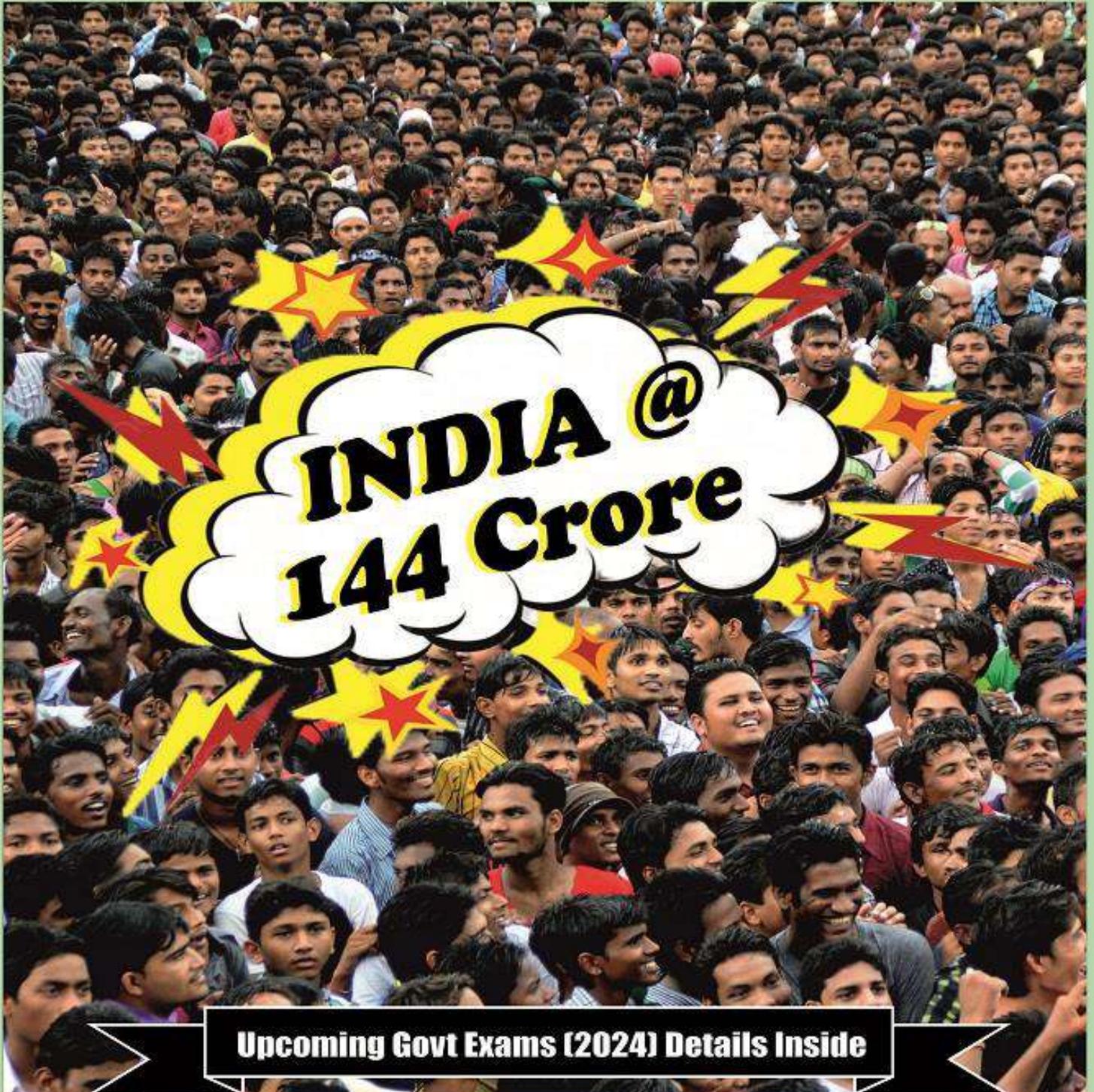


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FIGURES TO REMEMBER

KEY RATE	RATE	FROM
Repo Rate	6.50%	8-02-23
Standing Deposit Facility	6.25%	8-02-23
Marginal Standing Facility	6.75%	8-02-23
Bank Rate	6.75%	8-02-23
Fixed Reverse Repo	3.35%	22-05-20
CRR	4.5%	21-05-22
SLR	18%	11-04-20

INDIA'S RANK IN

Gender Inequality Index 2022 March 2024	108 th
DHL Global Connectedness Report 2024, March 2024	62 nd
World Happiness Report for 2024 March 2024	126 th
Human Development Index (HDI) March 2024	134 th
Women, Business and Law Index March 2024	113 th
IP (Intellectual Property) Index 2024 March 2024	42 nd
Logistic Performance Index February 2024	38 th
Henley Passport Index February 2024	85 th
Global Corruption Perceptions Index 2023, Feb 2024	93 rd
Climate Change Index December 2023	7 th
World Digital Competitiveness Ranking December 2023	49 th
World Talent Ranking October 2023	56 th
Global Hunger Index (GHI) October 2023	111 th

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NATIONAL NEWS

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INDIA BECOMES MOST POPULATED COUNTRY



A recent report by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) has estimated India's population at 144 crore.

- Nearly a quarter of it is in the 0-14 age bracket while 17 percent is within the 10-19 age group.
- The 15-64 age group forms around 68 per cent and 7 percent of the population is aged 65 years and above. The life expectancy of men is estimated at 71 years and of women at 74 years.
- The last census conducted in 2011 had recorded the country's population at 121 crore. India is followed by China at 142.5 crore.

INDIA ACQUIRES SECOND OVERSEAS PORT

After Chabahar in Iran, India has gained the rights to operate a second overseas port, Sittwe, in Myanmar. However, unlike the Chabahar port, where India controls only two terminals, India has full control over the Sittwe Port.

- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has approved a proposal for the government owned company, India Ports Global Ltd. to take over the operations of the entire port located on the Kaladan River.
- The port, built with Indian assistance, will play a key role in maritime connectivity and would lead to 50 per cent reduction in cost and time of transportation of goods between Kolkata to Agartala and Aizwal.
- A sea route connects Kolkata in eastern India to Sittwe on Myanmar's western coast.

JNU RANKED BEST UNIVERSITY



According to the QS World University Rankings by Subject, announced on April 10, the Jawaharlal Nehru University is the highest-ranked university in India, ranked at 20th position globally for development studies.

- The university also the country's top-ranked university in the subjects of geography, history, modern languages, politics & international relations, anthropology, English language & literature and linguistics.
- IIM-Ahmedabad is among the top 25 institutions globally for business and management studies.
- As many as 69 Indian institutions have made it to the top 500 list of QS World University Rankings by Subject, with India having 424 entries this time compared to 355 last year.
- According to QS, India stands as one of the world's most rapidly expanding research centres. From 2017 to 2022, its research output surged by an impressive 54%.
- *QS-Quacquarelli Symonds is a London-based higher education analytics firm. The 2024 rankings provide independent comparative analysis on the performance of more than 16,400 programmes, taken by students at more than 1,500 universities in 95 countries.*
- *It covers 56 academic disciplines and five broad faculty areas (Arts and Humanities, Engineering and Technology, Life Sciences, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences).*

UNICORNS GROWTH FLAT IN INDIA

As per the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2024 released on 09 April, for the first time in four years, the number of unicorns, startups with a valuation of over \$1 billion, has dropped to 67, down by one from the 68 reported last year.

- However, despite the decline, India still continues to be the third-largest hub for unicorns worldwide.

Swiggy, and Dream11 are India's most valuable unicorns, each valued at \$8 billion, followed by Razorpay at \$7.5 billion, according to the report.

- The United States leads the global list with 703 unicorns, up by 37 from 2022, followed by China with 340 unicorns.
- Number one unicorn is Bytedance, the Chinese company behind TikTok, with a valuation of \$220 billion. It is followed by space tech company SpaceX, valued at \$180 billion.

NEWS FROM STATES

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----NO BIG NEWS FROM STATES DUE TO ONGOING GENERAL ELECTIONS----

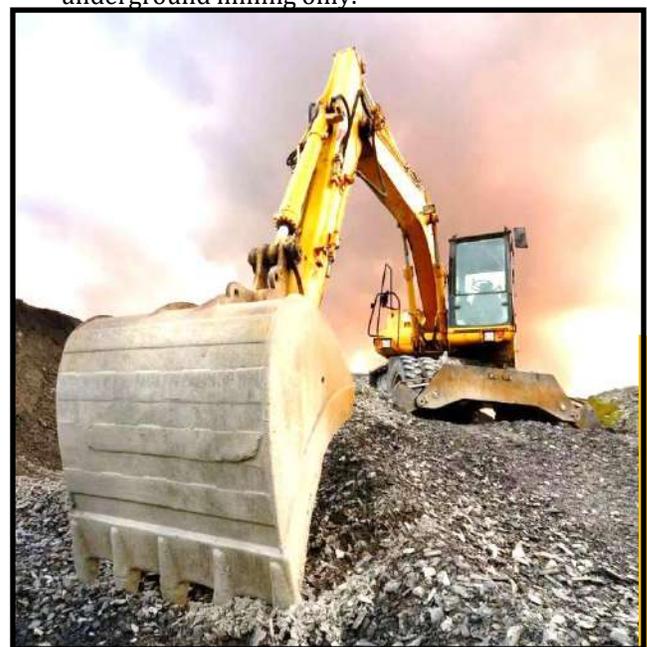
GOVT. INITIATIVES

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SARASWAT PANEL FOR OPTIMAL MINING

The government has set up a seven member panel under the chairmanship of NITI Aayog member VK Saraswat to recommend legislative measures to facilitate economically viable recovery of critical minerals which are found in small quantities.

- The panel will suggest measures for ensuring optimal and scientific mining of deep-seated mineral deposits such as copper, gold, and diamond among others, which are formed in the form of veins and can generally be extracted through underground mining only.



CDP-SURAKSHA TO PROMOTE HORTICULTURE



The government has launched the CDP-SURAKSHA digital platform to facilitate easy disbursement of subsidies to horticulture farmers.

- The platform will allow an instant disbursement of subsidies to farmers in their bank account by utilising the e-RUPI voucher from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- CDP stands for the Cluster Development Programme launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for the development of horticulture.
- The National Horticulture Board has been designated as the Nodal Agency for implementation of the CDP.
- SURAKSHA stands for “System for Unified Resource Allocation, Knowledge, and Secure Horticulture Assistance.”

ECONOMY & INDUSTRY

APRIL

INDIAN ECONOMY TO GROW BY 6.8%--IMF

In its update to the World Economic Outlook released on April 16, the IMF has raised India's GDP growth projection to 6.8 percent for the FY 2024-25, 30 basis points up from its January forecast of 6.5 percent.

- In its report the IMF said, “.....growth in India is projected to remain strong with robustness reflecting continuing strength in domestic demand and a rising working-age population.
- With this, India continues to be the fastest growing economy of the world, ahead of China's growth projection of 4.6 percent during the same period.



ADB PROJECTS INDIAN GDP GROWTH AT 7%

The Asian Development Outlook for the quarter ended March 31, released by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on April 11, raised India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal (2023-24) to 7%, from 6.7% earlier, saying the robust growth will be driven by public and private sector investment and improvement in consumer demand.

- The report said that India would remain “a major growth engine” in the Asia and Pacific region. The triggers for growth in FY 2024 will come from higher capital expenditure on infrastructure development, rise in corporate investment, strong service sector performance and improved consumer confidence.

INDIA'S GDP TO GROW BY 7.5%: WORLD BANK



The World Bank has projected that the Indian economy will grow by 7.5% in 2024 as against 6.3% projected earlier.

- According to the World Bank's most recent South Asia Development Update, overall growth in South Asia is forecast to be strong at 6 per cent in 2024, driven mostly by robust development in India and recoveries in Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- According to the report, South Asia is expected to remain the fastest-growing region in the world for the next two years, with growth projected to be 6.1 per cent in 2025.

JIO-WORLD'S LARGEST MOBILE OPERATOR

Reliance Jio, the telecom giant of India, has become the world's largest mobile operator in terms of data traffic, surpassing China Mobile.

- Achieving a 35.2% year-on-year increase, the total traffic on the Jio network has reached 40.9 Exabytes, ahead of China Mobile's 38 exabytes.
- As of March 2024, Jio boasts a subscriber base of 481.8 million, out of which 108 million subscribers are on Jio's True5G standalone network.

NFL ACCORDED 'NAVRATNA' STATUS



The Department of Public Enterprise in the Ministry of Finance, on April 18 granted 'Navratna' status to the state-owned National Fertilisers Limited (NFL).

- NFL is the largest government-owned-Urea fertiliser-producer in India. Its headquarters are in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- 'Navratna' is a special status given by the government to a selected group of top-performing Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).
- These companies get more autonomy and financial power based on their good performance.

ADANI TOPS IN GREEN ENERGY

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) commissioned a 2,000 MW solar power plant in the first week of April at the giant Khavda solar park in Gujarat.

- The company now has an operating portfolio of 10,934 MW, making it the largest operator of renewable energy in India.
- Built on 538 square kilometres, Khavda plant is five times the size of Paris and almost as large as Mumbai. AGEL's current operational portfolio consists of 7,393 MW solar, 1,401 MW wind and 2,140 MW wind-solar hybrid capacity.

BANKING & FINANCE

APRIL

IRDAI NOTIFIES FOR DEMAT INS POLICIES

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has informed that from April 1, 2024 it will be mandatory to hold insurance policies in electronic format, very similar to the way investors hold shares in a demat account.

- The electronic insurance policies will be held in a demat account named e-Insurance Account, or eIA. This will be opened from any of the four repositories – CAMS Insurance Repository, Karvy, NSDL Database Management (NDML), and Central Insurance Repository of India.

- There will be only one eIA for all your insurance policies. Further, all your insurance policies — life, health, and general insurance policies — will be kept in one place.
- The cost of opening an e-IA will be borne by the insurance company. This rule will apply to only new insurance policies wef April 01, 2024.

3 INSURANCE COMPANIES RATED AS D-SIIS

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has designated three insurers as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for the year 2023-24.

- These insurers are Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re), and New India Assurance Co Ltd.
- LIC and New India are the largest life and general insurance companies in the country, respectively. Meanwhile, GIC Re is the sole Indian reinsurer.

D-SIIs are insurance companies which are perceived as 'too big or too important to fail', based on their size, market importance, and domestic and global interconnectedness.

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

APRIL

LIGHTEST BULLET PROOF JACKET BY DRDO

The DRDO has successfully developed the lightest Bullet Proof Jacket in the country for protection against highest threat Level 6 of BIS ammunition.

- It has been manufactured by the Defence Materials and Stores Research and Development Establishment (DMSRDE), Kanpur.
- This jacket is based upon a new design approach, where novel material along with new processes have been used. The front Hard Armour Panel (HAP) of this jacket defeats multiple hits, up to six shots of 7.62 x 54 R API (Sniper shots)
- The ergonomically designed front HAP is made up of monolithic ceramic plate with polymer backing which enhances the wearability and comfort during the operation.



ARMY RECEIVES IGLA-S AIR DEFENCE WEAPON



The Indian Army received the first batch of 24 Russia-made Iglu-S Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS), along with 100 missiles in the first week of April.

- While the first batch has come from Russia, the rest of these systems will be made in India through Transfer of Technology (ToT) from Russia to an Indian company.
- The Iglu-S is a hand-held defence weapon that can be operated by an individual or crew. It is designed to bring down low-flying aircraft and can also identify and neutralise air targets such as cruise missiles and drones.

'AKASHTEER' FOR AIR DEFENCE

The Indian Army launched its automated air defence control and reporting system, 'Akashteer' to boost its air defence capabilities. This will allow the army's air defence units to operate in an integrated manner.

- By integrating radar and communication systems at all levels into a unified network, Akashteer aims to deliver an unprecedented level of situational awareness and control.
- This will lead to swift engagement of hostile targets, and significantly reduce the risk of fratricide (hitting our own targets), and ensure the safety of friendly aircrafts in contested airspace.



AGNI PRIME TESTED SUCCESSFULLY

India successfully flight-tested the new generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile 'Agni-Prime' on April 03 from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.

- It is a canisterized surface-to-surface ballistic missile with a range of 1,000–2,000 km.
- The test met all the trial objectives validating its reliable performance, as confirmed from the data captured by a number of range sensors deployed at different locations.

ADVANCED MK-1A TESTED SUCCESSFULLY

An advanced version of LCA Mk1, the Mk1-A aircraft successfully completed its first flight from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited facility on March 28 in Bengaluru. Mk1 is the light combat aircraft, popularly known as Tejas.

- This variant is equipped with advanced electronic array RADAR, warfare, communication systems, and combat capabilities.
- It is also armed with an electronic warfare suite, beyond-visual-range missiles and air-to-air refuelling facility.

Ex Dustsilk: 5th edition of India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise was conducted from April 15 to 28 at Termez in Uzbekistan.



- The exercise is aimed at fostering military cooperation and enhancing combined capabilities to execute joint operations in mountainous as well as semi urban terrain.

Sagar Kavach: A two-day Coastal Security Exercise involving all maritime security agencies was conducted on April 01–02 in UT of Lakshadweep.

- Assets of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Marine Police, Fisheries, Customs and other security agencies were engaged in the exercise.
- The exercise witnessed enhanced preparedness, response mechanism, surveillance capabilities coordination between the coastal security stakeholders.

Ex Gagan Shakti: The Indian Air Force conducted its biggest exercise at the Pokhran Field Firing Range in Rajasthan from April 01 to 10.



- In the exercise, all the major fighter aircraft and modern helicopters of the Air Force demonstrated their striking capabilities.
- Main fighter planes such as Tejas, Rafale, Sukhoi 30, Jaguar, Globemaster and helicopters like Chinook, Apache, and Prachanda participated in the exercise.

Vice Admiral DK Tripathi: He has been appointed the 26th Chief of the Indian Navy.

- The announcement was made on April 18. He will take over from Admiral R Hari Kumar on April 30.
- He will be the Navy Chief for two years, till he attains the age of 62 in May 2026.

INDIA'S 1st CAR-T CELL THERAPY LAUNCHED

President Droupadi Murmu launched the country's first home-grown anti-cancer CAR-T cell therapy "NexCAR19" on March 04 at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay.

- The therapy has been developed by a team of researchers led by Prof. Rahul Purwar at IIT Bombay.
- *CAR-T cell therapy is considered to be one of the most phenomenal advances in medical science. However, it is available only in select developed nations at a very high cost.*
- *Our therapy costs 90 percent less than what is available elsewhere, making it the world's most affordable CAR-T cell therapy.*
- **Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy** is a way to get immune cells called T cells (a type of white blood cell) to fight cancer by changing them in the lab to enable them to find and destroy cancer cells.

NEW RECORD SET FOR ARTIFICIAL SUN

Korea's "artificial sun", the Korea Superconducting Tokamak Advanced Research or KSTAR broke its own record during a plasma operation in which temperatures of 100 million degrees Celsius were supported for 48 seconds.

- The previous record was for 30 seconds, set in 2021. 100 million degrees Celsius is more than six times the temperature of the Sun's core.
- KSTAR is a superconducting tokamak, a doughnut-shaped huge machine that uses powerful magnets to trap gas in extreme heat in a state of matter called Plasma through the process of nuclear fusion.
- *Nuclear fusion happens when two light atoms' nuclei merge to form a single heavier one, generating a huge release of energy in the form of Plasma.*
- *Plasma is often called "the fourth state of matter," along with solid, liquid and gas. Just as a liquid will boil, changing into a gas when energy is added, heating a gas will form a plasma – a soup of positively charged particles (ions) and negatively charged particles (electrons).*
- *In the night sky, plasma glows in the form of stars, nebulas, and even the auroras that sometimes ripple above the north and south poles.*

WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL LASER UNVEILED

A research centre near Bucharest in Romania recently unveiled "the world's most powerful laser", which is based on the inventions of 2018 Nobel Physics Prize winners Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland. The facility is operated by the French company Thales.

- It works by stretching an ultra-short laser pulse in time, amplifying it, and squeezing it together again, creating the shortest and most intense laser pulses the world has ever seen.
- These ultra-intense pulses can be used to produce very compact and less expensive particle accelerators for destroying cancer cells.
- Other possible applications include treating nuclear waste by reducing the duration of its radioactivity, or cleaning up the debris accumulating out in space.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

APRIL

NIGERIA 1st TO LAUNCH MENINGITIS VACCINE



Nigeria has become the first country to implement a new World Health Organization (WHO)-recommended vaccine, Men5CV, targeting 5 strains of the meningococcus bacteria.

- This initiative is part of a broader effort to combat meningitis, particularly in Africa's "Belt," where Nigeria is among the 26 hyper-endemic countries.
- The vaccine campaign targets over a million people aged 1-29 in the affected regions, representing an advancement in the fight against a disease known for its rapid and severe consequences, including brain and spinal cord inflammation and potential death within 24 hours.
- This campaign is part of a larger global strategy to eliminate meningitis by 2030, as outlined in the WHO's global meningitis roadmap launched in 2019.

WTO PROJECTS TRADE GROWTH OF 2.6%

In the latest "Global Trade Outlook and Statistics" report released by WTO, economists expect global goods trade to pick up gradually this year following a contraction of 1.2 percent in 2023 that was driven by high energy prices and related inflation.

- The volume of world merchandise trade is expected to increase by 2.6% in 2024 and 3.3% in 2025. However, regional conflicts, geopolitical tensions, and economic policy uncertainty pose substantial downside risks to the forecast, they asserted.
- WTO economists note that inflationary pressures are expected to ease in 2024. This stimulates the growth of real incomes, especially in advanced economies, which will boost the consumption of industrial goods.

ZIMBABWE LAUNCHES NEW CURRENCY - ZiG

In a renewed attempt to get rid of its crippling bouts of high inflation, Zimbabwe introduced a new gold-backed currency named Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG). It was announced on April 05 by the Central Bank of Zimbabwe (CBZ) with an initial rate of 13.56 to one dollar.

- It replaced the Real Time Gross Settlement Dollar (RTGS), which had lost about 80% of its value this year and had been trading at 28,720 to \$1 before the change.
- CBZ has committed that the amount of new currency in circulation was backed by equivalent value in precious minerals - mainly gold - or foreign exchange, in order to prevent the currency losing value like its predecessors.

SINGAPORE BEST PLACE TO DO BUSINESS

According to the latest Business Environment Ranking released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), Singapore is the best place in the world to conduct business for the next five years.

- It is followed by Denmark and the USA in the second and third spot, respectively.
- The EIU anticipates robust economic growth for India from 2024 to 2028, with an increasing number of foreign investors seeking alternative manufacturing destinations beyond China as they diversify their supply chains.
- *The EIU's rankings measure the attractiveness of doing business across 82 countries based on 91 crucial indicators such as inflation, cost of living, economic growth, and fiscal policies.*

PERSONS IN NEWS

APRIL

Gopichand Thotakura:

The Georgia based Indian aviator and entrepreneur is set to become the first Indian to venture into space as a tourist.



- He has been selected as part of the six-member elite crew for Blue Origin's New Shepard-25 (NS-25) mission.
- He will make a journey beyond the Karman Line, the boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space. Exact date for the launch of the mission is yet to be announced.
- *Blue Origin is a US based multi-product space technology company founded by Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon Inc.*

APPOINTMENTS

APRIL

Mr. Nidhu Saxena: Appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Bank of Maharashtra, for a period of three years with effect from March 27, 2024.



Nalin Prabhat: A 1992-batch officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre, has been appointed the Director General of the elite counter-terrorism force National Security Guard.

Sanjay Nayar: Elected as the President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) for 2024-25. He is a well-known name in the global financial markets.

T Rabi Sankar: The government has extended the term of RBI Deputy Governor by one year, with effect from May 3, 2024.

Kristalina Georgieva: Re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a second 5-year term starting on 1 October 2024. Her appointment was made by the IMF executive board.

- *Ms Georgieva is a Bulgarian economist serving as the 12th Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund since 2019.*

Ms. Lindy Cameron: Appointed as Britain's new High Commissioner to India. At present she is the Chief Executive of the UK's National Cyber Security Centre.

Abdel Fattah al-Sisi: Sworn in for the 3rd term as President of Egypt. He will remain President until 2030.



AWARDS & HONOURS

APRIL

ACM A.M. Turing Award: Often referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Computing", this prestigious award from the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), given for outstanding contribution in computing, has been bagged by Avi Wigderson, an eminent Israeli professor of mathematics in Princeton University, USA.

- *The annual Turing Award, named in honour of British mathematician Alan M. Turing, is given for major contributions of lasting importance to computing and carries a \$1 million prize.*

BOOKS & AUTHORS

APRIL

The Idea of Democracy by Sam Pitroda, noted Indian telecommunication engineer and entrepreneur, a former advisor to Rajiv Gandhi.

Knife - Memoirs of Salman Rushdie, reputed British-American celebrity author

Just a Mercenary?: Notes from My Life and Career; Memoirs of Duvvuri Subbarao, former RBI Governor

Funny Story by Emily Henry

Just for the Summer by Abby Jimenez

The Familiar by Leigh Bardugo

King of Sloth by Ana Huang

Darling Girls by Sally Hepworth

Daughter of Mine by Megan Miranda

OBITUARY

APRIL

Peter Higgs: The Nobel prize-winning British physicist who proposed the existence of the Higgs Boson particle or God Particle, died on April 09 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

- Higgs predicted the existence of a new particle - the so-called 'Higgs Boson', way back in 1964. However, it took almost 50 years to confirm its existence when in 2012 the scientists discovered it by using the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Switzerland and named it the Higgs Boson.
- *The LHC was the world's biggest particle accelerator that costed over \$ 9 billion to build.*
- *An elementary particle like electrons, quark, photons or neutrinos, the Higgs Boson is known to impart mass to every other particle.*

PLACES IN NEWS

APRIL

Paradip Port: A major port in Odisha has become the highest cargo handling major port of the country in 2023-24, handling 145.38 million metric tonnes cargo, beating the Deendayal Port, Kandla, Gujarat, that held the record for the last 16 years.



- The Paradip Port has also recorded a growth of 10.02 MMT (7.4%) of traffic on a year-on-year basis.
- *Paradip was the first major port commissioned on India's eastern coast after independence and it serves Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal, apart from Odisha.*

SPORTS WORLD

APRIL

D Gukesh, 17-year-old Indian chess prodigy from Chennai made history on April 21 in Toronto, Canada as he became the youngest-ever player to win the FIDE Candidates Tournament by defeating Hikaru Nakamura of USA. Gukesh crossed Garry Kasparov's record, who was 20 when he won this tournament in 1984.

Sumit Nagal scripted history on April 8 by becoming the first Indian tennis star to win an ATP Masters 1000 match at the Monte Carlo Open in France. He defeated 38th-ranked Matteo Arnaldi of Italy.

Arjun Erigaisi: Achieving an Elo rating of 2756, the 21-year-old grandmaster became the highest rated chess player of India as per the latest FIDE rankings released on April 01 by FIDE, the world governing body of chess.

- *Following him is five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand (2751). Former world champion Magnus Carlsen still tops the charts with an Elo rating of 2830.*

National Carrom Championship: Three-time World Champion Rashmi Kumari won her 12th national women's singles title on April 11 at Gwalior. The men's title was bagged by K Srinivas.

Anupama Upadhyaya and M. Tharun clinched Women's and Men's singles titles, respectively, on April 06 at Kazakhstan International Badminton Challenge tournament in the capital city of Astana.

Rohit Sharma became the first Indian cricketer to smash 500 sixes in the T20 format.

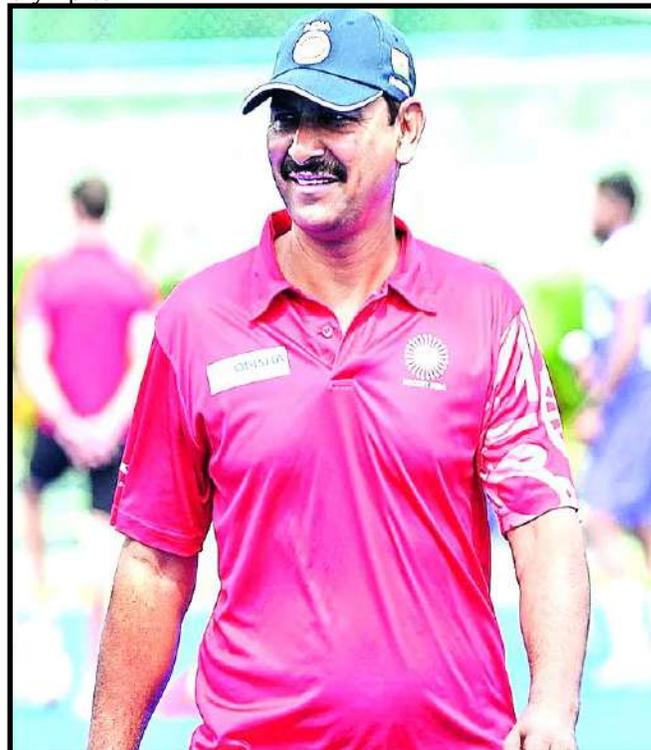
- He crossed this milestone on April 14 playing for Mumbai Indians against Chennai Super Kings at the Wankhede Stadium.
- *World record for the highest T20 sixes, 1056, is held by Chris Gayle.*

56th National Kho Kho Championship: The Maharashtra team emerged as the undisputed champion in both men's and women's categories on April 1 in the finals played in New Delhi.

Ace cricketer M S Dhoni added one more feather to his decorated cap by becoming the first wicketkeeper in the world to record 300 dismissals in T20 cricket.

- He achieved the feat at Visakhapatnam on March 31 playing for CSK against Delhi Capitals.

Harendra Singh, a Dronacharya awardee coach has been selected by Hockey India as the coach of the senior national women's hockey team until 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.



INTERNATIONAL

2024 LAUREUS SPORTS AWARDS



The prestigious 2024 Laureus Sports Awards ceremony was held on April 22 in Madrid, Spain to recognise the world's best athletes and their remarkable achievements. The awards are given by Laureus Sport for Good Foundation of Spain.

Laureus World Sportsman of the Year: Novak Djokovic, tennis super star from Serbia won the award for a record-extending 5th time

Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year: Aitana Bonmati, ace footballer from Spain

Laureus World Team of the Year Award: Spain Women's Football Team, winner of 2023 FIFA World Cup

- *First held in 2000, the Laureus awards are the most prestigious awards for honouring the best and most inspirational sporting triumphs of the year.*
- *Laureus World Sports Awards Limited is a company in England with its registered office in London.*

Australian skipper Pat Cummins and England's women all-rounder Nat Sciver-Brunt have been named as the Wisden Leading Cricketers in the World in the 2024 edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, published on April 16.



Badminton Asia Championships: Indonesian player Jonatan Christie won the men's singles title while women's singles title was won by Chinese player Wang Zhiyi on April 14 in the finals played at Ningbo in Zhejiang province of China.

Miami Open Tennis Tournament: Italy's Jannik Sinner won the Men's Singles title on March 31 by beating Bulgarian player Grigor Dimitrov in the finals played in Miami Gardens, Florida, USA.

- **Women's title** was won by American Danielle Collins by defeating Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan on March 30.
- **Rohan Bopanna** and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden clinched a historic victory in the men's doubles final on March 30.
- *With this win, Bopanna reclaimed the top spot in the doubles ranking and also surpassed his record created last year of being the oldest player, 44 years, to win an ATP doubles title.*

DAYS & DATES

MAY

Date	Name of Important Days
1 May	International Labour Day or May Day; Maharashtra Day; Gujarat Day
2 May	World Tuna Day
3 May	Press Freedom Day
4 May	Coal Miners Day; International Firefighter's Day
5 May	World Laughter Day (1st Sunday)
6 May	International No Diet Day
7 May	World Athletics Day; Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti : World Asthma Day (1st Tuesday)
8 May	World Red Cross Day; World Thalassaemia Day; Amavasya
10 May	Akshya Tritiya; Parshuram Jayanti
11 May	National Technology Day
12 May	International Nurses Day; Mother's Day (2 nd Sunday)
14 May	Vrishabha Sankranti
15 May	International Day of Families
17 May	World Telecommunication Day; World Hypertension Day; National Endangered Species Day (Third Friday)
18 May	World AIDS Vaccine Day; International Museum Day; Armed Forces Day (3 rd Saturday)
21 May	National Anti-Terrorism Day
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity
23 May	Buddh Purnima, Vaisakh Purnima
27 May	National Memorial Day (last Monday)
31 May	Anti-Tobacco Day

April 2: World Autism Awareness Day



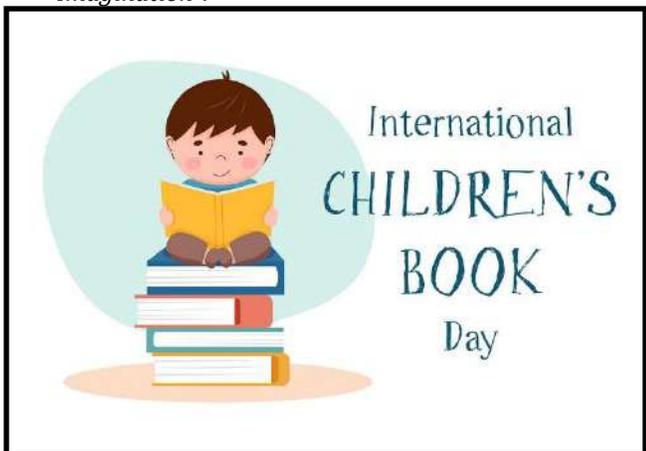
Observed globally every year to highlight the need to improve the quality of life of those suffering with autism so that they can also live as a regular member of society.

- The theme this year is 'Empowering Autistic Voices,' which aims to provide greater support and empowerment to individuals with autism, enabling them to lead meaningful lives and pursue successful careers.
- *Autism is a developmental disorder characterised by difficulties faced in social interaction and communication, and display of restricted and repetitive behaviour. Some people with autism may also have intellectual disabilities or other health conditions.*

April 2: International Children's Book Day

The Day is observed by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), an international non-profit organisation based at Basel, Switzerland, to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.

- *The Japan Board on Books for Young People (JBBY) is the official sponsor of this year's ICBP. The theme for this year is "Cross the Seas on the Wing of your Imagination".*



April 4: International Day of Mine Awareness

It is observed to raise awareness about the dangers of explosive mines and to generate support for efforts to eliminate them.

