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KEY RATE	CURRENT RATE
Repo Rate	6.50%
Standing Deposit Facility	6.25%
Marginal Standing Facility	6.75%
Bank Rate	6.75%
Fixed Reverse Repo	3.35%
CRR	4%
SLR	18%

INDIA'S RANK IN

Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI 2025)	10 th
Rule of Law Index 2024	79 th
Global Nature Conservation Index 2024	176 th
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NATIONAL NEWS

DECEMBER

GANGES RIVER DOLPHIN TAGGING



- India conducted its first-ever satellite tagging of a Ganges River Dolphin in **Assam** to study the species' migratory patterns, habitat utilization, and distribution.
- The tagging was implemented by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in collaboration with the Assam Forest Department and NGO Aaranyak.
- Project Dolphin** was launched in 2020 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) to conserve Ganges River Dolphins and their ecosystems.
 - Modeled after Project Tiger.
- Ganges River Dolphin (Platanista gangetica):**
 - India's National Aquatic Animal and an endangered species (IUCN).
 - Habitat: Freshwater systems like the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna and Karnaphuli-Sangu river systems in India, Nepal, and Bangladesh.
 - India hosts 90% of the global population.

GUJARAT'S 'GHARCHOLA' RECEIVES GI TAG

- Gujarat's Gharchola was awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, enhancing its cultural and market significance.
- Recognized at the "GI and Beyond – Virasat Se Vikas Tak" event, contributing to Gujarat's 27 GI-certified products.
- With this recognition, Gujarat now boasts 27 GI-certified items, 23 of which belong to the handicraft sector.
- Gharchola** is a traditional handicraft of Gujarat primarily used in sarees and home décor.



MISSION ARUN HIMVEER



- The Government of **Arunachal Pradesh** launched **Mission Arun Himveer** to enhance market linkages for local agricultural and horticultural producers.
- The initiative aims to strengthen connections between producers and markets and facilitates direct procurement of fresh produce by the ITBP from farmers, improving incomes and reducing wastage.
- The project is being implemented through a collaboration between the Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Marketing Board (APAMB) and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

DAL LAKE: CHINAR BOAT RACE 2024

The Chinar Boat Race 2024 was recently held at Dal Lake, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, and organized by the Army.

- **Dal Lake** Situated in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, at a mid-altitude.
- It is surrounded by the Pir Panjal mountain range.
- It is also known as the “Jewel of Kashmir” and “Srinagar’s Jewel.”
- The lake has three islands, two of which are adorned with Chinar trees.
- Roph Lank (Silver Island): Located in Lokut Dal, this island is famous for its Char-Chinari (Four Chinars) – majestic Chinar trees at each corner.
- Sone Lank (Gold Island): Found in Bod Dal, this island offers views of the Hazratbal Shrine.

ABATHSAHAYESHWARAR TEMPLE

The Abathsahayeshwarar Temple in **Thukkatchi, Tamil Nadu**, received UNESCO’s 2023 Award of Distinction for outstanding conservation efforts.

- Built 1,300 years ago during the Chola dynasty by Kings Vikrama Chola and Kulothunga Chola.
- Houses idols of deities including Soundaryanayaki Ambal, Ashtabhuja Durga Parameshwari, and Aadhi Sarabeshwarar.

- The site was formerly known as Vikrama Chozheeswaram and Kulothunga Chola Nallur.
- Comprises five prakarams (enclosures) and represents the grandeur of Chola-era architecture and temple design.

IMPEACHMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT

Opposition parties have decided to move a notice under Article 67(B) of the Constitution to remove the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha from his office.

- The Vice President serves as the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
- Article 67(B) outlines the process for removing the Vice President.
- A resolution for removal must be initiated in the Rajya Sabha and passed by a majority of all its members, with agreement from the Lok Sabha.
- A minimum of 14 days’ notice is required before moving the resolution, and the notice must clearly state the reasons.
- The Constitution does not specify particular grounds for removal, leaving the decision to Parliament members.

RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

The Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024, was passed recently in the Lok Sabha, despite disruptions.

- The Bill integrates the Indian Railway Board Act, 1905, into the Railways Act, 1989, simplifying the legal framework.
- Provides statutory backing for the Railway Board, which has operated without statutory support since its inception.
- Proposes the creation of an independent regulator to oversee tariffs, safety, and private sector participation, ensuring transparency and competition.
- Decentralizes decision-making powers, granting railway zones more authority to manage budgets and infrastructure, improving efficiency.
- Empowers the central government to decide the number, qualifications, terms, and roles of Railway Board members.
- Aims to streamline approvals for new train services and infrastructure projects, facilitating superfast train operations and modernization.
- Enhanced railway connectivity is expected to spur economic growth, particularly in underserved regions like Bihar.



