimanyu Mithun (d) KL Rahul

Sol.79.(a) K Hoysala. Karnataka cricketer Hoysala K tragically passed away from cardiac arrest at the RSI Ground in Bengaluru after a match in the Aegis South Zone tournament.

Q.80. Who was the 1990 FIFA World Cup-winning goal scorer who passed away at the age of 63 on February 23, 2024?

- (a) Lothar Matthaus
(b) Andreas Brehme
(c) Jürgen Klinsmann
(d) Franz Beckenbauer

Sol.80.(b) Andreas Brehme. He was a legendary German footballer and coach, best remembered for scoring the decisive penalty in Germany's 1990 FIFA World Cup final victory against Argentina.

Q.81. Who was the former Lok Sabha Speaker and ex-Maharashtra Chief

Minister who passed away at the age of 86 on February 23, 2024?

- (a) Manohar Joshi
(b) Shivraj Patil
(c) Balasaheb Thackeray
(d) Sushilkumar Shinde

Sol.81.(a) Manohar Joshi. He was a senior Shiv Sena leader who served as Maharashtra's Chief Minister (1995–1999) and Lok Sabha Speaker (2002–2004).

Q.82. Who was the legendary radio presenter and the voice of Geetmala who passed away at the age of 91 on February 21, 2024?

- (a) Ameen Sayani (b) Vijay Kumar
(c) Nitin Mukesh (d) R K Laxman

Sol.82.(a) Ameen Sayani. He was a legendary Indian radio announcer, best known for hosting the iconic Binaca Geetmala program on Radio Ceylon. His unique style of addressing the audience with "Behno aur Bhaiyo" became a signature of his melodious voice, making him one of the most imitated announcers in radio history.

Q.83. Who was the renowned constitutional jurist and senior Supreme Court advocate who passed away at the age of 95 on February 21, 2024?

- (a) Fali S Nariman (b) Ram Jethmalani
(c) Harish Salve (d) Soli Sorabjee

Sol.83.(a) Fali S Nariman. He was a renowned Indian jurist and senior advocate in the Supreme Court, known for his contributions to constitutional law and international arbitration. He served as the President of the Bar Association of India and was honored with the Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2007), and the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award. Nariman also served as the Additional Solicitor General of India and a nominated member of the Rajya Sabha.

Q.84. Which actor, known for his role in Anupamaa, passed away at the age of 59 due to cardiac arrest on February 20, 2024?

- (a) Rituraj Singh (b) Sudhanshu Pandey
(c) Gaurav Khanna (d) Anup Soni

Sol.84.(a) Rituraj Singh. He was a renowned Indian television actor known for roles in shows like Banegi Apni Baat, Aahat, Jyoti, and Laado 2.

Q.85. Who was the renowned Jain monk who passed away at the age of 77 on

February 19, 2024, through 'Sallekhna' at Chandragiri Teerth in Chhattisgarh?

- (a) Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj
(b) Acharya Mahashraman
(c) Acharya Tulsi
(d) Acharya Bhikshu

Sol.85.(a) Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj. He was a prominent Indian Digambara Jain monk known for revitalizing educational and religious activities in Jainism. He was also the author of the epic Hindi poem Mukamati.

Q.86. Who was the young actress who portrayed Babita Phogat in the film Dangal and passed away at the age of 19 on February 19, 2024?

- (a) Suhani Bhatnagar
(b) Zaira Wasim
(c) Sanya Malhotra
(d) Fatima Sana Shaikh

Sol.86.(a) Suhani Bhatnagar. She was a child actress best known for portraying Babita Phogat in Dangal at the age of 10. She tragically passed away at 19 due to Dermatomyositis (a rare inflammatory disease).

Q.87. Which veteran actress, known for her role in Udaan and as Lalitaji in Surf commercials, passed away at the age of 67 on February 17, 2024?