- The day aims to garner support for elimination of explosives by highlighting their threats related to the safety, health, and lives of humans.
- On average, one person is killed or injured by such explosive devices, every hour.
- *This year's theme -- Protecting Lives, Building Peace - reminds us of the need to safeguard those at particular risk, including people living with disabilities.*

April 5: National Maritime Day

This day commemorates India's first merchant sea voyage for overseas trade. On this day in 1919, SS Loyalty, the first ship of The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd., sailed from Mumbai to London.



- *Maritime or the sea routes are the most ecological and easiest way to move heavy goods and bulk cargo from one place to another, across the world.*
- *They offer the most well-organised, safe and sound, and convenient mode of transporting goods to distant places.*
- The theme of National Maritime Day announced by the Union Shipping Ministry for this year is "Navigating the Future: Safety First"!
- **Remember!!** World Maritime Day is observed on Sep 28.

April 5: International Day of Conscience

The UN General Assembly declared this day for promoting conditions of stability and well-being for peaceful and friendly relations based on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction to race, sex, language or religion.

- The day aims to promote peace and love throughout the world by highlighting the role of conscience in stopping people from harming others orally, physically, sexually, or mentally.
- This year, it will be celebrated with the theme "Promoting the Culture of Peace with Love and Conscience." The theme emphasises the importance of cultivating a global mindset focused on peace, compassion, and moral integrity.

April (6) National Handmade Day



The day is observed on the first Saturday of April for honouring, appreciating, and recognizing the skilled individuals who create handmade goods.

- *The theme for this year's celebrations 'Buy a Handmade Product' aims to encourage people to purchase handmade items for supporting local businesses and artisans.*

April 07: World Health Day

It is an initiative taken by the World Health Organisation to raise awareness about overall health and well-being of people across the world. It also marks the setting up of WHO on this day in 1948.

- The Day aims to highlight WHO's constitutional principle that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.
- The WHO has declared 'My health, My right' as the theme this year to address the grave lack of essential health services to at least 4.5 billion people, more than half of the world's population.



April 09: The CRPF Shaurya Diwas (Valour Day)

Observed every year as a tribute to the brave soldiers of the Central Reserve Police Force. It was on this day in 1965, a small contingent of CRPF created history by defeating a several times larger Pakistani army contingent, at the Sardar Post located in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.

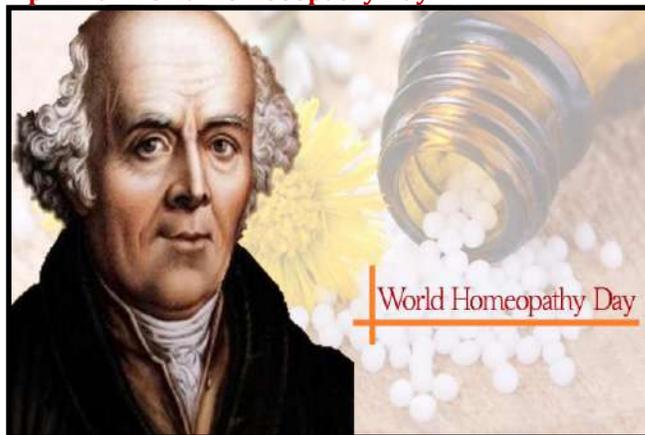
- The CRPF is India's largest Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) with over three lakh strong force. It functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

April (09): Hindu New Year-Vikram Samvat

The first day of the first month of the Hindu calendar, Chaitra, marks the beginning of Hindu calendar Vikram Samvat, 2081 this year.

- This day is celebrated all over India as the Hindu New Year Day. It also represents the victory of Goddess Durga over demon Mahishasura.
- This joyous and auspicious occasion is also celebrated as Ugadi or Chaitra Sukladi in Andhra, Telangana and Karnataka; as Gudi Padwa in Maharashtra; as Cheti Chand by Sindhis; as Navreh by Kashmiri Pandits and as Sajibu Cheiraoba in Manipur.

April 10: World Homoeopathy Day



This day is celebrated to honour the birth of the father of the Homoeopathic system of medicines Dr. Samuel Hahnemann.

- Born on this day in 1755 in Paris, France, he was a German physician and an acclaimed scientist, a great scholar, and linguist.
- This year the theme of the day is 'Empowering Research, Enhancing Proficiency: A Homeopathy Symposium'. Homoeopathy is an alternative form of medicine, which functions on the principle of 'like cures like.'

April 11: National Safe Motherhood Day

It is an initiative of the White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI) to ensure that women must have the availability and adequate access to care during pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal services.

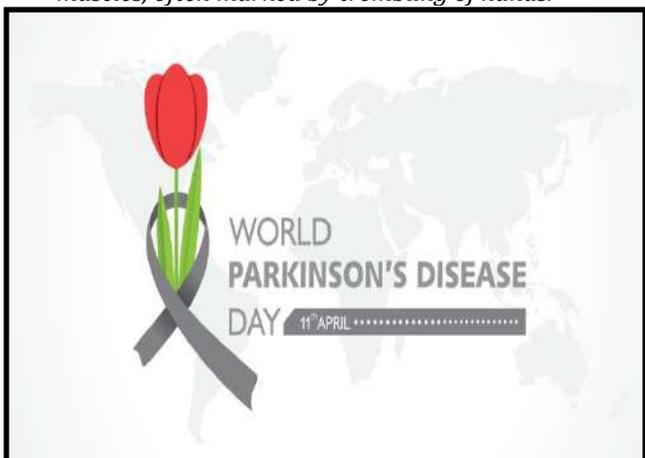


- At the request of WRAI, an alliance of 1800 organisations, the Government of India declared in 2003, April 11, the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi as National Safe Motherhood Day. India was the first country in the world to declare a National Safe Motherhood Day.
- India aims to reduce the maternal mortality rate below 70 per 1,00,000 live births by 2030, as suggested under the UN Sustainable Development Goal no. 3. As per a recent UN report, MMR in India in 2020 was 103 per lakh live births against the world average of 223 per lakh live births.

April 11: World Parkinson's Day

The day aims to raise awareness about Parkinson's Disease (PD), which is a progressive nervous system disorder.

- The Day also marks the birthday of British scientist Dr James Parkinson (1755-1824), who was the first person to systematically describe the six individuals with the symptoms of Parkinson Disease in 1817.
- *PD is a condition that affects the brain, resulting in a progressive loss of coordination and movement of muscles, often marked by trembling of hands.*



April 12: International Day of Human Space Flight

Supported by the UNO, this day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the first human space flight, made by Yuri Gagarin, a Russian astronaut, on this day in 1961.

- The day symbolises the beginning of the space era for mankind and highlights the contribution of space science and technology for the welfare of humankind.
- It is an opportunity for promoting international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

April 13: Siachen Day

Celebrated annually to pay solemn tributes to the soldiers who laid down their lives to capture the icy heights of Siachen in April 1984. The day commemorates the valour and fortitude displayed by Indian Army troops in securing the highest and coldest battlefield in the world.



- On 13 April 1984, the Indian Army launched 'Operation Meghdoot' in Siachen area at a height of 18–19,000 feet, with temperatures dipping to -40 degree centigrade, to successfully secure Sia La and Bilafond La and other passes on the Saltoro Ridgeline, from Pakistani aggression.
- *The Siachen Glacier lies between the Saltoro Ridge, a subrange of the Karakorams, to the west and the main Karakoram Range to the east.*
- *It is about 75 km long, at an altitude of 15–20,000 feet, which makes it the second longest glacier in the world, outside the polar regions.*
- *In local language, the name Siachen refers to a land with an abundance of roses. 'Sia' refers to the rose-like plant and 'Chen' refers to any object found in abundance.*

April 13: India celebrates Baisakhi

The auspicious day of Baisakhi is celebrated all over India though under different names and with different sets of rituals. It marks the thanksgiving by the farmer community for the bumper Rabi crops.

- In north India, it is one of the biggest festivals of the Sikhs as it marks the foundation of the Khalsa Panth on this day in 1699 by the 10th Guru, Sri Gobind Singh.



- The day also marks the anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre that took place on this day in 1919.
- People of Assam celebrate it as Rongali Bihu or Bohag Bihu, while those in West Bengal celebrate it as Naba Barsha. Bihar celebrates Baisakhi as Vaishakha in honour of the Sun God, Surya while Kerala celebrates it as Vishu and Tamil Nadu as Puthandu.

April 14: National Fire Service Day

Celebrated every year across India to pay homage to the brave firefighters who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty while fighting the fires.

- The Day commemorates the supreme sacrifice of 71 Fire Service personnel who lost their lives fighting a massive devastating fire on this day in 1944 on a British cargo ship anchored at Victoria Dock in Bombay Dockyard.
- This year's theme for the Day is 'Ensure Fire Safety to contribute towards nation building'. It emphasises the importance of a safe and fire-resistant environment for the long-term advancement of the nation.



April 14: Ambedkar Jayanti

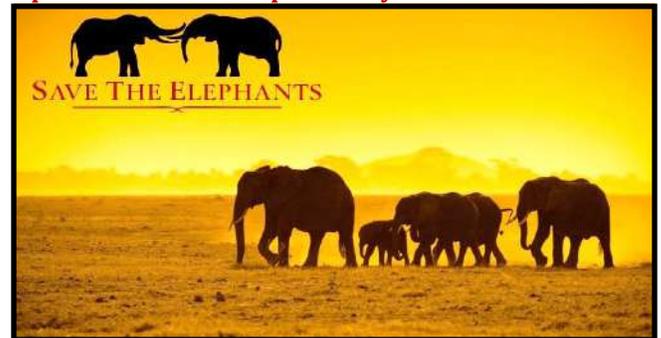
Also known as Bhim Jayanti, this day commemorates the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. He is regarded as the Father of Indian Constitution as he was the chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly.

- He was the first Law and Justice Minister of the country after the independence. He was honoured posthumously with the country's highest civilian honour, Bharat Ratna in 1990.

April 15: World Art Day

- Celebrated globally every year with support from UNESCO to promote the development, diffusion and enjoyment of art.
- The day aims to highlight the importance of art that nurtures creativity, innovation and cultural diversity for all peoples across the globe.
- The day happens to be the birthday of veteran multi talented genius Italian Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), famous for his painting of 'Mona Lisa'.

April 16: Save the Elephant Day



Celebrated every year to raise awareness about the threats faced by elephants and various difficulties they have to overcome to survive.

- Elephant is the largest land animal and a surprisingly gentle giant in the animal kingdom. Sadly, elephant populations have been rapidly decreasing due to various threats, most common being poaching.
- The Day was initiated in 2012 by Thailand-based Elephant Reintroduction Foundation, to spread awareness among the general people about the significance and consequences of their actions, or inactions on the future of elephants.

Remember ! World Elephant Day is observed on August 12.

April 17: World Haemophilia Day

Observed globally to raise awareness for Haemophilia and other similar bleeding disorders. The day marks the birthday of Frank Schnabelen, a Canadian businessman born with severe haemophilia. Later, he founded the World Federation of Haemophilia, a Montreal based NGO.

- The theme for this year is “Equitable access for all: recognizing all bleeding disorders”.
- Haemophilia is mostly an inherited genetic disorder that impairs the body's ability to make blood clots, a process needed to stop bleeding.
- This results in excess bleeding for a longer time after an injury, easy bruising, and an increased risk of bleeding inside joints or the brain.

April 18: World Heritage Day

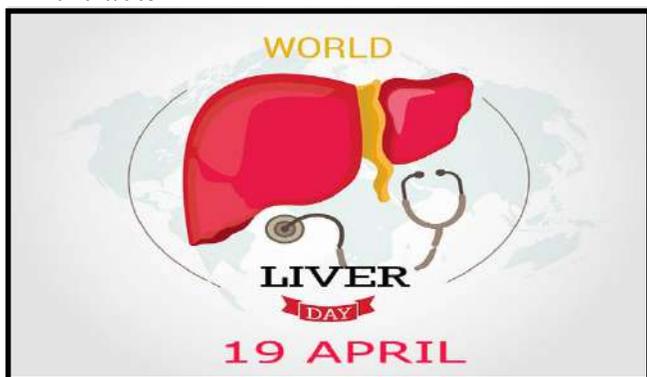
Also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, it is observed every year with support from UNESCO to preserve human heritage and recognize the efforts of the organisations working for it.

- It is a collective effort of the communities in the world to do the needful to maintain the legacy and save the rich heritage which has been given to us by our ancestors.
- The theme for this year is “Disasters & Conflicts Through the Lens of the Venice Charter”. This theme highlights the challenges and threats that heritage sites and monuments face. Currently, there are 42 World Heritage Sites located in India.

April 19: World Liver Day

Observed every year to spread awareness about the liver, the second largest (first being skin) and the most complex organ in the body, next only to the brain (in complexity).

- From processing all that which we consume, including food, alcohol, drugs, to handling the toxic materials which are produced in the body and harmful substances absorbed by the intestines, the liver has been attributed with over 500 functions till date and scientists say more may be discovered over time.
- The theme for World Liver Day 2024, “Keep your liver healthy and disease-free,” emphasises the importance of preventive measures and regular health check-ups to detect and address liver-related disorders at an early stage.
- Liver diseases can be caused by Hepatitis A, B, C, consumption of alcohol and drugs. Viral Hepatitis may occur due to consumption of contaminated food and water.



April 21: Civil Services Day

This day recognises the pivotal role played by bureaucrats and government officials in implementing policies, delivering services, and ensuring the smooth functioning of administrative machinery.

- This day is an occasion for the civil servants to rededicate themselves to the cause of citizens and renew their commitment to public service and excellence in work.
- On this day in 1947, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, the first home minister of independent India, addressed the first batch of Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officers at the Metcalf House in New Delhi. He referred to them as the 'steel frame of India' in his inspiring speech.

April 21: World Creativity and Innovation Day

Observed globally every year to raise awareness about the importance of creativity and innovation in problem-solving with respect to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the “global goals”.

- The day aims to promote the use of creative thinking in businesses, governments, and other organisations to foster innovation and growth.
- It recognizes the importance of innovation and creativity in shaping the future of our planet.

April 22: The Earth Day

Observed annually to create awareness about hazards of pollution and to celebrate the environment of our planet. Earth Day was renamed officially by the UN in 2009 as International Mother Earth Day.

- The landmark Paris Agreement, which brings almost 200 countries together in setting a common target to reduce global greenhouse emissions, was opened for signature on this day in 2016.
- The theme of the day this year is Planet vs Plastics. It aims to bring attention to the serious issue of plastic pollution and how it harms nature.

April 23: World Book and Copyright Day

Observed globally every year with support from UNESCO to pay tribute to all those writers and authors who have contributed to the social and cultural progress of humanity.

- The theme selected for this year's celebrations is 'Read Your Way' which showcases the importance of reading as a source of joy and inspiration.
- Each year, UNESCO and the international organisations representing the three major sectors of the book industry -- publishers, booksellers, and libraries -- select the “World Book Capital” for a one-year period.
- This year, the city of Strasbourg (France) has been designated as the World Book Capital for 2024.

April 23: English Language Day

Observed globally every year to mark the birthday and date of death of legendary writer William Shakespeare.

- This initiative was established by the UN's Department of Public Information in 2010 "to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six official languages throughout the organisation".
- *The English language is spoken in 67 nations out of 195 countries in the world.*

April 24: National Panchayati Raj Day

Celebrated to highlight the role of Panchayats as the first rung of local self-administration. Panchayati Raj Institutions are the cornerstone of decentralised governance and planning in India.

- Strengthening and modernising of the Panchayati Raj system has given a new direction to the social and economic development of the villages.
- On this day in 1993, the Panchayati Raj Act (73rd Amendment) came into existence. The Panchayati Raj is the oldest system of local self-government.
- *The word 'Panchayat' is a combo of two words where 'Panch' means 'five' and 'Ayat' means 'assembly'.*

April 25: World Malaria Day

This day is celebrated internationally to raise awareness about the need for the prevention, control and elimination of Malaria. It is an opportunity to educate people for better understanding of Malaria and how to prevent it.

- The theme selected by the WHO for this year's celebrations is "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world".
- *Malaria is a life-threatening disease which is caused by Plasmodium Parasites. Though it does not spread from person to person, yet, the parasite can spread to humans through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes.*
- *Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease. As per WHO data, Malaria killed 6,08,000 people in 2022, of whom approximately 95% lived in Africa.*



April 25: World Penguin Day

The day aims to raise awareness about these non-flying birds to preserve their species so that future generations get to see these elegant and remarkable creatures.

- This day encourages people to learn more about Penguins, the dangers they encounter, their environment, and their contribution to the environment.
- *Instead of wings, Penguins have flippers to help them swim in the water. They can drink salty sea water, and hold their breath underwater for 20 minutes.*

April (27): World Veterinary Day

It is observed on the last Saturday of April every year. The day aims to promote the veterinary profession and work on improving animal and human welfare, the environment, food safety, and animal transport.

- The day was created by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) in 2000 to celebrate the contributions of veterinarians to the health of animals and society.
- The theme for this year is 'Veterinarians are Essential Health Workers'.

April 28: World Day for Safety and Health at Work

The day aims at promoting the prevention of occupational accidents and hazards at the workplace. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) started celebrating this day in 2003 to achieve this aim.

- The theme for this year's celebrations is "The impacts of climate change on occupational safety and health".

April 29: International Dance Day

This day was created by the Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute, Paris, the main partner for the performing arts of UNESCO.

- The primary purpose of Dance Day is to attract the attention of the wider public to the art of dance. This event marks the birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727–1810), the father of modern ballet.

April 30: Ayushman Bharat Diwas

The day aims to provide affordable medical facilities in remote areas of the country, based on the Socio-Economic Caste Census database. It also aims to promote health and wellness and provide health insurance benefits to the poor.

- This day marks the launch of Ayushman Bharat Yojana in 2018. Its main component is Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) which offers a health insurance cover of 5 lakh rupees per eligible family per year.

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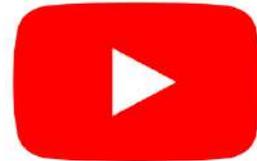


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NATIONAL NEWS

MARCH

- The Election Commission announced on March 16 the poll schedule for the 18th General Election 2024 as well as for the assembly polls in four states.
 - ✓ *The elections for the 543 seats will be held in 7 phases, beginning April 19 and counting will take place on 4th June.*
 - ✓ *India has 97 crore registered voters who will cast their vote at over 10.5 lakh polling stations manned by 1.5 crore personnel.*
- P M Modi was honoured with the “Order of the Druk Gyalpo”, Bhutan's highest civilian award, on March 22,
 - by Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck in Thimphu.
- Prime Minister of Bhutan Dasho Tshering Tobgay made a five-day visit to India from March 14 to 18.
 - ✓ *The two sides reviewed the progress of construction of the 1,020 MW Punatsangchhu-II hydro power project in Western Bhutan.*
- The Ministry of Home Affairs notified the Citizenship Amendment Rules, 2024 on March 11 which would enable the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019.
 - ✓ *These rules will now enable minorities persecuted on religious grounds in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan to acquire citizenship in our nation.*
- World's largest literary festival-'Sahityotsav' was hosted by the Sahitya Akademi from March 11 to 16 in New Delhi to mark the 70 years of Sahitya Akademi.
- The Supreme Court on March 04, overruled the verdict in the 1998 PV Narasimha Rao case which maintained that lawmakers were immune to prosecution for taking bribes to vote or to make speeches in the House.
 - ✓ *Pronouncing the verdict, the CJI commented that “.....the offence of bribery is absolute and it does not matter whether vote is cast in a certain direction or is not cast at all... bribery is complete when bribery is accepted”.*
- The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) released its Household Consumption Expenditure Survey on Feb 24.
 - ✓ *As per the report, Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE) in Indian households has more than doubled over the last decade.*
 - ✓ *Indians are reportedly spending more on beverages and processed food, as compared to staples like wheat, rice and pulses.*
- The latest data released by the World Poverty Clock shows that India has managed to bring down 'extreme poverty' below 3 percent of its total population.
 - ✓ *The clock has taken \$2.15 a day income to present the finding. Accordingly, nearly 3.44 crore people are living in extreme poverty in 2024 against 4.69 crore in 2022.*
- The Union Environment Ministry on Feb 29 released the "Status of Leopards in India 2022" report. As per the report, the number of leopards has increased to 13,874 from 12,852 in 2018, registering a growth of 8 percent.
 - ✓ *Among states, Madhya Pradesh has the largest number, 3,907 of leopards, followed by Maharashtra (1,985) and Karnataka (1,879).*
 - ✓ *In the national tiger reserves, Nagarjuna Sagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh has the largest population of leopards.*
- The Gender Inequality Index 2022 released on March 13 by UNDP has ranked India 108th out of 193 countries with a score of 0.437. It is a significant jump of 14 ranks vis-à-vis GII 2021 rank of 122.

- ✓ *Denmark secured the top slot in the index, followed by Norway and Switzerland at second and third spot, respectively. At the bottom were Yemen, preceded by Nigeria and Somalia.*
- Global courier giant DHL from Germany and New York University's Stern School of Business released the DHL Global Connectedness Report 2024 on March 13.
 - ✓ *India was placed at 62nd position, improving five ranks from 67th in 2022.*
 - ✓ *Singapore secured the top rank in the report with Netherlands and Ireland.*
- The United Nations released the World Happiness Report for 2024 on March 20. Experts use responses from people in more than 140 nations to rank the world's 'happiest' countries.
 - ✓ *India was ranked 126th while Finland topped the list for the 7th year in a row. Meanwhile, Afghanistan was deemed as the least happy country.*
- The Human Development Index (HDI) released on March 13 by UNDP placed India at 134th spot out of 193 countries.
 - ✓ *The Index placed Switzerland at the top and Somalia at the end.*
- The "Women, Business and Law Index" released by World Bank on March 04 ranked India at 113th spot among 190 countries covered by the index.
 - ✓ *The index indicates the gap between legal rights enjoyed by men and women.*
 - ✓ *14 countries, mostly from Europe, scored a full 100 marks in the index. Countries like Yemen, Iran and Afghanistan secured the least score.*
- The International IP (intellectual property) Index 2024 was released on Feb 28 by the Global Innovation Policy Center of the US Chamber of Commerce.
 - ✓ *The United States emerged at the top while India ranked 42nd out of the 55 countries in the index.*
- According to the Air Quality Report 2023 conducted by Swiss organisation IQAir, New Delhi has been ranked the world's most polluted capital city for the fourth consecutive year since 2018.

FEBRUARY

- Nation's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna was conferred on three distinguished personalities on Feb 08.
 - ✓ *Former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh, former Prime Minister Shri PV Narasimha Rao and distinguished agro-scientist Dr MS Swaminathan.*
 - ✓ *Bharat Ratna was conferred on the veteran BJP patriarch Shri Lal Krishna Advani on Feb 03 and Shri Karpoori Thakur on Jan 23.*

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a two-day (Feb 13-14) visit to the United Arab Emirates, UAE.
 - ✓ *He inaugurated the massive BAPS Mandir, the first Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi.*
 - ✓ *He delivered keynote address at World Government Summit 2024 in Dubai as a Guest of Honour.*
 - ✓ *The PM also visited Doha, Qatar on Feb 14 to hold a bilateral meeting with the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani.*
- 9th Raisina Dialogue, an annual conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics, was held from Feb 21 to 23 in New Delhi with the theme "Chaturanga: Conflict, Contest, Cooperate, Create."
 - ✓ *Greece's Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis was the chief guest at the conference that was attended by 2,500 participants including several former prime ministers and presidents, military commanders, from around 115 countries.*
- The Supreme Court declared on Feb 15 the electoral bonds scheme as unconstitutional. The scheme allowed individuals and companies to make unlimited anonymous donations to political parties.
 - ✓ *Certain provisions of the Electoral Bond Scheme curtailed the right to information of the voter by anonymizing contributions, thus violating Article 19(1)(a) Right to freedom of speech and expression".*
- The India Energy Week 2024 was held from Feb 6 to 9 in Quitol, South Goa. The event focussed on key themes such as energy security, the shift towards sustainable sources, and the exploration of alternative fuels.
- The 7th Indian Ocean Conference was held on Feb 09-10 in Perth, Australia with the theme "Towards a Stable and Sustainable Indian Ocean".
- The Bharat Rang Mahotsav, recognized as the world's largest theatre festival, was inaugurated on Feb 01 at National Centre for the Performing Arts in Mumbai.
- India increased its tally of Ramsar sites to 80 by adding five more wetlands on Jan 31 to the list of Wetlands of International Importance.
 - ✓ *Three of these sites, Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve, Aghanashini Estuary and Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve are located in Karnataka while the other two, Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary and Longwood Shola Reserve Forest are in Tamil Nadu.*
 - ✓ *Tamil Nadu continues to have the largest (16) number of Ramsar Sites, followed by Uttar Pradesh (10).*
- India made a contribution of \$ 32.89 million on Jan 31 to the United Nations Regular Budget for 2024. The total budget of the United Nations is \$3.59 billion, all of which is contributed by the 193 member states.

- ✓ *America is the largest contributor, paying \$762.43 million, accounting for roughly 22% share.*
- India now ranks 38th in the 139-country Logistic Performance Index (LPI) released by the World Bank. The Index placed Singapore at the top, followed by Finland at second spot.
- Six countries, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore and Spain, secured first rank in the latest Henley Passport Index 2024 released on Feb 18. Passport holders of these six countries enjoy visa-free entry to 194 nations.
 - ✓ *India's passport was ranked 85th, enjoying visa-free travel to 62 countries. Afghanistan's passport ended at the bottom, having visa free access to 28 countries.*
- The global Corruption Perceptions Index 2023 released on Jan 30 by the Berlin based NGO Transparency International placed India at 93rd spot among 180 countries.
 - ✓ *The Index ranked Denmark at the top with a score of 90, and Somalia scored the lowest score of 11.*

NEWS FROM STATES

MARCH

- World's first clock based on Vedic calculations, 'Vikramaditya Vedic Clock' was inaugurated on Feb 29 in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
 - ✓ *The clock, built as an 85-foot-high tower building, will calculate time from one sunrise to another.*
- One of the largest integrated ammunition manufacturing complexes in South Asia was formally inaugurated on Feb 26 in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- In a major boost to Indian athletics and swimming, India's first Indoor Athletics Centre and Indoor Aquatic Centre was inaugurated on March 09 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.
- India's first integrated Palm Oil Processing Unit started its commercial operations on March 09 at Roing in lower Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh.
 - ✓ *Currently, India imports a staggering 96% of its palm oil requirement, accounting for 67% of the country's edible oil import bill, exceeding Rs. one lakh crore.*
- India's first metro line "under any mighty river" was formally inaugurated on March 6 in Kolkata.
 - ✓ *Stretching across a 4.8-kilometre span linking Howrah Maidan and Esplanade, it comprises a 520-metre stretch under the river Hooghly.*
- India's first-ever Dolphin research centre was inaugurated on March 4 in Patna, Bihar. The National Dolphin Research Center has been built on the banks of the Ganges, inside the Patna University campus.

- Inspired by the idea of using AI in education, the KTCT Higher Secondary School, Kallambalam in Thiruvananthapuram introduced 'Iris', Kerala's first AI teacher.
 - ✓ *Iris works on the generative AI principle with a capacity to convert voice into texts and also texts into voice. It can handle three languages and even shake hands with the students on request.*
- India's first semiconductor fabrication plant is to be set up by the Tata Group along with a Taiwanese technology partner in Dholera, Gujarat.
- In a significant milestone for India's renewable energy sector, the country's largest Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) was dedicated to the nation on Feb 24 in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh.
- A strategically significant over one km long twin-lane tunnel under Sela pass at an altitude of 13,700 feet was inaugurated on March 9 in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Kerala government launched on March 07 the first state-owned OTT (Over-The-Top) platform 'CSpace' aimed at promoting Malayalam Cinema.
 - ✓ *CSpace aims to bring home quality films, award winning documentaries and short films, which may not be profit oriented.*

FEBRUARY

- The Goa government announced on Feb 20 setting up of a Blended Finance Facility in partnership with the World Bank for climate resilience.
 - ✓ *The facility will enable Goa to access and mobilise concessional finance to implement low-carbon and climate friendly investments.*
- The Cochin International Airport in Kerala entered into a MoU with Bharat Petroleum Corp. to set up a 1000 KW green hydrogen plant in its premises, becoming the first airport in the world to have such a plant in its premises.
- State Mines Department in Rajasthan has indicated presence of deposits of more than 840 million tonnes of iron ore in Karauli district of Rajasthan.
- The 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2024 was inaugurated on Feb 02 in Faridabad, Haryana.
 - ✓ *Tanzania was the 'partner nation' and Gujarat was the 'theme state' at the craft mela.*
- Punjab launched a special road safety force, "Sadak Surakhya Force" (SSF) on Jan 27. This is the first such force in the country.
 - ✓ *The 1,600-strong force with 129 high-end vehicles would be deployed across a 5,500 km road network of national highways and state highways in Punjab.*
- Asian Development Bank approved a \$200 million loan to the Assam government to strengthen flood and riverbank erosion risk management in the state.

GOVT INITIATIVES

MARCH

- Government launched an alternate green auto fuel - Ethanol100, on March 15 in New Delhi. It is a blend of 92 to 94 percent ethanol, 4 to 5 percent motor spirit and 1.5 percent co-solvent higher saturated alcohol, a cleaner and greener alternative to gasoline.
- The Union government rolled out an e-vehicle policy on March 15 to encourage and boost domestic manufacturing of e-vehicles.
 - ✓ *The policy seeks to promote India as a manufacturing destination for EVs and attract investment from reputed global EV manufacturers.*
 - ✓ *The companies will be required to make a minimum investment of \$500 million, with no upper limit.*
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched a nationwide initiative PM-SURAJ on March 13 aimed at offering credit support to the marginalised segments of society.
 - ✓ *The acronym PM-SURAJ stands for 'Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evm Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan'.*
 - ✓ *The applicants can apply for and monitor the progress of all loan and credit schemes being provided by the ministry.*
- Making a big leap in technological innovation, India's fastest IP/MPLS (MultiProtocol Label Switching) router was launched on March 09 in Bengaluru.
 - ✓ *MPLS is a routing technique in telecommunications networks that directs data from one node to the next, based on labels rather than network addresses.*
 - ✓ *It has a speed of 2.4 TBps (Terabytes per second). TBps is equivalent to 1,000 gigabytes, or one lakh crore bytes per second.*
- The Union Cabinet approved the India AI Mission on March 07 with an outlay of Rs 10,372 crore for the next five years.
 - ✓ *The mission aims to establish a computing capacity of more than 10,000 GPUs (Graphics Processing Units) to develop models with a capacity of more than 100 billion parameters, trained on datasets covering major Indian languages for priority sectors like healthcare, agriculture, and governance.*
- The government introduced the Chakshu portal on March 04 as part of the Sanchar Sathi initiative, allowing users to report suspicious activities such as fraudulent calls, messages regarding lottery or job offers, and potential leaks of phone numbers by businesses.

- The Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA), under the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, launched 'e-Kisan Upaj Nidhi' portal on March 04 in New Delhi.
 - ✓ *It will facilitate farmers to store their produce at any WDRA-registered warehouse for six months and secure post-harvest loans from banks by pledging their electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWRs) for the stocks kept in WDRA registered warehouses.*
- The Union Cabinet accorded its approval on Feb 29 for establishment of the secretariat of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in India.
 - ✓ *IBCA aims to promote conservation of seven big cats: lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, snow leopard, jaguar, and puma. Five of these cats, other than jaguar and puma, are found in India.*
- The Government has decided to celebrate the 17th of September every year as "Hyderabad Liberation Day" in honour of the martyrs of the Hyderabad Liberation Movement of 1948.
 - ✓ *The Hyderabad region was liberated from Nizam's rule on Sep 17, 1948 through police action named 'Operation Polo'.*

FEBRUARY

- A new solar power scheme, PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana was launched on Feb 13.
 - ✓ *The scheme aims to provide 300 units of free electricity per month, to one crore households.*
 - ✓ *Government will provide subsidies @ 30,000/kw for installation of roof-top solar panels, by investing ₹75,000 crores for this purpose.*
- NITI Aayog launched the Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW) portal on Feb 12.
 - ✓ *It aims at transforming India's wastelands through agroforestry.*
 - ✓ *Agroforestry integrates trees, crops, and livestock to address challenges related to food security, nutrition, energy, and environmental conservation.*
- Government launched an online portal "Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)" on Feb 11.
 - ✓ *It is aimed at increasing the participation of women in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Medicine) fields.*
- The first phase of the bi-annual nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign was launched on Feb 10 in New Delhi for country-wide elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis disease.
 - ✓ *Lymphatic Filariasis is a tropical, parasitic disease spread by infected mosquitoes. It affects the lymph nodes and lymph vessels.*

- ✓ *Lymph nodes are small, bean-shaped organs/glands, around one cm in size. They are present throughout our body, commonly in the armpits, neck and groin.*
- The Parliament passed 'The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024' on Feb 09. It received the President's assent on Feb 13.
 - ✓ *The bill is aimed at curbing paper leaks, malpractices in recruitment exams like UPSC, SSC, Railways, Banking etc. and entrance tests such as NEET, JEE, CUET.*
 - ✓ *The Bill proposes an imprisonment of 3-5 years to curb cheating and for those involved in paper leak, there is a provision of 5 to 10 years of imprisonment and a fine up to Rs 1 crore.*
- The Union Cabinet approved the "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana" under the PM Matsya Sampada Yojna for supporting people engaged in fisheries and associated micro and small enterprises.
- A Krishi Rakshak Portal (KRP) and helpline and SARTHI platform and Learning Management System (LMS) initiative were launched on Feb 08 under Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), in New Delhi.
 - ✓ *The KRP aims to resolve farmers grievances and queries through an exclusive call center.*
 - ✓ *SARTHI (Sandbox for Agricultural and Rural Security, Technology and Insurance) platform will provide insurance products for health, life, property, agriculture equipment and disaster risks, etc.*
 - ✓ *The LMS is designed to revolutionise the training and knowledge-sharing landscape in implementing key agricultural schemes across the country.*
- The government launched 'Bharat Rice' brand on Feb 06 to provide rice directly to consumers at subsidised rates of 29 rupees per kilogram.
 - ✓ *It will be available at retail outlets such as NAFED, Kendriya Bhandar, National Cooperative Consumers' Federation.*
- The EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme was launched on Feb 06 to provide scholarships to students from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas.
- The UGC has reiterated that the universities across the country should appoint Ombudspersons at the earliest for speedy redressal of various issues faced by the students to ensure that they are not forced to take extreme steps of "self-harm" under stress.
- The Ministry of Education has partnered with FIFA to promote football in schools across India. Under this initiative 11 lakh footballs will be distributed in more than 1.5 lakh schools. FIFA runs this ambitious programme in collaboration with UNESCO.