KORAGA TRIBE



- The **Koraga** tribal community in Kerala is set to receive land titles under the **Operation Smile** project.
- The Koraga tribe is found primarily in **Kasaragod district (Kerala)** and **Karnataka** and is classified as a **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG)**.
- India has 75 recognized PVTGs, and the Koraga tribe is recognized under the **Presidential Order of 1956**.
- The tribe speaks **Tulu** but has its own independent language and is known for **basket weaving** as a traditional livelihood.
- **Operation Smile** is a Kerala government initiative aimed at rehabilitating and supporting homeless people, including tribal communities.

MADHAV NATIONAL PARK

- The **National Tiger Conservation Authority's (NTCA)** technical committee has approved the proposal to notify **Madhav National Park** in **Shivpuri district**, Madhya Pradesh, as a **tiger reserve**, making it the 9th tiger reserve in the state.
- **Madhav National Park** was established in **1958** and is located in the northern part of the **Central Highlands of India**.
- The park includes the catchments of **Amarnadi** and **Sind** rivers, with areas featuring **Vindhyan sedimentary rocks** like sandstone and limestone.
- **Sakhya Sagar** and **Madhav Sagar** lakes provide aquatic biodiversity and water for terrestrial species.

REPUBLIC DAY 2025: TABLEAUX THEME 'SWARNIM BHARAT: VIRASAT AUR VIKAS'

The theme for the Republic Day Parade 2025 has been announced as 'Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas' (Golden India: Heritage and Development).

- **Participating States/UTs:** Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal.
- **Selection Process:** Conducted by an Expert Committee with professionals from art, culture, music, and architecture, ensuring transparency and merit-based decisions.
- **Significance:** Highlights India's rich heritage and development journey, celebrating cultural inclusiveness and progress.

INDIA STATE OF FOREST REPORT 2023

The **India State of Forest Report 2023 (ISFR 2023)** was released by the Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change at the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun.

- **Published biennially** by the Forest Survey of India (FSI) since 1987, this is the 18th edition of the report.
- The report assesses forest and tree resources using Remote Sensing satellite data and National Forest Inventory (NFI).
- Forest and tree cover in India constitutes 25.17% of the country's geographical area: 21.76% forest cover and 3.41% tree cover.
- Since 2021, India has seen a net gain of 1,445.81 sq km in forest and tree cover.
- Top states showing the highest increase in forest and tree cover: Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan.
- Top states for forest cover increase: Mizoram, Gujarat, Odisha.
- Largest forest and tree cover areas: Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra.
- Highest percentage of forest cover: Lakshadweep (91.33%), followed by Mizoram and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

DECEMBER

ASEAN-INDIA TRADE IN GOODS AGREEMENT (AITIGA) – 2024



The **6th meeting of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee** was held recently in New Delhi.

- AITIGA is a free trade agreement operational since January 1, 2010, between India and ASEAN countries.
- It forms one of the largest free trade zones in South and Southeast Asia, including 10 ASEAN countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- ASEAN contributes approximately 11% to India's global trade, with trade between India and ASEAN reaching \$122.67 billion in 2023-24.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE (ICA) GLOBAL COOP. CONFERENCE – 2024

India is hosting the first-ever ICA Global Cooperative Conference in its 130-year-long history.

- The theme is "Cooperatives Build Prosperity for All," aligning with India's vision of "Sahkar Se Samriddhi" (Prosperity through Cooperation).
- India contributes 25% to the global cooperative movement and will launch the UN International Year of Cooperatives 2025.
- ICA was founded in 1895 and represents 306 organizations across 105 countries to promote democracy, equality, and self-help in the cooperative sector.

INDIA-TANZANIA JOINT DEFENCE COOPERATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 2024

The 3rd India-Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting was held in Goa to strengthen bilateral defense ties.

- The meeting focused on defense, military training, maritime security, and defense industries.
- A five-year roadmap was agreed upon, emphasizing counter-terrorism cooperation.
- Six MoUs were signed, covering digital, cultural, maritime, and trade cooperation.

UNITED NATIONS PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION (UNPBC) – 2024

India has been re-elected to the U.N. Peacebuilding Commission for the 2025–2026 term, continuing its key role in global peacebuilding efforts.

- The **U.N. Peacebuilding Commission** was established in 2005 to support post-conflict recovery and peacebuilding.
- It consists of **31 member states**, elected from the General Assembly, Security Council, and ECOSOC, including major financial and troop-contributing countries.
- The commission's mandate includes advising on recovery strategies, reconstruction, institution-building, and ensuring sustainable development in conflict-affected regions.
- India is one of the largest contributors to UN Peacekeeping, with over **6,000 personnel** deployed and **180 peacekeepers** having lost their lives in service.