- (a) Kavita Chaudhary (b) Shashi Puri
(c) Reema Lagoo (d) Neena Gupta

Sol.87.(a) Kavita Chaudhary. She was a celebrated Indian television actress known for her role as IPS officer Kalyani Singh in Udaan and as Lalitaji in Surf commercials.

Q.88. Who was the iconic chef known for his expertise in dum pukht cuisine who passed away at the age of 93 on February 17, 2024?

- (a) Imtiaz Qureshi (b) Sanjeev Kapoor
(c) Vikas Khanna (d) Tarla Dalal

Sol.88.(a) Imtiaz Qureshi was a legendary Indian chef renowned for his expertise in Dum Pukht cuisine, a slow-cooking method that originated in the royal kitchens of Awadh. He played a pivotal role in reviving and popularizing Awadhi dishes globally. He received the Padma Shri in 2016.

Q.89. Who was the renowned litterateur and Padma Shri awardee who passed away at the age of 78 on February 13, 2024?

- (a) Usha Kiran Khan (b) Kamini Kaushal
(c) Indira Goswami (d) Amrita Pritam

Sol.89.(a) Usha Kiran Khan. She was a distinguished Indian writer and academic, known for her contributions to Hindi and Maithili literature. She was awarded the Padma Shri in 2015, the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2011 for her Maithili novel "Bhamati: Ek Avismaraniya Premkatha", and the Kusumanjali Sahitya Samman in 2012.

Q.90. Which former Chilean president, who served two terms, passed away at the age of 74 in a helicopter crash on February 8, 2024?

- (a) Sebastian Pinera
- (b) Ricardo Lagos
- (c) Michelle Bachelet
- (d) Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle

Sol.90.(a) Sebastian Pinera, a prominent Chilean politician and businessman, served as the President of Chile during two non-consecutive terms, from 2010 to 2014 and again from 2018 to 2022. He was known for his leadership during the 2010 earthquake recovery and legalizing same-sex marriage.

Q.91. Which renowned poet, broadcaster, and Sahitya Akademi Award winner passed away at the age of 83 on February 8, 2024?

- (a) Farooq Nazki
- (b) Harivansh Rai Bachchan
- (c) Gulzar
- (d) Kaifi Azmi

Sol.91.(a) Farooq Nazki. He was a distinguished Kashmiri poet, broadcaster, and media personality from the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He served as Director Doordarshan and AIR Srinagar from 1986 to 1997 under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Q.92. Which renowned historian and former president of the Indian History Congress, known for her work at Jawaharlal Nehru University, passed away on January 31, 2024?

- (a) R. Champakalakshmi
- (b) Romila Thapar
- (c) Irfan Habib
- (d) K.K Aziz

Sol.92.(a) R. Champakalakshmi. She was an Indian historian and social scientist known for her contributions to early and pre-modern South Indian history, and served as a professor at JNU and president of the Indian History Congress.

Q.93. Who was the scientist behind the development of India's first oral contraceptive pill 'Saheli', who passed away at the age of 99 on January 29, 2024?

- (a) Dr. Nitya Anand
- (b) Dr. Satyendra Nath Bose
- (c) Dr. C.N.R. Rao
- (d) Dr. Vikram Sarabhai

Sol.93.(a) Dr. Nitya Anand. He was an Indian medicinal chemist who developed India's first oral contraceptive pill 'Saheli' and served as the director of the Central Drug Research Institute in Lucknow. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2012 for his contributions to science.

Q.94. Which acclaimed Canadian director, best known for his work on the classic film 'In the Heat of the Night', passed away at the age of 97 in January 2024?

- (a) Stanley Kubrick
- (b) Norman Jewison
- (c) Alfred Hitchcock
- (d) Francis Ford Coppola

Sol.94.(b) Norman Jewison, the acclaimed and versatile Canadian-born director whose Hollywood films ranged from Doris Day comedies and Moonstruck to social dramas such as the Oscar-winning 'In the Heat of the Night'.