- The Centre has merged, with immediate effect (Feb 01), four existing Home Minister's medals to institute one new medal named "Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak".

ECONOMY

MARCH

- The latest data released by the National Statistics Office, on February 29 showed that India's GDP grew 8.4 percent in the quarter ending Dec 31, 2023.
 - ✓ *At 8.4% year-on-year, this is the strongest growth since the second quarter of 2022.*
 - ✓ *The NSO pegged the country's growth at 7.6% for 2023-24, up from 7% in 2022-23.*
- India signed a Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) on Mar 10 in New Delhi.
 - ✓ *EFTA has 4 members, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.*
 - ✓ *For the first time, a commitment of \$100 investment and one million direct jobs in the next 15 years has been given under the TEPA.*
- India Cellular and Electronics Association stated on March 07 that India now stands as the world's second-largest producer (first being China) of mobile phones at the end of the decade 2014-2024 with mobile phone production nearing Rs 20 lakh crore.
 - ✓ *Year on year, production surged to an estimated Rs 4.10 lakh crore in FY24, from merely Rs 18,900 crore in 2014-15. India produced 2.45 billion units of mobile phones during these ten years.*
- The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), has been ranked again as number one among top 300 cooperatives in the world, on the ratio of turnover over per capita GDP.

FEBRUARY

- According to the Indian Economy Review released by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on Jan 29, the Indian economy is poised to grow by over 7% in the FY 2024-25.
- Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) became the first Indian company on Feb 13 to achieve a market capitalisation of over Rs 20 lakh crore.

BANKING & FINANCE

MARCH

- The RBI and the Bank Indonesia (BI) signed a MoU on Mar 07 to promote use of local currencies viz. the Indian Rupee (INR) and the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR) for cross-border transactions.

- National Urban Co-operative Finance and Development Corporation Limited (NUCFDC) was launched on Mar 02 in New Delhi.
 - ✓ *NUCFDC is the Umbrella organisation for the Urban Cooperative Banks which aims for the benefit of both, banks and their customers.*
- The Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB) launched an “Automated Search Portal” on Feb 20 to help public sector banks in antecedent verification of prospective borrowers and NPA borrowers.
 - ✓ *Banks will be required to seek a report from the CEIB before sanctioning the loans exceeding ₹50 crore and above in case of new borrowers and also if the existing borrower’s accounts turn NPA.*
- The IndusInd Bank has introduced country's first all-in-one tokenisable wearables 'Indus PayWear' in collaboration with Mastercard.
 - ✓ *Available for both debit and credit cards, these can be purchased in the form of a ring, watch clasp, or stickers.*
- Amazon Pay, the digital payments division of e-commerce giant Amazon India, has been granted an Online Payment Aggregator licence by the Reserve Bank of India.

FEBRUARY

- To mark the 19th foundation ceremony of state-owned Security Printing & Minting Corporation of India Ltd. (SPMCIL), New Delhi, three souvenir coins were released on Feb 15.
 - ✓ *The three coins included one based on the theme of Ram Lalla and Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, Ayodhya. The other two depicted enlightenment of Lord Buddha and Greater one-horned Rhino.*
- RBI and Nepal Rastra Bank, signed on Feb 15 terms of reference for the integration of the UPI and National Payments Interface (NPI) of the respective countries.
- India's UPI was launched in Sri Lanka and Mauritius on 12th February. In Mauritius, RuPay card services were also launched along with.
- RBI imposed restrictions on Paytm Payments Bank Ltd. (PPBL) and barred the entity from offering incremental banking services effective March 16, 2024.
 - ✓ *RBI notice specifically mentioned non-compliance with regulatory norms and supervisory lapses as the cause of concern.*
- At India's Republic Day Celebration in Paris, digital payment platform UPI was formally launched at the iconic Eiffel Tower.

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MARCH

- Getting ready for futuristic warfare, the Indian Army has established the first of its kind, the Signals Technology Evaluation and Adaptation Group (STEAG).
 - ✓ *The group will undertake research and evaluation of futuristic communication technologies, like electronic exchanges, software-defined radios, electronic warfare systems, 5G and 6G networks.*
- The Indian Army Aviation Corps raised its first Aviation Unit at Jodhpur on March 15. Named 451 Aviation Squadron, it will operate AH-64 Apache Guardian helicopters.
- The Ministry of Defence signed a Rs 2,890 crore contract on March 15 with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the Mid Life Upgrade of 25 Dornier Aircrafts of the Indian Navy.
- Two anti-submarine warships ‘Agray’ and ‘Akshay’ were handed over to the Indian Navy on March 13 in Kolkata by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, Kolkata.
- The Ministry of Defence signed two contracts worth Rs. 8,073 crore on March 13 with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the acquisition of 34 Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH).
- The first flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle (MIRV) technology was conducted successfully on March 11 under ‘Mission Divyastra’.
- A report released on March 11 by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) stated that India remains the world’s top arms importer, accounting for 9.8% of the global arms sales.
 - ✓ *Russia continues to be India's main weapons supplier — accounting for 36% share, followed by France (33%) and the USA (13%).*
 - ✓ *The top 10 arms exporting countries are led by the USA with 42% share, followed by France (11%).*
- The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved Rs 15,000 crore on March 07 for a project to design and develop India's fifth-generation fighter jet Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA).
 - ✓ *Only the US, Russia, and China have developed such advanced jets. The manufacturing agency will be Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.*
- The Indian Navy commissioned the Sikorsky MH 60R Seahawk multi-role helicopter on Mar 06 at Indian naval air station INS Garuda in Kochi. The Seahawks squadron has been named as INAS 334.

- The Indian Navy commissioned its new base INS Jatayu on March 6 in Minicoy Island in Lakshadweep. It is the second naval base in Lakshadweep after INS Dweepprakshak in Kavaratti.
- With a view to promote innovations in critical and strategic defence technologies, the defence minister launched the Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI) scheme on March 04 in New Delhi.
- IMT TRILAT- 2024: A joint maritime trilateral (TRILAT) exercise of India, Mozambique and Tanzania (IMT), was held from Mar 21 to 29 in the Western Indian Ocean.
- Tiger Triumph-24: A bilateral tri-Service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise between India and the US was held from March 18 to 31 off the Visakhapatnam coast.
- Exercise 'LAMITIYE': The 10th edition of joint military exercise between Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces, was held at Seychelles Defence Academy from 18 to 27 March.
- Ex Bharat-Shakti: The three forces of India, Army, Air Force, and Navy, conducted their biggest fire power exercise on March 12 in Pokhran, Rajasthan.
- Sea Defenders-2024: Indian Coast Guard and US Coast Guard joint drill was held from Mar 6 to 9 at Port Blair.
- Dharma Guardian: The 5th edition of the joint military exercise between India and Japan kicked off on Feb 25 in Rajasthan.
- Ex Cutlass Express-24: The Indian Navy led the multi-nation naval exercise of 16 countries at Port Victoria, Seychelles, from Feb 26 to March 08.
- Exercise Samudra Laksamana: The joint naval exercise of Indian and Malaysian Navies was held from Feb 28 to Mar 02 off the Visakhapatnam coast.
- Britain successfully tested 'DragonFire', its laser directed energy weapon that can shoot down enemy aircraft and missiles at a per-shot cost of less than 10 Pounds as against cost of over \$2 million for a regular missile.
- ISRO once again successfully carried out the landing of its Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) 'Pushpak' on March 22 at the ATR Chitradurga in Karnataka.
- ISRO achieved another milestone on March 21 when its PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-3 (POEM-3) returned to Earth without leaving any debris in space.
- The foundation stone for the ISRO's second spaceport was laid on Feb 28 in Kulasekarapattinam, a beach town in Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ The new spaceport will allow satellites to directly travel southwards, unlike those launched from Sriharikota, which need to manoeuvre southeast to avoid flying over Sri Lanka.

- The four astronauts selected for the country's maiden human space flight mission, Gaganyaan are undergoing training at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) at Thumba, near Thiruvananthapuram.
 - ✓ *The four chosen Indian Air Force pilots are Group Captain Prashanth Nair, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, Group Captain Angad Pratap, and Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla.*

FEBRUARY

- The DRDO plans to set up a remotely operated avalanche warning and monitoring system at Zoji La, a high mountain pass at a height of 11,600 feet along the Srinagar-Leh national highway in Kashmir.
- The US State Department approved sale of 31 armed MQ-9B SkyGuardian drones, missiles and supporting equipment to India for an estimated cost of \$ 4 billion.
 - *The MQ-9B SkyGuardian can stay in the air up to 40 hours and can function day and night in all weather conditions.*
- The Indian Navy has declared 2024 as the 'Year of Naval Civilians' to improve administration, efficiency and well-being of Naval Civilians by addressing all facets of Civilian HR Management in a time bound manner.
- INS Sandhayak, the first of the next-generation under-sea survey vessels, was commissioned into the Navy on Feb 03 at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.
- Mahindra Defence Systems Ltd signed a MoU on Feb 9 with the Embraer Defense & Security of Brazil to jointly bid for the Indian Air Force's requirement of Medium Transport Aircraft (MTA) tender. Embraer is pitching its C-390 Millennium multi-mission aircraft for the deal.
- INS Nirupak: The Indian Navy's survey ship was decommissioned on January 29 at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam, after rendering 38 years of service.
- 16th Ex Dosti: The 16th edition of the trilateral Dosti exercise involving coast guards of India, Sri Lanka and Maldives from Feb 22 to 25 in Maldives.
- Shanti Prayas IV: The multi-nation military exercise was held from Feb 20 to Mar 04 in Kabhre district of Nepal. Army personnel from 19 countries, including India participated in the exercise which was organised jointly by the Nepal and US Army.
- Ex. Vayu Shakti: The Indian Air Force conducted its full-scale firepower demonstration on Feb 17 over skies in Pokhran, Rajasthan. Keeping with this year's theme 'Lightning Strike from the Sky', over 120 aircraft displayed their abilities.

- Exercise MILAN: The 12th edition of the 9-day naval exercise MILAN started on Feb 9 near the port city of Visakhapatnam with participation of around 50 navies of 'friendly' countries.
- SADA TANSEEQ: The joint military exercise between India and Saudi Arabia was held in Rajasthan from Jan 29 to Feb 10.
- In a pioneering move, a Mumbai based leading computer vision company, Assert AI launched 'Pratham' on Feb 20.
 - ✓ *Pratham is the first of its kind platform in the world that unlocks the full potential of computer vision with the aid of AI but without the complexities of coding or the requirement of AI specialists.*
- ISRO launched GSLV F14 on Feb 17 from Sriharikota to successfully place weather satellite INSAT 3DS in a geosynchronous transfer orbit.
 - ✓ *GSLV: Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle*
 - ✓ *GSLV is designed to launch heavier satellites into orbit.*
- The Odysseus lunar lander, nicknamed "Odie" or IM-1, created history on Feb 22 by becoming the first US-made commercial spacecraft to touch down on the Moon.
 - ✓ *The lander developed by the private space company Intuitive Machine, based in Houston, USA, landed near the lunar South pole.*
- The Alphabet company, of Google fame, announced on Feb 08 that their AI chatbot Bard would now be called Gemini, the LLM that powers Bard. Gemini is Google's most capable and advanced LLM to date.
 - ✓ *LLM: Large Language Model.*
 - ✓ *LLMs are machine learning models that can comprehend and generate human language text.*
- NASA has claimed to discover a "super-Earth" which has potential conditions and temperature for sustaining life. Named TOI-715b, it is 137 light years away from Earth.
- The Neuralink Corp., a neurotechnology company co-founded by Elon Musk, for the first time, installed a brain implant in a human patient, aimed at building direct communication channels between brain and computers.

INTERNATIONAL

MARCH

- Ending its 200-year-old policy of non-alignment which lasted until Russia invaded Ukraine, Sweden formally joined NATO on March 07 as its 32nd member.

- Ministers of Health from 11 African countries with the highest burden of malaria, gathered in Yaoundé, Cameroon to sign the "Yaounde Declaration" committing to provide higher funding to fight Malaria.

FEBRUARY

- The British economy fell into recession at the end of 2023, as output shrank more than anticipated in the final three months of the year 2023.
 - ✓ *A recession is a widespread and prolonged downturn in economic activity. As a thumb rule, it is defined as shrinkage of GDP, successively for two quarters.*
- Japan has unexpectedly fallen into a recession after its economy shrank for two quarters in a row. Its GDP shrank by 0.4% in last quarter of 2023, in succession to the shrinkage of 2.9% in quarter ending Sep 30, 2023.
 - ✓ *Main reason behind this slippage was the weakening of the Japanese currency Yen against the dollar by about 9% in the last year.*
- Germany is now the world's third-largest economy, after Japan unexpectedly slipped into recession.
 - ✓ *With a GDP of \$4.5 trillion, Germany is now next only to the USA and China and narrowly leads Japan, which has a GDP of \$4.2 trillion.*
- The 16th conference of the World Social Forum (WSF) 2024 was held from Feb 15 to 19 in Kathmandu, Nepal under the theme "Another World is Possible".
- The World Government Summit, a pivotal gathering of global leaders, was held on Feb 12-14 in Dubai, UAE, under the chairmanship of Mohammad Abdullah Al Gergawi, Minister of Cabinet Affairs of the UAE.
- France has become the first country in Europe to start issuing digital Schengen visas. The new system, named the "Olympic Consulate", started from Jan 1, 2024.
 - ✓ *It will ensure hassle-free visa issuance to over 1.5 million people who are expected to visit France during forthcoming Olympics.*

PERSONS IN NEWS

MARCH

- **Smt. Sudha Murthy:** Noted author and philanthropist was nominated to the Rajya Sabha on International Women's Day by the President of India.

Sheetal Devi: Para Archer and Arjuna Awardee has been selected as the “National PwD Icon” by the Election Commission of India. PwD stands for Person with Disability (physical impairment).

Sunil Bharti Mittal: Founder and chairman of Bharti Enterprises (Brand Airtel), has become the first Indian citizen to receive an Honorary Knighthood from the United Kingdom's King Charles III.

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Mukesh Ambani: Chairman of Reliance Industries, secured the second spot globally in the Brand Guardianship Index 2024 compiled by Brand Finance.

Subedar Preeti Rajak: A distinguished trap shooter, she was promoted to the rank of Subedar on Jan 29, making her the first woman Subedar in the Indian Army.

Oleg Kononenko: 59-year-old Russian cosmonaut set a world record on Feb 04 for the most time spent in space, after logging more than 878 days in space.

✓ *His current stay in the International Space Station is scheduled to end in September this year, by which time he would have logged 1,110 days in space.*

APPOINTMENTS

MARCH

Justice A M Khanwilkar: A former judge of the Supreme court of India (May 2016-July 2019), was appointed as the new Lokpal of the country by the President of India on Feb 27.

Sadanand Vasant Date: Appointed the Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

M V Rao: Elected as the Chairman of the IBA-Indian Banks' Association, for 2024-25. He is MD & CEO of the Central Bank of India.

Vinay Kumar: An Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1992 batch, has been named as the next Ambassador of India to Russia.

Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, retired IAS officers, were appointed as Election Commissioners in the Election Commission of India

Nayab Singh Saini: Elected as the new Chief Minister of Haryana, after the earlier chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar resigned from the office.

Kishor Makwana: Senior BJP leader, a noted journalist, has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes.

Vladimir Putin: The Russian President secured a historic fifth term for the next six years, securing a landslide victory in the presidential polls.

Asif Ali Zardari: Senior leader of Pakistan Peoples Party took oath as Pakistan's 14th President on March 10.

Gustavo Adrianzén: Sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Peru.

Tamás Sulyok: 67 year old advocate was appointed as the President of Hungary by the parliament of the country.

Shehbaz Sharif: Sworn in as Pakistan's 24th Prime Minister on March 04. He is the president of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz party.

Luís Montenegro: Appointed as the new prime minister of Portugal, by the President of Portugal.

Prabowo Subianto: Elected as the President of Indonesia, world's third largest democracy. He will take his office in October 2024.

Vaughan Gething: Elected as the next first minister (prime minister) of Wales (a country in the UK) on March 20. He is the first ever non-white to lead a European country.

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Champai Soren: Elected as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand on Feb 02.

Prabowo Subianto: Elected as the President of Indonesia, after the largest one-day electoral exercise in the world.

Alexander Stubb: Former Prime Minister of Finland elected as the President of the country.

AWARDS & HONOURS

MARCH

Saraswati Samman 2023: Awarded to renowned poet Prabha Varma, 64, for his poetic work in Malayalam, Roudra Sathwikam.

2024 Pritzker Architecture Prize: Renowned Japanese architect Riken Yamamoto, 79, won the highest international award in the field of architecture, popularly known as the “Architecture Nobel”.

Abel Prize: One of the most prestigious honours in the field of Mathematics, was won by a French mathematician. Michel Talagrand, 72, received the award for his "groundbreaking contributions" in probability theory.

Krystyna Pyszková: The beauty queen from the Czech Republic was crowned the 71st Miss World on March 09 in a grand ceremony held in Mumbai.

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences held its 96th Oscar Awards ceremony on March 10 in Los Angeles.

- ✓ Biographical thriller *Oppenheimer* swept the Oscar Awards securing seven of them, including Best Picture and Best Director and Best Actor for Christopher Nolan and Cillian Murphy, respectively.
- ✓ Emma Stone won the Oscar for the Best Actress for her role in *Poor Things*
- ✓ Ukraine won its first-ever Oscar for the Best Documentary "*20 Days in Mariupol*".

FEBRUARY

58th Jnanpith Award-2023: Renowned Urdu poet Gulzar and Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya were selected for the 58th Jnanpith Award-2023 on Feb 17.

- ✓ *Regarded as the top most literary honour in India, it carries a cash component of ₹11 lakh, a statue of Goddess Vagdevi (Saraswati) and a citation.*

India won 9th GovTech Prize at the World Government Summit 2024 for its pioneering endeavours in Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered government services.

Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur: (Knight of the Legion of Honour), France's highest civilian honour was conferred on Shashi Tharoor, noted author and diplomat, for his lifelong dedication to fostering global understanding.

Six Indians secure Grammy Awards

Prominent Indian musicians Shankar Mahadevan (famous singer) and veteran Tabla player Zakir Hussain's fusion band 'Shakti' bagged the Grammy award on Feb 4 in Best Global Music Album category for their latest album "This Moment".

- ✓ *Three other members of the band Shakti include John McLaughlin, guitarist, V Selvaganesh, violinist and Ganesh Rajagopalan, percussionist.*
- ✓ *Zakir Hussain also bagged the Grammy in Best Global Music Performance category for his Tabla song Pashto. He won his third Grammy for his album "As We Speak" in the Best Contemporary Instrumental category, along with flute artist Rakesh Chaurasia.*
- ✓ *Chaurasia won second Grammy for his album "As We Speak" in the Best Global Music Performance category.*

The 69th Hyundai Filmfare Awards 2024 ceremony was held on Jan 28 in GIFT City, Gujarat.

Best Film	12 th Fail by Vidhu Vinod Chopra
Best Director	Vidhu Vinod Chopra for 12 th Fail
Best Actor (Male)	Ranbir Kapoor (<i>Animal</i>)
Best Actor (Female)	Alia Bhatt (<i>Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani</i>)
Lifetime Achievement Award:	David Dhawan, Director and producer

Republic Day Parade awards

Best marching contingent (military):	Sikh Regiment Contingent
Best marching contingent (para-military):	Delhi Police Women Contingent
Best Tableau:	Ministry of Culture's tableau on the theme 'India: Mother of Democracy'

The 77th British Academy Film Awards, popularly known as the BAFTAs, were declared on Feb 18 in London.

Best film	<i>Oppenheimer</i> by Christopher Nolan
Leading actress	Emma Stone, <i>Poor Things</i>
Leading actor	Cillian Murphy, <i>Oppenheimer</i>
Best Director	Christopher Nolan for <i>Oppenheimer</i>

Grammy awards 2024 announced

Grammy, the top global awards in the field of music, were declared on Feb 04 in Los Angeles, USA.

Category	Winner
Record of the year	Miley Cyrus – <i>Flowers</i>
Best Pop Solo Performance:	Miley Cyrus – <i>Flowers</i>
Album of the year:	Taylor Swift – <i>Midnights</i>
Best pop vocal album:	Taylor Swift – <i>Midnights</i>
Best R&B* Song	SZA – <i>Snooze</i>
Best Country Album	Lainey Wilson – <i>Bell Bottom Country</i>
Best Global Music Album	'The Moment' by Shankar Mahadevan and Zakir Hussain's fusion band 'Shakti'
Best Country Song	Chris Stapleton – <i>White Horse</i>
Song of the Year	Billie Eilish – <i>What Was I Made For?</i>

*R&B stands for Rhythm and Blues, a popular Afro-American music.

OBITUARY

MARCH

Aziz Qureshi: Former Uttar Pradesh Governor and senior Congress leader passed away on March 01 in Bhopal, after a prolonged illness. He was 83. He also served as the governor of Uttarakhand and Mizoram.

Pankaj Udhas: Veteran singer and ghazal maestro passed away on Feb 26 in Mumbai after prolonged illness. He was 73.

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Manohar Joshi: Former chief minister of Maharashtra (1995-99) and former Lok Sabha Speaker (2002-04), passed away on Feb 23, aged 86.

Ameen Sayani: Immensely popular iconic radio personality whose name was synonymous with the songs programme 'Binaca Geetmala', passed away at the age of 91, on Feb 20 in Mumbai.

Fali S Nariman: Eminent constitutional jurist passed away on Feb 19 in New Delhi at the ripe age of 95. He had been suffering from multiple ailments.

Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj: Renowned Jain seer breathed his last on Feb 18 at Chandragiri Teerth in Dongargarh in Chhattisgarh, after undertaking the 'sallekhna' ritual. He was 77.

Sadhu Meher: Renowned actor whose touching portrayal of a hearing and speech impaired potter in Shyam Benegal's *Ankur* (1974) earned him the national award for best actor, passed away on Feb 02 in Mumbai. He was 84.

Rana Talwar: Veteran banker, (real name Gurvirendra Singh Talwar), first Indian to head a global bank -- Standard Chartered, died on Jan 27 at the age of 76.

Kelvin Kiptum, the men's marathon world record holder from Kenya, and his coach, Gervais Hakizimana, met with a tragic end on Feb 12 in a road accident in Kenya.

✓ *At only 24 years of age, Kiptum made history at the Chicago Marathon in October last year by setting a new world record of 2:00:35 hrs.*

PLACES IN NEWS

MARCH

Crocus City Hall, Moscow: At least 140 people were killed and over 150 were injured in a ghastly terrorist attack on March 22 in the popular concert hall near Moscow.

Sudarshan Setu, Gujarat: Country's longest cable-stayed bridge, 'Sudarshan Setu' was formally inaugurated on Feb 26 in Gujarat.

✓ Running 2.32 km in length, it connects Beyt Dwarka island to mainland port city Okha in Western Gujarat. Beyt Dwarka is famous for Dwarkadhish temple of Lord Krishna.

FEBRUARY

Chile: Fierce forest fires in central Chile in the first week of February caused widespread devastation, razing several habitations and claiming at least 112 lives. The government announced 2 days national mourning to pay homage to the fire victims.

SPORTS WORLD

MARCH

Sreeja Akula, 25 year old national tennis champion from Telangana won the women's singles title on March 24 at the WTT Feeder Beirut II 2024 table tennis tournament in Lebanon.

Sathiyam Gnanasekaran clinched the Men's Singles Table Tennis title at WTT Feeder Beirut tournament on March 22 in Lebanon.

Akhil Sheoran and Anish Bhanwala won a gold medal each, in 50m rifle 3 positions and 25m rapid-fire pistol, respectively. India won a total of 6 medals in the Polish Grand Prix that ended on March 18 in Poland.

Vishnu Saravanan, noted Indian sailor from Tamil Nadu won the gold medal on March 10 at the Europa Cup 2024 in the ILCA 7 category in Mallorca, Spain.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the French Open Men's doubles Badminton title on March 10 by defeating Yang Po-han and Lee Jhe-huei of Taiwan in the final played in Paris.

Virat Kohli etched his name in history on March 23 by becoming the first Indian cricketer to score 12,000 in T20 matches.

Women's Hockey National Championship: Haryana defeated hosts Maharashtra on March 24 in the finals played in Pune.

89th Ranji Trophy: Mumbai ended their eight-year barren run to lift their record-extending 42nd title on March 14, beating Vidarbha by 169 runs on the final day of the game in the Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai.

Santosh Trophy: In the 77th National Football Championship, Services lifted the Santosh trophy on March 09 beating Goa 1-0 in the final at the Golden Jubilee Stadium in Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh.

Pro Kabaddi League 10: Puneri Paltan team defeated team Haryana Steelers to win their first ever Pro Kabaddi League title in the finals played on March 01 in Hyderabad.

Archery Asia Cup 2024: India finished the event on Feb 25 with 14 medals, including nine golds, four silvers and one bronze in Baghdad, Iraq.

4th Khelo India Winter Games: The 5-day spectacular sports event concluded on Feb 25 at Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

- ✓ The Army team was crowned as new champions with 10 gold, 5 silver and 6 bronze medals.

The Khelo India University Games 2023 (Ashtalakshmi) concluded on Feb 29 at the Sarusajai Sports Complex in Guwahati, Assam.

- ✓ Chandigarh University, Mohali (Punjab) won the overall championship for the first time, securing 71 medals, including 32 gold, 18 silver and 21 bronze.

Khelo India Rising Talent Identification

A unique talent hunt initiative for sports, the Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) scheme was launched on March 13 in Chandigarh.

India makes world record in kabaddi

India made history on the World Kabaddi Day, March 24, by making a Guinness World record for participation of highest number of players, 128, in a kabaddi match played at Tau Devi Lal Indoor Stadium of Panchkula in Haryana.

INTERNATIONAL

Indian Wells WTA Tennis Tournament, California: Iga Swiatek, Poland defeated Maria Sakkari of Greece to win the women's singles title.

Men's singles title was won by Carlos Alcaraz of Spain by beating Daniil Medvedev from Russia.

FEBRUARY

Bhagwan Singh and Mahesh Khurana from Bhopal completed the 'World's Highest Frozen Lake Marathon' – Pangong Frozen Lake Marathon 2024, held on Feb 20 in Leh-Ladakh.

Amit Panghal and Sachin Siwach won a gold each, while Nikhat Zareen and three others won silver medals on Feb 11 at the 75th Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Sumit Nagal, top ranking tennis star, won the Chennai Open ATP Challenger finale on Feb 11, beating Luca Nardi of Italy.

Ravichandran Ashwin, senior off-spinner, became the second (after Anil Kumble) Indian bowler on Feb 16 to take 500 Test wickets. He achieved the feat during the third Test against England in Rajkot, Gujarat.

Jaspri Bumrah became the first Indian pace bowler to top the official world test rankings following his match-winning display on Feb 5 playing against England in Visakhapatnam.

Rohan Bopanna became only the third Indian to win a men's doubles Grand Slam title, taking the Australian Open doubles crown with partner Matthew Ebden on Jan 28 at Melbourne. At 43, Bopanna also became the oldest Grand Slam champion in men's tennis.

The 4th Khelo India Winter Games 2024 concluded on Feb 6 in Ladakh. Maharashtra topped the medal tally with 20 medals, including 6 golds, 8 silver and 6 bronze.

The 6th Khelo India Games concluded on Jan 31 in Chennai. Maharashtra bagged the overall championship for the fourth time with 57 gold, 48 silver and 53 bronze for a total of 158 medals.

- ✓ *The mascot for the Games, 'VeeraMangai' meaning 'brave woman' was based on legendary freedom fighter Rani Velu Nachiyar, the first Indian queen to go to war against the British-run East India Company.*

Badminton Asia Team Championships: The Indian Women's Team won their first-ever Asian Team Championships title on Feb 18 by defeating Thailand at Shah Alam, Malaysia.

11th Asian Indoor Athletics Championship 2024, India secured 3 gold medals on the opening day as Tajinderpal Singh Toor (shot put), Harmilan Bains (1500 mt) and Jyothi Yarraji (60 mt hurdles) won gold in Tehran, Iran. China topped the medal tally with 16 medals, including 8 gold.

SAFF U-19 Women's Championship: India and Bangladesh were declared the joint winners of the South Asian Football Federation's championship on Feb 08.

Nagesh Trophy 2023-24: Men's National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind was won by Karnataka by defeating Andhra Pradesh in the finals played on Feb 02 in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

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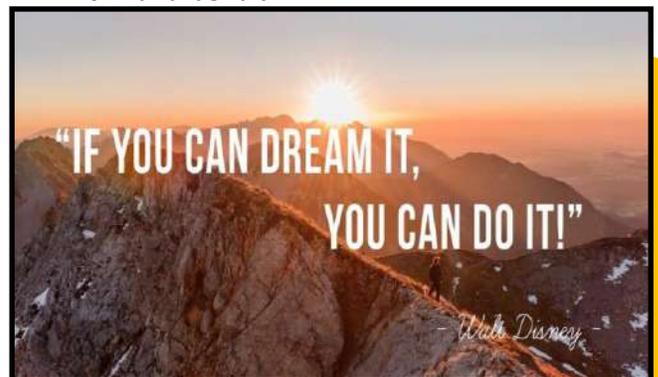
APRIL GK TEST - 01

- Three-time World Champion Rashmi Kumari won her 12th national women's singles title on April 11 in which sports?**
 - Golf
 - Cycling
 - Kayaking
 - Fencing
 - Carrom
- The auspicious day of Baisakhi is celebrated all over India though under different names and with different sets of rituals. In which state is it celebrated as 'Puthandu'?**
 - Kerala
 - Karnataka
 - Odisha
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Andhra Pradesh
- Who has been named as the next Ambassador of India to Russia?**
 - Vinay Kumar
 - Rohit Chand
 - Gaurav Kirti
 - Manoj Sharma
 - Dilip Khonde
- What is the name of the automated air defence control and reporting system recently launched by the Indian Army to boost its air defence capabilities.**
 - Gaganbhedi
 - Akashteer
 - Nirbheek
 - Lakshyakarn
 - None of these
- What is the name of the ISRO's Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) which was tested successfully for the second time on March 22 at the ATR Chitradurga in Karnataka?**
 - Pravaah
 - Pushpak
 - Pragati yaan
 - Vyom yaan
- Regarded as one of the worst economic disasters of history, the Great Depression occurred around which time?**
 - 1919-20
 - 1927-29
 - 1929-33
 - 1935-40
 - 1943-45
- Which of the following words is most close in meaning to 'Capitalism'?**
 - Corporatism
 - Feudalism
 - Laissez Faire
 - Socialism
 - Fascism
- Who has been elected as the Chairman of the IBA-Indian Banks' Association, for 2024-25?**
 - M V Rao
 - Puneet Shekhar
 - T V Murthy
 - Dilip Ponappa
 - Amit Mukherjee
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with the "Order of the _____ Gyalpo", Bhutan's highest civilian award, on March 22:**
 - Gold
 - Druk
 - True
 - Royal
 - Duke
- India's first Indoor Athletics Centre and Indoor Aquatic Centre was inaugurated on March 09 in which city?**
 - Gwalior
 - Cuttack
 - Bengaluru
 - Hyderabad
 - Bhubaneswar
- At least 140 people were killed and over 150 were injured in the Crocus City Hall, Moscow on March 22 due to what reason?**
 - Chandra Vimaan

- a. Devastating fire b. Terrorist attack
c. Fierce rioting d. Ceiling collapse
e. None of these
12. **Abel Prize, one of the most prestigious honours in the field of Mathematics, was won by Michel Talagrand, a veteran mathematician from _____ :**
a. USA b. Brazil
c. Greece d. Britain
e. France
13. **Which Australian state has been officially announced as the host for the 2026 Commonwealth Games?**
a. New South Wales b. Victoria
c. Queensland d. South Australia
e. Western Australia
14. **As per the new definition of MSMEs, enterprises with investment up to Rs ___ crore and turnover up to Rs ___ crore will be termed as 'small' enterprises.**
a. 10; 50 b. 30; 100
c. 25; 75 d. 20; 100
e. 30; 90
15. **India made history on the World Kabaddi Day, March 24, by making a Guinness World record for participation of highest number of players, 128, in a kabaddi match played at _____, Haryana:**
a. Sonipat b. Karnal
c. Rohtak d. Panchkula
e. Bhiwani
16. **Sadanand Vasant Date, a 1990-batch IPS officer of the Maharashtra cadre, has been appointed the Director General of which of the following?**
a. CRPF b. ITBP
c. CISF d. BSF
e. NIA
17. **The PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-3 (POEM-3) of ISRO was in the news recently for what reason?**
a. It was ISRO's heaviest launch rocket
b. It met with tragic fiery end up in the sky
c. It was ISRO's fastest rocket till date
d. It re-entered earth's atmosphere without leaving any debris
e. It was ISRO's first rocket powered with liquid Hydrogen
18. **The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has designated three insurers as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for the year 2023-24. Which of the following is the correct answer?**
a. LIC, GIC Re, NICL b. LIC, GIC Re, NIAC
c. LIC, OIC, NIAC d. UIIC, GIC Re, OIC
e. GIC Re, NIAC, UIIC
19. **Mr. Nidhu Saxena has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of which bank for a period of three years with effect from March 27, 2024?**
a. Bank of Baroda b. Indian Bank
c. Indian Overseas Bank
d. Bank of Maharashtra e. Yes Bank
20. **Which major Indian port became the highest cargo handling port of the country in the financial year 2023-24, handling 145.38 million metric tonnes (MMT) cargo?**
a. Kandla b. Paradip
c. Mundra d. Mumbai
e. Chennai
21. **Which country recently unveiled "the world's most powerful laser" weapon, which is based on the inventions of 2018 Nobel Physics Prize winners Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland?**
a. Germany b. Italy
c. Romania d. Britain
e. France
22. **WTO, World Trade Organisation was established in 1995 to promote and facilitate international trade. Who among the following is the current Director General of WTO?**
a. Pascal Lamy
b. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