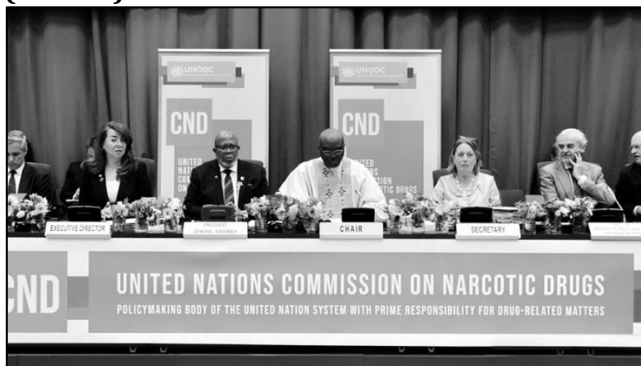
GLOBAL PLASTIC TREATY – 2024

Nearly 200 countries failed to meet the deadline to finalize the Global Plastic Treaty during talks in Busan, South Korea.

- The treaty aims to combat plastic pollution by addressing the entire lifecycle of plastic, including production, consumption, recycling, and waste management.
- Core elements include reducing plastic production, advancing recycling, and promoting sustainable alternatives.



UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (UNCND) – 2024



- India is chairing the 68th session of the UNCND for the first time, marking a significant leadership role in global drug policy discussions.
- **UNCND** was established by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1946 to monitor and supervise international drug control treaties.
- The commission has 53 member states, elected by ECOSOC, and is headquartered at the Vienna International Center in Vienna, Austria.
- It functions as the governing body for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), focusing on drug control and crime prevention.

SCHENGEN ZONE EXPANSION – 2025

Romania and Bulgaria will join the Schengen Zone on January 1, 2025, expanding the border-free region.

- Both countries partially joined in March 2024 (air and sea borders) and are now granted full access, including land borders.

MOST FAVOURED NATION (MFN) STATUS – 2024

Switzerland has suspended the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) clause in its tax agreement with India, following a 2023 Supreme Court ruling on Nestlé that clarified the applicability of the MFN clause.

- The tax agreement between India and Switzerland was first established in 1994 and updated in 2000 and 2010 to align with evolving economic conditions.
- The agreement aimed to promote smoother financial relations between the two countries.
- **Most Favoured Nation (MFN)** is a trade principle where a country offers another country the best trade terms it grants to any other nation, including lower tariffs, trade privileges, and access to markets.

COP 16 – 2024

The sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) took place from December 2 to 13, 2024, in **Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**.

- The event marked the 30th anniversary of the UNCCD and was the first COP held in the MENA region.
- The theme for COP16 was "**Our Land. Our Future.**"
- The main goals of COP16 were to accelerate land restoration efforts, address desertification, land degradation, and drought (DLDD), and enhance drought resilience.
- Key outcomes included the launch of the Riyadh Global Drought Resilience Partnership with \$12 billion pledged for drought combat initiatives. Discussions on financing land restoration continued, with negotiations on the Drought Protocol deferred to COP17 in 2026.
- The UNCCD was established in 1994 to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought, especially in Africa.
- The Convention has 197 parties and its headquarters are located in Bonn, Germany.

COMPREHENSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE AGREEMENT FOR TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (CPTPP) – 2024

The UK has recently become the **first European country** to join the **Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)**, as confirmed in 2024.

- **CPTPP** was originally signed in **March 2018** by 11 countries and entered into force on **December 30, 2018**.
- **CPTPP** members include **Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam**, and the **United Kingdom** (joined in 2024).
- The agreement provides access to a market of over **500 million people**, accounting for about **15% of global GDP**.



MOLDOVA JOINS INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE (ISA) – 2024



Moldova has recently become a member of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, as announced by the Ministry of External Affairs.

- ISA was launched in 2015 by India and France during **COP21** (Paris Agreement), aiming to promote solar energy adoption globally.
- The main objectives of ISA include mobilizing funding for solar projects, enhancing energy access, security, and facilitating a global energy transition.
- ISA has **104 member countries** and is headquartered in **Gurugram, Haryana, India**.

ECONOMY

DECEMBER

TRADE AND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (TEPA)

India recently engaged with the **European Free Trade Association (EFTA)** to implement the **Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)**.

- EFTA was established in 1960 and includes **Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland**.
- In 2022-23, India's bilateral trade with EFTA was **USD 18.65 billion**, with **Switzerland and Norway** being major export destinations.
- TEPA aims to boost **FDI by USD 100 billion** and **create 1 million jobs** in India over the next 15 years.
- The agreement covers **14 chapters** on trade, investment, intellectual property rights, and market access.

PAN (PERMANENT ACCOUNT NUMBER) 2.0

The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** approved the **PAN 2.0 Project** to modernize the Income Tax Department's services.