Q.95. Which renowned classical vocalist and a luminary of the Kirana Gharana passed away at the age of 91 on January 15, 2024?

- (a) Lata Mangeskar
- (b) Prabha Atre
- (c) Shubha Mudgal
- (d) Kishori Amonkar

Sol.95.(b) Prabha Atre. She was an eminent classical vocalist of the Kirana Gharana. She was awarded several prestigious national awards, including the Padma Shri in 1990, Padma Bhushan in 2002, and Padma Vibhushan in 2022. She was also honored with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1991. One of her notable books is "Swaramayee".

Q.96. Which renowned Urdu poet passed away at the age of 71 on January 15, 2024, due to cardiac arrest in Lucknow?

- (a) Faiz Ahmed Faiz
- (b) Munawwar Rana
- (c) Ahmed Faraz
- (d) Mirza Ghalib

Sol.96.(b) Munawwar Rana. He was a renowned Indian Urdu poet, awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2014 for his poem Shahdaba.

Q.97. Which German actor, known for his roles in Speed Racer and Valkyrie, tragically died in a plane crash at the age of 51 on January 10, 2024?

- (a) Christian Oliver
- (b) Daniel Brühl
- (c) Tom Wlaschiha
- (d) Til Schweiger

Sol.97.(a) Christian Oliver. He was a German actor, best known for his role in the TV series Alarm für Cobra 11.

Q.98. Which renowned Indian classical musician, known for his association with the Rampur-Sahaswan Gharana, passed away at the age of 55 on January 10, 2024?

- (a) Ustad Rashid Khan
- (b) Ustad Zakir Hussain
- (c) Pandit Ravi Shankar
- (d) Ustad Amjad Ali Khan

Sol.98.(a) Ustad Rashid Khan. He was a celebrated Indian classical musician from the Rampur-Sahaswan gharana. He received the Padma Shri and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2006, and the Padma Bhushan in 2022. He was renowned for his contributions to Hindustani classical music.

Q.99. Which legendary German footballer, who won the FIFA World Cup both as a player and manager, passed away at the age of 78 on January 9, 2024?

- (a) Franz Beckenbauer
- (b) Uwe Seeler
- (c) Lothar Matthäus
- (d) Gerd Müller

Sol.99.(a) Franz Beckenbauer. He was a legendary German footballer and manager, who won the FIFA World Cup as both a player (1974) and manager (1990).

Q.100. Which renowned academic, known for his contributions to literature, education, and international law, and a Padma Bhushan awardee, passed away in January 2024?

- (a) Ved Prakash Nanda
- (b) Amartya Sen
- (c) C. N. R. Rao
- (d) Subramanian Swamy

Sol.100.(a) Ved Prakash Nanda. He was an Indian-American academic and Padma Bhushan awardee, honored in 2018 for his contributions to literature and education.

Miscellaneous

Q.1. Which country suspended the 'Most Favoured Nation Status' to India in December 2024?

- (a) Switzerland (b) France
(c) Germany (d) United Kingdom

Sol.1.(a) Switzerland announced the removal of the most-favored-nation (MFN) clause from its tax agreement with India. This decision follows a Supreme Court ruling in 2023 concerning Nestlé, which clarified the applicability of the MFN clause.

Q.2. Which organization released the annual 'Smuggling in India – Report 2023-24'?

- (a) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
(b) Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
(c) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
(d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Sol.2. (a) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI). Established in 1957, DRI tackles smuggling of narcotics, gold, wildlife products, arms, and more, while also addressing customs fraud.

Q.3. Which U.S. state declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of H5N1 avian flu in December 2024?

- (a) California (b) Texas
(c) Florida (d) Alaska

Sol.3.(a) California. H5N1 is a highly pathogenic avian influenza virus, affecting birds and occasionally humans. Symptoms in humans range from mild (pink eye, cough) to severe (fever, shortness of breath, respiratory complications). It spreads through contact with infected animal fluids and is rarely transmitted between humans.