- c. Roberto Azevedo
d. Dr Tedros Adhanom
e. António Guterres
23. **If there is no transaction in a deposit account for 10 years or more, such an account is categorized as _____ as per the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.**
a. Non-Operative Account
b. No Claim Account
c. Unclaimed Account
d. Inoperative Account
e. No such rule
24. **According to the latest Business Environment Ranking released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), which country is the best place in the world to conduct business for the next five years?**
a. Japan
b. Hong Kong
c. Sweden
d. Singapore
e. UAE
25. **A two-day Coastal Security Exercise Sagar Kavach 01/24 involving all maritime security agencies was conducted on April 01-02 in which area?**
a. Andaman Sea
b. Bay of Bengal
c. Near Chennai
d. Near Lakshadweep
e. Arabian Sea
26. **India has gained the rights to operate a second overseas port, Sittwe, in which country?**
a. Iran
b. Myanmar
c. Bangladesh
d. Sri Lanka
e. Oman
27. **In a renewed attempt to get rid of its crippling bouts of high inflation, which African country introduced a new gold-backed currency on April 05?**
a. Ethiopia
b. Somalia
c. Sudan
d. Zimbabwe
e. Uganda
28. **World Homoeopathy Day is celebrated on April 10 to mark the birthday of the father of Homoeopathy, Dr. Samuel Hahnemann. He hailed from which country?**
a. Britain
b. Bulgaria
c. Austria
d. Germany
e. Sweden
29. **Gahirmatha and Rushikulya rookeries, famous for birth of thousands of Olive Ridley turtles, are located in which state?**
a. West Bengal
b. Odisha
c. Andhra Pradesh
d. Tamil Nadu
e. Gujarat
30. **Your friend has received Rs. one lakh from his grandparents as gift. He/she wants to invest it in a bank as he/she does not need this money for next three years. Which account should he/she open in a bank?**
a. Small Savings Account
b. Current Account
c. Term Deposit Account
d. Recurring Deposit Account
e. Fixed Savings Account
31. **Government has notified six documents as "Officially Valid Documents" – OVDs for compliance of KYC norms. Which one of the following is NOT one of them?**
a. Passport
b. KYC card
c. Aadhaar Card
d. Driving License
e. Voter Card
32. **Peter Higgs, the Nobel prize-winning British scientist who proposed the existence of the Higgs boson particle or God Particle, died on April 09 in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was associated with which field of science?**
a. Atomic energy
b. Nuclear science
c. Astronomy
d. Space science
e. Physics
33. **According to the QS World University Rankings by Subject, announced on April 10, which university is the highest-ranked in India, ranked at 20th position globally for development studies?**
a. Banaras Hindu University
b. Mumbai University

- c. Jawaharlal Nehru University
d. IIM, Ahmedabad e. IIT, Chennai
34. **Who has been selected by Hockey India as the coach of the senior national women's hockey team until the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics?**
a. Harendra Singh b. P R Sreejesh
c. Amit Rohidas d. Birendra Lakra
e. Lalit Singh
35. **Ms. Lindy Cameron has been appointed as the new High Commissioner of which country to India?**
a. France b. Britain
c. Italy d. Hungary
e. Canada
36. **Balance of payment includes which of the following items?**
a. Visible Trade b. Invisible Trade
c. Foreign Debts d. All of these
e. None of these
37. **A currency note of Rs. 10 and above, if is torn into two pieces, is treated as _____:**
a. Imperfect Note b. Mutilated Note
c. Torn Note d. Soiled Note
e. Bifurcated Note
38. **Gopichand Thotakura, the Georgia based Indian aviator and entrepreneur, has been selected as part of the six-member elite crew for New Shephard-25 (NS-25) mission of which company?**
a. SpaceX b. Blue Origin
c. Crew Dragon d. Endeavour
e. Falcon-X
39. **ACM A.M. Turing Award is associated with outstanding contributions to the field of _____:**
a. Astro-physics b. Biochemistry
c. Computing d. Nuclear science
e. Astronomy
40. **Vice Admiral _____ has been appointed the next Chief of the Indian Navy?**
a. D K Tripathi b. S J Singh
c. V Srinivas d. Suraj Berry
- e. Tarun Sobti
41. **Kristalina Georgieva has been re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a second 5-year term starting on 1 October 2024. She hails from which country?**
a. Belgium b. Greece
c. Georgia d. Bulgaria
e. Austria
42. **The first day of the _____, first month of the Hindu calendar, marks the beginning of Hindu calendar Vikram Samvat, 2081 this year:**
a. Magh b. Paush
c. Vaisakh d. Chaitra
e. Ashaadh
43. **Who, among the following, is/are eligible to issue Commercial Paper (CP) in India?**
a. Corporates
b. Primary Dealers (PDs)
c. All-India Financial Institutions (FIs)
d. Only a and b e. All of the above
44. **Ken - Betwa link canal passes through which National Park?**
a. Bandavgarh National Park
b. Kanha National Park
c. Panna National Park
d. Pench National Park
e. None of these
45. **Lakshmana Tirtha River was in news recently as it dried up due to acute water shortage. It is in which state?**
a. Karnataka b. Tamil Nadu
c. Gujarat d. Kerala
e. Maharashtra



1. _____ has become the first country to implement a new World Health Organization (WHO)-recommended vaccine, Men5CV, targeting 5 strains of the meningococcus bacteria:
 - a. Sudan
 - b. Kenya
 - c. Nigeria
 - d. Ethiopia
 - e. Uganda
2. The government has launched the CDP-SURAKSHA digital platform to facilitate easy disbursement of subsidies to which target group?
 - a. Horticulture farmers
 - b. Fish farmers
 - c. Carpet weavers
 - d. Cotton growers
 - e. Handloom weavers
3. Which of the following most closely describes the logo of the 'Make in India' campaign?
 - a. A jumble of industrial wheel figures
 - b. Figure of lion filled with machine parts
 - c. Figure of tiger filled with machine parts
 - d. A figure representing closed fists of labourers
 - e. Industrial wheels with hammer and sickle
4. Salwa Judum was a campaign that was deployed as part of counterinsurgency operations in which State?
 - a. Nagaland
 - b. Jharkhand
 - c. Chhattisgarh
 - d. West Bengal
 - e. Odisha
5. Jakarta is the capital of which of the following countries?
 - a. Indonesia
 - b. Thailand
 - c. Philippines
 - d. Malaysia
 - e. Brunei
6. This year, the option of voting from home has been provided to voters of over which age?
 - a. 66
 - b. 70
 - c. 75
 - d. 80
 - e. 85
7. Which of the following is a scheme for providing free LPG connection to women from BPL households?
 - a. UJALA
 - b. SAUBHAGYA
 - c. UJJWALA
 - d. PAHAL
 - e. SAMARTH
8. Which of the following deals with the violations of the KYC norms?
 - a. Banking Regulation Act, 1949
 - b. Reserve Bank of India Act, 1935
 - c. Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
 - d. Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007
 - e. None of these
9. Which country's holds the record for the highest total score of 314 in the T20 history?
 - a. Bangladesh
 - b. Nepal
 - c. England
 - d. Sri Lanka
 - e. West Indies
10. Indian Army launched which operation in 1984 to take full control of the Siachen Glacier in Ladakh?
 - a. Operation Neelkanth
 - b. Operation Meghdoot
 - c. Operation Himshail
 - d. Operation Woodrose
 - e. Operation Rosebed
11. Popular baby food Cerelac was in news recently for its alleged higher sugar content. It is a brand of which company?
 - a. Hindustan Unilever
 - b. Nestle
 - c. Britannia
 - d. Cadbury
 - e. Amul
12. Which state is famous for its living root bridges, small bridges formed with the help of living tree roots, across small rivulets in number of its villages?
 - a. Meghalaya
 - b. Manipur
 - c. Nagaland
 - d. Assam
 - e. Mizoram
13. What is meant by "Underwriting", a term frequently used in financial sector?
 - a. Undervaluation of the assets
 - b. The act of covering risk for a fee

- c. Giving a guarantee for a loan
d. Permission to float an IPO
e. Undervaluation of expenses
14. **Under Section 126 of which Act does a “silence period” before polls bring in a multitude of restrictions and a higher level of enforcement by poll authorities?**
a. Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
b. Representation of the People Act, 1951
c. Indian Penal Code, 1860
d. Delimitation Act, 2002
e. Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967
15. **In which year was the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana launched to improve medical facilities and doctor-patient ratio in the country?**
a. 2003
b. 2006
c. 2011
d. 2014
e. 2016
16. **In 2015, India and Bangladesh exchanged a number of enclaves wherein 111 Indian enclaves were handed over to Bangladesh and 51 Bangladeshi enclaves in Cooch Behar were merged with India. Cooch Behar lies in which state?**
a. Tripura
b. Assam
c. West Bengal
d. Bihar
e. Mizoram
17. **Which West Asian country received around 260 mm of rain on April 16, the highest amount since its record keeping began 75 years ago, causing unprecedented floods?**
a. UAE
b. Yemen
c. Kuwait
d. Jordan
e. Saudi Arabia
18. **Which mathematical identity is used to calculate the total emission level of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide?**
a. Patric’s number
b. Kaya identity
c. MacWilliams identity
d. Binomial identity
e. Euler's entity
19. **“Knife” is the title of soon to be released memoirs of by which noted author?**
a. James Patterson
b. JK Rowling
c. Salman Rushdie
d. Neil Gaiman
e. None of these
20. **The act of digitally publicising a person’s private details, is called_____:**
a. Gaslighting
b. Ghosting
c. Doxing
d. Catfishing
e. Phantomi
21. **Which of the following brings out the annual World Economic Outlook Report?**
a. World Bank
b. IMF
c. UNO
d. WEF
e. OECD
22. **Thyroid Gland is a _____ shaped gland in the front of the neck, wrapped around the trachea (windpipe):**
a. Butterfly
b. Triangular
c. Crescent
d. Egg
e. Oval
23. **Consider the following with respect to Indian currency and identify the statement which is NOT correct.**
a. The Rs 5 note was the first paper currency issued by the RBI in Jan 1938.
b. Rupee one notes are not issued by RBI
c. The printing of Rs 2 and Rs 5 has been discontinued as these have been coined.
d. Coins can be minted up to Rs 1,000 denomination
e. The RBI has the powers to print currency notes of up to Rs 50,000 denomination.
24. **An armed confrontation recently between Israel and which other country has raised the alarm for the possible third world war?**
a. Iraq
b. Iran
c. Lebanon
d. Yemen
e. Jordan
25. **The Himalayan Mountain range comprises about 15,000 glaciers. Accordingly, it is often referred to as _____:**
a. Third pole
b. Second Arctic

- c. Second pole d. High pole
e. Himalayan Crest
26. **The prestigious Cannes Film Festival is held around May every year in which part of the world?**
a. Greece b. Britain
c. Italy d. France
e. Monaco
27. **Where are the headquarters of the World Health Organization?**
a. New York b. Geneva
c. Paris d. Rome
e. Basel
28. **What is the name of the office that releases official data for the GDP growth of India at quarterly intervals?**
a. Statistical Bureau of India
b. National Statistical Office
c. National Statistical Center
d. Economic Research Center
e. Economic Growth Bureau
29. **The maximum number of shareholders in a public limited company can be:**
a. 100 b. 200
c. 500 d. 1000
e. No limit
30. **In which country massive volcano eruptions in second half of March lead to the evacuation of thousands of residents?**
a. Iceland b. Japan
c. Indonesia d. Italy
e. Mexico
31. **April 14 is celebrated as the Ambedkar Jayanti to mark the birthday of Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. He headed which ministry in the first union cabinet of independent India?**
a. Ministry of Law and Judiciary
b. Ministry of Legal affairs
c. Ministry of Law and Justice
d. Ministry of Law and Corporate Affairs
e. None of these
32. **5th edition of joint military exercise Ex Dustsilk between India and _____ was conducted from April 15 to 28:**
a. Nepal b. Mongolia
c. Uzbekistan d. Kazakhstan
e. Japan
33. **Katchatheevu, a tiny uninhabited island spanning merely 285 acres, was in news recently. It is under which country?**
a. Mauritius b. Sri Lanka
c. Bangladesh d. Seychelles
e. Maldives
34. **The TATA group has partnered with which semi-conductor manufacturing company to set-up India's largest wafer fabrication plant in Gujarat?**
a. Intel Corporation
b. Samsung Electronics
c. SK Hynix
d. Micron Technology
e. PSM Corp.
35. **PM SVANidhi, a special micro-credit facility scheme, provides affordable loans of up to Rs. 10,000 to which category of people?**
a. Small shopkeepers
b. Micro manufacturing units
c. Street Vendors d. Marginal farmers
e. Self-employed professionals
36. **Kerala is one of the most prosperous states of India. Who is its current Chief Minister?**
a. A K Antony b. Oommen Chandy
c. K M Mani d. Pinarayi Vijayan
e. P T Chacko
37. **Every PMJDY account holder is entitled to a free accidental insurance cover of Rs. _____ lakh.**
a. One b. Two
c. Three d. Four
e. Five
38. **What is the name of the portal launched by the Election Commission that caters to permissions for organising rallies,**

booking venues, opening temporary party offices, door-to-door canvassing etc?

- a. Saksham
- b. Bhuvan
- c. Diksha
- d. Suvidha
- e. cVigil

39. Which company recently appointed Srinii Pallia as its CEO and MD after the earlier CEO Thierry Delaporte stepped down?

- a. Infosys
- b. Wipro
- c. TCS
- d. HCLTech
- e. Byju's

40. Which of the following schemes aims to facilitate setting up of solar power plants and solar pump sets?

- a. PM KUSUM
- b. Ujjwala Yojna
- c. PM JANMAN
- d. Solar Subsidy Scheme
- e. PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

41. Which of the following is the government portal for the civil registration of births and deaths?

- a. ncrgovt.in
- b. crsorgi.gov.in
- c. popreg.gov.in
- d. npr.gov.in
- e. b&dreg.gov.in

42. Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) are to be tallied with Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) vote-counts from how many polling booths in every assembly constituency, to cross-check election results?

- a. Five booths
- b. Fifty random booths
- c. All VVPAT slips
- d. Twenty booths
- e. To be decided on case-to-case basis

43. Government allocates highest amount of funds as subsidy to which of the following?

- a. Fuel (petroleum)
- b. Agriculture
- c. Foodgrains
- d. Fertilisers
- e. Pesticides

44. The National Martyrs Memorial at Hussainiwala border lies in which district of Punjab?

- a. Gurdaspur
- b. Fazilka
- c. Ferozpur
- d. Amritsar

e. Tarn Taran

45. Green Banking is associated with which of the following?

- a. Development of forestry by banks
- b. Financing of environmental-friendly projects
- c. Financing of irrigation projects by banks
- d. Financing of plantation crops
- e. Promoting paperless banking

ANSWER KEY | APRIL | GK TEST | 1

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1	E	2	D	3	A	4	B	5	B
6	C	7	C	8	A	9	B	10	E
11	B	12	E	13	B	14	A	15	D
16	E	17	D	18	B	19	D	20	B
21	C	22	B	23	C	24	D	25	D
26	B	27	D	28	D	29	B	30	C
31	B	32	E	33	C	34	A	35	B
36	D	37	D	38	B	39	C	40	A
41	D	42	D	43	E	44	C	45	A

ANSWER KEY | APRIL | GK TEST | 2

Q.	A.								
1	C	2	A	3	B	4	C	5	A
6	E	7	C	8	C	9	B	10	B
11	B	12	A	13	B	14	B	15	B
16	C	17	A	18	B	19	C	20	C
21	B	22	A	23	E	24	B	25	A
26	D	27	B	28	B	29	E	30	A
31	C	32	C	33	B	34	E	35	C
36	D	37	B	38	D	39	B	40	A
41	B	42	A	43	C	44	C	45	B





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- Which of the following city is also included in the recently launched 1st Phase of 5G service?
A) Indore B) Jamnagar
C) Kochi D) Varanasi
 - Who headed the Committee on Prevention of Corruption which led to the setting up of Vigilance Commission of India?
A) K.Santhanam B) NS Rau
C) TN Kaul D) VK Krishna Menon
 - India's oldest lighthouse was built, around 640 CE, by a:
A) Chera King B) Chola King
C) Pallava King D) Pandya King
 - Which of the following statement(s) about INTERPOL is (are) true?
i) Recently India hosted an INTERPOL General Assembly meeting after a gap of about 25years ii) There are about 196 member countries in INTERPOL
iii) India became member of INTERPOL in 1948
A) i) and ii) B) ii) and iii)
C) iii) and i) D) i), ii), iii)
 - Consider the following matches :-
1) PM Vikas Pahal Scheme - To promote development in the villages of North East
2) FAME India Scheme -To promote environment friendly vehicles
3) Operation My Saheli - To boost security of women passengers in train
4) Pradhan Mantri Saubhagya Yojna - Right to electricity to the poor and deprived
Which of the above are correct matches?
A) 1 and 2 only B) 1, 2 and 3 only
C) 1, 3 and 4 only D) 1, 2, and 4 only
 - The theme "Dignity For All in Practice: The commitments we make together for social justice, peace, and the planet" pertains to:
A) World Day of Social Justice
B) International Labour Day
C) International Day of Human Fraternity
D) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
 - On climate change, which of the following statement(s) is (are) true about the COP?
i) 'COP' stands for 'Conclave of the Parties'.
ii) 'COP1' took place in Zurich in 1995.
iii) Paris Agreement was agreed at 'COP21'.
A) Only i) B) Only ii)
C) Only iii) D) All i), ii) and iii)
 - Who collaborated in the India's first indigenously manufactured aluminium goods train rake?
A) Besco & Hindalco B) Besco & NALCO
C) Tisco & Hindco D) Tisco & NALCO
 - On whom Bharat Ratna was not conferred concurrently?
A) Jayaprakash Narayan, Amartya Sen, Gopinath Bordoloi and Ravi Shankar
B) Lata Mangeshkar, Bismillah Khan and Bhimsen Joshi
C) Madan Mohan Malaviya and Atal Bihari Vajpayee
D) Pranab Mukherjee, Bhupen Hazarika and Nanaji Deshmukh
 - Match List I (Person) with List II (Discipline)
- | List I (Person) | List II (Discipline) |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. D Gukesh | a) Chess |
| 2. Jai Prakash Nautiyal | b) Golf |
| | c) Shooting |
- Who wrote Panchatantra stories, the Indian fables with great moral lessons?
A) Brahm Dutt B) Somdev Bhatt
C) Vishnu Dutt D) Vishnu Sharma

12. As a righteous person one should be more concerned about ones'
- A) Character B) Perception
C) Prosperity D) Public image
13. Ethics can be best defined as a:
- A) Descriptive study of behavioural conduct in human life
B) Simple Study of what is right or wrong in human conduct
C) Analytical study of conduct for wellbeing
D) Critical study of religion and its Human interface
14. Omerta, a code of silence that developed among members of the Mafia. It was used to protect criminals from the police, is:
- A) ethically-correct behaviour for the organization, and can also be viewed as correct from a moral point of view
B) ethically-correct behaviour for the organization, but it can also be viewed as wrong from a moral point of view
C) ethically-incorrect behaviour for the organization, and can also be viewed as wrong from a moral point of view
D) ethically-incorrect behaviour for the organization, but it can also be viewed as correct from a moral point of view
15. The action of a lawyer who tells the court that his client is guilty, is:
- A) ethical, and seems right from a moral point of view
B) ethical, and seems wrong from a moral point of view
C) unethical, and seems wrong from a moral point of view
D) unethical, and seems right from a moral point of view
16. There are two numbers such that the sum of twice the first number and thrice the second number is 141 and sum of thrice the first number and twice the second number is 174. Which is the largest number?
- A) 52 B) 36
C) 48 D) 24
17. $\sqrt{900} + \sqrt{0.09} - \sqrt{0.000009} = ?$
- A) 30.297 B) 30.197
C) 30.097 D) 30.397
18. The average weight of 4 men A, B, C, and D, is 67 kg. The 5th man E is included and the average weight decreases by 2 kg. A is replaced by F. The weight of F is 4 kg more than E. Average weight decreases because of the replacement of A and now the average weight is 64 kg. Find the weight of A.
- A) 78 kg. B) 66 kg.
C) 75 kg. D) 58 kg.
19. 4 litres are drawn from a container full of milk and is then filled with water. This operation is performed three more times. The ratio of the quantity of milk left in the container and that of water is 16 : 65. How much milk did the container hold initially?
- A) 24 litres B) 12 litres
C) 15 litres D) 25 litres
20. X, Y, and Z enter a partnership with share in the ratio of $\frac{7}{2} : \frac{4}{3} : \frac{6}{5}$. After 4 months, X increase his share by 50%. If the total profit at the end of the year be Rs.21600, what will be the share of Y in the profit?
- A) Rs.8000 B) Rs.12000
C) Rs.4000 D) Rs.7000
21. A can do $\frac{3}{4}$ part of a lane work in 18 days. B can do $\frac{2}{3}$ part of the lane work in 12 days and C can do 60% of the lane work in 24 days. If A, B, and C do the work alone for 4 days, 6 days, and 8 days respectively, what percent of work is remaining.
- A) 40% B) 25%
C) 30% D) 27%
22. Two pipes A and B can fill a tank in 24 minutes and 32 minutes respectively. If both the pipes are opened simultaneously, after how much time should B be closed so that the tank is full in 18 minutes?
- A) 2 min B) 4 min
C) 6 min D) 8 min
23. An express train travelled at an average speed of 100 km/hr, stopping for 3 min after every 75 km. A local train travelled at a speed of 50 km/hr, stopping for 1 min after every 25 km. If the trains began travelling at the same time, how many kilometers did the local train travel

in the time in which the express train travel 600 km?

- A) 400 km B) 405 km
C) 307.5 km D) 415.5 km

24. X has to pay Rs. 440 to Y after 1 year. Y asks X to pay Rs. 220 in cash and defer the payment of Rs. 220 for 2 years. X agrees to it. If rate of interest be 10% per annum, find X's gain or loss.

- A) Gain of Rs. 3.33 B) Gain of Rs. 8
C) Loss of Rs. 9 D) Loss of Rs. 3.33

25. The simple interest on a certain sum of money for 3 years at 8% per annum is half the compound interest on Rs. 8000 for 2 years at 10% per annum. Find the sum placed on simple interest.

- A) Rs. 3500 B) Rs. 3800
C) Rs. 4000 D) Rs. 3600

26. X walked 5kms towards East and Y walked 6kms towards West, then X turned right and walked 10kms and Y turned right and walked 8kms. How far and in which direction is X from Y.

- A) 29 kms SE B) 15 kms SE
C) 21.2 kms SE D) 1513 kms SE

27. In a code language 'Ten Men Ken Sen' means 'He believes in God', 'Men Fen Sen' means 'God believes optimist', 'Men Ten Zen' means 'He believes friendship' and 'Fen Ben Hen' means 'Optimist always happiness'. On the basis of the above information given, the code for 'optimist believes friendship' is

- A) Can't be determined B) Fen Men Ten
C) Fen Men Zen D) Sen Fen Ten

28. In a class among the passed student X is 22nd from the top and Y who is 5 ranks below X is 34th from the bottom. All the students from the class appeared for an examination. If the ratio of the students who passed in the examination to those who failed is 2:3 for the class, how many students were there in the class?

- A) 100 B) 150
C) 90 D) Data inadequate

29. A survey of representative sample of the population shows that —Newspaper A is read by 26% ; Newspaper B is read by 25% ; Newspaper C is read by 14% ; Newspaper A and B are read by 11% ; Newspaper B and C are read by 10 % ; Newspaper C and A are read by 9% ; Newspaper C only is read by 0% What is

the ratio of readers who read atmost two Newspapers to the readers who read atleast two newspapers?

- A) 19:4 B) 7:3
C) 7:4
D) Can't be determined

30. There are two sets of figures namely the problem figures containing five figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and the answer figures A), B), C), D). Select one figure from the answer figures which will continue the same series as given in the problem figures.

Problem Figures

T C Δ	Δ □ +	+ S Δ	Δ ↑ ○	○ □ Δ
★ + S	S T ★	★ ○ □	□ + ★	★ P ↑
1	2	3	4	5

Answer Figures

Δ ★ ○	Δ P □	Δ 0 P	Δ = ○
↑ 0 □	↑ ○ ★	↑ ○ ★	P ↑ ★
A)	B)	C)	D)

Directions (Q.No.31 & 32): Read the following information carefully & answer the questions below it.

Six friends Puneet, Karan, Sonu, Ramesh, Tinku, Umesh are members of a club and play a different game of Football, Cricket, Tennis, Basketball, Badminton, and Volleyball, each. Tinku, Who is taller than Puneet and Sonu, plays Tennis; the tallest among them plays Basketball; The shortest among them plays Volleyball ; Ramesh plays Volleyball ; Karan and Sonu neither play Volleyball nor Basketball ; Tinku is between Karan, who plays Football and Puneet in order of height.

31. Who will be at 4th place if they are arranged in the ascending order of their heights?

- A) Tinku B) Karan
C) Puneet D) None of these

32. Which game does Puneet play?

- A) Cricket B) Badminton
C) Football D) Either A) or B)

Directions (Q.No.33 & 34): Ten students A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I & J are sitting in a row facing south. B and F are not sitting on either of the edges; G is sitting to the left of D and H is sitting to the right of J; there are four

41. Suppose the formula =IF(\$B2=D\$1, \$A2, 0) is entered into cell D2. What value will Excel calculate for the cell D2?
 A) 0 B) 8.34
 C) Patiala D) Punjab
42. After entering the formula from the previous question into D2, suppose we copy the cell D2 and paste it into D2:F9. After pasting the formula, how many cells in the range D2:F9 contains 0?
 A) 0 B) 6
 C) 12 D) 18
43. After pasting the formula described in the previous question into D2:F9, what is the value of the formula: =COUNTA(D:D) – COUNT(D:D)?
 A) 0 B) 3
 C) 4 D) 5
44. In Windows Operating System, a confidential file needs to be deleted from a workstation. Which is the most effective way to ensure this?
 A) Rename the file
 B) Compress the file and backup to tape
 C) Copy and paste the file into the recycle bin and empty the recycle bin
 D) Drag the file into the recycle bin and empty the recycle bin
45. In the context of IT/ICT, which one of the following about spamming is true?
 A) Spamming is posting or e-mailing unsolicited advertising messages to a wide audience
 B) Spamming is sending lines of nonsensical garbage in a chat Conversation
 C) Spamming is posting a message that contains a graphic description of something offensive
 D) Spamming is an attempt to acquire sensitive information of Malicious reasons, by masquerading as a trustworthy entity
46. Why would Bcc: be used in an email?
 A) Bcc allows the recipient to identify all the other recipients in the list when a group email address is used.
 B) Bcc allows the sender to indicate who the email is for if there is more than one recipient.
 C) Bcc allows the sender of a message to conceal the recipient entered in the Bcc field from the other recipients.
 D) Bcc allows recipients to be visible to all other recipients of the message.

47. Which of the following pairs of communication technologies BOTH use asynchronous communication?
 A) Forums and video conferencing.
 B) Email and forums.
 C) Instant messaging and forums.
 D) Email and instant messaging.
48. Which of the following statements is/are true?
 I. Micro-blogging is a practice of posting small pieces of content on the Internet through systems such as Twitter.
 II. Search engines are also known as web browsers.
 A) I only B) II only
 C) Both I and II D) Neither I nor II
49. In word processing and desktop publishing, the terms portrait and landscape refer to:
 A) Paragraph Formatting
 B) Page Orientation C) Paper Size
 D) Page Layout
50. In Microsoft PowerPoint, the best way to insert a new slide in a presentation is to use the _____
 A) Normal view B) Special view
 C) Slide show view D) Slide sorter view

ANSWER KEY

Q.	A.								
1	B	2	A	3	C	4	A	5	B
6	D	7	C	8	A	9	B	10	D
11	D	12	A	13	B	14	B	15	D
16	C	17	A	18	B	19	B	20	C
21	C	22	D	23	C	24	D	25	A
26	C	27	C	28	B	29	A	30	C
31	A	32	D	33	D	34	A	35	B
36	A	37	B	38	B	39	B	40	A
41	A	42	D	43	B	44	D	45	A
46	C	47	B	48	A	49	B	50	D

SOLUTIONS

16 (C)

$$2I + 3II = 141 \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$$3I + 2II = 174 \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

By solving Largest = 48

17 (A)

$$30 + 0.3 - 0.003 = 30.297$$

18 (B)

$$A + B + C + D = 268 \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$$A + B + C + D + E = 325 \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

$$\text{Buy Sub E} = 57$$

$$F = 57 + 4 = 61 \text{ kg}$$

$$F + B + C + D + E = 320$$

$$\text{Sum of w+ of B, C, D} = 320 - 57 - 61$$

$$= 202 \text{ kg}$$

$$A = 268 - 202 = 66 \text{ kg}$$

19 (B)

$$\frac{x \left(1 - \frac{4}{x}\right)^4}{x} = \frac{16}{81}$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{4}{x}\right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x = 12$$

20 (C)

X	Y	Z
105	: 40	: 36

$$105 \times 4 = 420$$

$$105 \times \frac{3}{2} \times 8 = \frac{1260}{1680} : y : z$$

$$35 : 10 : 9$$

$$y = \frac{10}{54} \times 21600 = 4000$$

21 (C)

$$A \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^w \rightarrow 18d \quad A = 24 \text{ days}$$

$$B \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^w = 12 \text{ days} \quad \therefore B = 18 \text{ days}$$

$$C \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^w = 24 \quad \therefore C = 40 \text{ days}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A(1w) \rightarrow 24d \\ B(1w) \rightarrow 18d \\ C(1w) \rightarrow 40d \end{array} \right\} T.W = 360$$

$$A = 15 \text{ Unit} \times 4d = 60 \text{ Units}$$

$$B = 20 \text{ Units} \times 6d = 120 \text{ Units}$$

$$C = 9 \text{ Unit} \times 8d = \underline{72 \text{ Units}}$$

$$252 \text{ Units}$$

$$R.W = \frac{108}{360} \times 100$$

$$30\%$$

22 (D)

Let the total capacity of the tank be 96 units (LCM of 24 & 32).

$$A \text{ fills} = \frac{96}{24} = 4 \text{ units / minute.}$$

$$B \text{ Fills} = \frac{96}{32} = 3 \text{ units / minute.}$$

Let the time for which B is opened is x minutes.

According to the question

$$7U (x \text{ min}) + 4U [(18-x) \text{ min}] = 96$$

$$7x + 72 - 4x = 96$$

$$3x = 24$$

$$X = 8 \text{ minutes.}$$

The pipe B should be closed after 8 minutes

23(C)

$$\text{Time without stoppage} = \frac{600}{100} = 6 \text{ hr}$$

$$\text{Stoppage} \frac{600 \text{ km}}{75 \text{ km}} = 8 (\therefore \text{ must have 7 stop})$$

$$\therefore \text{ Total time } 6 \times 60 + 3 \times 7 = 381 \text{ minutes}$$

$$\text{Local train @ } 50 \text{ km/h or } \left(\frac{5}{6} \text{ km/min}\right)$$

In 360 min; It travel 300 km After every 25 km; their will be a stop. So while travelling 300 km it will stop $300/25 = 12$ stops

Now we have (360 + 12) min to travel 300 km and we need to know what distance of the train will travel in remaining 9 min

$$\therefore \text{ Distance} = \frac{5}{6} \times 9 = \frac{15}{2} = 7.5 \text{ km}$$

$$\text{Local Train travel } 300 + 7.5 = 307.5 \text{ km}$$

24 (D)

Present worth of 440

$$440 \times \frac{100}{100 + (10\% \times 1 \text{ yr.})}$$

$$440 \times \frac{100}{110} = 400$$

$$x \text{ actually pays} = 220 + 220 \times \frac{100}{120}$$

$$220 + 183.33 = 403.33$$

$$3.33 \text{ Rs (Less)}$$

25 (A)

$$P = 8000$$

$$R = 10\%$$

$$T = 2 \text{ yr}$$

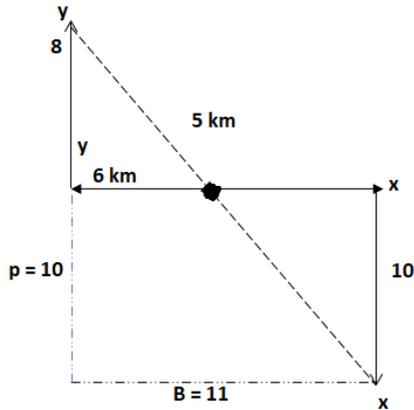
$$C.I. = 1680$$

$$\therefore \text{ SI} = 840 \text{ (half of C.I)}$$

$$840 = \frac{P \times 8 \times 3}{100}$$

$$P = 3500$$

26 (C)



$$H^2 = P^2 + B^2$$

$$= \sqrt{(18)^2 + (11)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{324 + 121}$$

$$= \sqrt{445} = 22.2 \text{ km SE}$$

27 (C)

Ten men ken sen - he believes in God

Men Fen Sen - God believes optimist

Men Ten Zen - He believes friendship

Fen Ben Hen - optimist always happiness

Optimist believes friendship

Fen Men Zen

28 (B)

From among those who passed X is 22nd from the top and Y is 22 + 5 = 27th from the top and 34th from the bottom.

Therefore, total number of students who passed the examination 27 + 34 - 1 = 60

Therefore, total no of student in the class

$$= \frac{60}{2} \times 5 = 150$$

29 (A)

30 (D)

31 to 32

Person	Sport
Umesh	Basket Ball
Karan	Football

Tinku	Tennis
Puneet	Cricket /Badminton
Sonu	Cricket /Badminton
Ramesh	Volleyball

31 (A)

32 (D)

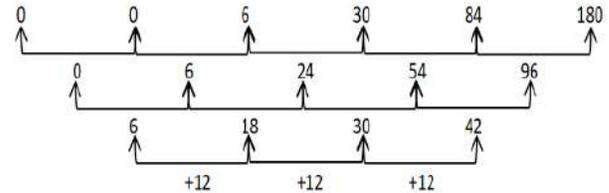
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H/C	I	B	H/C	A	J	D	F	G	E
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33 (D)

34 (A)

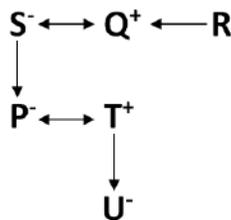
35 (B)



36 (A)

37 (B)

38 (B)



39 (B)

40 (A)

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India has become the world's most populous country, surpassing China, which has held this distinction since at least 1950. Here are some key facts about India's population and its projected changes:

1. Population Growth:

- India's population has grown by more than 1 billion people since 1950, the year UN population data begins.
- The exact size of India's population is estimated to be more than 1.44 billion people, greater than the entire population of Europe or the Americas.
- While China also has more than 1.42 billion people, India's population continues to grow, whereas China's population is declining.