- **PAN 2.0** is a technology-driven initiative to replace the current PAN/TAN system.
- It will provide a **unified portal** for PAN / TAN services, offering **paperless processes** and **enhanced security**.
- **Free PAN issuance** will be available, alongside **faster processing times** and **dedicated support**.

TATO-I HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** approved **Rs. 1750 crores** for the **Tato-I Hydroelectric Project** in **Arunachal Pradesh**.

- The project, with an **installed capacity of 186 MW**, is a part of the push for **renewable energy** development.
- It is expected to generate **802 million units** of electricity annually.
- **12% of power** will be allocated for **free** to **Arunachal Pradesh**, with **1% for local development**.

WINDFALL TAX

The Indian government recently **abolished the windfall tax** on crude oil, **ATF**, and **petrol** exports.

- A windfall tax is imposed on industries that experience **above-average profits** due to favorable economic conditions.
- This tax was initially introduced in **July 2022** to capture unexpected profits from rising global crude oil prices.

NANO NPK FERTILIZER

IFFCO has developed a **nano-NPK fertilizer** to improve agricultural efficiency.

- The fertilizer uses **nano-particles** for **better nutrient uptake**, reducing waste and overall usage.
- It ensures **slow release** of nutrients and offers **up to 20% cost savings** for farmers.
- This initiative promotes **eco-friendly farming** and sustainability.



FOREIGN CURRENCY NON-RESIDENT (BANK) ACCOUNTS



The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** recently raised the rate ceilings for **FCNR(B)** accounts to support foreign capital inflows.

- These accounts can be held by **NRIs** in **foreign currencies**, offering attractive interest rates.
- **Other NRI accounts** include **NRE** (for savings in Indian Rupees) and **NRO** accounts (for transactions in India).

GOVERNMENT e-MARKETPLACE (GeM)

Uttar Pradesh became the first state to fully adopt the **GeM system**, which aims to streamline government procurement.

- **GeM** ensures **transparency** and **fair competition** by replacing the traditional tendering system.
- The platform covers a wide range of products and services, facilitating **online bidding** for government purchases.

MULEHUNTER.AI BY RBI

The Reserve Bank of India's innovation unit, **RBIH**, introduced **MuleHunter.AI** to combat financial fraud, specifically targeting mule accounts used in illegal activities.

- Mule accounts are exploited by criminals for transferring stolen or illegal funds. These accounts are often opened by individuals lured by promises of easy money or coerced into doing so.
- **MuleHunter.AI** uses machine learning to analyze transaction data, detect suspicious activity, and enhance the accuracy and speed of fraud detection.
- It addresses inefficiencies in traditional fraud detection methods, which often generate false alarms and miss fraudulent activities.
- This tool helps banks identify and track illegal funds faster, contributing to better fraud management.

WORLD'S FIRST GREEN STEEL TAXONOMY

India launched the **world's first Green Steel Taxonomy**, aimed at reducing CO2 emissions in steel production.

- **Green Steel** aims for **CO2 emissions under 2.2 tonnes per tonne** of finished steel.
- The initiative introduces a **star rating system** for steel producers based on their emissions intensity.
- The **National Institute of Secondary Steel Technology (NISST)** will oversee ratings and certifications.

NEWS FROM STATES

DECEMBER

UTTARAKHAND TO IMPLEMENT UNIFORM CIVIL CODE FROM JANUARY 2025

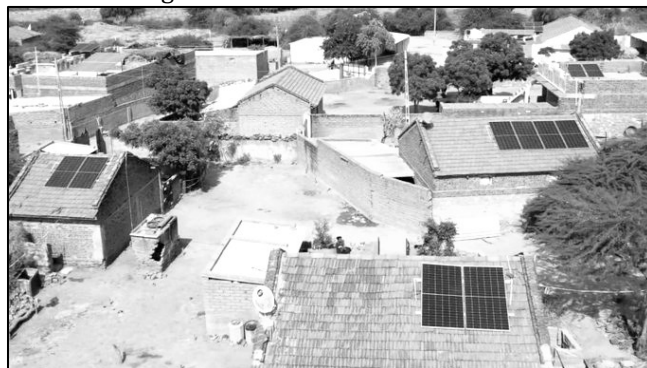
Uttarakhand will become the first state in India to implement the **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)** starting January 2025.

- The UCC aims to standardize personal laws on marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption across all religions, excluding tribal communities.
- This initiative fulfills a promise made by Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** during the 2022 assembly elections.
- The move marks a significant legal reform in India post-independence.

MASALI: INDIA'S FIRST BORDER SOLAR VILLAGE

Masali, located 40 km from the Pakistan border in Gujarat's **Banaskantha** district, has become India's first border solar village.