Q.4. Which species was recently discovered in November 2024 in Meghalaya and named *Raorchestes asakgrensis*?

- (a) Snake (b) Crocodile
(c) Frog (d) Butterfly

Sol.4.(c) Frog. The newly discovered *Raorchestes asakgrensis* was found at an elevation of 174 meters in Eman Asakgre. This small arboreal frog is distinctive for its pointed snout and visible tympanum. The discovery was published in *Herpetozoa*, an international journal specializing in herpetology.

Q.5. Name the newly discovered genus of freshwater fish endemic to the Western Ghats in November 2024.

- (a) Koima (b) Agnatha
(c) Tenkana (d) Curcuma

Sol.5.(a) Koima. The genus *Mesonoemacheilus* includes two known species: *Mesonoemacheilus remadevii* and *Nemacheilus monilis*, which were previously assigned to the genus *Nemacheilus*. These fish species have now been renamed as *Koima remadevii* and *Koima monilis*, respectively. Both species are found in the tributaries of the Cauvery River.

Q.6. Where was the new species of crocodile '*Tylotriton koliaensis*' or the 'Cao Bang Crocodile newt' discovered in November 2024?

- (a) Brazil (b) Vietnam
(c) China (d) Bangladesh

Sol.6.(b) Vietnam. A crocodile-like creature was discovered in Vietnam's mountainous farms at an elevation of 3,300 feet. The creature was spotted in a slow-moving stream, and after analyzing its Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), researchers identified it as a new species of crocodile newt, named *Tylotriton koliaensis*, also known as the Cao Bang Crocodile Newt.

Q.7. Who became the first Indian to conquer Mt. Shishapangma on October 9, 2024?

- (a) Bachendri Pal (b) Arjun Vajpai
(c) Krushnaa Patil (d) Narendra Kumar

Sol.7.(b) Arjun Vajpai, the youngest person to climb Mt. Everest, has once again made India proud by accomplishing another historic feat. On October 9, 2024, Arjun Vajpai stood atop Mt. Shishapangma, completing his 8th successful summit of a peak over 8,000 meters.

Q.8. Name the new species of jumping spider that was recently identified from the lower Palani hills of Tamil Nadu in September 2024.

- (a) *Ligdus Garvale*
(b) *Dendrophthoe longensis*
(c) *Carrhotus piperus*
(d) *Habrocestum swaminathan*

Sol.8.(c) *Carrhotus piperus*. This discovery raises the total number of known *Carrhotus* species in India to 10, with 37 globally.

Q.9. Name the new snake species that was recently discovered in Bihar and Meghalaya in September 2024.

- (a) *Ahaetulla farnsworthi*
(b) *Ahaetulla isabellina*
(c) *Ahaetulla longirostri*
(d) *Ahaetulla malabarica*

Sol.9.(c) *Ahaetulla longirostri*. A new snake species with a long snout, named *Ahaetulla longirostri* (long-snouted vine snake), was discovered in the Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in Bihar and Meghalaya.

Q.10. Which country has recently nominated its zinc roofers for the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage in September 2024?

- (a) France (b) Italy
(c) United Kingdom (d) Germany

Sol.10. (a) France. Zinc roofers of Paris are skilled craftsmen responsible for creating and maintaining the distinctive zinc rooftops that have become a hallmark of the city's architectural identity.

Q.11. Which city hosted the 44th General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)?

- (a) Seoul, South Korea
(b) New Delhi, India
(c) Ankara, Turkey
(d) Beijing, China

Sol.11.(b) New Delhi, India. Former shooter and veteran sports administrator Raja Randhir Singh became the first Indian president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

Q.12. Name the new flowering plant species of Kandil Pushpa that was discovered near Vishalgarh Fort in Maharashtra in August 2024.