2. Projected Changes:

- Under the UN's "medium variant" projection, India's population will surpass 1.5 billion people by the end of this decade and will continue to slowly increase until 2064, peaking at 1.7 billion people.

3. Age Distribution:

- People under the age of 25 account for around 46% of India's total population. Roughly one-in-five people globally who are under 25 live in India.
- Unlike China and the U.S., India has a rapidly growing young population.
- India's share of people aged 65 and older is likely to remain under 20% until 2063 and won't approach 30% until 2100.

4. Fertility Rate:

- The fertility rate in India is higher than in China and the U.S., but it has declined rapidly in recent decades.
- In 1971, the average number of children a woman would have in her lifetime (called Total Fertility Rate or TFR) was just around six for both India as well as China. However, the TFR for China declined sharply by the end of 1970s. In India, it took more than thirty-five years to reach that level.
- Today, the average Indian woman is expected to have 2.0 children in her lifetime, higher than China's (1.2) or the United States' (1.6).

Challenges of India's Growing Population

India's recent claim to the title of the world's most populous nation comes with a complex set of challenges. While a large population can be a source of strength, managing its growth effectively is crucial to ensure a prosperous future. Some key problems India might face due to its increasing population are:

Resource Strain:

- **Water:** As the population grows, so does the demand for water for drinking, sanitation, and agriculture. Uneven distribution of water resources and strain on existing infrastructure can lead to water scarcity in some regions.
- **Food Security:** Feeding a growing population is a constant challenge. Pressure on agricultural land and the need to increase food production sustainably will be critical.

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- **Energy:** Meeting the energy demands of a large population requires a robust and sustainable energy infrastructure. Investing in renewable energy sources will be crucial to ensure long-term energy security.

Employment and Livelihoods:

- **Job Creation:** A growing population translates to a larger workforce. However, creating enough quality jobs to absorb this young demographic is a major challenge. The mismatch between skills and job market demands can lead to high unemployment rates, particularly among educated youth.

- **Informal Sector:** The dominance of the informal sector, with its low wages and lack of job security, can limit economic mobility and perpetuate poverty. Integrating informal workers into the formal sector can improve their livelihoods.

- According to a 2024 report by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Institute of Human Development (IHD), 83% of India's unemployed population is young.

- The report also states that 66% of India's unemployed population are young and educated, and that the number of educated youth among the unemployed has increased from 54.2% in 2000 to 65.7% in 2022. The report also notes that those without university degrees or full schooling have a higher employment rate.

Urbanization and Infrastructure:

- **Rapid urbanization:** As people migrate to cities seeking better opportunities, urban areas are experiencing rapid growth. This puts a strain on existing infrastructure, leading to problems like inadequate housing, sanitation, and transportation.

- **Slums and Social Issues:** The inability to accommodate the influx of people can lead to the growth of slums, with associated social problems like crime and health issues.

Environmental Impact:

- **Pollution:** Increased consumption and industrial activity due to population growth can lead to higher levels of air, water, and land pollution. Sustainable practices and stricter environmental regulations are essential.

- **Climate Change:** A larger population can contribute to increased greenhouse gas emissions, further exacerbating climate change.

Healthcare and Education:

- **Healthcare Burden:** Providing quality healthcare services to a large population is a significant challenge. Investing in healthcare infrastructure and ensuring accessibility for all is crucial.

- **Education System:** Educating a large and growing population requires substantial investment in the education system. Ensuring quality education and equipping graduates with relevant skills is essential for future growth.

Overall Impact on Development:

Uncontrolled population growth can hinder economic development efforts. It can strain social safety nets, exacerbate income inequality, and limit the effectiveness of government programs aimed at poverty reduction and social development.



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- दी गई श्रृंखला में गलत पद ज्ञात करें।
8, 13, 21, 32, 47, 63, 83
(A) 21 (B) 32
(C) 13 (D) 47
- एक लिफ्ट 1 ms^{-2} के नियत त्वरण के साथ नीचे आ रही है।
80 किग्रा का आदमी जो उस लिफ्ट में चढ़ता है, वह कितना
हल्का महसूस करेगा ?
(A) 60 N (B) 40 N
(C) 20 N (D) 80 N
- पवित्र शहर होनेवाला जिला है
(A) कुरुक्षेत्र (B) हिसार
(C) अंबाला (D) पंचकुला
- यदि '-' का अर्थ '+' है, '+' का अर्थ '-', '*' का अर्थ '+', '+'
का अर्थ '*', तो निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा सत्य नहीं है ?
(A) $30-5+4 \div 10 \times 5 = 27$ (B) $30 \times 5-4 \div 10+5=41$
(C) $30+5 \div 4-10 \times 5 = 22$ (D) $30+5-4 \div 10 \times 5 = 33$
- चुनाव आयोग में नामांकन दाखिल करते समय एक
उम्मीदवार को हलफनामा देना अनिवार्य है। यहाँ हलफनामे
का क्या मतलब है ?
(A) उम्मीदवार के अभियान व्यय का विवरण देना
(B) उम्मीदवार के पार्टी के विवरण को सूचित करना
(C) संपत्ति और आपराधिक मामलों का विवरण देना
(D) उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं
- घटा हुआ प्रावस्था नियम $F =$
(A) C-P (B) C-P+3
(C) C-P+2 (D) C-P+1
- दिए गए विकल्पों में से लुप्त पद ज्ञात करें।
b e d f ? h j ? l
(A) m i (B) l n
(C) i m (D) j m
- कौन-सा एट्रिब्यूट दो आसन्न सेल के बीच दूरी को निर्दिष्ट
करता है ?
(A) सेलमार्जिंग (B) सेलस्पेसिंग
(C) सेलपेडिंग (D) उक्त में से कोई नहीं
- हरियाणा में पहला कागज का कारखाना किस वर्ष शुरू किया
गया था ?
(A) 1939 (B) 1949
(C) 1929 (D) 1959
- कैलेंडर: तिथि शब्दकोश ?
(A) भाषा (B) शब्द
(C) शब्द-भंडार (D) पुस्तक
- हरियाणा में कपड़ा, कालीन और कंबल का शहर कौन सा है ?
(A) पानीपत (B) सिरसा
(C) सूरत (D) हिसार
- द्वितीयक रंग है
(A) CYB (B) OGV
(C) RGB (D) WGR
- ध्वनि हटाने और आंकड़े में असंगति हटाने के लिए कौन-सी
आंकड़ा प्रसंस्करण तकनीक लगाई जा सकती है ?
(A) आंकड़े स्वच्छ करण (B) आँकड़े रूपांतरण
(C) आँकड़े एकीकरण (D) आँकड़े निम्नीकरण
- भारत में निम्न में से कौन-सी रबी फसल है ?
(A) जौ (B) जवार
(C) मक्का (D) चावल
- क्रमशः 3 मापने की रेप की लंबाई 65 cm 85 cm और 95
cm है। आस कपड़े की लंबाई क्या है, जिसे इन तीनों मापने
की टेप में से किसी एक का उपयोग करके सटीक संख्या में में
भाषा जा सकता है ?
(A) 20995 (B) 5
(C) 1 (D) 21675
- 1937 में हरियाणा में किस स्थान पर पहला कपड़ा मिल
स्थापित की गई थी ?
(A) भिवानी (B) सिरसा
(C) करनाल (D) गुरुग्राम
- यदि समांतर श्रेणी का 12 वा शब्द, तीसरा शब्द से 36 अधिक
है और सोलहवां शब्द 64 है, तो पहले शब्द की तुलना में
समांतर श्रेणी क्या है ?
(A) 4 (B) 3
(C) 6 (D) 1

18. 17:52:17
(A) 4 (B) 5
(C) 3 (D) 51
19. छोटे शहरों का का प्रशासन द्वारा चलाया जाता है।
(A) नगरपालिका (B) जगदात्री
(C) मुनिसिपालिटि (D) नगर निगम
20. हरियाणा की वाणिज्य फसल कौनसी है?
(A) गन्ना (B) सूरजमुखी
(C) कपास (D) आलू
21. हरियाणा में स्वर्ण नगरी है
(A) अंबाला (B) सोनीपत
(C) रेवाड़ी (D) पानीपत
22. यूरोपीय परिषद के झंडे में तारों का वृत्त निम्नलिखित कथनों में से किसके लिए आता है ?
i. राष्ट्रों के बीच समन्वय और सद्भाव।
ii. 12 सर्वोत्कृष्टता के बिह से मिलता है।
(A) I और दोनों सही नहीं हैं (B) केवल सही है
(C) I और दोनों सही हैं (D) केवल II सही है
23. मार्टिन लूथर किंग के पंचानने शोध में क्या शामिल हैं ?
(A) विधर्मी से पुस्तकों के प्रकाशक को नियंत्रित करना
(B) रोमन कैथोलिक चर्च के कई प्रथाओं और अनुष्ठानों की आलोचना करना
(C) सम्राट के प्रशासनिक दोषों की आलोचना करना
(D) राष्ट्र में लोकतांत्रिक सरकार को वापस लाना
24. निवल कोणीय वेग संरक्षित रहता है यदि
(A) वस्तु पर लगनेवाले कुल रैखिक वेग का योग शून्य है
(B) एक वस्तु पर लगनेवाले बाह्य आपूर्ण बलों का योग शून्य है
(C) वस्तु पर लगनेवाले बाह्य बलों का योग शून्य
(D) उक्त में से कोई नहीं
25. यदि MADRAS का कूट 56 है, तो CALCUTTA का कूट क्या होगा ?
(A) 83 (B) 81
(C) 82 (D) 80
26. रोलेट अधिनियम किस वर्ष में पारित किया गया था ?
(A) 21 मार्च 1917 (B) 21 मार्च 1918
(C) 21 मार्च 1916 (D) 21 मार्च 1919
27. मेसोपोटेमियन्स के द्वारा प्रयोग करनेवाला प्रारंभिक भाषा था
(A) सुमेरियन (B) लेटिन
(C) ग्रीक (D) ब्राह्मी
28. यदि ROAST का कूट PQYUR है, तो उसी भाषा में SLOPPY का कूट क्या होगा ?
(A) NRMNQA (B) QNMRNA
(C) MRNAQN (D) RANNMQ
29. मार्केड नदि द्वारा बनाए गए बाढ़ के मैदानों को करा जाता है
(A) एल्युवियल (B) नेली
(C) श्वाकी (D) बेट
30. संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ के संपोषणीय विकास की कार्यसूची 2030 में कितने संपोषणीय विकास लक्ष्य शामिल है?
(A) 21 लक्ष्य (B) 10 लक्ष्य
(C) 17 लक्ष्य (D) उक्त में से कोई नहीं
31. सीमा के किस क्षेत्र में यमुना नदी बहती है?
(A) पूर्व (B) उत्तरी
(C) पश्चिमी (D) दक्षिण
32. हरियाणा में गर्मी का मौसम कब से होता है ?
(A) जनवरी से मार्च (B) जुलाई से सितंबर
(C) मार्च से मई (D) अप्रैल से जून
33. शरणार्थियों हेतु संयुक्त राष्ट्र उच्च आयुक्त का मुख्यालय में स्थित है।
(A) पॅरिस (B) जेनेवा
(C) वॉशिंगटन डीसी (D) उक्त में से कोई नहीं
34. अकबर.....का पुत्र था।
(A) जयवर्धन (B) शाहजहाँ
(C) हुमायूँ (D) बाबर
35. किस अवधि में रु. 5,500, 4% सालाना सरल ब्याज पर रु. 6.050 हो जाएगा?
(A) 3.5 साल (B) 2.5 साल
(C) 3 साल (D) 4 साल
36. 8 विद्यार्थियों के अंकों का औसत 30 है, पहले दो का औसत 22% और अगले तीन का 24 है, छठे विद्यार्थी के अंक सातवें से 3 कम है और 8 वें विद्यार्थी से 9 कम है। आठवें विद्यार्थी द्वारा प्राप्त अंक क्या थे ?
(A) 44 (B) 48
(C) 46 (D) 42
37. सोने और मोलिब्डेनम सतह पर NH_3 का अपघटन अभिक्रिया के लिए एक उदाहरण है।
(A) प्रथम क्रम (B) द्वितीय क्रम
(C) शून्य क्रम (D) तृतीय क्रम
38. निम्नलिखित में से कौन-सा जानवर भारत का राष्ट्रीय जानवर है ?
(A) बंगाल बाघ (B) एशियाई हाथी
(C) एशियाई शेर (D) उक्त में से कोई नहीं
39. ह्युयेन त्सांग के शासन के दौरान भारत आया।
(A) हर्षवर्धन (B) वाजपेयी
(C) शाहजहाँ (D) इंदिरा गाँधी
40. अगस्टस द्वारा स्थापित किए गए साम्राज्य का प्रथम सम्राट के नाम से पुकारा गया।
(A) सीनेट (B) मोनार्क
(C) प्रिंसीपेट (D) रिपब्लिक
41. विडोज इंटरनेट एक्सप्लोरर में डिफॉल्ट फॉन्ट आकार है
(A) 11 (B) 22
(C) 12 (D) 24

42. भैंस की सबसे अधिक आबादी कहाँ पाई गई?
 (A) कैथल (B) रेवाड़ी
 (C) पानीपत (D) भिवानी
43. जावास्क्रिप्ट आन्यूह में प्रथम तत्व का सूचकांक मान है।
 (A) 1 (B) -1
 (C) 0 (D) 2
44. 50 लोगों के सर्वेक्षण में से जा कम से कम 2 पेये कॉफी या चाय में से एक पीते हैं, 20 लोग चाय पीने 10 लोग कॉफी और चाय दोनों लेते हैं। केवल कॉफी पीनेवालों की संख्या क्या है?
 (A) 20 (B) 30
 (C) 40 (D) 10
45. भारत का प्रथम आम चुनाव.....में हुआ
 (A) 1951-52 (B) 1952-53
 (C) 1950-51 (D) उक्त में से कोई नहीं
46. श्रंखला पूर्ण कीजिए।
 -1, 0, 1, 8, 27, ?
 (A) 44 (B) 66
 (C) 24 (D) 64
47. हालही में, भारतीय चुनाव आयोग के आंकड़ों के अनुसार निर्वाचन क्षेत्र के संबध में भारत का सबसे बड़ा चुनाव क्षेत्र निम्नलिखित में से कौन-सा है ?
 (A) लदाख (B) चाँदनी चौक
 (C) मल्काजगिरी (D) उक्त में से कोई नहीं
48. यदि $2^2 - 6 \cdot 2^2 + 8 = 0$ तो $x =$
 (A) -1, -2 (B) 0.1
 (C) 1, 2 (D) इनमें से कोई नहीं
49. निम्नलिखित में कौनसे प्रेसीडेंसी शहर अंग्रेजों भारत में स्थापित किये थे ?
 (A) मद्रास, बंगाल, दिल्ली (B) बंगाल, दिल्ली, बॉम्बे
 (C) बॉम्बे, बंगाल, मद्रास (D) दिल्ली, बॉम्बे, मद्रास
50. श्रंखला पूर्ण कीजिए।
 8,9,7,8,6,7,? ?
 (A) 9 (B) 5
 (C) 6 (D) 12
51. हरियाणा औरते सोने से बने हुए गहना पर्लि को कहाँ पहनते हैं ?
 (A) कान (B) गर्दन
 (C) नाक (D) उँगलियों
52. 0.5, 0.55, 0.65, 0.8. ?
 (A) 0.82 (B) 1
 (C) 0.9 (D) 0.95
53. कक्षा C नेटवर्क IP पत्तों की श्रेणी
 (A) 128.0.0.0 से 191.255.0.0
 (B) (28.255.0.0 से 192.255.0.255
 (C) 1.0.0.0 से 127.0.0.0
 (D) 192.0.0.0 से 223.255.255.0
54. यह उत्तर पूर्वी भारत में ताजा पानी की सबसे बड़ी झील है। उसके ऊपर तैरते हुए फुमदियों की वजह से विश्व में एकमात्र तैरते हुए झील के रूप में जाना जाता है। उक्त कथनों के अनुसार निम्नलिखित में से यह कौन-सी झील है?
 (A) डल झील (B) लोकताक झील
 (C) वूलर झील (D) उक्त में से कोई नहीं
55. हरियाणा में बेनेटन समूह की एक शाखा है, जो जूते, कपड़ा, बैग आदि का उत्पादन करती है, वह स्थान है
 (A) गुरुग्राम (B) पानीपत
 (C) फरीदाबाद (D) भिवानी
56. यदि EXAMINATION का कूट 125 है, तो HARDWORK का कूट संख्या क्या होगा ?
 (A) 250 (B) 68
 (C) 521 (D) 98
57. अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आर्कटिक अनुसंधान बेस, नॉर्वे पर भारत के सबसे पहले अनुसंधान स्टेशन का नाम क्या है ?
 (A) सह्याद्री (B) शेषाद्री
 (C) हिमाद्री (D) उक्त में से कोई नहीं
58. AG : IO :: EK : ?
 (A) MS (B) PV
 (C) LR (D) SY
59. एक 30° नत समतल के साथ 10 मीटर तक एक 100 किलोग्राम के खंड की सम्भाव्य ऊर्जा है
 (A) 490 J (B) 980 J
 (C) 245 J (D) शून्य
60. मोरनी और टिपरा श्रेणियों द्वारा अलग होती है।
 (A) नदी सारस्वत (B) नदी मार्कंड
 (C) नदी घग्गर (D) नदी यमुना
61. राजा हर्षवर्धन ने एक प्रसिद्ध नाटक लिखा।
 (A) भरतांजलि (B) नारायणीयम
 (C) नागानंद (D) उक्त में से कोई नहीं
62. हरियाणा में कौनसा शहर स्टील सिटी के रूप में जाना जाता है ?
 (A) रोहतक (B) रेवाड़ी
 (C) हिसार (D) अंबाला
63. बोरिक एसिड और क्या है? बोरेक्स बफर मिश्रण का पीएच रेंज क्या है
 (A) 4.0-6.2 (B) 6.8-9.2
 (C) 2.2-3.8 (D) 5.9-8.0
64. यदि दो संख्याओं का मसप और लसय क्रमशः 9 और 360 है और यदि एक संख्या 45 है, तो दूसरी है
 (A) 7 (B) 72
 (C) 36 (D) None of these
65. भारत छोड़ो आंदोलन कब शुरू हुआ था ?
 (A) 8 अगस्त 1942 (B) 8 अगस्त 1941

- (C) 8 अगस्त 1940 (D) 8 अगस्त 1943
66. आंतरिक विवरणों को सम्मिलित किए बिना आवश्यक विशेषताओं को अलग करने और पहचानने की प्रक्रिया है
(A) आँकड़ा संक्षेपण (B) आवरणीकृत करना
(C) डाटा छिपाना (D) इन्हेरिटन्स
67. एक व्यक्ति मासिक किस्तों में रु. 975 का भुगतान करता है, प्रत्येक किस्त पूर्व की तुलना में रु. 5 से कम होगी। यदि पहली किस्त का भुगतान रु. 100 किया गया है, तो पूरी राशि का भुगतान कितने समयावधि में होगा ?
(A) 14 महीना (B) 13.5 महीना
(C) 10 महीना (D) 15 महीना
68. बड़ी संख्या में निर्देशों वाला कंप्यूटर एक कहलाता है।
(A) RISS (B) CISC
(C) RISC (D) CISS
69. कौन सी सबसे बड़ी संख्या है, जो 165 और 225 को विभाजित कर सकती है?
(A) 225 (B) 15
(C) 2475 (D) इनमें से कोई नहीं
70. 8 आदमियों और 6 लड़कों की मजदूरी की कुल राशि ₹ 33 है। यदि 4 आदमियाँ 5 लड़कों से ₹ 4.50 ज्यादा कमाते हैं, तो प्रत्येक आदमी और लड़के की एजदरी ज्ञात करें।
(A) ₹3.2 1.5 (B) ₹1.5.₹3
(C) ₹2.5.₹2 (D) ₹2.₹2.5
71. यदि घनीय समीकरण $4x^3 + 20x^2 - 23x + 6 = 0$ में से एक मूल 6 है, तो अन्य 2 मूल क्या है ?
(A) $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ (B) $1, \frac{-1}{2}$
(C) $\frac{-1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ (D) $\frac{1}{2}, -1$
72. एक वस्तु के 5 किग्रा कोर 100 प्रति किग्रा पर खरीदा जाता है। 6 किग्रा को ₹110 प्रति किग्रा और 9 किग्रा को ₹120 प्रति किग्रा पर खरीदा जाता है। वस्तु का प्रति किग्रा औसत मूल्य है
(A) ₹110 प्रति किग्रा (B) ₹112 प्रति किग्रा
(C) ₹115 प्रति किग्रा (D) ₹117 प्रति किग्रा
73. हरियाणा विधान मंडल के पास उर्म कानूनों को पारित करने की शक्ति है जो संविधान की अनुसूची में हैं।
(A) चौथी (B) आठवीं
(C) सातवीं (D) छठी
74. हरियाणा के पहाड़ी क्षेत्र की मृदा है।
(A) चिकनी मिट्टी (B) चट्टानी
(C) पीली (D) काली

Fill in the blank from the given choices and mark that option as the answer.

75. (A) Every officer and every soldier has to be ready to sacrifice his/her life for the country
(B) Either Prathupor Pradeep has done this mischief
(C) Each man and each woman have a vote
(D) None of these
76. (A) He is not so bad as you say
(B) Scarcely I had reached the station when the train steamed out
(C) No sooner did the tiger appear than he shot it down
(D) He is both scholarly and cultured

Identify the underlined words in the

77. He signed the letter.
(A) verb (B) adverb
(C) pronoun (D) noun
78. This is the desk which the invariably wrote at
(A) linker (B) preposition
(C) helping verb (D) verb
79. She has a headache but he has got.....
appendicitis.
(A) no article. (B) a
(C) an (D) the

Direction for question 80: Each question gives a word followed by four choices. From the choices select the most suitable synonym (word which means the same) for the main word and mark its corresponding letter as your answer.

80. **AVARICIOUS**
(A) Greedy (B) Lazy
(C) Smart (D) Happy

Direction for question 81: Select the word/group of words which is most opposite in meaning to the word/group of words.

81. **DIMINISH**
(A) lessen (B) reduce
(C) augment (D) swell up

Direction for question 82: Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence the option of that part is the answer.

82. 1(1)/have been wondering (2)/ whether you will be (3)/free this evening (4).
 (A) 2 (B) 4
 (C) 1 (D) 3

हिन्दी भाषा

83. घी' शब्द का प्रयोग लिंग में होता है।
 (A) स्त्रीलिंग (B) नपुंसकलिंग
 (C) पुल्लिंग (D) इनमें से कोई नहीं
84. निम्नलिखित में से कौनसी कहावत का अर्थ है- 'कहीं ठिकाना न होना ?
 (A) न रहेगा बाँस न बजेगी बाँसुरी
 (B) न सावन हरा न भादों सूखा
 (C) दोनों नावों पर पैर रखना
 (D) कुर्सी
85. जोड़कर लिखिए :
 कारक विभक्तिया
 अ) कर्ता क) में, पर
 आ) कर्म ख) से
 इ) करण ग) का
 ई) अधिकरण घ) ने
 (अ) (आ) (इ) (ई)
 (A) क ग ख घ
 (B) घ ख ग क
 (C) घ ग ख क
 (D) घ ग क ख
86. निम्नलिखित में से पुल्लिंग शब्द चुनिए।
 (A) पक्षी (B) सुमन्ध
 (C) माता (D) कुर्सी
87. देवनागरी लिपि में कुल (विसर्ग और अनुस्वार सहित) कितने स्वर माने गए हैं
 (A) 15 (B) 11
 (C) 13 (D) 10
88. निम्नलिखित में से कौनसा बहुवचन रूप अशुद्ध है ?
 (A) काके (B) गुड़ियाँ
 (C) माताएँ (D) पुस्तकें
89. पदों का वह समूह जिसके द्वारा हम कोई पूरी बात कहते हैं वह है
 (A) वाक्य (B) नाद
 (C) शब्द (D) क्रियापद

(90) किस शब्द में वृद्धि संधि है?

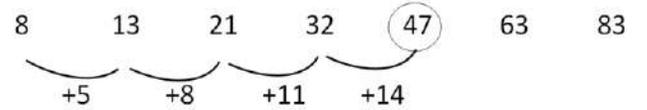
- (A) यद्यपि (B) अन्वेषण
 (C) रमेश (D) सदैव

ANSWER KEY

Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.
1	D	2	D	3	A	4	C	5	C
6	D	7	C	8	B	9	C	10	B
11	A	12	C	13	A	14	A	15	B
16	A	17	A	18	A	19	A	20	A
21	B	22	C	23	B	24	B	25	B
26	D	27	A	28	B	29	D	30	C
31	C	32	D	33	B	34	C	35	B
36	C	37	C	38	A	39	A	40	C
41	C	42	D	43	C	44	B	45	A
46	D	47	C	48	C	49	C	50	B
51	C	52	B	53	D	54	B	55	A
56	D	57	C	58	A	59	None	60	C
61	C	62	C	63	B	64	B	65	A
66	A	67	D	68	B	69	B	70	A
71	A	72	B	73	C	74	B	75	C
76	B	77	A	78	B	79	A	80	A
81	C	82	A	83	C	84	D	85	C
86	A	87	C	88	A	89	A	90	D

SOLUTIONS

1. (D)

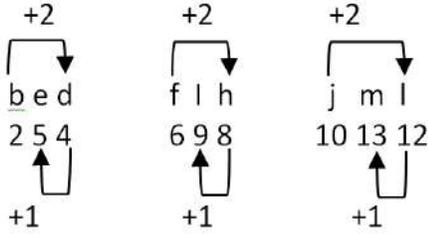


47 is wrong and must be replaced by 46

4. (C)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 - - + \\
 + - - \\
 \times - + \\
 + - \times \\
 30 + 5 + 4 - 10 \times 5 = 22 \\
 30 - 5 \times 4 + 10 \div 5 = 22 \\
 30 - 20 + 2 = 22 \\
 10 + 2 = 22 \\
 12 \neq 22
 \end{array}$$

7 (C)



Im Answer C

15 (B)

HCF of 65, 85, 95

i.e. 5 cm

17 (A)

$$T_{12} = a + 11d, T_3 = a + 2d$$

$$a + 11d - a - 2d = 36$$

$$9d = 36$$

$$d = 4$$

$$T_{16} = a + 15d = 64$$

$$a + 15 \times 4 = 64$$

$$a = 4$$

25 (B)

M A D R A S - 56

$$13 + 1 + 4 + 18 + 1 + 19$$

C A L C U T T A - 81

$$3 + 1 + 12 + 3 + 21 + 20 + 20 + 1$$

28 (B)

18 15 1 19 20	19 12 15 16 16 25
R O A S T	S L O P P Y
P Q Y U R	Q N M R N A
16 17 25 21 18	17 14 13 18 14 1
-2 +2 -2 +2 -2	-2 +2 -2 +2 -2 +2

35 (B)

$$P = 5500, A = 6050, R = 4\%$$

$$SI = A - P = 6050 - 5500$$

$$= 550$$

$$SI = \frac{P \times R \times T}{100}$$

$$550 = \frac{5500 \times 4 \times T}{100}$$

$$T = \frac{10}{4} = 2.5 \text{ year}$$

36 (C)

$$8 \times 30 = 240$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times \frac{45}{2} = 45$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \times 24 = \frac{72}{117}$$

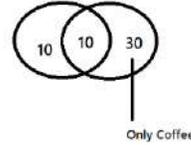
$$6 + 7 + 8 + \dots = 240 - 117$$

$$x + x + 3 + x + 9 = 123$$

$$3x = 111$$

$$1x = 37 \Rightarrow 37 + 9 = 46$$

44 (B)



46 (D)

$$-1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 8 \quad 27 \quad 64$$

$$(-1)^3 \quad (0)^3 \quad (1)^3 \quad (2)^3 \quad (3)^3 \quad (4)^3$$

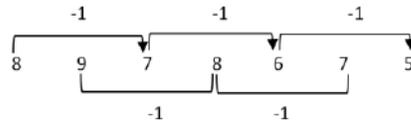
48 (C)

$$2^{2x} - 6 \cdot 2^x + 8 = 0$$

By option \Rightarrow Only option

C is true

50 (B)



52 (B)

$$0.5 \quad 0.55 \quad 0.65 \quad 0.8$$

$$1^{\text{st}} - 0.5$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} - 0.5 + 0.05 - 0.55$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} - 0.55 + 0.10 - 0.65$$

$$4^{\text{th}} - 0.65 + 0.15 - 0.80$$

$$5^{\text{th}} - 0.80 + 0.20 = 1$$

56. (D)

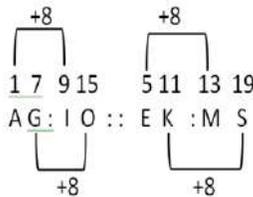
E X A M I N A T I O N - 125

5 24 1 13 9 14 1 20 9 15 14

H A R D W O R K - 98

8 1 18 4 23 15 18 11

58 (A)



64 (B)

HCF \times Product of Numbers

$$9 \times 360 = 45 \times x$$

$$x = 72$$

67 (D)

The order of installments in Rs. is 100, 95, 90, 85 and so on.

The above series forms an A.P. with first term = $a = 100$ and common difference = $d = -5$ and total sum = Rs. 975. Let in n months, total amount is paid.

$$\text{Sum of an A.P.} = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2}[2 \times 100 + (n-1)(-5)] = 975$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} \times [200 - 5n + 5] = 975$$

$$\Rightarrow 205n - 5n^2 = 1950$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 41n + 390 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-15)(n-26) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 15, 26$$

Now, if $n = 26$, number of installments will become negative (after 20 installments), hence it is not possible.

\therefore Total installments = 15 months

\Rightarrow Ans - (C)

70 (A)

Let the wage of 1 man be rs x and the wage of 1 boy be rs y .

$$\text{Now, } 8x + 6y = 33$$

$$\text{and, } 4x = 4.5 + 5y$$

$$\text{also, } 8x = 2(4x) = 2(4.5 + 5y) = 9 + 10y$$

$$\text{So, } 8x = 9 + 10y$$

$$\text{Thus, } 9 + 10y + 6y = 33$$

$$9 + 16y = 33$$

$$16y = 33 - 9$$

$$16y = 24$$

$$y = 24/16$$

$$y = 1.5$$

$$\text{Now, } 8x + 6(1.5) = 33$$

$$8x + 9 = 33$$

$$8x = 33 - 9$$

$$8x = 24$$

$$x = 24/8$$

$$x = 3$$

So, the wage of each man is rs 3 while the wage of each boy is rs 1.5.