- The village, with a population of 800, now generates 100% of its electricity through solar power, with panels installed on 199 rooftops.
- The project, costing ₹1.16 crore, has a total energy capacity of 225.5 kilowatts.
- This initiative underscores India's commitment to renewable energy and energy self-sufficiency in border regions.



UP SET TO LEAD INDIA IN COW MILK PRODUCTION



Uttar Pradesh is on track to become the leader in cow milk production in India, driven by significant efforts under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's leadership.

- The state has prioritized cow protection, welfare, and the promotion of indigenous cow breeds.
- Key initiatives include boosting milk production and enhancing cow welfare through infrastructure developments like veterinary colleges.

INDIA LAUNCHES FIRST 'UBER SHIKARA' SERVICE IN SRINAGAR

Uber has launched Asia's first water transport service, Uber Shikara, on Dal Lake in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.

- The service combines technology with the region's cultural heritage, offering a modern, convenient way for tourists to enjoy the traditional shikara ride.
- Uber aims to boost tourism and improve accessibility, making the experience hassle-free for visitors.

TELANGANA'S RYTHU BHAROSA: BOOSTING FARMER WELFARE

The Telangana government will implement the Rythu Bharosa Scheme after Sankranti, offering ₹15,000 annual subsidies per farmer.

- The scheme replaces Rythu Bandhu and is part of Congress' six guarantees, aiming to enhance farmers' welfare.
- The government has cleared ₹7,625 crore in crop loan arrears for Kharif 2023 and waived loans up to ₹2 lakh for 25.35 lakh farmers.

Initiatives:

- **Rythu Bharosa Scheme:** ₹15,000 annual subsidy, up from ₹10,000 under Rythu Bandhu.
- **Crop Loan Waiver:** Waived loans up to ₹2 lakh for 25.35 lakh farmers, totaling ₹20,616 crore.
- **Subsidies and Incentives:** Continued support for palm oil, drip irrigation, and fodder seeds, with an allocation of ₹8,000 crore.

BANKING

DECEMBER

MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE (MPC)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) implemented several key measures to address economic challenges during its MPC.

CRR Reduction: The Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) was reduced by 50 basis points to 4% to improve liquidity in the banking system.

Repo Rate Unchanged: The repo rate was maintained at 6.5%. The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate was kept at 6.25%, and the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate was retained at 6.75%.

GDP Growth Forecast: The GDP growth forecast for FY25 was revised to 6.6%, down from 7.2%, due to weaker-than-expected Q2 growth and challenges in the manufacturing sector.

Inflation Projections: Inflation projections for FY25 were set at 4.8%. The quarterly estimates are:

- Q3 FY25: 5.7%
- Q4 FY25: 4.5%
- Q1 FY26: 4.6%
- Q2 FY26: 4.0%

COLLATERAL-FREE AGRICULTURE LOAN LIMIT

- **RBI Enhances Collateral-Free Agriculture Loan Limit**
- The move aims to provide enhanced financial support to farmers and improve credit availability in the agricultural sector.
- **Increased Loan Limit:** The collateral-free agriculture loan limit has been increased to Rs 2 lakh per borrower, up from Rs 1.6 lakh.



BANKING LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024



The Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, is set to introduce the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024 in the Lok Sabha on December 2, 2024, aimed at amending several key banking legislations. The amendments seek to improve the functioning and regulation of the banking sector.

Key Amendments:

- **Fortnight Definition for Cash Reserves:** Changes the definition to two periods per month (1st-15th and 16th-end of month), impacting both scheduled and non-scheduled banks.
- **Tenure of Directors in Co-operative Banks:** Proposes increasing the tenure of directors from 8 to 10 consecutive years.
- **Prohibition on Common Directors in Co-operative Banks:** Expands exemption to allow directors of central co-operative banks to serve on state bank boards.
- **Substantial Interest in a Company:** Increases threshold for substantial interest from ₹5 lakh to ₹2 crore.
- **Nomination for Deposits and Bank Products:** Allows up to four nominees for deposits, articles, and lockers.

RBI LIFTS SUPERVISORY RESTRICTIONS ON NAVI FINSERV

On December 2, 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted the supervisory restrictions imposed on Navi Finserv, following corrective measures taken by the company to address regulatory concerns.

- Restrictions were imposed on October 17, 2024, due to issues in loan pricing and non-compliance with lending norms, including excessive interest rates and weak borrower assessments.
- Navi Finserv aligned its loan pricing practices with RBI standards, ensuring fairness and transparency. The company also improved borrower assessments.
- With the restrictions lifted, Navi Finserv resumes operations, aiming to restore confidence, drive financial inclusion, and focus on governance and operational excellence.

FDI INFLOWS TO INDIA

India surpassed \$1 trillion in foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows between April 2000 and September 2024.