- (a) *Peuceetia chhaparajinirvin*
(b) *Emblica chakrabartyi*
(c) *Oedocladium sahyadricum*
(d) *Ceropegia Shivarayina*

Sol.12.(d) *Ceropegia Shivarayina*. The species is named after Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, an Indian king and founder of the Maratha Empire. It is the first time a plant species has been named after Shivaji Maharaj.

Q.13. Entomologists discovered three new edible insect species named *Coridius adii*, *Coridius insperatus*, and *Coridius esculentus* from which state in August 2024?

- (a) Odisha (b) Arunachal Pradesh

(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Karnataka

Sol.13.(b) Arunachal Pradesh. A team of entomologists discovered three new species of edible stink bugs in Arunachal Pradesh. These bugs belong to the genus *Coridius* of the family *Dinidoridae* (Hemiptera).

Q.14. The Tech Leaders Forum of India (TELI) was launched at the World Education Conference 2024 in which city?

- (a) Beijing, China (b) Paris, France
(c) Rome, Italy (d) Dubai, UAE

Sol.14.(d) Dubai, United Arab Emirates. It was hosted by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA) at Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Q.15. The Government of India (GoI) signed a grant agreement with _____ (country) to implement the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) in August 2024?

- (a) Japan (b) Singapore
(c) USA (d) France

Sol.15.(a) Japan. This initiative is designed to provide full scholarships to 36 Indian government officials over the next four years, allowing them to pursue two-year master's degrees at Japanese universities.

Q.16. Scientists discovered a comet A117uUD, being ejected from the solar system after a close encounter with _____ (planet) in August 2024?

- (a) Earth (b) Mars (c) Jupiter (d) Saturn

Sol.16.(d) Saturn. The object, named Comet A117uUD, was discovered on June 14, 2024, by the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS).

Q.17. Name the airline company that became the first Indian airline to launch a Virtual Interline platform, offering flyers a wider range of booking options in August 2024?

- (a) IndiGo (b) SpiceJet
(c) Vistara (d) Air India Express

Sol.17.(d) Air India Express. The platform, 'AIX Connect', was developed in collaboration with travel solutions technology company Dohop and aims to provide travellers with a broader range of booking options by allowing them to

book connecting flights from different airlines seamlessly.

Q.18. Who has become the oldest Indian swimmer to swim across the English Channel in August 2024?

- (a) Srihari Nataraj
(b) Richa Mishra
(c) Siddhartha Agarwal
(d) Srikanth Viswanathan

Sol.18.(c) Siddhartha Agarwal successfully navigated the 42-km stretch between England and France, completing the swim in an impressive 15 hours and six minutes.

Q.19. Who received the prestigious 'Gender Diversity' National Award at the Indian Steel Association (ISA) Steel Conclave 2024?

- (a) Dasari Radhika
(b) Sri Nagendra Nath Sinha
(c) Atul Bhatt
(d) Rahul Kejriwal

Sol.19. (a) Dasari Radhika. The Indian Steel Association (ISA) presented the prestigious 'Gender Diversity' National award to Dr. Dasari Radhika, Deputy General Manager (DGM) Human Resource (HR), Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) at the ISA Steel Conclave 2024 in New Delhi, Delhi.

Q.20. Which country launched Asia's first inverse bitcoin Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) in July 2024?

- (a) China (b) Japan
(c) Hong Kong (d) India

Sol.20.(c) Hong Kong launched Asia's first inverse bitcoin exchange-traded fund(ETF) that allows investors to bet on a fall in the cryptocurrency.

Q.21. Which country became the first to introduce a tax on livestock carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from 2030 in July 2024?

- (a) India (b) USA (c) Denmark (d) Spain

Sol.21.(c) Denmark, a major pork and dairy exporter, becomes the first country to introduce a tax on livestock carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions.

Q.22. Which state's Chief Minister's Office (CMO) has been accredited with ISO 9001:2015, the only CMO to receive quality certifications for 5 consecutive three-year terms from 2009 to 2023?