71 (A)

$$4x^3 + 20x^2 - 23x + 6 = 0$$

Let the roots be a, a, b

$$\sum x = a + a + b = -\frac{20}{4} = -5$$

$$2a + b = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -5 - 2a \dots (i)$$

$$\sum xy = a(a) + a(b) + b(a) = \frac{-23}{4}$$

$$a^2 + 2ab = \frac{-23}{4}$$

substituting b from (i)

$$4a^2 + 8ab + 23 = 0$$

$$4a^2 + 8a(-5 - 2a) + 23 = 0$$

$$4a^2 - 40a - 16a^2 + 23 = 0$$

$$12a^2 + 40a - 23 = 0$$

$$12a^2 - 6a + 46a - 23 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{23}{6}$$

substituting a in (i)

$$\Rightarrow b = -6, -\frac{8}{3}$$

$$\sum xyz = a^2b = -\frac{6}{4} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Product of roots do not satisfy $a = -\frac{8}{3}$

So the roots of the equation are $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -6$

72 (A)

$$\frac{5 \times 100 \times 6 + 6 \times 110 + 9 \times 120}{5 + 6 + 9}$$

$$\frac{2240}{20} = 112$$

राह संघर्ष की जो
चलता है,
वो ही संसार को
बदलता हैं,
जिसने रातों से है
जंग जीती..
सुबह सूर्य बनकर
वही चमकता है

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1. 'देवलोक' का पर्यायवाची शब्द कोन सा है
(A) सर्ग (B) सुवर्ग
(C) सुअर्ग (D) स्वर्ग
2. 'आकर्षण' का विलोम शब्द बताइए:
(A) अनाकर्षण (B) विकर्षण
(C) विकलन (D) प्रतयाकर्षण
3. निम्नलिखित में से कोन सा शब्द शुद्ध है?
(A) उन्नति (B) उनति
(C) उनती (D) उन्नती
4. निम्नलिखित में से कोन सा शब्द शुद्ध है?
(A) सन्यासी (B) सन्यासी
(C) सृगार (D) उज्जवल
5. निम्नलिखित में से शुद्ध वाक्य कौन सा है?
(A) अभिनेता महिला का सभी आदर करते हैं!
(B) बहिन जो गाड़ी में आ रही हैं!
(C) आत्मा शस्त्र सँ नहीं मरता!
(D) गुणवती महिला का सर्वत्र सम्मान होता है!
6. निम्नलिखित में से 'राष्ट्र' शब्द का विश्लेषण बताए:
(A) राष्ट्रीय (B) राष्ट्रीयता
(C) राष्ट्रक (D) राष्ट्रता
7. 'चाँद पर थूकना' का अर्थ क्या है ?
(A) किसी महान व्यक्ति पर कलंक लगाना
(B) असंभव कार्य (C) दूर से बात करना
(D) साहसिक कार्य करना
8. 'सब कुछ खाने वाला' इसके लिए उपुक्त शब्द बनाए:
(A) सर्वभक्षी (B) मांसाहारी
(C) निरामिष (D) शाकाहारी
9. पिले है अंबर जिसके' इसका समस्त पद कोन सा है ?
(A) चतुर्भुज (B) पीताम्बर
(C) त्रिनेत्र (D) दशानन
10. 'जहां समस्त पद के दोनों पद प्रधान होते हैं वहां कौन सा समास होता है ?
(A) तत्पुरुष (B) अव्ययीभाव
(C) द्विगु (D) द्वन्द
11. 'अध्यक्ष' शब्द उपसर्ग है!
(A) आदि (B) आधि
(C) अध् (D) अधि
12. 'घबरहाट' शब्द का कौन सा प्रत्यय है ?
(A) ट (B) ग्राहट
(C) आहट (D) हट
13. 'नमस्कार' शब्द का कौन सा संधि विच्छेद सही है ?
(A) नमः+ कार (B) नमः+ आकर
(C) नमस+कार (D) नः+मस्कार
14. 'व्यक्ति' शब्द को भाववाचक संज्ञा कौन सी है?
(A) वैयक्तिक (B) वैयक्तिकता
(C) व्यक्तित्व (D) व्यक्तिगत
15. फादर बुल्के की महत्व पूर्ण देन क्या है?
(A) अंग्रेजी हिंदी कोश (B) मानक कोश
(C) विश्वकोश (D) एनसाइक्लोपीडिया ब्रिटानिका
16. वल्लभाचार्या के शिष्य कौन है ?
(A) देव (B) रसखान
(C) सूरदास (D) तुलसीदास
17. 'लरिकाई' का अर्थ क्या है ?
(A) बचपन में (B) लड़की
(C) लड़का (D) स्त्रियाँ
18. कमर में पहनने वाले आभूषण का नाम बताए:
(A) नूपुर (B) किंकिणी
(C) हार (D) कर्णफूल
19. 'बिस्मिला खां' संगीत के किस क्षेत्र में प्रतिष्ठित
(A) सहनाई वादन (B) वंसी वादन

- (C) मुरछांग वादन (D) त्रिगी वादन
20. 'रहिमन पानी राखियो' बिन पानी सब सुन :पानी गए न ऊबरै मानस चुन'- में कौन सा अलंकार है
(A) अनुप्रास (B) उपमा
(C) चमक (D) श्लेष
21. Roots of quadratic equation $x^2-3x-10=0$ are:
(A) 5, -2 (B) 2,-1
(C) $1/3, -3/2$ (D) 1,3
22. A quadratic equation $ax^2+bx+c=0$ has two equal roots if:
(A) $B^2-4ac>0$ (B) $B^2-4ac=0$
(C) $B^2-4ac<0$ (D) None of these
23. 30th term of the A.P, 10,7, 4..... is:
(A) 96 (B) 97
(C) -77 (D) -87
24. Sum of the first 10 terms of the A.P: 2, 7, 12 is:
(A) 95 (B) -95
(C) 100 (D) 245
25. If a,b,c are in A,P, then :
(A) $b=a+c/2$ (B) $b=2a+c/2$
(C) $b=a+2c/2$ (D) $b=a+c/3$
26. Distance between points (4,2) and (-1-1) is:
(A) $\sqrt{34}$ (B) $-\sqrt{34}$
(C) 43 (D) $-\sqrt{43}$
27. Coordinates of the point which divides the line segment joining the points (-1-7) and (4-3) in the ratio 2:3 internally, is :
(A) (-7,3) (B) (7,-3)
(C) (1,-3) (D) (1,3)
28. Value of $\operatorname{cosec} 310 - \sec 590$ is :
(A) Not defined (B) 1
(C) 0 (D) -1
29. Value of $\sec^2 0 - \tan^2 0$ is :
(A) 0 (B) 1
(C) -1 (D) Not defined
30. Length of an arc of a sector of angle Θ in the circle of radius r is :
(A) $\Theta/360 \cdot 2\pi r$ (B) $\Theta/360 \cdot \pi r^2$

- (C) $\Theta/360 \cdot \pi r$ (D) $\Theta/360 \cdot 2\pi r^2$
31. Surface area of a cuboid is :
(A) $2\pi r(r+h)$ (B) $2(lb+bh+hl)$
(C) $\pi r l$ (D) $\pi r(r+1)$
32. In mathematics test given to 15 students, the following marks (out of 100) are recorded 41,39, 48, 52,46, 62, 54,40,96,52,98,40,42,52,60 mode of this data is :
(A) 40 (B) 52
(C) 96 (D) 98
33. Savita and Kiran are friends. That both will have the same birthday (ignoring a leap year) is :
(A) 1 (B) $2/365$
(C) $364/365$ (D) $1/365$
34. A bag contains three red balls and 5 black balls. A ball is drawn at random from the bag. Then the probability that the ball drawn is not red is:
(A) $1/8$ (B) $5/8$
(C) $3/8$ (D) $1/2$
35. The probability of an impossible event is:
(A) 0 (B) $1/2$
(C) - (D) 11
36. The empirical relationship between Mean (M), median and mode is :
(A) $3 \text{ mean} = \text{mode} + 2 \text{ median}$
(B) $3 \text{ median} + \text{mode} = 2 \text{ mean}$
(C) $3 \text{ mode} = \text{mean} + 2 \text{ median}$
(D) $\text{Median} = \text{mean} + \text{mode}$
37. In real number system is :
(A) Natural Number (B) Whole number
(C) Rational number (D) Irrational number
38. If α and β are two Zeros of quadratic polynomial ax^2+bx+c then $\alpha + \beta$ is equal to :
(A) b/a (B) c/a
(C) $-b/a$ (D) $-c/a$
39. A trinomial has how many terms?
(A) 1 (B) 2
(C) 3 (D) 4

40. If a pair of linear equations given by $a_1x+b_1y+c_1=0$ and $a_2x+b_2y+c_2=0$, then this pair of linear equations is consistent if:
- (A) $a_1/a_2 \neq b_1/b_2$ (B) $a_1/a_2 = b_1/b_2 \neq c_1/c_2$
 (C) $a_1/c_2 = a_2/c_2$ (D) None of these
41. In which year were the first elections to Vidhan Sabha held in H.P.?
- (A) 1954 (B) 1960
 (C) 1951 (D) 1968
42. Who has been appointed as 48th Chief Justice of India?
- (A) Arvind Bobde (B) N.V. Ramana
 (C) Deepak Misra (D) Tirath Singh Thakur
43. Which Constitutional amendment of the Indian Constitution is known as 'Mini constitution'?
- (A) 42nd (B) 57th
 (C) 43rd (D) 29th
44. Who is currently holding the office of Governor of Reserve Bank of India?
- (A) Urjit Patel (B) V. Samantha
 (C) Nirmala Sitaraman
 (D) Shaktikanta Das
45. Paralympics 2020 was held in Which Country?
- (A) Kuwait (B) Taiwan
 (C) Malaysia (D) Japan
46. Who has been appointed as 46th President of the United States of America?
- (A) Kamala Harris (B) Barack Obama
 (C) Joe Biden (D) Donald Trump
47. Which one is the biggest natural lake in Himachal Pradesh?
- (A) Renuka lake (B) Rewalsar lake
 (C) Khajjiar Lake (D) Brigu lake
48. According to the 2011 census, which district of Himachal Pradesh has the lowest female literacy rate?
- (A) Kullu (B) Lahaul-Spiti
 (C) Chamba (D) Sirmaur
49. Rohtang Pass pass connects the Kullu Valley with which valley?
- (A) Jogindernagar (B) Kangra
 (C) Lahaul and Spiti (D) Satluj
50. Who is the Secretary-General of the United Nation?
- (A) Antonio Guterres (B) Ban ki-Moon
 (C) Kurt Waldheim (D) Kofi Annan
51. Which is the oldest tiger reserve in India?
- (A) Melghat (B) Periyar
 (C) Dudhwa (D) Jim Corbett
52. Which part of the Indian Constitution is called as Soul of the Constitution?
- (A) Article-14 (B) Article-32
 (C) Article-29 (D) Article-52
53. Which Five year Plan is being implemented at present in India?
- (A) Ninth (B) Eleventh
 (C) Fourteenth (D) Sixth
54. Who is the ex-officio Chairman of the NITI Aayog?
- (A) Amitabh Kant (B) Rajeev Kumar
 (C) Narendra Modi (D) Kiren Rijiju
55. Which among the following was the last ruler of the Gupta Empire?
- (A) Chandragupta 2 (B) Vishnugupta
 (C) Kumaragupta 2 (D) Buddhagupta
56. Neeraj Chopra in the 2020 Olympics won the gold medal in which game?
- (A) Wrestling (B) Weightlifting
 (C) Javelin throw (D) Discus throw
57. The temperature at which centigrade and Fahrenheit thermometer read the same:
- (A) 40 (B) -40
 (C) 273 (D) 100
58. Air bubbles in water behaves as:
- (A) Concave lens (B) Convex lens
 (C) Plane lens (D) Plano Convex lens
59. Which of the following is used for the determination of the age of materials that were once alive?
- (A) Na11 (B) N14

(C) Ca20 (D) C14

60. Who is considered the father of Biology?

(A) Socrates (B) Aristotle

(C) Birbal Sahni (D) C. Bose

61. Which is the largest and strongest bone in the human body?

(A) Femur (B) Sesamoid bone

(C) Axial Skelton (D) None of these

62. Who is the Governor of Himachal Pradesh?

(A) Kalraj Mishra (B) Anil Baijal

(C) Rajendra Vishwanath

(D) Arlekar Bandaru Dattatreya

63. Shimla Agreement was signed in which year?

(A) 1974 (B) 1972

(C) 1961 (D) 1950

64. What was the childhood name of Swami Vivekananda?

(A) Siddhartha (B) Ram Krishna

(C) Vivekanath (D) Narendranath

65. Nalwari fair is mainly associated with which place in H.P.?

(A) Shimla (B) Chamba

(C) Bilaspur (D) LahaulSpiti

Directions: From given options, choose one word which is opposite in meaning (antonym) to the key – word given in capital letter.

66. Folly

(A) Right (B) Exact

(C) Mistake (D) Wisdom

67. Shame

(A) Dignity (B) Glory

(C) Regret (D) Joy

68. Enmity:

(A) Agreement (B) Friendship

(C) Concern (D) Cooperation

Directions: (Q. 69-72) Out of the given options, choose the correctly spelt word.

69.

(A) Architecture (B) arcitecture

(C) arkitectue (D) architacture

70.

(A) Commettee (B) comittee

(C) committe (D) committee

71.

(A) Harrasment (B) Harrassment

(C) Harasment (D) Harassment

72.

(A) Compition (B) Competition

(C) Compeetition (D) Compitition

Direction : (Qs. 73-76) from given options, choose the word-class to which the underlined word in each sentence belongs.

73. This is a book.

(A) Adjective (B) Adverb

(C) Noun (D) Pronoun

74. The train is running fast.

(A) Pronoun (B) Noun

(C) Adverb (D) Adjective

75. He could not decide what to do.

(A) Noun (B) verb

(C) Adjective (D) Adverb

76. She is very tall.

(A) Adjective (B) Verb

(C) Noun (D) Adverb

Directions: (Q. 77-78) Choose the correct sentence from among the given options.

77.

(A) He knows how to swim.

(B) Shut the light.

(C) She has given her examination.

(D) Prem asked to Anil why he is angry.

78.

- (A) Neither you nor I were selected.
- (B) Twenty miles are a long distance to cover in an hour.
- (C) A lot of work remains to be done
- (D) Mathematics are my favourite subject.

Directions : (Q. 79-82) From given options choose the correct one to fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

79. **Sign here ink.**

- (A) With (B) By
- (C) From (D) In

80. **I haven't seen her January.**

- (A) For (B) Since
- (C) From (D) By

81. **His father died cancer.**

- (A) Of (B) By
- (C) With (D) From

82. **I am busy just now, but I will join you a moment.**

- (A) In (B) At
- (C) On (D) Over

Directions : (Q. 83-85) From the given options, choose one word which is similar in meaning to the keyword given in capital letters.

83. **UNHAPPY:**

- (A) Timid (B) Dispute
- (C) agreeable (D) sad

84. **AFRAID :**

- (A) Rage (B) Frightened
- (C) Mean (D) Accuse

85. **FAME:**

- (A) Reputation (B) Modesty
- (C) Right (D) Majestic

ANSWER KEY

Q.	A.								
1	D	2	B	3	A	4	A	5	D
6	A	7	A	8	A	9	B	10	D
11	D	12	C	13	A	14	C	15	A
16	C	17	C	18	B	19	A	20	D
21	A	22	B	23	C	24	D	25	B
26	A	27	D	28	C	29	B	30	A
31	B	32	B	33	D	34	B	35	A
36	B	37	D	38	B	39	D	40	B
41	C	42	B	43	A	44	D	45	D
46	C	47	A	48	C	49	C	50	A
51	D	52	B	53	C	54	C	55	B
56	C	57	B	58	A	59	D	60	B
61	A	62	C	63	B	64	D	65	C
66	D	67	B	68	B	69	A	70	D
71	D	72	B	73	D	74	C	75	B
76	A	77	A	78	C	79	D	80	B
81	A	82	B	83	D	84	B	85	A

SOLUTIONS

21. (A)

$$x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 2x - 10 = 0$$

$$x(x-5) + 2(x-5) = 0$$

$$(x-5)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x = +5, -2$$

22. (B)

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

Option B

23. (C)

$$10, 7, 4, _ _$$

$$a = 10, d = -3$$

$$T_{30} = a + 29d$$

$$= 10 + 29 \times -3$$

$$= 10 + -87$$

$$= -77$$

24. (D)

2, 7, 12, ...

$a = 2, d = 5, n = 10$

$$S_{10} = \frac{10}{2} [2 \times 2 + (10-1)5]$$

$$= 5[4 + 45]$$

$$= 5 \times 49 = 295$$

25 (B)

a, b, c in AP

$$b = \frac{a+c}{2}$$

26 (A)

$a(4,2)$ $(-1,-1)$

$$D = \sqrt{(-1-4)^2 + (-1-2)^2} = \sqrt{25+9} = \sqrt{34}$$

27 (D)

$p(x,y)$

$(-1, -7)$ $2:3$ $(4,-3)$

$$x = \frac{8-3}{5} = 1 \quad y = \frac{-6+21}{5} = 3$$

(1,3)

28 (C)

$\operatorname{cosec} 31 - \sec 59$

$\sec 59 - \sec 59 = 0$

29 (B)

$\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta = 1$

$\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta = 1$

30 (a)

$$2\pi r \cdot \frac{\theta}{360}$$

31 (B)

$2(16+6h+1h)$

32 (B)

(Mode which meter repeat more i.e. 52)

34 (B)

$$\frac{{}^5C_1}{{}^8C_1} = \frac{5}{8}$$

40 (B)

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{61}{12} \neq \frac{C1}{C2}$$



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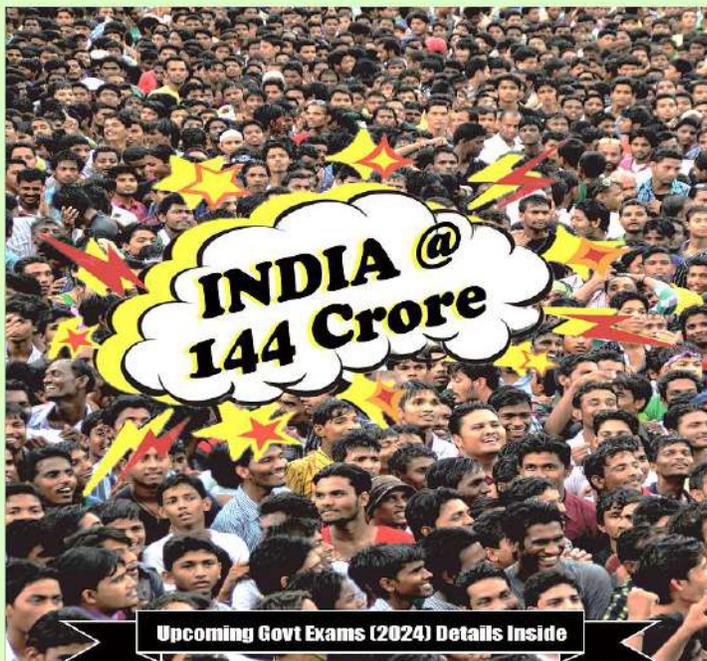
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APRIL 2024

1. Ayushman Bharat Diwas on April 30 marks the launch of which central welfare scheme in 2018? **Ayushman Bharat Yojana**
2. Celebrations of the International Dance Day on April 29 are supported by which UN agency? **UNESCO**
3. World Veterinary Day is observed every year on which Saturday of April? **Last**
4. Which UN special agency supports the celebrations of the World Intellectual

Property Day on April 26? **World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO), Geneva**

5. April 25 is celebrated as World Penguin Day. Instead of wings, Penguins have ____ to help them swim in the water: **Flippers**
6. Malaria spreads through the bites of infected female ____ mosquitoes: **Anopheles**
7. "The Idea of Democracy" is the title of a recent book written by which technocrat? **Sam Pitroda**

8.	What is the title of the recently published memoirs of Salman Rushdie, reputed British-American celebrity author? Knife
9.	The Panchayati Raj Act, 1993 was framed by which amendment of the Indian Constitution? 73rd
10.	The prestigious 2024 Laureus Sports Awards ceremony was held on April 22 in which European city? Madrid, Spain
11.	Who has been declared 2024 Laureus World Sportsman of the Year? Novak Djokovic
12.	Who is Aitana Bonmati, winner of 2024 Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year? Football superstar from Spain
13.	Which telecom company has become the world's largest mobile operator in terms of data traffic? Reliance Jio
14.	The government has extended the term of which RBI Deputy Governor by one year, with effect from May 3, 2024? T Rabi Sankar
15.	The DRDO has successfully developed the lightest Bullet Proof Jacket in the country which can defeat up to ___ sniper shots: Six
16.	The English Language Day on April 23 marks the birth and death anniversary of which great English writer? William Shakespeare
17.	The UNESCO has nominated city of Strasbourg as the World Book Capital for 2024. It is in which country? France
18.	What is the theme for this year's Earth Day observed on April 22? Planet vs Plastics
19.	Civil Services Day on April 21 marks the launching of which cadre of civil services in this day? None
20.	Who made history on April 21 becoming the youngest-ever player to win the FIDE Candidates Chess Tournament? D Gukesh
21.	The Department of Public Enterprise on April 18 granted 'Navratna' status to the state-owned National _____ Limited: Fertilisers
22.	Which Australian batsman has been named as the 2024 Wisden Leading Cricketer in the World in men's category? Pat Cummins

23.	Ms. Nat Sciver-Brunt has been named as the Wisden Leading Women Cricketer in the World. She hails from which country? England
24.	April 18 is observed as World Heritage Day. Currently, how many UNESCO recognised World Heritage Sites are there in India? 42
25.	Nalin Prabhat, a 1992-batch officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre, has been appointed the Director General of which para military force? National Security Guard
26.	The government has set up an expert panel headed by _____ to suggest measures for optimal and scientific mining of deep-seated mineral deposits: VK Saraswat
27.	April 16 is celebrated as the Save the Elephant Day. When do we celebrate World Elephant Day? August 12
28.	The government has launched the CDP-SURAKSHA digital platform to facilitate easy disbursal of subsidies to which category of farmers? Horticulture
29.	_____ has become the first country to implement a new WHO recommended vaccine, Men5CV for fighting Meningitis: Nigeria
30.	Who has been appointed the 26 th Chief of the Indian Navy? Vice Admiral DK Tripathi
31.	What was the name of the 5 th edition of India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise was conducted from April 15 to 28? Ex Dustsilk
32.	Ex Dustsilk was hosted by which country? Uzbekistan
33.	World Art Day on April 15 marks the birthday of which great painter? Leonardo da Vinci
34.	Leonardo da Vinci hailed from which country? Italy
35.	ACM A.M. Turing Award is given for excellence in which field? Computing
36.	What is the amount of cash award given with the ACM A.M. Turing Award? \$1million
37.	Who became the first Indian cricketer to smash 500 sixes in the T20 format? Rohit Sharma

38. India celebrates National Fire Service Day on which date? April 14
39. April 14 is celebrated as Ambedkar Jayanti. Shri B R Ambedkar held which portfolio in the first Indian union cabinet after independence? Law and Justice Minister
40. Who has been re-appointed as the MD of the IMF for a second 5-year term? Kristalina Georgieva
41. Kristalina Georgieva is an eminent Economist from which country? Bulgaria
42. A recent report by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) has estimated India's population at ____ million: 1440
43. Which country hosted the Badminton Asia Championships in the first half of April? China
44. As per the latest WTO report, the volume of world merchandise trade is expected to increase by ____percent in 2024: 2.6
45. Festival of Baisakhi marks the foundation of the Khalsa Panth by Guru Sri Gobind Singh on this day in which year? 1699
46. Which state celebrates the festival of Puthandu? Tamil Nadu
47. Vishu is a popular festival of which state? Kerala
48. Who has been selected as the coach of the senior national women's hockey team? Harendra Singh
49. As per the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2024, which is the highest valuation unicorn startup in India? Swiggy and Dream11, each valued at \$8 billion
50. April 12 is observed as International Day of Human Space Flight to mark first space flight by a human being, Yuri Gagarin, on this day in 1961. He hailed from which country? Erstwhile USSR, now Russia
51. Name the three-time world champion who won her 12 th National women's singles carrom title on April 11 at Gwalior: Rashmi Kumari

52. World Parkinson's Day on April 11 is associated with which disease? Parkinsons
53. National Safe Motherhood Day on April 11 marks the birthday of which eminent Indian lady? Kasturba Gandhi, wife of Mahatma Gandhi
54. According to the QS World University Rankings by Subject, which is the highest-ranked university in India for development studies, ranked 20 th in the world? Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
55. Ms. Lindy Cameron has been appointed as new High Commissioner of which country, to India? Britain
56. Reduction of the maternal mortality rate below 70 per 1,00,000 live births by 2030 is associated with which number UN Sustainable Development Goal? No. 3
57. World Homoeopathy Day on April 10 honours the birth of the father of the Homoeopathy, Dr. Samuel Hahnemann. He hailed from which country? Germany
58. Peter Higgs, the Nobel prize-winning British physicist who proposed the existence of the Higgs boson particle, died on April 09. What is the popular name for Higgs boson particle? God Particle
59. In a renewed attempt to get rid of its crippling bouts of high inflation, which African country launched a new gold-backed currency on April 05? Zimbabwe
60. What is the name of the new currency of Zimbabwe? Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG)
61. The Indian Army received the first batch of 24 Iгла-S Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS) from which country? Russia
62. After Chabahar in Iran, India has gained the rights to operate a second overseas port, Sittwe, in which country? Myanmar
63. The CRPF Shaurya Diwas (Valour Day) on April 09 marks the grand victory of an CRPF contingent in 1965 Indo Pak war in which area? Rann of Kutch, Gujarat

64.	April 09 this year marked the beginning of the Hindu New Year-Vikram Samvat. Which is current Vikram Samvat? 2081
65.	First day of Hindu month Chaitra is celebrated as Gudi Padwa in which state? Maharashtra
66.	Which community celebrates first day of Chaitra as Cheti Chand? Sindhis
67.	'Navreh' is a popular festival of which Indian community? Kashmiri Pandits
68.	Sagar Kavach 01/24, a two-day Coastal Security Exercise involving all maritime security agencies was conducted on April 01-02 in which area? Lakshadweep
69.	Anupama Upadhyaya and M. Tharun clinched Women's and Men's singles titles, respectively, on April 06 in Kazakhstan in which sports? Badminton
70.	According to the latest Business Environment Ranking released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), which is the best country to conduct business for the next five years? Singapore
71.	President Droupadi Murmu launched the country's first home-grown CAR-T cell therapy "NexCAR19" on March 04. It is associated with treatment of which disease? Cancer
72.	India celebrates National Maritime Day on which date? April 05
73.	What is the name of the automated air defence control and reporting system launched recently by the Indian Army to boost its air defence capabilities? Akashteer
74.	Arjun Erigaisi, the 21-year-old chess Grandmaster was in news recently for what reason? He became the highest rated chess player in India, securing a Elo rating of 2756
75.	Which state won both, men's and women's title in the 56 th National Kho Kho Championship on April 01? Maharashtra
76.	Which major port became the highest cargo handling major port of the country in the financial year 2023-24, handling 145.38

	million metric tons of cargo? Paradip port, Odisha
77.	Adani Green Energy commissioned a 2,000 MW solar power plant in giant Khavda solar park, becoming largest Indian company in renewable energy. Khavda solar park is in which state? Gujarat
78.	India successfully flight-tested the new generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile 'Agni-Prime' on April 03. What is its strike range? Up to 2,000 km.
79.	Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has been sworn in for the third term as President of which African country? Egypt
80.	What was the name of the biggest exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force at the Pokhran Field Firing Range from April 01 to 10? Ex Gagan Shakti
81.	Which country is the official sponsor of this year's celebrations of the International Children's Book Day? Japan
82.	The IRDAI has informed that from April 1, 2024 it will be mandatory to hold insurance policies in ____ format: Digital (demat)
83.	Who became the first wicketkeeper in the world to record 300 dismissals in T20 cricket: M S Dhoni
84.	Miami Open Tennis Tournament is held in which state of the USA? Florida
85.	Mr. Nidhu Saxena has been appointed as the MD & CEO of which bank? Bank of Maharashtra
86.	The IRDAI has designated three insurers as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for the year 2023-24. Which one of them is a general insurance company? New India Assurance Co Ltd.
87.	An advanced version of LCA Mk1, the Mk1-A aircraft successfully completed its first flight on March 28 in Bengaluru. What is its popular name? Tejas
MARCH 2024	
1.	March 31 is observed as the International Day of ____Checking: Drug

2.	The International Theatre Institute leads the celebration of World Theatre Day on March 27. It is located in which city? Paris
3.	Luís Montenegro has been appointed as the new prime minister of which European country? Portugal
4.	Abel Prize is popularly known as the Nobel of _____ : Mathematics
5.	Who is the winner of this year's Abel Prize? Michel Talagrand
6.	Prabowo Subianto has been elected as the President of which South Asian country? Indonesia
7.	March 24 is observed as World Tuberculosis Day. Who is credited with the discovery of bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis? Dr. Robert Koch, Germany
8.	Sreeja Akula is a top-notch national champion of which sports? Table Tennis
9.	Haryana defeated which team on March 24 to win the Women's Hockey National Championship in Pune? Maharashtra
10.	India made a Guinness World record on Mar 24 for participation of highest number of players, 128, in a kabaddi match, at which place? Panchkula, Haryana
11.	March 23 is observed as Shaheed Diwas to pay homage to great revolutionaries Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev. These 3 were awarded death sentence for which offence? For fatally shooting Assistant Police Superintendent John P. Saunders
12.	Sadanand Vasant Date has been appointed the Director General of which apex police force? National Investigation Agency (NIA)
13.	Who became the first Indian cricketer to score 12,000 in T20 matches? Virat Kohli
14.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with the "Order of the ___ Gyalpo", Bhutan's highest civilian award, on March 22: Druk
15.	_____ Gnanasekaran clinched the Men's Singles Table Tennis title at WTT Feeder Beirut tournament on March 22 in Lebanon: Sathiyam

16.	What is the name of the ISRO's Reusable Launch Vehicle that was tested successfully on March 22? Pushpak
17.	March 22 is celebrated as World Water Day. Which number Sustainable Development Goal of UNO aims to achieve water for all by 2030? 6th - Clean water and sanitation
18.	Which day of March is observed as the International Day of Forests? 21st
19.	Which mission of ISRO achieved a zero debris re-entry in the Earth's atmosphere on March 21? POEM-3
20.	What is expansion of POEM-03? PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-3
21.	IMT TRILAT- 2024, a joint maritime trilateral (TRILAT) exercise of India, _____ and _____ (IMT) was held from March 21 to 29: Mozambique; Tanzania
22.	IMT TRILAT- 2024 was held in which area? Western Indian Ocean
23.	Who has been elected as the Chairman of the IBA-Indian Banks' Association, for 2024-25? M V Rao
24.	The World Happiness Report 2024 released on March 20, placed India at which spot? 126th
25.	Which European country secured the top slot for the 7 th year in a row in the World Happiness Report? Finland
26.	Vinay Kumar has been named as the next Ambassador of India to which country? Russia
27.	Vaughan Gething became the first ever non white to lead a European country. He has been elected as the first minister of which country? Wales
28.	India's first Indoor Athletics Centre and Indoor Aquatic Centre was inaugurated on March 09 in which city? Bhubaneswar, Odisha
29.	Tiger Triumph-24 between Indian and US naval forces was held at which place from March 18 to 31? Off the Visakhapatnam coast

30.	March 20 is celebrated as an international day to promote conservation and protection of which bird? Sparrow
31.	What was the name of joint military exercise of Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces, held from 18 to 27 March? Exercise 'LAMITIYE'
32.	Exercise 'LAMITIYE' was held in which country? Seychelles
33.	March 18 is observed as the Ordnance Factory Day. How many ordnance factories are there in India? Seven
34.	Akhil Sheoran and Anish Bhanwala are among the top seeded players of which sports? Shooting
35.	Which city has been ranked the world's most polluted capital city for the fourth consecutive term? New Delhi
36.	Saraswati Samman is associated with excellence in which field? Literature
37.	Saraswati Samman is awarded for outstanding literary work in which language? Any major Indian language
38.	What is the amount of cash prize in the Saraswati Samman? Rs. 15 lakh
39.	Who is the winner of the 2024 Saraswati Samman? Prabha Varma
40.	Prabha Varma is associated with which language? Malayalam
41.	As per the poll schedule for the General Election 2024 announced on March 16, the general elections will be held in how many phases? Seven
42.	Current general elections are which number in series? 18th
43.	Which Arjuna Awardee para-archer has been selected as the "National PwD Icon" by the Election Commission of India? Sheetal Devi
44.	The Indian Army Aviation Corps raised its first Aviation Unit at which place on March 15? Jodhpur, Rajasthan
45.	The 451 Aviation Squadron at Jodhpur will operate which type of helicopters? AH-64 Apache Guardian

46.	AH-64 Apache Guardian have been sourced from which country? USA
47.	Vladimir Putin, the Russian President secured a historic ____term for the next six years: Fifth
48.	Government launched which alternate green auto fuel on March 15 in New Delhi? Ethanol-100
49.	The Union government rolled out an e-vehicle policy on March 15 as per which foreign companies willing to set up an EV manufacturing plant in India, will have to make an investment of not less than \$____ million: 500
50.	Which Bank has introduced three 'PayWear' wearable gadgets in collaboration with Mastercard? IndusInd Bank
51.	March 15 is observed as the World Consumer Rights Day. The current Consumer Protection Act in India was introduced in which year? 2019
52.	The Ministry of Defence signed a Rs 2,890 crore contract on March 15 with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the Mid Life Upgrade (MLU) of 25 ____ Aircrafts of the Indian Navy: Dornier
53.	Indian Wells WTA Tennis Tournament is held in which state of the USA? California
54.	Dasho Tshering Tobgay who made a five day visit to India from March 14 to 18, is ____ of Bhutan? Prime Minister
55.	The latest report from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute ranked which country at the top as the largest importer of military hardware? India
56.	Which country is the largest supplier of arms & weapons to India? Russia
57.	Which country is the world's largest exporter of arms & weapons? USA
58.	The Indian Army has established a first of its kind, STEAG for improving its communication network. What is STEAG? Signals Technology Evaluation and Adaptation Group

59.	The DHL Global Connectedness Report 2024 released on March 13 ranked which country at the top for achieving highest level of globalization? Singapore
60.	India was placed at which spot in the DHL Global Connectedness Report 2024? 62nd
61.	The three forces of India, Army, Air Force, and Navy, conducted their biggest fire power exercise Bharat-Shakti on March 12 in which area? Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer
62.	World ____ Day is observed globally on the second Thursday of March: Kidney
63.	Name the two retired IAS officers who were appointed as Election Commissioners in the Election Commission of India? Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
64.	March 14 is celebrated as the International Day of ____ for Rivers: Action
65.	What is the theme for this year's International Day of Action for Rivers? Water for All
66.	Which global organisation released the Gender Inequality Index 2022 on March 13? UNDP—United Nations Development Programme
67.	India jumped 14 ranks from its position in the Gender Inequality Index 2021 to which rank in 2022? 108th
68.	Which country secured the top slot in the Gender Inequality Index 2022? Denmark
69.	The 2022 Human Development Index by the UNDP placed India at which spot? 134th
70.	Which country was ranked at number one by the 2022 Human Development Index? Switzerland
71.	The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched a nationwide initiative PM-SURAJ on March 13 for what purpose? For offering credit support to the marginalised segments of society
72.	What is full expansion of the acronym PM-SURAJ? Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evm Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan

73.	World's largest literary festival-'Sahityotsav' was hosted by the Sahitya Akademi from March 11 to 16 in which city? New Delhi
74.	Mumbai won their record-extending 42 nd Ranji Trophy title on March 14, beating which team? Vidarbha
75.	International Day of Mathematics on March 14 is stated as 03.14 to express which mathematical value? Pi (22/7)
76.	Pi is a mathematical constant that represents the ratio of a circle's ____ to its ____ : Circumference; Diameter
77.	Which ancient scholar is credited with the formulation of value of Pi? Archimedes (287–212 BC) from Greece
78.	No Smoking Day is celebrated on the second ____ of March: Wednesday
79.	Gustavo Adrianzén was sworn in as the new Prime Minister of which South American country? Peru
80.	Which is the capital of Peru? Lima
81.	Two warships 'Agray' and 'Akshay' joined Indian Navy on March 13 in Kolkata. What category of ships are they? Anti-submarine warships
82.	A unique talent hunt initiative for sports, KIRTI was launched on March 13 in Chandigarh. What is the full form of KIRTI? Khelo India Rising Talent Identification
83.	The Government has decided to celebrate which day of September as Hyderabad Liberation Day? 17th
84.	In context of Hyderabad Liberation Day, whom were the Razakars? Private militia of Nizam of Hyderabad
85.	India signed a \$181 million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank to improve urban livability and mobility in which metro city? Ahmedabad
86.	Which state government launched on March 07 the first state-owned OTT (Over-The-Top) platform 'Cspace' aimed at promoting local cinema? Kerala

87.	With which company the Ministry of Defence signed two contracts worth 8,073 crore rupees for the acquisition of 34 Advanced Light Helicopters? Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Bengaluru
88.	The Indian Navy led the multi-nation naval exercise of 16 countries, Ex Cutlass Express-24 from Feb 26 to March 08 at which place? Port Victoria, Seychelles
89.	Which country successfully test fired its DragonFire laser directed energy weapon (LDEW) that can shoot down enemy aircraft and missiles at a per-shot cost of less than Rs. 1,000? Britain
90.	India's fastest IP/MPLS (MultiProtocol Label Switching) _____ was launched on March 09 in Bengaluru: Router
91.	The IP/MPLS is associated with which sector of technology? Telecommunications
92.	Recently launched IP/MPLS has a reported speed of 2.4 TBps. What is TBps? Terabytes per second (one lakh crore bytes per second)
93.	The Ministry of Home Affairs notified the Citizenship Amendment Rules, 2024 on March 11 to grant citizenship to minorities from which three countries? Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan
94.	Who has been appointed as the new Chief Minister of Haryana? Nayab Singh Saini
95.	The "Yaounde Declaration" is associated with which field? Malaria eradication
96.	Which countries have made Yaounde Declaration? 11 African countries worst hit by Malaria
97.	What is Yaounde in the Yaounde Declaration? It is the city in Cameroon where this declaration was made
98.	Vishnu Saravanan, noted Indian sailor from _____ won the gold medal on March 10 at the Europa Cup 2024: Tamil Nadu
99.	Under which mission the first flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry

	Vehicle (MIRV) technology was conducted successfully on March 11? Mission Divyastra
100.	What is the average strike range of the Agni-5 missile? 5,000 km
101.	World Glaucoma Day is observed on which day of March? 12th
102.	Pritzker Prize is the world's top most honour in which field? Architecture
103.	Who is the winner of 2024 Pritzker Architecture Prize? Riken Yamamoto
104.	Riken Yamamoto hails from which country? Japan
105.	What is the amount of cash award given with the Pritzker Prize? \$1,00,000/-
106.	India's first integrated Palm Oil Processing Unit started its commercial operations at Roing on March 09 in which state? Arunachal Pradesh
107.	Sea Defenders-2024, the comprehensive maritime security exercise between the Indian Coast Guard and the Coast Guard of _____ was held from Mar 6 to 9: USA
108.	Maritime exercise Sea Defenders-2024 was held at which place? Near Port Blair
109.	Kishor Makwana, senior BJP leader has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Commission for _____: Scheduled Castes
110.	A strategically significant twin-lane tunnel under Sela pass was inaugurated on March 9 in which state? Arunachal Pradesh
111.	Santosh Trophy is associated with which sports? Football
112.	Which team lifted the Santosh Trophy in the 77 th National Football Championship? Services
113.	Krystyna Pyszková, the beauty queen from _____ was crowned the 71 st Miss World on March 09: Czech Republic
114.	Asif Ali Zardari, senior leader of Pakistan _____ Party took oath as Pakistan's 14 th President on March 10: Peoples

115. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences held its 96 th Oscar Awards ceremony on March 10 in which city? Los Angeles, USA
116. Biographical thriller Oppenheimer swepted the Oscar Awards securing how many Oscars? Seven
117. India Cellular and Electronics Association stated on March 07 that India now stands as the world's ____largest producer of mobile phones: Second
118. India signed a Trade and Economic ____Agreement with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) on Mar 10: Partnership
119. How many countries are the member of EFTA? Four
120. The World Bank approved a sum of \$452 million for the ____ Resilient Rural Bridges Programme: Assam
121. The World Bank released on March 04 the 10 th edition of its "Women, ____ and Law Index": Business
122. Which country topped the Women, Business and Law Index? None, 14 countries were in top bracket
123. Which country has become the 32 nd member of NATO on March 07? Sweden
124. Which noted author and philanthropist was nominated to the Rajya Sabha on International Women's Day by the President of India? Smt. Sudha Murthy
125. The President of India can nominate how many members to the Rajya Sabha? 12
126. Under the provision of which Article of the Indian Constitution the President of India can nominate 12 members to the Rajya Sabha? Article 80 (3)
127. The CCS cleared on March 07 a project to design and develop India's fifth-generation fighter jet. What is CCS? Cabinet Committee on Security
128. What is formal name for the India's fifth-generation fighter jet? Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft

129. The Union Cabinet approved the India ____ Mission on March 07 with an outlay of Rs 10,372 crore for the next five years: AI - Artificial Intelligence
130. The India AI Mission aims to establish a computing capacity of more than 10,000 GPUs. What is a GPU? Graphics Processing Unit
131. In which Indian state a school has introduced Iris, an AI teacher? Kerala
132. The RBI signed a MoU on Mar 07 with which country to use respective local currencies for bi-lateral trade? Indonesia
133. What is the currency of Indonesia? Indonesian Rupiah
134. Which is the central bank of Indonesia? Bank Indonesia
135. Which is the capital city of Indonesia? Jakarta
136. Complete the theme for this year's International Women's Day -- "Invest in Women: ____ Progress": Accelerate
137. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana is a noble initiative of which union ministry? Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers
138. The Union Environment Ministry on Feb 29 released the "Status of Leopards in India 2022" report. Which state has the largest number of leopards? Madhya Pradesh
139. What was the name of the joint naval exercise of Indian and Malaysian Navies that was held from Feb 28 to Mar 02? Exercise Samudra Laksamana
140. Exercise Samudra Laksamana was held at which place? Off the Visakhapatnam coast
141. India's first-ever Dolphin research Centre was inaugurated on March 4 in which city? Patna
142. India's first metro line "under any mighty river" was formally inaugurated on March 6 in which city? Kolkata
143. A 520-metre section of East-West Metro Underground Twin Tunnel project runs under which river? Hooghly

144. Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI) scheme was launched on March 04 for what purpose? To provide grant-in-aid to start-ups in defence area
145. The Indian Navy commissioned its new base INS Jatayu on March 6 in which place? Minicoy Island, Lakshadweep
146. The Indian Navy commissioned the Sikorsky MH 60R Seahawk on Mar 06 at INS Garuda in Kochi. What is it? Multi-role helicopter
147. The Sikorsky MH 60R Seahawk multi-role helicopter has been procured from which country? USA
148. Which defence company manufactures the Sikorsky MH 60R Seahawk multi-role helicopter? Lockheed Martin, USA
149. Mia Shehbaz Sharif was sworn in as Pakistan's 24 th Prime Minister on March 04. He is the president of which political party? Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz
150. Government launched 'e-Kisan Upaj Nidhi' portal on March 04 in New Delhi for which purpose? To facilitate easy warehousing facility for farmers
151. The government launched which portal on March 04 allowing users to report suspicious activities such as fraudulent calls, messages? Chakshu portal
152. Puneri Paltan defeated which team to win their first ever Pro Kabaddi League title on March 01? Haryana Steelers
153. March 04 is observed as World Obesity Day. WHO defines overweight and obesity as BMI above ___ and ___, respectively: 25; 30
154. What is the full form of BMI? Body Mass Index
155. How do we calculate BMI? A person's weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters
156. March 04 is celebrated as National Security Day. Who is India's current National Security Advisor? Ajit Kumar Doval

157. National Safety Day on March 04 commemorates the establishment of which apex national body on this day in 1965? National Safety Council
158. World Hearing Day is observed on which date? March 03
159. What is the main objective of the National Urban Co-operative Finance and Development Corporation Limited launched on March 02? Modernisation and strengthening of urban cooperative banking sector
160. Civil Accounts Day on March 01 marks which important event? Creation of the Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) on this day in 1976
161. ICAS comes under which department of the ministry of finance? Department of Expenditure
162. The Khelo India University Games 2023 (Ashtalakshmi) concluded on Feb 29 in which city? Guwahati, Assam
163. Which university won the overall championship in the Khelo India University Games 2023? Chandigarh University, Mohali (Punjab)
164. Which Indian cooperative was ranked number one in world based on the ratio of turnover over GDP per capita? IFFCO
165. What is the full form of IFFCO? Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited
166. The National Statistics Office recorded the growth of Indian GDP at what rate in the quarter ended Dec 31, 2023? 8.4%
167. The Union Cabinet accorded its approval on Feb 29 for establishment of the secretariat of the International Big ____ Alliance in India: Cat
168. Which are the three major Indian big cats? Lion, Tiger, Leopard
169. The 12 th International IP Index 2024 released on Feb 28 placed India at which spot? 42nd
170. India's first & largest chip making plant is to be set up by the Tata Group along with a

Taiwanese company in which city? Dholera, Gujarat
171. World's first clock based on Vedic calculations, 'Vikramaditya Vedic Clock' was inaugurated on Feb 29 in which place? Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
172. The foundation stone for the ISRO's second spaceport was laid on Feb 28 in Kulasekarapattinam. It is in which state? Tamil Nadu
173. One of the largest integrated ammunition manufacturing complexes in South Asia was formally inaugurated on Feb 26 in which city in Uttar Pradesh? Kanpur
174. India's largest Battery Energy Storage System was dedicated to the nation on Feb 24 in which place? Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
175. The National Sample Survey Office released its Household Consumption Expenditure Survey on Feb 24. It functions under which ministry? Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
176. The 5 th edition of the joint military exercise 'Dharma Guardian' between India and _____ kicked off on Feb 25: Japan
177. Dharma Guardian exercise was held at which place? Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Bikaner, Rajasthan
178. Sunil Bharti Mittal became the first Indian citizen to receive an Honorary Knighthood from the UK's King Charles III. What is popular brand name? Airtel
179. Who has been appointed as the new Lokpal of the country by the President of India on Feb 27? Justice AM Khanwilkar (retd)
180. Name the veteran singer and ghazal maestro who passed away on Feb 26 in Mumbai after prolonged illness: Pankaj Udhas
181. The four astronauts selected for the mission Gaganyaan are undergoing training at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre. It is located in which place? Thumba, near Thiruvananthapuram

182. 4 th Khelo India Winter Games concluded on Feb 25 at which place? Gulmarg, J&K
183. Country's longest cable-stayed bridge, 'Sudarshan Setu' was formally inaugurated on Feb 26 in which place? Dwarka, Gujarat
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1. World ____ Disease Day is observed on the last day of February? Rare
2. National Science Day on February 28 marks the birthday of which great scientist? None
3. National Science Day commemorates which scientific discovery by Sir C V Raman? Raman Effect
4. Which common phenomena evidences the validity of Raman Effect? Bluish colour of sky, oceans
5. Which day of February is celebrated as the National Protein Day? 27th
6. Central Excise Day on Feb 24 marks which historical event? Enactment of the Central Excises Act, 1944 on this day in 1944
7. Name the former chief minister of Maharashtra (1995-99) and former Lok Sabha Speaker (2002-04), who passed away on Feb 23, aged 86: Manohar Joshi
8. The 16 th edition of the trilateral Dosti exercise involving coast guards of India, Sri Lanka and Maldives, was hosted by which country from Feb 22 to 25? Maldives
9. What is the name of the spacecraft that created history on Feb 22 by becoming the first US-made commercial spacecraft to touch down on the Moon? Odysseus
10. Which US company developed the lunar lander Odysseus? Intuitive Machine, Houston
11. The Goa government announced on Feb 20 setting up of a Blended Finance Facility in partnership with the World Bank, for which objective? For generating funds for meeting challenges posed by climate change

12.	Which country hosted multinational military exercise Shanti Prayas IV, which was held from Feb 20 to March 04? Nepal
13.	A leading computer vision company, Assert AI launched 'Pratham' on Feb 20, world's first platform for democratising computer vision and artificial intelligence. Assert AI is based in which city? Mumbai
14.	Mr Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of _____, arrived in New Delhi on Feb 20 on a four-day state visit to India: Greece
15.	Mr Mitsotakis delivered the keynote address on Feb 21 at which global gathering in New Delhi? 9th Raisina Dialogue
16.	The Raisina Dialogue conference is hosted by which Delhi-based think tank? Observer Research Foundation, jointly with the Ministry of External Affairs
17.	Which city is the capital of Greece? Athens
18.	Which film won the BAFTA on Feb 18 for the 'Best Film'? Oppenheimer by Christopher Nolan
19.	Bhagwan Singh and Mahesh Khurana from Bhopal completed the 'World's Highest Frozen Lake Marathon' on Feb 20 on which frozen lake? Pangong Lake, Ladakh
20.	World Thinking Day on Feb 22 focuses on which segment of society? Girls and women
21.	Which UN agency promotes the celebration of the International Mother Language Day on Feb 21? UNESCO
22.	In India, the HRD Ministry observes Feb 21 as which national day? Matribhasha Divas
23.	Name the immensely popular iconic radio personality whose name was synonymous with the songs programme 'Binaca Geetmala', who passed away on Feb 20: Ameen Sayani
24.	Celebration of World Social Justice Day on Feb 20 is supported by which UN agency? ILO -- International Labour Organisation, Geneva
25.	Security Printing & Minting Corporation of India Ltd. (SPMCIL) released three souvenir coins on Feb 15 to mark its 19 th foundation

	ceremony. It is located in which city? New Delhi
26.	Name the eminent constitutional jurist who passed away on Feb 19 in New Delhi at the ripe age of 95: Fali S Nariman
27.	Soil Health Card Day on Feb 19 marks which event? Launch of Soil Health Card Scheme in 2015
28.	World Whale Day is observed every year on third _____ of February: Sunday
29.	How many countries secured first rank in the latest Henley Passport Index 2024 released on Feb 18? Six
30.	The Indian Women's Team won their first-ever Asian Team Championships title on Feb 18 in which city? Shah Alam, Malaysia
31.	ISRO successfully placed _____satellite INSAT 3DS in a geosynchronous transfer orbit on Feb 17: Weather
32.	Which country was placed at the last rank in the Henley Passport Index 2024? Afghanistan
33.	As per the Henley Passport Index 2024, Indian passport holders can enjoy visa-free entry in how many countries? 62
34.	Name the renowned Jain seer who breathed his last on Feb 18 at Chandragiri Teerth in Dongargarh in Chhattisgarh? Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj
35.	Which prominent seer has been conferred prestigious Jnanpith Award 2023? Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
36.	Jagadguru Rambhadracharya is the chief of which religious outfit? Tulsi Peeth in Chitrakoot, UP
37.	The Indian Air Force conducted its full-scale firepower demonstration Exercise Vayu Shakti on Feb 17 in which area? Over Rajasthan
38.	The UGC has reiterated that the universities across the country should appoint _____ at the earliest for redressal of student's grievances: Ombudspersons

39.	Which city hosted the 11 th Asian Indoor Athletics Championship 2024 from Feb 17 to 19? Tehran, Iran
40.	The third Saturday of February is observed internationally to raise awareness about which wild animal? Pangolin
41.	Which noted politician from Kerala was recently honoured with France's highest civilian honour, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur? Shashi Tharoor
42.	The 12 th edition of the 9-day multi-nation naval exercise MILAN started on Feb 9 near which place in India? Visakhapatnam
43.	Which Bank won the prestigious award of "Best Technology Bank of the Year" at the 19 th IBA Annual Banking Technology Conference, Expo & Citations on Feb 14? South Indian Bank
44.	In which state presence of deposits of more than 840 million tonnes of iron ore was discovered recently? Rajasthan
45.	Prabowo Subianto has been elected as the President of which South Asian country? Indonesia
46.	Which is now the world's third-largest economy, after Japan unexpectedly slipped into recession? Germany
47.	International Childhood Cancer Day is observed on which day of February? 15th
48.	As per the official data released on Feb 15, which major European economy slipped in to recession? Britain
49.	India signed on Feb 15 terms of reference for the integration of the UPI with National Payments Interface (NPI) of which country? Nepal
50.	Which is the central bank of the Nepal government? Nepal Rastra Bank
51.	Feb 15 is observed as World Hippo Day. Hippos are herbivores or carnivores or omnivores? Mainly herbivores
52.	On Feb 15, the Supreme Court declared the electoral bonds scheme as unconstitutional on ground that it is violative of Article ____ of

	the Indian Constitution? 19(1)(a), Right to freedom of speech and expression
53.	Who is the current Chief Justice of India? Justice D Y Chandrachud
54.	Which country hosted the 16 th conference of the World Social Forum from Feb 15 to 19? Nepal
55.	NITI Aayog unveiled the GROW report and portal on Feb 12 with which main objective? To conserve wastelands through agroforestry
56.	What is the full form of GROW? Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry
57.	The World Government Summit, a pivotal gathering of global leaders, was held on Feb 12-14 in which city? Dubai, UAE
58.	Which city is the capital of Germany? Berlin
59.	Japan has unexpectedly fallen into a recession. What is one main factor behind this slippage? Falling value of Yen against US Dollar
60.	The DRDO plans to set up a remotely operated avalanche warning and monitoring system at which high mountain pass? Zoji La
61.	Which international airport is first to set up a green hydrogen plant in its premises to produce 1000 KW of power? Cochin International Airport Ltd
62.	The Ministry of Education has partnered with FIFA to launch F4S programme in more than 1.5 lakh schools, for what purpose? To promote football playing in schools
63.	Asian Development Bank approved a \$200 million loan to which state to strengthen flood and riverbank erosion risk management in the state? Assam
64.	Recently a news headline was, "Mahindra bids for IAF's MTA project". What is MTA? Medium Transport Aircraft
65.	MTA is likely to replace which aircraft in the Indian Airforce? AN-32
66.	Government launched an online portal SWATI on Feb 11, aimed at increasing the

participation of women in STEMM fields. Expand SWATI: Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation
67. What is full form of the acronym STEMM? Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Medicine
68. Kelvin Kiptum, the men's marathon current world record holder, was in news recently for what reason? He died in a tragic road accident
69. Kelvin Kiptum hailed from which country? Kenya
70. Which UAE city was in news for announcing launch of a new air taxi service by early 2026? Dubai
71. _____ became the first Indian company on Feb 13 to achieve a market capitalisation of over Rs 20 lakh crore? Reliance Industries Ltd
72. Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a two-day (Feb 13-14) visit to which country in middle east? United Arab Emirates, UAE
73. Mr. Modi inaugurated the massive BAPS Mandir, the first major Hindu temple in UAE, in which city? Abu Dhabi
74. He delivered a special keynote address at which global meet in Dubai as a Guest of Honour? World Government Summit 2024
75. A new solar power scheme, PM Surya Ghar: _____ Yojana was launched on Feb13: Muft Bijli
76. PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana aims to cover how many households? One crore
77. India secured the GovTech Prize at the World Government Summit 2024 for which achievement? Progress in AI powered government services
78. International Epilepsy Day is observed on the second _____ of February: Monday
79. Which UN Agency supports the celebration of World Radio Day on Feb 13? UNESCO
80. National Women's Day on Feb 13 marks the birthday of which great Indian lady? Smt. Sarojini Naidu

81. Smt. Naidu became India's first woman governor in which state? Uttar Pradesh
82. Darwin Day on February 12 marks the birthday of Charles Darwin, the legendary British naturalist (12 Feb 1809- 19 April, 1882). He is best known for which principle established by him? Survival of Fittest
83. National Productivity Day on February 12 marks which important event in the history? Establishment of the National Productivity Council-NPC on this day in 1958
84. NPC comes under which union ministry? Ministry of Commerce and Industry
85. Alexander Stubb has been elected as the President of which Scandinavian country? Finland
86. Which country team lifted the ICC Under 19 Men's ODI World Cup on Feb 11? Australia
87. Which country hosted the ICC Under 19 Men's ODI World Cup? South Africa
88. Name the tennis star who won the Chennai Open ATP Challenger finale on Feb 11: Sumit Nagal
89. Amit Panghal and Sachin Siwach, both won a gold each, in an international tournament of which sports? Boxing
90. A Mass Drug Administration campaign was launched on Feb 10 in New Delhi for country-wide elimination of which disease? Lymphatic Filariasis
91. Lymphatic Filariasis is caused by which animal/insect? Infected mosquitoes
92. Lymph nodes, small, bean-shaped organs/glands, around one cm in size, are found in which part of body? Almost all over the body, mostly in the armpits, neck and groin
93. India's robust digital payment platform, UPI was launched in which two countries on Feb 12? Sri Lanka and Mauritius
94. Which city is the capital of Mauritius? Port Louis
95. February 11 is celebrated as the Unani Day to spread awareness about the Unani System of

Medicine. It originated in which country? Ancient Greece
96. Unani Day on Feb 11 marks the birthday of which great personality? Hakim Ajmal Khan (1868-1927), an eminent Unani physician from Delhi
97. India made a contribution of \$ 32.89 million on Jan 31 to the Regular Budget for 2024 of which global organisation? UNO
98. Which country is the largest contributor to the UN Budget, accounting for about 22% share? USA
99. World Pulses Day is observed on February 10. Pulses are a major source of which nutrient? Protein
100. The National Deworming Day is observed on February 10. School children are administered which deworming medicine on this day? Albendazole
101. The India Energy Week 2024 was held from Feb 6 to 9 in Quito. It is in which state? Goa
102. The Parliament passed which bill on Feb 09 aimed at curbing leaks, unfair means in recruitment / entrance examinations? The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024
103. This Bill proposes a punishment of a minimum of _____ years of imprisonment for offence of cheating: 3 to 5
104. For those involved in organised crimes of cheating, paper leak, a fine of Rs. _____ has been proposed in this Bill: One crore
105. Which country secured second spot in the 139-country Logistic Performance Index (LPI) released by the World Bank? Finland
106. India was ranked at which spot in the Logistic Performance Index? 38th
107. What is objective of the EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme launched on Feb 06? To provide scholarships to the students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas
108. The Alphabet company, of Google fame, has given which new name to its AI chatbot Bard? Gemini

109. _____ became the first Indian pace bowler to top the official world test rankings on Feb 5: Jasprit Bumrah
110. Chaudhary Charan Singh, Bharat Ratna awardee, hailed from which place in western UP? Baghat
111. Shri PV Narasimha Rao was the ___ Prime Minister of India: Ninth
112. Eminent agro-scientist Dr MS Swaminathan was popularly known as the "Father of Indian _____": Green Revolution
113. Which two countries were declared the joint winners of the SAFF U-19 Women's Championship on Feb 08 in Dhaka? India and Bangladesh
114. What is the full form of SAFF? South Asian Football Federation
115. The 4 th Khelo India University Games, 2023 were hosted by which state from Feb 19 to 29? Assam
116. The 7 th Indian Ocean Conference was held on Feb 09-10 in which city? Perth, Australia
117. Government launched the SARTHI platform on Feb 8 under the Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana. What is the expansion of SARTHI? Sandbox for Agricultural and Rural Security, Technology and Insurance
118. What is the objective of the Krishi Rakshak Portal and helpline launched on Feb 8? Resolving grievances and queries of farmers
119. RBI imposed restrictions on which Payments Bank, barring the entity from offering incremental banking services effective March 15, 2024? Paytm Payments Bank Ltd.
120. An Earth like planet, dubbed TOI-715b, has been discovered with the help of NASA's TESS. What is TESS? Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite
121. The Bharat Rang Mahotsav, recognized as the world's largest _____ festival, was inaugurated on Feb 01 in Mumbai: Theatre

122. The Bharat Rang Mahotsav has been put together by which apex national body? National School of Drama (NSD), Delhi
123. The 4 th Khelo India Winter Games 2024 concluded on Feb 6 in which place? Ladakh
124. Which state topped the medal tally in above games with 20 medals? Maharashtra
125. The government launched which rice brand on Feb 06 to provide rice directly to consumers at subsidised rates of Rs 29/kg? Bharat Rice
126. Renowned national award-winning actor, Sadhu Meher, passed away at his Mumbai residence on Feb 02. He hailed from which state? Odisha
127. Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Jharkhand on Feb 02? Champai Soren
128. The Centre merged 4 existing Home Minister's medals to institute one new medal named ____: Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak
129. The Indian Navy has declared 2024 as the 'Year of ____' to improve administration, efficiency and well-being of civilians working in the Indian Navy: Naval Civilians
130. Which country has agreed to supply 31 armed MQ-9B SkyGuardian drones to India? USA
131. Nagesh Trophy is associated with which sports? Cricket for blind
132. Which artist became the first one to win the Grammy for "Album of the Year" four times? Taylor Swift, USA
133. Shankar Mahadevan and Zakir Hussain's fusion band named ____ won the Grammy for "Best Global Music Album": Shakti
134. Rakesh Chaurasia who won dual Grammy for his album "As We Speak" in the Best Contemporary Instrumental and Best Global Music Performance categories, plays which instrument? Flute
135. Name the Russian cosmonaut who set a world record on Feb 04 for the most time spent in space: Oleg Kononenko

136. Which Indian corporate secured the second spot globally in the Brand Guardianship Index 2024, compiled by Brand Finance? Mukesh Ambani
137. The Brand Guardianship Index 2024 placed which corporate at the top spot? Huateng Ma, WeChat
138. Which company owns the social media platform WeChat? Tencent
139. ____ has become the first country in Europe to start issuing digital Schengen visas: France
140. What does Schengen signify in context of Schengen Visa? Nothing, it is a small town near Luxembourg where Schengen Agreement was signed in 1985
141. France decided to issue digital Schengen visas with what objective? To ensure hassle-free visa issuance for forthcoming Paris Olympics
142. What is the name of the first of the next-generation under-sea survey vessels that was commissioned into the Navy on Feb 03? INS Sandhayak
143. India's digital payment platform UPI was formally launched in France on Jan 26 at which place? Eiffel Tower, Paris
144. Veteran BJP patriarch Lal Krishna Advani was conferred Bharat Ratn on Feb 03. He started his famous Ram Rath Yatra in 1990 from which place? Somnath in Gujarat
145. India topped the medal tally at the ISSF World Cup held at ____ from Jan 24 to Feb 01: Cairo, Egypt
146. Which state launched country's first "Sadak Surakhya Force" on Jan 27? Punjab
147. Which country lifted the FIH Hockey5s Men's World Cup 2024 on Jan 31 in Muscat, Oman? Netherlands
148. Which state topped the medal tally at the 6 th Khelo India Games which concluded on Jan 31 in Chennai? Maharashtra
149. India increased its tally of Ramsar sites to 80 by adding ____ more wetlands on Jan 31 to the

List of Wetlands of International Importance: Five
150. Which state now has the largest number (16) of Ramsar Sites? Tamil Nadu
151. The 37 th Surajkund International Crafts Mela was inaugurated on Feb 02 in which place? Faridabad, Haryana
152. Indian Coast Guard Day on Feb 01 marks the foundation of the Indian Coast Guard on this day in which year? 1977
153. The Indian Coast Guard functions under the control of which union ministry? Ministry of Defence
154. INS Nirupak, Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built ____ ship was decommissioned on January 29: Survey
155. The global Corruption Perceptions Index 2023 released on Jan 30 placed India at which spot? 93rd
156. Which country secured second spot in the Corruption Perceptions Index 2023? Finland
157. Which contingent of the defence forces was declared the best marching contingent at this year's Republic Day Parade? Sikh Regiment
158. Name the veteran banker, the first Indian to head a global bank -- Standard Chartered, who died on Jan 27: Rana Talwar
159. India was defeated by which country on Jan 27 in the final match of FIH Hockey 5s Women's World Cup in Muscat, Oman? Netherlands
160. The 69 th Filmfare Awards 2024 ceremony was held on Jan 28 in which city? GIFT City, Gujarat
161. Who was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 69th Filmfare Awards? David Dhawan, Director and producer
162. Which film won the Filmfare award for the Best Film? 12th Fail by Vidhu Vinod Chopra
163. Jannik Sinner, winner of men's singles title at the Australian Open, hails from which country? Italy

164. Who won the women's singles title at the Australian Open? Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus
165. Subedar Preeti Rajak became the first woman to hold the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army. She is associated with which sports? Shooting
166. What was the name of the joint military exercise between India and Saudi Arabia which was held in Rajasthan from Jan 29 to Feb 10? Sada Tanseeq
JANUARY 2024
1. Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi on Jan 30 is also observed as which another national day? Anti Leprosy Day
2. Which Sunday of January is observed as the World Leprosy Day? Last, 28 this year
3. Leprosy is caused by which bacteria? Mycobacterium leprae
4. Leprosy is an infectious disease – Yes or No? Yes
5. January 26 is observed as the International Customs Day. Where are the headquarters of the World Customs Organisation? Brussels, Belgium
6. Which apex organisation in India regulates the customs duty in the country? Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC)
7. Which social activist has been awarded Padma Vibhushan posthumously in 2024? Bindeshwar Pathak
8. Which former Vice President has been awarded Padma Vibhushan in 2024? M Venkaiah Naidu
9. National Voters Day is celebrated on January 25. Who is the current Chief Election Commissioner of India? Sh. Rajiv Kumar
10. National Voters Day on January 25 commemorates which important event? Foundation of Election Commission of India, on this day in 1950
11. Who was crowned the ICC men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023 on Jan 25? Virat Kohli

12.	French President Emmanuel _____ arrived in Jaipur on Jan 25 for a two-day state visit to India: Macron
13.	French President was the _____ French head of state/government to be the Chief Guest at the Republic Day Parade? 6th
14.	India celebrates National Tourism Day on which day of January? 25th
15.	Who is the current Union Tourism Minister of India? G. Kishan Reddy
16.	What is the name of the massive multi nation military exercise started by NATO on Jan 24? Steadfast Defender 24
17.	Which artificial intelligence (AI) firm successfully raised \$50 million at a valuation of USD 1 billion, becoming India's first AI unicorn? Krutrim
18.	National Girl Child Day on January 24 marks which important event in the history of India? Swearing in of first woman prime minister of India, Smt Indira Gandhi in 1966
19.	Which Indian batter was named the ICC T20I Player of the Year on Jan 24? Suryakumar Yadav
20.	Parakram Diwas on January 23 marks the birth anniversary of which great personality? Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
21.	Which stock exchange emerged as the world's largest derivatives exchange group in 2023? NSE (National Stock Exchange)
22.	The Indian Air Force conducted Exercise Desert Knight on Jan 23 with which two other countries? France and UAE
23.	Exercise Desert Knight was conducted in which area? In the skies over the Arabian Sea
24.	Name the President of the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly, who arrived in New Delhi on Jan 22 on a five-day visit to India: Dennis Francis
25.	India hosted Exercise KHANJAR with which other country in the 4 th week of January? Kyrgyzstan

26.	Exercise Khanjar was held at which place? Bakloh, HP
27.	Which two cricketers were honoured with Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award by the BCCI on Jan 23? Ravi Shastri and Farokh Engineer
28.	Who has been given Polly Umrigar Best Men's International Cricketer of the Year award for 2022—23? Shubman Gill
29.	Name the senior tennis star who became the oldest player to hold the No. 1 men's doubles ranking at the age of 43: Rohan Bopanna
30.	SC Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar is awarded by which union ministry? Ministry of Home Affairs
31.	Which organisation was honoured with the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2024? 60 Parachute Field Hospital, UP
32.	The organisation selected for this award gets a cash prize of Rs _____ lakh: 51
33.	Which central scheme was announced on Jan 22 under which one crore poor households will get a rooftop solar power system? Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana
34.	In which country large parts were pummelled by ferocious winter storms in the fourth week of January, claiming more than 90 lives? USA
35.	On Jan 23, the President's office announced to award country's top civilian honour Bharat Ratna posthumously to which great leader? Sh Karpoori Thakur
36.	Sh Karpoori Thakur was popularly known as _____ : Jannayak
37.	As on Jan 23, Indian stock market moved ahead of which country to secure 4 th rank in world? Hong Kong
38.	The Indian and Egyptian armies began which 11-day military exercise Jan 22? Exercise Cyclone
39.	Which country hosted the Exercise Cyclone? Egypt

40.	Pran Pratishtha of the idol of Lord Ram Lalla was solemnised on Jan 22. What is the English term for this ceremony? Consecration
41.	Man Singh, noted India athlete claimed the gold medal on Jan 22 at the Asian _____ Championships 2024 in Hong Kong: Marathon
42.	Which big volcano in the densely populated island of Java, Indonesia, erupted on Jan 21? Mount Merapi
43.	The 19 th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit was held on Jan 19-20 in which city? Kampala
44.	Kampala is the capital of which country? Uganda
45.	Who led the Indian delegation at the NAM Summit? External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar
46.	Headquarters of NAM are located in which city? None, it has no headquarter
47.	The NAM summit is held at which interval? Three years
48.	Which country is holding the chair of NAM for three years (2024-26)? Uganda
49.	Japan successfully landed its Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM) on the moon's surface on Jan 20, making it the _____ country to put a spacecraft on the moon: Fifth
50.	The 6 th edition of Khelo India Games was inaugurated on Jan 19 in which city? Chennai
51.	World's tallest (125-foot) statue of Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was inaugurated on Jan 19 in which city? Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
52.	The Government of India has decided to include _____ as one of the nine classical languages: Farsi (Persian)
53.	Classical languages are included under which schedule of the Indian Constitution? Eighth
54.	Which was the first language in India to be accorded classical language status in 2004? Tamil

55.	Which US aerospace giant opened its largest engineering and technology campus outside the US, in India on Jan 19? Boeing Inc.
56.	Boeing Inc. opened its largest engineering and technology campus in India at which place? Devanahalli, Bengaluru
57.	The 54 th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) was held from Jan 15 to 19 at which place? Davos, Switzerland
58.	WEF, an international non-governmental think tank and research organisation, is based in which city? Geneva, Switzerland
59.	Which Indian Grandmaster became the first Indian to reach 2748.3 rating points, 0.3 more than Vishwa-nathan Anand? R Praggnanandhaa
60.	Indian Army has decided to observe the year 2024 as the 'Year of _____Absorption': Technology
61.	Who is the current Chief of the Indian Army? General Manoj Pandey
62.	China's population has declined for a second consecutive year due which reason – lower birth rate or higher death rate? Both
63.	Scientists in which country have developed a nuclear battery that claims to provide uninterrupted electricity for 50 years, without the need for charging or maintenance? China
64.	What was the name of the maiden bilateral maritime exercise held between the Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy on Dec 20–23 in Thailand: Ex-Ayutthaya
65.	Which national day is observed on January 16 to appreciate the spirit of entrepreneurship and promote achievements of Indian startups? National Startup Day
66.	Which tennis star created history on Jan 16 to become first Indian in 35 years to beat a seeded player at Grand Slam? Sumit Nagal
67.	As per the latest annual report by Global Firepower (GFP), India continues to be the world's _____most powerful military force: Fourth

68.	As per a recent report NITI Aayog report released on Jan 15, roughly ____ crore people “escaped” from multidimensional poverty during this 9-year period of 2013-14 to 2022-23: 25
69.	Which state registered the largest decline in the number of poor with 5.94 crore people escaping multidimensional poverty in last 9 years? Uttar Pradesh
70.	A massive peripheral development project named Shree Mandir Parikrama Prakalpa (SMPP) has been built around which famous ancient temple? 12th century Shree Jagannath Temple, puri
71.	What is the name of the “end-to-end secure mobile ecosystem” indigenously developed by the Indian Army to provide secure communication? Sambhav
72.	With which country India hosted the Naval Exercise “Sahyog-Kaijin” on Jan 12 off the Chennai coast? Japan
73.	The WHO launched the Traditional Medicine Morbidity codes of which three Indian systems of medicine in International Classification of Diseases (ICD) 11 as Module 2? Unani, Siddha and Ayurveda
74.	Who won the Best FIFA Men's Player Award 2023? Lionel Messi
75.	Which TV series won all the top four Emmy Awards 2024 in drama series? Succession
76.	Army Day on Jan 15 marks which milestone in the history of Indian Army? Taking over of command of the Indian Army by then Lt Gen K M Cariappa in 1949
77.	The Indian Army was founded by the British in which year by merging the Presidency Regiments of East India Company? 1895
78.	Makar Sankranti marks the end of winter solstice as the Sun moves from ____Raashi to enter the Makar Raashi on this day: Dhanu (Sagittarius)
79.	From this day (Makar Sankranti) onwards the Sun starts its ____ movement: Northward