- FDI inflows totaled \$1,033.40 billion, including equity, reinvested earnings, and other capital.
- Mauritius (25%), Singapore (24%), the U.S. (10%), and other countries like Japan (6%) and the UK (5%) are major contributors.
- Key sectors attracting FDI include services, computer software and hardware, telecommunications, and trading, with growth in manufacturing (69% increase).

GOVT. INITIATIVES

DECEMBER

ONE NATION ONE SUBSCRIPTION (ONOS)

Cabinet approved the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) programme.

- The One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative aims to provide nationwide access to scholarly research articles and journals on a unified digital platform.
- It aligns with Viksit Bharat@2047 and the National Education Policy 2020 to advance education and research.
- ₹6,000 crore allocated for its implementation between 2025 and 2027.
- The program is managed by the Ministry of Education through the Department of Higher Education.
- A national subscription will be coordinated via INFLIBNET, a UGC inter-university center.
- ONOS will enhance research opportunities across regions and facilitate affordable access to global research.
- The initiative aims to foster a research-driven economy and bolster India's position as a global knowledge leader.



NATIONAL MISSION ON NATURAL FARMING (NMNF)



The Government of India launched the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) as a standalone Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

- The National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) promotes chemical-free, livestock-based natural farming across India.
- Managed by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, it was revamped from Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) to NMNF.
- The mission incorporates practices like Beejamrit (seed treatment), Jivamrit (bio-stimulant), and biological pest control.
- Focuses on sustainable, eco-friendly farming practices that utilize on-farm resources.
- Benefits include improved soil health, reduced input costs, and increased income through intercropping.
- The initiative supports chemical-free cultivation for healthier food and sustainable farming practices.
- It aims to improve farmers' productivity and promote environmental sustainability.

ATAL INNOVATION MISSION (AIM)

The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under NITI Aayog with an allocation of ₹2,750 crore until March 31, 2028.

- The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) was launched by NITI Aayog to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in India.
- ₹2,750 crore allocated for its continuation until March 2028.
- Core programs include Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) to foster creativity in schools and Atal Incubation Centers (AIC) to support startups.
- New developments under AIM 2.0 include a focus on inclusive innovation and the creation of 30 vernacular innovation centers.
- 2,500 new ATLs will be set up across India to promote innovation at the grassroots level.
- The initiative also includes mentorship programs like Atal New India Challenges and Mentor India.

- AIM aims to build a strong innovation ecosystem and drive entrepreneurial growth across the country.

BAL VIVAH MUKT BHARAT' CAMPAIGN

Union women and child development minister launched the "Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat Campaign."

- Initiated by the Ministry of Women and Child Development on November 27, 2024.
- Aims to eliminate child marriage in India as part of the larger Viksit Bharat @2047 vision.
- Focuses on seven high-burden states: West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Tripura, Assam, and Andhra Pradesh, and targets nearly 300 high-burden districts.
- Goals include reducing child marriage rates to below 5% by 2029 and engaging communities for societal change.
- Features the Child Marriage Free Bharat Portal for raising awareness, reporting cases, and monitoring progress.
- Achievements include a significant drop in child marriage rates from 47.4% in 2006 to 23.3% in 2019-21.

EKLAVYA DIGITAL PLATFORM

The chief of the Indian Army launched the "Eklavya" online learning platform for Army personnel.

- Developed by BISAG-N and the Directorate General of Information Systems.
- Hosted on the Army Data Network with a scalable design for integrating multiple training establishments.
- Provides access to preparatory materials, professional courses, and assignment-related learning.
- Course categories include Pre-Course Preparatory Capsules, Specialization Courses, and Professional Development Suite covering topics like leadership, strategy, operational art, and technology.



ANNA CHAKRA AND SCAN PORTAL



The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution launched the 'Anna Chakra' PDS Supply Chain optimization tool and SCAN Portal.

- **Anna Chakra:** Optimizes the Public Distribution System (PDS) supply chain using advanced algorithms to ensure efficient transportation of food grains.
 - Developed by the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) with support from the World Food Programme and IIT-Delhi.
 - Integrated with PM Gati Shakti and Freight Operations Information System (FOIS) of Indian Railways.
- **SCAN Portal:** A digital platform for state governments to submit subsidy claims under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), streamlining the subsidy approval and settlement process.

PM E-VIDYA SCHEME

The Government of India launched Channel 31 on DTH specifically for Indian Sign Language (ISL) training, aimed at hearing-impaired students, special educators, and others.

- ISL is a well-structured language vital for communication within the hearing-impaired community.
- Launched in May 2020 under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan, the PM e-Vidya Scheme aims to minimize learning losses by providing multi-mode access to education through digital, online, and on-air platforms.
- It includes initiatives like DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for School Education), SWAYAM, Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY), and Virtual Labs to support online learning and skill development.