- (a) Gujarat (b) Maharashtra
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Madhya Pradesh

Sol.22.(a) Gujarat. Notably, the CM's office of Gujarat received its first ISO certificates under then Gujarat CM Narendra Modi in 2009 and has been receiving ISO certificates since then.

Q.23. Name the new ant species that has been discovered in June 2024 in Arunachal Pradesh's Siang Valley?

- (a) Batillipes Chandrayaani
(b) Ablennes gracali
(c) Paraparatrechina neela
(d) Peucetia chhaparajnrvin

Sol.23.(c) Paraparatrechina neela. The name neela, which signifies the colour blue in most Indian languages, was derived from its unique blue colouration. It is easily distinguishable from all known species of Paraparatrechina by its metallic-blue body.

Q.24. Name the new snake eel species that was discovered by researchers from the Zoological Survey of India off the Odisha coast in June 2024?

- (a) Peucetia chhaparajnrvin
(b) Ablennes joseberchmansis
(c) Pantoea Tagorei
(d) Ophichthus Suryai

Sol.24.(d) Ophichthus Suryai. The new species is named 'Ophichthus Suryai' to honour Surya Kumar Mohanty, former joint director of Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department of Odisha government.

Q.25. Name the new aerial stem-parasitic flowering plant species that was discovered in Andaman and Nicobar Islands in June 2024?

- (a) Begonia Narahari
(b) Emblica Chakrabartyi
(c) Indopria Angulata
(d) Dendrophthoe longensis

Sol.25.(d) Dendrophthoe longensis. Indian botanists identified two new plant species from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Arunachal Pradesh. The two new species are Dendrophthoe longensis and Petrocosmea arunachalense.

Q.26. Which bank planned to open a representative office in Dubai to expand its global footprint?

- (a) Punjab National Bank (b) HDFC Bank
(c) State Bank of India (d) Axis Bank

Sol.26.(a) Punjab National Bank. The bank has got the board of directors' approval for opening a representative office in Dubai and the process is on for seeking regulatory clearance.

Q.27. Name the institute from which researchers discovered two new species of needlefish 'Ablennes gracalii' and 'Ablennes joseberchmansis' in May 2024?

- (a) Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture
- (b) National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources
- (c) Zoological Survey of India
- (d) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute

Sol.27.(d) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute. Researchers at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) in Kochi (Kerala) have identified these 2 new species of needlefish.

Q.28. Name the new jumping spider species that was found in the Kodagu district, Karnataka in May 2024?

- (a) Melanochlamys Droupadi
- (b) Batillipes Chandrayaani
- (c) Brucethoa Isro
- (d) Ligidus Garvale

Sol.28.(d) Ligidus Garvale. The discovery has been published in the journal Zootaxa. It marks the second recorded instance of the Ligidus genus in 129 years, with the first, Ligidus chelifer, having been reported from Myanmar by Thorell in 1895.

Q.29. Which city announced the construction of the World's Largest Airport Terminal worth USD 35 Billion in May 2024?

- (a) Dubai, UAE
- (b) Paris, France
- (c) California, USA
- (d) Beijing, China

Sol.29.(a) Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The new terminal would be five times the size of the current Dubai International Airport and handle up to 260 million passengers annually.

Q.30. Which country introduced an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Generated Spokesperson for its Foreign Ministry in May 2024?

- (a) Russia
- (b) India
- (c) USA
- (d) Ukraine

Sol.30.(d) Ukraine. For the first time in history, a digital spokesperson is used to read its statements, which will still be written by humans.

Q.31. Which of the following species was discovered in Tale Valley Wildlife Sanctuary of Arunachal Pradesh in April 2024?

- (a) Neptis philyra

- (b) Brucethoa isro
- (c) Melanochlamys Droupadi
- (d) Sphaerotheca Varshaabhu

Sol.31.(a) Neptis philyra. The species was documented for the 1st time in India, representing a new record for India.