80.	In the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, Makar Sankranti is celebrated as which popular festival? Pedda Panduga
81.	Which Indian state is associated with the festival of Pongal? Tamil Nadu
82.	Festival of Makar Sankranti is popular by which name in Gujarat? Uttarayan
83.	Makaravilakku is a popular festival of which state? Kerala
84.	The Armed Forces Veterans Day on Jan 14 marks which important day in the history of Indian Army? Retirement of Gen K M Cariappa on this day in 1953
85.	The Prime Minister released the first instalment of ₹540 crore to one lakh beneficiaries of PM-JANMAN for house construction. Who are the beneficiaries of the PM-JANMAN scheme? Tribal Groups
86.	What is the full form of PM-JANMAN? Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan
87.	India's first Dark Sky Park and the fifth in Asia, has been set up in which National Park? Pench Tiger Reserve
88.	What is the name of country's longest road bridge, Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, inaugurated on Jan 12? Atal Setu
89.	Daljit Singh Chaudhary, senior IPS officer has been appointed as the Director General of which Armed Police Force? Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
90.	INS Cheetah, Guldar and Kumbhir, three naval ships were decommissioned simultaneously on Jan 12. What type of ships are they? Landing ship
91.	Senthil Pandian C, senior IAS officer has been appointed as India's Ambassador to which UN agency? World Trade Organisation (WTO)
92.	Who has been elected as the Prime Minister of Bhutan? Tshering Tobgay
93.	Divyakriti Singh became the first Indian woman to be honoured with the prestigious Arjuna Award for ____sports: Equestrian

94. Who became the first men's player to feature in 150 T20 International matches? Rohit Sharma
95. DRDO successfully flight-tested the Akash-NG missile on Jan 12. What is its average strike range? 30 km
96. Which city hosted the Malaysia Open Badminton 2024? Kuala Lumpur
97. Which Indian pair of badminton players secured a silver medal in the Malaysia Open Badminton 2024? Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
98. Munawwar Rana, noted Urdu poet passed away on Jan 14 at the age of 71. He hailed from which state? Uttar Pradesh
99. Which two countries participated in the Joint Military Exercise Desert Cyclone, held from January 2 to 15? India and UAE
100. Joint Military Exercise Desert Cyclone was held in which area? Rajasthan
101. The first multi-sports Beach Games in India were organised at the Ghoghla Beach in which place? Diu, in the UT of Dadra, Nagar Haveli, Diu & Daman
102. Which state emerged as the overall champion in the winning 18 medals including 7 gold, in the Beach Games in Diu? Madhya Pradesh
103. Crown Prince Frederik X: Coronated as the King of which North European country on Jan 14? Denmark
104. 'Swarayogini' Dr. Prabha Atre breathed her last on Jan 13. She was a highly acclaimed personality from which field? Classical singing
105. What is the name of indigenously made Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) that was inducted in the Indian Navy on Jan 10? Drishti 10 Starliner
106. The Henley Passport Index 2024 placed India at which spot in its recent edition? 80th
107. Which country was ranked at the top in the recent Henley Passport Index 2024? None, top spot is shared by 6 countries

108. Which Indian won the gold medal on Jan 10 in Men's 57kg at the Zagreb Open 2024 Wrestling Tournament? Aman Sehrawat
109. Which country hosted the Zagreb Open 2024 Wrestling Tournament? Croatia
110. This year's National Youth Festival was hosted by which city from January 12 to 16? Nashik, Maharashtra
111. World Hindi Day on Jan 10 marks which important event associated with Hindi? First World Hindi Conference in 1975 on this day, in Nagpur
112. On which date India celebrates the National Hindi Diwas or Rajbhasha Diwas? Sep 14
113. Which Tech giant launched a new initiative called AI Odyssey to train 100,000 developers in India in the latest AI technologies and tools? Microsoft
114. Indore retained its first spot in Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023 for the seventh time in a row. However, it shared the top spot with which another city? Surat
115. The 2024 Golden Globe Awards were declared on Jan 08 in which US city? Beverly Hills
116. Golden Globe Awards are associated with which field? Cinema
117. Which film won the Golden Globe for the Best Motion Picture–Drama? Oppenheimer
118. ONGC started on Jan 7 its first crude oil production from its massive deep-sea project KG-DWN-98/2. It is in which area? Krishna-Godavari basin in Bay of Bengal
119. The Reserve Bank raised the minimum capital requirement for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) to what amount? Rs. 200 crore
120. Can Payments Banks apply for conversion into SFB? Yes, after 5 years of operations
121. Which city won the prestigious title of the No.1 global destination in the Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Best of the Best Destinations Awards 2024? Dubai

122. Which country hosted the multilateral Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise Ex Sea Dragon 24? USA
123. What is the name of the state-of-the-art assault rifle of the 7.62 x 51 mm caliber, launched by the DRDO on Jan 8? Ugram
124. Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskars are given to which category of entities? Corporate entities, Sports Control Boards, NGOs, Universities/Institutes, etc.
125. Who has been elected as the Prime Minister in the recent general elections in the Bangladesh? Ms. Sheikh Hasina
126. Ms. Sheikh Hasina leads which political party in Bangladesh? Awami League
127. Ishikawa Prefecture, a state in central Japan, was in news in the first week of January for what reasons? It was devastated by a strong 7.6 magnitude earthquake on Jan 01
128. The Union Cabinet on Jan 05 approved an investment of Rs 4,797 crore for the Prithvi Vigyan (PrithVi) scheme for what purpose? To promote comprehensive research and innovation in Earth sciences
129. 100 winners of 'Project 'Veer Gatha' were facilitated at which national function? Republic Day Parade 2024 in Delhi
130. As per the latest data released by National Statistical Office on Jan 5, Indian economy is expected to grow by ___ % in 2023-24: 7.3
131. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award is given for outstanding performance in which field? Agronomy
132. The Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd (Nuclear Power Corporation of India) launched its Demonstration Fast Reactor Fuel Reprocessing Plant (DFRP) on Jan 02 at which place? Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu
133. Which state became the first one to complete comprehensive mapping of all the 784 accident black spots in the state? Punjab
134. Which world record was set in the second test match between India and South Africa, played

in Cape Town, South Africa? It was the shortest-ever match in the history of test cricket, ended in 107 overs
135. The Ministry of Education launched the 'Prerana (inspiration): An Experiential Learning Program' for what purpose? To empower students with leadership qualities
136. World Braille Day on Jan 4 marks the birth anniversary of which French educator and inventor? Louis Braille
137. Government launched which programme on January 03 to promote robust clinical studies in priority areas of Ayurveda? SMART 2.0' (Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research among Teaching Professionals)
138. Who has been appointed as the President of the European Investment Bank? Nadia Calviño
139. European Investment Bank is based in which country? Luxembourg
140. Which region of Ladakh entered into a pioneering cultural exchange and tourism cooperation initiative with the Lam Dong Province of Vietnam? Leh
141. Which UT became the first one to implement the PM Vishwakarma Yojana (PMVY) in the country? Jammu and Kashmir
142. Which day of January is celebrated as the Global Family Day? First
143. Felix Tshisekedi has been re-elected for the second term as the President of which large country in Central Africa? Democratic Republic of Congo
144. The multilateral grouping BRICS added how many new member countries from first of January, 2024? Five
145. Which country has taken over the chairmanship of BRICS for the year 2024? Russia
146. Country's first all-girls Sainik School, Samvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School, was inaugurated on Jan 01 at which place? Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh

147. Which state set a Guinness World Record on January 1 for the largest number of people, performing 'Surya Namaskar' simultaneously at a time? Gujarat
148. Which Ferry craft (Yard 786) was delivered to the Indian Navy on 29 Dec at Kolkata? Manjula
149. Which state reported the highest numbers of 1.49 crore investors in the National Stock Exchange? Maharashtra
150. What is the name of ISRO's maiden X-Ray polarimeter satellite launched on Jan 01? XPoSat
151. Harpreet Chandi secured a third Guinness World Record for becoming the fastest woman to ski solo across Antarctica. She hails from which country? Britain
152. Who bagged the girls' under-19 title on Dec 30 at the 2023 Scottish Junior Open squash tournament held in Edinburgh, England? Anahat Singh
153. What is the formal name of the redeveloped railway station in Ayodhya which was inaugurated on Dec 30? Ayodhya Dham Junction
154. The new international airport inaugurated on Dec 30 in Ayodhya, has been christened as ____? Maharshi Valmiki International Airport
155. How many Amrit Bharat Express trains were launched on Dec 30 from Ayodhya, through video conferencing? Two
156. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the 16 th Finance Commission? Dr Arvind Panagariya
157. The Ministry of Steel has informed India has emerged as the ____ largest producer of steel in the world: Second
158. With which militant group signed a historic tripartite peace accord on Dec 29 with the Centre and Assam Government? ULFA - United Liberation Front of Assam
159. The National Transit Pass System (NTPS) was launched on Dec 29 to facilitate seamless

transportation of which products? Timber, bamboo, and other forest produce
160. "Tansen Samaroh", the biggest gathering of classical music maestros from all over the world, was held in which city from 24 to 28 December? Gwalior
161. The RBI retained how many banks as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for 2023? Three
162. Nina Singh has been appointed as the first woman Director General of which CAPF? CISF - Central Industrial Security Force
163. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)? Rahul Rasgotra
164. Anish Dayal Singh has been appointed as Director General of which police force? Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
165. Which Indian grandmaster won the silver medal on Dec 28 in the World Women Rapid Championships 2023 at Samarkand, Uzbekistan? Koneru Humpy
166. Which state has invited proposals for the design, development and operation of India's first AI City? Uttar Pradesh
167. Which online portal was launched on Dec 25 to assist medtech innovators in clinical evaluation, regulatory facilitation, and uptake of new products? MedTech Mitra
DECEMBER 2023
1. Which state will host 6 th Khelo India Youth Games from January 19 to 31 in 2024? Tamil Nadu
2. December 27 is celebrated as The International Day of ____ Preparedness: Epidemic
3. We celebrate Dec 26 as "Veer Bal Diwas" to mark the martyrdom of which two sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh? Baba Zorawar Singh (9) and Baba Fateh Singh (7)
4. Indian Navy commissioned the stealth guided missile destroyer - INS Imphal on Dec 26 at which place? Naval Dockyard, Mumbai

5.	The birthday of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on Dec 25 is observed as which national day in India? Good Governance Day
6.	The World Bank sanctioned a \$300 million loan to support Tamil Nadu for what purpose? For improved access to water and sewerage services in cities
7.	India celeb rates National Consumer Day on Dec 24. The current Consumer Protection Act was passed in which year? 2019
8.	On which date we celebrate the World Consumer Day? 15th March
9.	The United Nations has designated 2024 as the International Year of ____: Camelids
10.	National Farmers' Day on Dec 23 commemorates the birthday of which veteran farmers' leader? Chaudhary Charan Singh
11.	The Terminal-2 of which International Airport in India has been named one of the 'World's Most Beautiful Airports'? Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
12.	National Mathematics Day on Dec 22 marks the birthday of legendary mathematician ____ Ramanujan: Srinivasa
13.	The Ministry of Textiles launched the mobile application "Paat-Mitro" on Dec 21 for which target group? Jute farmers
14.	Who secured the top spot in the 2023 Forbes' list of highest-paid women athletes released on Dec 21? Tennis star Iga Swiatek
15.	The International Organisation for Migration launched Project PRAYAS on Dec 21 for what purpose? To help Indian workers and students migrate in a secure and regular manner
16.	Which Grandmaster won the Chennai Grand Masters 2023 tournament on Dec 21? D Gukesh
17.	The Parliament passed three key Bills on Dec 21 that seek to overhaul the ____ system: Criminal justice

18.	What is the new name for revised Indian Penal Code (IPC)? Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita
19.	Which new law will replace the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC)? Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita
20.	How many heritage projects from India secured prestigious spots among the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation, announced on Dec 21 in Bangkok? Six
21.	Which heritage project received the highest honour, 'Award of Excellence'? Rambagh Gate and Rampart
22.	Rambagh Gate and Rampart are situated in which city? Amritsar
23.	Which temple in Kerala was honoured with 'Award of Distinction' by UNESCO for outstanding restoration efforts in maintaining its original traditional wooden architecture? Kunnamangalam Bhagawati Temple
24.	Pipal Haveli, a heritage rural homestay which was awarded UNESCO's 'Special Recognition for Sustainable Development' for Cultural Heritage Conservation, lies in which state? Punjab
25.	The MSME Ministry launched how many new sub-schemes on Dec 20 under its existing RAMP ((Raising and Accelerating MSME Productivity) programme? Three
26.	Government has decided to establish 740 Eklavya Model Residential Schools throughout the country for which group of students? Tribal students
27.	Eklavya Model Residential Schools provide free education and hostel facilities to tribal students of which class? From class 6 to 12
28.	The Government announced the National Sports Awards 2023 on Dec 20. Which is the highest national sports award? Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award
29.	Name the badminton players duo who have been honoured with the Major Dhyan Chand

	Khel Ratna Award: Chirag C Shetty and Satwik Sai Raj Rankireddy
30.	Which trophy is awarded for the top performance in the inter-university tournaments? Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy
31.	Which neighbouring country of India plans to build a massive “international city” in an area spanning over 1,000 sq km on its border with India? Bhutan
32.	The union home ministry has asked which armed police force to take over the overall security of the Parliament? Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
33.	The WHO has classified a sub-variant of the Omicron strain of coronavirus, JN.1 as what? A "variant of interest" (VOI)
34.	Which oil producing country announced its decision to leave the oil cartel OPEC? Angola
35.	What is the full form of OPEC? Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
36.	Which union ministry launched India's National Geoscience Data Repository (NGDR) portal on Dec 19? Ministry for Mines
37.	What is the main objective of the National Geoscience Data Repository? To facilitate data-based research on the mineral exploration projects
38.	Which country's Gansu province was hit hard by a 6.2 magnitude earthquake, claiming over 150 lives? China
39.	Who has been re-elected as the President of Egypt for a third six-year term? Abdel Fattah al-Sisi
40.	Which Indian hockey player was named the men's FIH Player of the Year 2023 on Dec 19? Hardik Singh
41.	Which Indian airliner announced on Dec 18 that it is the first Indian airline to carry 100 million passengers in a single calendar year? IndiGo
42.	As per the World Bank's latest Migration and Development Brief, which country received

	the highest amount of remittance inflows in 2023? India
43.	The RBI has introduced a Card-on-File (CoF) token facility at the level of banks and other institutions. A CoF token is of how many digits? Sixteen
44.	Vijay Hazare Trophy is associated with which sports? Cricket
45.	Haryana secured their first title triumph in Vijay Hazare Trophy on Dec 16 by beating which team? Rajasthan
46.	India's fastest solar electric boat, Barracuda, was launched on Dec 13 in which city? Alappuzha, Kerala
47.	Which Indian defence force conducted Exercise Astra Shakti 2023 on Dec 12? Indian Air Force
48.	India celebrates Minorities Rights Day on December 18. Who is the current chairman of the National Commission for Minorities? Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura
49.	Which UN office is associated with the celebration of International Migrants Day on December 18? International Organisation for Migrants, Geneva
50.	Which state topped the medal tally in the first-ever Khelo India Para Games which concluded on Dec 17 in New Delhi? Haryana
51.	Vijay Diwas is observed every year on Dec 16 to mark the Indian armed forces victory over Pakistan in which war? 1971 war
52.	December 15 is celebrated as International Tea Day. World's first tea estate was established in 1839 in which place? Assam
53.	DRDO successfully carried out a flight trial of high speed 'Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator' on Dec 15 from the Aeronautical Test Range of Chitradurga. It is in which state? Karnataka
54.	Sultan of_____, Haitham bin Tarik arrived in India on Dec 15 on his three-day state visit: Oman

55.	The Union Cabinet approved on Dec 15 a proposal to declare which airport as an International Airport? Surat, Gujarat
56.	Surat is an international trade hub for which two main items? Diamonds and textiles, especially silk sarees
57.	Who has been declared as the International Tennis Federation's World Champions – 2023 among women? Aryna Sabalenka
58.	Aryna Sabalenka hails from which country? Belarus
59.	Which city entered the Guinness Book of World Records on Dec 14 for arranging 3,066 parents telling stories to their children at a time for four minutes? Pune, Maharashtra
60.	Indian Army has ordered for 70,000 more semi-automatic SIG 716 assault rifles from which country? USA
61.	Who are the winners of this year's Indira Gandhi Peace Prize? Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad
62.	Daniel and Ali have been honoured for which feat of theirs? For their efforts towards a non-violent resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict
63.	Which type of warship is INS Tarmugli, which was commissioned into the Indian Navy on Dec 14? Fast Attack Craft
64.	Which apex organisation supports the celebration of the National Energy Conservation Day on Dec 14? Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
65.	The 28th session of the COP28/UNFCCC concluded on Dec 13 in which city? Dubai
66.	At the COP28, the 200 participating nations agreed to achieve net zero by which year? 2050
67.	Who was the President for the COP28? Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber
68.	The Indian Navy and the Philippines Navy have carried out a maritime partnership exercise on Dec 13 in which area? West Philippine Sea area of South China Sea

69.	A Pune based firm, KPIT Technologies has unveiled a ____-ion battery that costs up to 30% less than existing lithium-ion batteries: Sodium
70.	The Quality of Living Index 2023 released by Mercer, placed which city at 153 rd rank, highest amongst Indian cities? Hyderabad
71.	Who has been named the “Rising Star of the Year” among women by the United World Wrestling (UWW)? Antim Panghal
72.	Supreme Court on Dec 11 upheld the validity of Centre's decision to abrogate Article ___ of the Constitution of India: 370
73.	Article 370 of the Constitution of India is associated with which issue? Grant of special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu-Kashmir
74.	Article 370 was abrogated by the Indian Parliament in which year? 2019
75.	December 11 is observed as the UNICEF Day. UNICEF is based in which city? New York
76.	What is the full form of the acronym UNICEF? United Nations Children's Fund
77.	The Indian Army conducted joint exercise VINIBAX-2023 with which country? Vietnam
78.	Exercise VINIBAX-2023 was held at which place from Dec 11 to 21? Hanoi, Vietnam
79.	Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, Italy's highest civilian honour was bestowed on which veteran Bollywood personality? Kabir Bedi
80.	State of Chhattisgarh recently got its first tribal chief minister. Who is he? Vishnu Deo Sai
81.	In Mizoram, Mr Lalduhoma was sworn in as the new chief minister. He is from which party? Zoram People's Movement
82.	Parliament of which European country elected Donald Tusk as its Prime Minister? Poland
83.	December 10 is celebrated as the Human Rights Day. In India, who is the current chief of the National Human Rights Commission? Justice Arun Kumar Mishra

84. National Submarine Day on Dec 9 commemorate the induction of first submarine in Indian Navy on this day in 1967. What was its name? INS Kalvari
85. In which country a private aerospace company LandSpace launched world's first methane-liquid oxygen fuelled rocket on Dec 9? China
86. Which veteran Hindi writer was honoured with 33 rd Vyas Samman, 2023? Pushpa Bharati
87. Which work of Pushpa Bharti was selected for the Vyas Samman? Her 2016 memoir, "Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein"
88. The Indian Navy conducted a multi-agency exercise 'Prasthan' on Dec 08 along with other defence, State and civil agencies in which area? Offshore Development Area off Mumbai
89. Which Kerala based private bank was honoured as the "Bank of the Year (India), 2023" by The Banker, a renowned London based financial magazine? Federal Bank
90. RBI raised the UPI payment limit to hospitals and educational institutions to Rs ___lakh from Rs 1 lakh at present: Five
91. RBI hiked the cap for e-mandates for recurring payments through UPI to Rs. ____ from Rs 15,000 per transaction at present: One lakh
92. India was placed at which rank in Climate Change Performance Index released on Dec 8? 7th
93. Which country scored highest marks in the Climate Change Performance Index? Denmark
94. Of the four Indian ladies in the Forbes list of 'The World's Most Powerful Women', who secured the highest rank, 32 nd ? Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister
95. Who topped the Forbes list of 'The World's Most Powerful Women' for 2023? Ursula von der Leyen, President of EU

96. Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched which GIS based application to encourage spatial planning by the Gram Panchayats? Gram Manchitra
97. Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change joined hands with which international organisation to launch a global initiative named "Green Rising" on Dec 8 at COP28 in Dubai? UNICEF's Generation Unlimited
98. The Lok Sabha passed the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023 on Dec 7 aimed at establishing a Central Tribal University in Telangana. What's its name? Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University
99. The name Sammakka Sarakka is associated with what in Telangana? Local tribal Goddesses
100. World's deepest and largest science laboratory, built at depth of 2,400 meters became operational on Dec 7 in which country? China
101. Armed Forces Flag Day on Dec 7 commemorates the supreme sacrifice of our soldiers in which operation? None, it is general tribute to them
102. Name the 34-year-old American pop singer who has been named "Time Magazine's Person of the Year" for 2023: Taylor Swift
103. Which concert tour of Taylor Swift has set a new benchmark in the music industry by becoming the first tour to surpass the billion-dollar mark in gross ticket sales? Eras Tour
104. What is the name of the most advanced AI model recently launched by Alphabet, which is trained to behave in human-like ways? Gemini
105. Who has been named Time magazine's Athlete of the Year for 2023? Lionel Messi
106. IBM unveiled on Dec 4 world's first quantum computer chip which has 1,121 superconducting qubits, the largest ever. What is its name? Condor

107. Which immensely popular traditional dance of India has been included in the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO? Garba from Gujarat
108. Which festival is associated with Garba? Sharad Navratri
109. The world's largest and most advanced nuclear fusion reactor has been started in which country? Japan
110. Safeena Hussain became the first Indian woman to bag the WISE Prize worth \$ 5 lakh for which of her achievement? For mobilising 14 lakh girls back to school in rural India
111. Which global agency granted a \$200 million loan to Uttarakhand to improve electricity supply in the state? Asian Development Bank
112. Which country topped the 2023 World Digital Competitiveness Ranking (WDCR), released on Dec 01? USA
113. What was India's rank in this WDC ranking? 49th
114. Which organisation released this WDC ranking? Institute for Management Development, Switzerland
115. Which US state was in news recently on account of sudden outbreak of large number of White Lung Syndrome cases? Ohio
116. Oxford University Press unveiled which word as its Word of the Year 2023? Rizz
117. What does the word Rizz stand for? Style, charm, or attractiveness
118. Sheetal Devi, winner of "Best Youth Athlete" at the Asian Awards for para-athletes, is a noted ____ of India? Archer
119. What is the name of the largest-ever survey vessel built in the country that was delivered to the Indian Navy on Dec 04? INS Sandhayak
120. INS Sandhayak has been built by which Indian ship building firm? Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., Kolkata

121. A museum dedicated to fallen airmen of WWII was opened up in which place in Arunachal Pradesh? Pasighat
122. What is the name of this museum? Hump WWII Museum
123. The QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024, released on Dec 05, placed which university at top amongst Indian universities? Delhi University
124. Overall, which university topped the QS World University Rankings 2024? University of Toronto, Canada
125. Which organisation releases the QS World University Rankings? Quacquarelli Symonds, London
126. Cyclone Michaung which battered Eastern Coast of India on Dec 4-5-6, made a landfall near which place? Nellore
127. Which was the worst affected city by the Cyclone Michaung? Chennai
128. Which country hosted the IBA Junior World Boxing Championship 2023 which concluded on Dec 4? Armenia
129. Kenya, William Samoei Ruto who arrived in New Delhi on Dec 04 on a three-day visit to India, is the President of which country? Kenya
130. What is the capital of Kenya? Nairobi
131. India approved a \$ 250 million credit line to Kenya for what purpose? Modernisation of its agriculture sector
132. Vaishali Rameshbabu became the ____ Indian female Grandmaster on Dec 01: Third
133. Hornbill festival is the biggest musical and cultural extravaganza of which state? Nagaland
134. The COP28 Presidency unveiled on Dec 3 the "COP28 UAE Declaration on ____, Relief, Recovery, and Peace": Climate
135. The World's first portable hospital was unveiled on Dec 2 in which Indian city? Gurugram, Haryana

136. What is the name of this portable hospital? Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube
137. What is the name of a first-of-its-kind private-sector engagement initiative within the COP framework which brought together over 1,300 global business leaders and philanthropists? Business & Philanthropy Climate Forum
138. December 4 is observed as the International Day of _____, all over the world: Banks
139. National/Indian Navy Day on Dec 4 marks the success of which naval operation in 1971 Indo-Pak war? Operation Trident
140. Who is the current chief of the Indian Navy? Admiral R Hari Kumar
141. Indian Navy inducted INS Mahe, INS Malvan, and INS Mangrol on Nov 30. What type of ships are these? Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts
142. COP-28 announced creation of a “_____Fund” to provide financial support to countries reeling under the impact of climate change: Loss and Damage
143. Which country made an unprecedented 30 billion dollar commitment to ALTÉRRRA, a climate-focused investment vehicle, on Dec 01 at COP-28 in Dubai? UAE - United Arab Emirates
144. President Droupadi Murmu presented the President's Colour to which army outfit on Dec 01? Armed Forces Medical College, AFMC
145. AFMC is situated in which city? Pune
146. December 2 is observed as World Computer Literacy Day. Which Indian IT company initiated this day in 2001? NIIT - National Institute of Information Technology
147. National Pollution Control Day on Dec 2 is associated with which industrial tragedy? Bhopal Gas Tragedy
148. Leakage of which gas claimed thousands of lives in Bhopal Gas Tragedy? MIC - Methyl Isocyanate

149. What was the theme for the Day for this year's World AIDS Day on Dec 01? Let communities lead
150. ADB approved a \$170 million loan to which city to support the modernization of water supply services there? Kochi, Kerala
151. Sqn Ldr Manisha Padhi was appointed on Nov 29 as India's first woman Aide-de-Camp. She was attached to the Governor of which state? Mizoram
152. The Union Cabinet on Nov 29 approved a Central Sector Scheme for providing _____to the Women Self Help Groups (SHGs): Drones
153. Jason Dylan Bretfelean, a 19 year old young man from Hyderabad created history on Nov 26 by becoming first Indian winner of which International title? Mister Global
154. England based Cambridge Dictionary selected _____as word of the year for 2023: Hallucinate
155. Which popular dictionary has selected “authentic” as the word of the year for 2023? Merriam-Webster, USA
156. Which country won the Davis Cup (Tennis) on Nov 26 in Malaga, Spain? Italy
157. Which film won the Golden Peacock for the Best Film at the 54 th IFFI, Goa? Endless Borders
158. What is the amount of the cash award given with the Golden Peacock award? Rs. 40 lakh
159. Who won the Silver Peacock for the Special Jury Award at the IFFI? Rishabh Shetty for Kantara
160. What was the second quarter GDP growth rate as announced by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Nov 30? 7.6 per cent
161. The NSO functions under which union ministry? Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
162. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited which country on Nov 30 to attend the World Climate Action Summit? United Arab Emirates, UAE

163. Smt VR Lalithambika who was recently honoured with Legion d'honneur by France, is a prominent _____: Space scientist
164. Which team won the 13 th Hockey India Senior Men's National Championship on Nov 28? Punjab
165. Name the former U S Secretary of State (Foreign Minister) and 1973 Nobel Peace Prize winner, who passed away on Nov 29: Henry Kissinger
166. The Union Cabinet approved the terms of reference (ToR) for the ____Finance Commission: 16th
167. The Finance Commission is constituted by the President under which Article of the Indian Constitution? 280
168. The 16 th Finance Commission will recommend the formula for sharing revenues between the Centre and the States for the five-year period beginning on____: April 1, 2026
169. Article 275 of the Indian Constitution is associated with what? Provisions related to grants from the union government to states
170. Who was sworn in as the new prime minister of New Zealand on Nov 29? Christopher Luxon
171. The Central and Manipur governments signed a peace agreement on Nov 29 in New Delhi with which banned militant outfit? The United National Liberation Front (UNLF)
172. The union cabinet approved on Nov 29 extension of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY) for another ____years from 1st of January 2024: Five
173. Asia's largest open-air annual trade fair, the Bali Jatra, was inaugurated on Nov 27 in which state? Odisha
174. Trade fair Bali Jatra is organised annually on the banks of which river? Mahanadi River
175. Which city is the proud host of the trade fair Bali Jatra? Cuttack
176. Indian Organ Donation Day is observed on which day of November? 27th

177. The central government decided on Nov 26 to give which new name to Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres? Ayushman Arogya Mandir
178. UNO has selected which day of November as the World Sustainable Transport Day? 26th
179. Who was declared the winner of 2023 Booker Prize? Irish writer Paul Lynch
180. Paul Lynch won the Booker Prize for which of his novel? Prophet Song
181. What is the amount of the cash prize given with the Booker Prize? British Pound 50,000/=
182. Which Sunday of November is celebrated as the NCC Day? 4th
183. National Milk Day on Nov 26 marks the birthday of which great personality? Dr. Verghese Kurien
184. Which Indian golfer secured her second victory of the Ladies European Tour season on Nov 26 by winning Andalucia Costa del Sol Open de España in Marbella, Spain? Aditi Ashok
185. Prime Minister Narendra Modi became first PM to take a sortie in which fighter jet on Nov 25 in Bengaluru? LCA Tejas
186. With which country India started a two week joint military exercise Surya Kiran 2023 on Nov 24? Nepal
187. Surya Kiran 2023 was held at which place? Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
188. What is the name of the world's first India made rifle-rated ballistic helmet? Kavro Doma 360
189. What was the name of the joint military exercise of Indian and Australian Armed Forces that started on Nov 22? AUSTRALIND-23
190. AUSTRALIND-23 was held at which place? Perth, Australia
191. Which city hosted the last G20 Leaders' Summit on Nov 22? None, it was held in virtual format

192. Who became the first Indian woman to win an individual world snooker title by winning World 6 Red Women Snooker Championships in Doha, Qatar? Vidya Pillai
193. The ADB approved a \$500 million loan to which Indian state to enhance the quality and affordability of tertiary health care and medical education? Maharashtra
194. 79 th Senior National Squash Championships were hosted by which city? Chennai
195. Dr Anish Shah has been elected as the new President of which apex Indian industry body? FICCI - Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry
196. In which part of the world, a massive iceberg, spanning over 4000 sq km, broke away from the mainland? Northern Antarctica
197. World's first 3D-printed temple was unveiled on Nov 21 in Burugupally in which state? Telangana
198. In which country world's largest single-site solar power plant, spread over 20 sq km, was inaugurated on Nov 17? UAE
199. World Fisheries Day is observed on Nov 21. Who is the current union minister for fisheries, animal husbandry & dairying in India? Shri Parshottam Rupala
200. November 21 is observed as World Television Day. Who is credited with invention of Television in 1924? John Logie Baird
201. India started regular national TV telecast in which year? 1982
202. When was color television introduced in the Indian market? 1982
203. Which veteran film personality was honoured with the 'Special Recognition for Contribution to Bharatiya Cinema' award at the 54 th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Panaji, Goa? Madhuri Dixit
204. Name the ace Indian cueist who won the World IBSF Billiards Championship 2023 on Nov 21 in Doha, Qatar? Pankaj Advani
205. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of the State Bank of India until

November 30, 2025, by the Government of India? Vinay M Tonse
206. With which country India conducted exercise Vajra Prahar 2023, starting from Nov 21? USA
207. Exercise Vajra Prahar 2023 was held at which place? Umroi cantonment, Meghalaya
208. Which state/UT flagged off a special educational train named 'Gyanodaya Express - College on Wheels' on Nov 20? Jammu & Kashmir
209. India conducted the Mitra Shakti-2023, a joint military exercise, from Nov 16 to 29 with which country? Sri Lanka
210. Ex Mitra Shakti-2023 was held at which place? Aundh, Pune
211. The second India-Australia two plus two Dialogue of the Indian and Australian defence and foreign ministers was held on Nov 20 at which place? New Delhi
212. November 20 is celebrated as the Awaas Diwas to mark the launching of which national housing scheme? Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G)
213. The size of the plot given under PMAY-G should not be less than ___ sq mt: 25
214. The immensely popular Chhath Puja that concluded on the early morning of Nov 20, is associated with worship of which deity? Lord Sun and Chhathi Maiyaa, sister of Lord Sun
215. The 54 th International Film Festival of India, IFFI began on Nov 20 at which place in Goa? Bambolim
216. Which tennis legend entered a record-extending 400th week at the top of the world rankings, on Nov 19? Novak Djokovic
217. Sheynnis Palacios, winner of Miss Universe 2023 title, hails from which country? Nicaragua
218. Who was declared "Player of the Tournament" in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023? Virat Kohli
219. Who became the batter to hit the most sixes, 54, in the ODI World Cups? Rohit Sharma

220. Right-wing populist leader Javier Milei has been elected the new President of which South American country? Argentina
221. World Toilet Day on Nov 19 aims to achieve the targets of which UN SDG? 6th, sanitation and water for all by 2030
222. Who is the winner of 2022 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development? Indian Medical Association and the Trained Nurses Association of India
223. IMA and Trained Nurses Association of India won this prize for which achievement? For their outstanding work as the Corona warriors
224. What is the cash award of this prize? Rs. 25 lakh
225. Which union ministry promotes the celebration of Naturopathy Day on November 18? Ministry of AYUSH
226. What is the full form of AYUSH? Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy
227. Name the eminent art historian and art critic, who passed away on Nov 17 in Chandigarh: Dr B N Goswami
228. International Students Day on Nov 17 commemorate the birthday of which great personality? None
229. World Philosophy Day is observed annually on the third ____ of November: Thursday
230. On which date World Students Day is celebrated? Oct 15
231. India celebrates National Epilepsy Day on which date? Nov 17
232. National Press Day November 16 marks the establishment of which national level press body? Press Council of India
233. The third Wednesday of November is celebrated as World COPD Day. What does COPD stand for? Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

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