BIMA SAKHI YOJANA SCHEME

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Bima Sakhi Yojana in Panipat on December 09, 2024, aiming to empower women through financial literacy, employment in the insurance sector, and skill development.
- Women aged 18 to 70 years who have completed Class X education are eligible for the scheme.
- The scheme provides special training to women to become LIC agents, with opportunities for graduates to pursue Development Officer roles.
- Participants will receive stipends for the first three years to encourage workforce engagement and increase women's participation in the insurance sector, promoting gender equality.

JALVAHAK SCHEME

- Launched on December 15, 2024, by the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, the Jalvahak Scheme aims to promote cargo transportation via India's inland waterways.
- The scheme targets a modal shift of 800 million tonne-kilometers, with an investment of ₹95.4 crores over three years.
- Operational routes include National Waterway 1 (Kolkata-Patna-Varanasi-Patna-Kolkata), National Waterway 2 (Kolkata to Pandu in Guwahati via the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route), and National Waterway 16 (Barak River via IBPR).
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Inland & Coastal Shipping Ltd (ICSL), a subsidiary of the Shipping Corporation of India, are the main implementing agencies.
- The scheme will introduce a Fixed-Day Scheduled Sailing Service to ensure timely and reliable cargo delivery, lowering logistics costs and providing a cost-effective alternative to road and rail transport.



CHARAK INITIATIVE



- The CHARAK initiative, launched by Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), aims to provide free treatment for life-threatening diseases to economically weaker sections in the Singrauli region.
- The initiative targets residents of Singrauli and Sonbhadra districts with an annual family income below ₹8 lakhs.
- It covers diseases such as cancer, tuberculosis (TB), HIV/AIDS, organ transplants, neurological disorders, and connective tissue disorders.
- Free treatment is offered at NCL's Neheru Shatabdi Chikitsalaya hospital or empaneled hospitals across India.
- The Singrauli coalfield, covering approximately 2,200 square kilometers, is known as India's energy capital, housing extensive coal reserves and several thermal power plants.

DR. AMBEDKAR SAMMAN SCHOLARSHIP YOJANA:

The Dr. Ambedkar Samman Scholarship Yojana is a recently announced initiative by AAP national convener and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

- This scheme aims to provide comprehensive financial support to Dalit students from Delhi who secure admission to top international universities for higher education.
- It also applies to children of Dalit government employees, aiming to promote higher education and social equity.

DEFENCE

DECEMBER

SAREX-24: INDIAN COAST GUARD EXERCISE

The Indian Coast Guard successfully conducted SAREX-24 from November 27 to 30 in Kochi, Kerala.

- It is India's largest National Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) exercise.
- The exercise featured real-time simulations and involved over **40 international observers**.
- The **22nd National Maritime Search and Rescue Board Meeting** was also part of the event.

EXERCISE AGNI WARRIOR (XAW-2024)

The 13th edition of Exercise AGNI WARRIOR (XAW-2024) concluded at Field Firing Ranges, Devlali, Maharashtra.

- Aimed at enhancing mutual understanding between the Indian Army and Singapore Armed Forces.
- 182 personnel from the Singapore Artillery and 114 from the Indian Army participated in artillery drills.

EXERCISE CINBAX

The 1st edition of Exercise CINBAX began at Foreign Training Node, Pune.

- A joint exercise between the **Indian Army** and **Cambodian Army** to improve coordination in **Counter-Terrorism** operations.
- Focused on areas like **intelligence, cyber warfare, and humanitarian assistance**.

HARIMAU SHAKTI 2024

The India-Malaysia Joint Military Exercise 'Harimau Shakti' commenced in Malaysia.

- This annual training event alternates between **India** and **Malaysia**.
- The exercise focuses on enhancing joint military capabilities for **counter-insurgency operations** in jungle terrain.

DESERT KNIGHT EXERCISE: TRILATERAL AIR COMBAT EXERCISE

India, France, and UAE held a joint air combat exercise named **Desert Knight** over the Arabian Sea.

- The exercise aimed to improve **defense cooperation** and operational compatibility.
- India deployed Sukhoi-30MKIs, France used Rafale jets, and UAE contributed F-16 fighters for the drill.



SLINEX-24 (SRI LANKA-INDIA EXERCISE 2024)



The **SLINEX-24** bilateral naval exercise took place in **Visakhapatnam** between **India** and **Sri Lanka**.

- The exercise focused on strengthening bilateral defense cooperation.
- **India's INS Sumitra** and **Sri Lanka's SLNS Sayura** participated along with special forces.

INS NIRDESHAK

INS Nirdeshak is set to be commissioned at **Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam**.