Q.32. Which bank became the first private sector lender to open a branch in Kavaratti island of Lakshadweep in April 2024?

- (a) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) ICICI Bank

Sol.32.(b) HDFC Bank becomes the first private sector lender to have a presence in Lakshadweep.

Q.33. Which country, along with India, has set up a study center to conduct research and arrange the publication of Sanskrit scriptures in April 2024?

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Thailand

Sol.33.(c) Nepal. Nepalese and Indian Sanskrit scholars have proposed organizing an International Sanskrit Conference every year and setting up a study center to conduct research and arrange the publication of Sanskrit scriptures, especially the manuscripts found in the Himalayan nation.

Q.34. Which material is used in the world's first refrigerator, introduced in April 2024, that cools with artificial muscles?

- (a) Red gold
- (b) Nitinol
- (c) Duralumin
- (d) Nichrome

Sol.34.(b) Nitinol. The refrigerator developed by the team at Saarland University and the Center for Mechatronics and Automation Technology (ZeMa) is a small, compact prototype showcasing the new cooling technology.

Q.35. In which state/UT, scientists discovered a new colourful flowering plant species, called 'Begonia Narahari' in March 2024?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Mizoram

Sol.35.(b) Arunachal Pradesh. The new species has been named after Prof. Garikapati Narahari Sastry, former

director of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST), Jorhat, Assam.

Q.36. Which state witnessed the discovery of a new deep-sea isopod species, 'Brucethoa Isro,' in March 2024?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Sol.36.(b) Kerala. The species is named after the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the national space agency of India for their successful space missions including 'Chandrayaan-3'.

Q.37. Which airport was declared an international airport in March 2024?

- (a) Jamnagar Airport
- (b) Dimapur Airport
- (c) Kangra Airport
- (d) Gorakhpur Airport

Sol.37.(a) Jamnagar Airport. The Jamnagar airport, Gujarat, was declared an international airport for 10 days to allow the Ambani-Merchant families to welcome global bigwigs such as Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Rihanna, Ivanka Trump, and several former Prime Ministers to the three-day pre-wedding bash of Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant, which started on March 1.

Q.38. In March 2024, which country became the world's first to enshrine the right to an abortion in the Constitution?

- (a) France
- (b) Russia
- (c) United Kingdom
- (d) Canada

Sol.38.(a) France lawmakers approved a bill that will enshrine the right to an abortion in the Constitution of France in a joint session of Parliament at the Palace of Versailles. The move made France the first country in the world to offer explicit protection for terminating a pregnancy in its basic law.

Q.39. Which state inaugurated the World's First Om-Shaped Temple in March 2024?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan

Sol.39.(d) Rajasthan. The 'Om Aakar' temple, following the Nagara style commonly seen in North India, is shaped like the Om symbol. The temple covers an area of around half a kilometre and can hold 1,008 idols of Lord Mahadev and 12 Jyotirlingas within its sacred boundaries.

Q.40. Which company launched the 'Aviio' application to provide real-time airport data?

- (a) GMR Airports
- (b) Adani Airports
- (c) TATA Group
- (d) Reliance Infrastructure

Sol.40.(b) Adani Airports. Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL) launched an application 'Aviio' for the future Airport ecosystem, which generally provides real time information like waiting times, gate change, baggage updates etc, this will enhance airport operations.

Q.41. Who became the youngest to conquer Mount Kilimanjaro at the age of five?

- (a) Teghbir Singh
- (b) Arjun Vajpai
- (c) Krushnaa Patil
- (d) Premlata Agarwal

Sol.41.(a) Teghbir Singh. He has become the youngest Asian to successfully scale Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, standing at an impressive 5,895 meters above sea level.

Q.42. Who became the first person to run the length of Africa, earning the nickname 'Hardest Geezer'?

- (a) Ross Edgley
- (b) Russell Cook
- (c) Mo Farah
- (d) Usain Bolt

Sol.42.(b) Russell Cook. British national Russ Cook, known as the "Hardest Geezer," has successfully completed a challenging trek that took him over 352 days to finish.

Q.43. Which airport launched India's first self-service mechanism for check-in luggage?

- (a) Mumbai Airport
- (b) Bengaluru Airport
- (c) Hyderabad Airport
- (d) Delhi Airport

Sol.43.(d) Delhi Airport. The Delhi International Airport Ltd. introduced a self-service bag drop mechanism aimed at enabling passengers to drop their luggage, collect tags, and print boarding passes to complete check-in in less time. This initiative enhances convenience and efficiency at the airport, aligning with global trends in automated airport services.

Q.44. What is the name of the operation launched by J&K Police to combat cattle smuggling?

- (a) Operation Gauraksha
- (b) Operation Kamdhenu
- (c) Operation Suraksha
- (d) Operation Cattle Watch

Sol.44.(b) Operation Kamdhenu. In Jammu and Kashmir, the police have initiated Operation Kamdhenu to curb the rampant issue of cattle smuggling in the Jammu, Samba, and Kathua (JSK) police ranges. This crackdown aims to tackle not only the immediate smuggling activities but also to target the masterminds behind these illicit operations.

Q.45. What is the name of the temple for which PM Modi laid the foundation stone in Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) Shri Ram Temple
- (b) Shri Kalki Dham Temple
- (c) Shri Krishna Temple
- (d) Shri Hanuman Dham Temple

Sol.45.(b) Shri Kalki Dham Temple is located in Sambhal district, Uttar Pradesh.

Q.46. Who received the prestigious 'Golden Visa' from the UAE government in February 2024?

- (a) Ratan Tata
- (b) Anand Kumar
- (c) Narayan Murthy
- (d) Sundar Pichai

Sol.46.(b) Anand Kumar. Renowned Mathematics educator Anand Kumar, founder of Super 30, achieved a significant milestone on Tuesday, February 6, as he was granted the prestigious 'Golden Visa' by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) government. This recognition catapults Kumar into an elite group, traditionally dominated by Bollywood stars and sports icons.

Q.47. In which state was 'Sinomicrurus Gorei', a new species of coral snake, discovered in January 2024?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Mizoram

Sol.47.(d) Mizoram. The discovery was published in the British science journal, Systematics & Biodiversity (Taylor & Francis Group) with the title 'Reappraisal of the Systematics of Two Sympatric Coral Snakes (Reptilia: Elapidae)'.

Q.48. Name the animal that was classified as 'Vulnerable' under criteria C2a(ii) on the global International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List in January 2024?

- (a) Nilgiri Marten
- (b) Asiatic Wild Dog
- (c) Himalayan Wolf
- (d) Kashmir Stag

Sol.48.(c) Himalayan Wolf. This is the 1st time the Himalayan wolf has been assessed by the IUCN and the assessment was done on 27 June 2023.

Q.49. Which bank became India's first lender to achieve the milestone of 2 crore credit cards in force (CIF) in January 2024?

- (a) IndusInd Bank
- (b) YES Bank
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank

Sol.49.(d) HDFC Bank started the credit card business in 2001 with the launch of its first credit card.

Q.50. Which company announced the launch of ReStore, India's first and foremost refurbished battery brand in January 2024?

- (a) Tesla Power India
- (b) Reliance Power
- (c) Adani Transmission
- (d) TATA Power

Sol.50.(a) Tesla Power India. The company is planning to launch 5000 "ReStore Battery Refurbishing Centers" in India by 2025.

Q.51. Which country became the first European country to issue digital Schengen visas to visitors for the Olympics games in 2024?

- (a) Switzerland
- (b) France
- (c) Sweden
- (d) Italy

Sol.51.(b) France became the first European country to issue digital Schengen visas to visitors for the Paris Olympics 2024. France announced plans to shift entirely to online procedures for 700,000 French Schengen Visas, in a move that aligned with the EU's digitalization plans.