- It is the **second ship** in the **Survey Vessel (Large)** project for precise sea charting.
- The ship has **80% indigenous content**, with a **displacement of 3,400-3,800 tons** and a **length of 110 meters**.

EXERCISE SAHAYOG-HOP TAC

The **Sahayog-Hop Tac** is a joint maritime exercise conducted between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Vietnam Coast Guard (VCG).

- The latest iteration took place off the coast of Kochi, Kerala, in December 2024, aiming to enhance maritime cooperation and interoperability between the two forces.
- The exercise spanned four days, with the VCG ship CSB 8005 visiting Kochi for the event.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

DECEMBER

INDIA'S FIRST HYPERLOOP TRACK

- IIT Madras has developed India's first Hyperloop test track, a 410-meter prototype located at its Discovery Campus in Thaiyur, Tamil Nadu.
- The track aims to assess Hyperloop technology's practicality, with the Mumbai-Pune corridor selected for the first full-scale Hyperloop route. The system is projected to reduce travel time between Mumbai and Pune to just 25 minutes.

What is Hyperloop?

- A high-speed transport system proposed by Elon Musk in 2013, utilizing vacuum-sealed tubes for pods (passenger or cargo) to travel at speeds up to 1,100 km/h.

HUMAN GENE THERAPY

- Recently, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), along with the Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR), developed India's first human gene therapy for Haemophilia A.
- The therapy uses a lentiviral vector to introduce a normal copy of the Factor VIII gene into autologous hematopoietic stem cells (HSCs).
- **Lentiviral Vectors** is a type of viral vector used to transfer genetic material into cells.
- **Hematopoietic Stem Cells (HSCs)**: Multipotent cells capable of developing into all blood cell types.

SPACE

DECEMBER

MISSION "SHUKRAYAAN"

- ISRO has received government approval for its Venus mission "Shukrayaan" (Venus Orbiter Mission), which aims to explore the atmosphere, surface, and solar interaction of Venus.
- Launch is scheduled for 2028.
- Goals include studying Venus' atmosphere, mapping its surface, analyzing solar X-ray spectra, and understanding greenhouse effects and planetary evolution.
- Technological demonstrations will include aerobraking and thermal management techniques.
- The mission will carry 16 Indian payloads, along with collaborative payloads such as VISWAS, RAVI, and VIRAL.
- Past missions to Venus include Mariner 2, Magellan (USA), Venus Express (Europe), and Akatsuki (Japan), with future missions planned by NASA and ESA.



PSLV-C59 ROCKET



- ISRO launched the PSLV-C59 rocket, carrying European Space Agency's Proba-3 satellites to a highly elliptical orbit.
- This mission marked ESA's first launch from India since 2001.
- PSLV is a four-stage vehicle capable of launching multiple satellites into various orbits.
- The Proba-3 mission aims to demonstrate precision formation flying to observe the Sun's corona with two satellites maintaining a fixed configuration.
- The mission includes the Coronagraph Spacecraft (CSC) and Occulter Spacecraft (OSC).
- The launch was conducted by NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a commercial arm of ISRO, established to manage space-related commercial activities.

LASER-EQUIPPED SATELLITE TO TACKLE SPACE DEBRIS

- Japanese startup Orbital Lasers and Indian robotics company InspeCity have signed a memorandum of understanding to develop laser-equipped satellites for space debris mitigation.
- The objectives include de-orbiting defunct satellites and extending the lifespan of active satellites.
- Space debris refers to non-functional human-made objects in Earth's orbit, including defunct satellites and fragments.
- Of the 35,150 tracked objects in orbit, only about 25% are operational satellites.
- India has initiated Project NETRA (Network for Space Objects Tracking and Analysis) to track space debris and protect its space assets, with a goal of debris-free missions by 2030.

IRIS²

- The European Union launched IRIS² (Infrastructure for Resilience, Interconnectivity, and Security by Satellite), its third major space project following Galileo and Copernicus.
- IRIS² aims to provide secure communication and high-speed broadband to remote and underserved areas, supporting applications like border surveillance and crisis management.

- The satellite constellation consists of 290 satellites in low and medium Earth orbits, with full deployment expected by 2030.
- The project is supported by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the SpaceRISE consortium (Eutelsat, Hispasat, SES).

PERSONS IN NEWS

DECEMBER

ALFRED NOBEL: DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Death Anniversary of Alfred Nobel was celebrated on December 10.

- He was a famous scientist, inventor, businessman, and founder of Nobel Prizes.
- He was born on October 21, 1833, and died on December 10, 1869.

Contribution

1. Inventor of dynamite and holder of 355 patents.
2. Established the Nobel Prizes in his will to honor achievements in Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Literature, Peace, and later, Economic Sciences.
3. Nobel Prizes are awarded annually on December 10, commemorating his death.

C. RAJAGOPALACHARI: BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

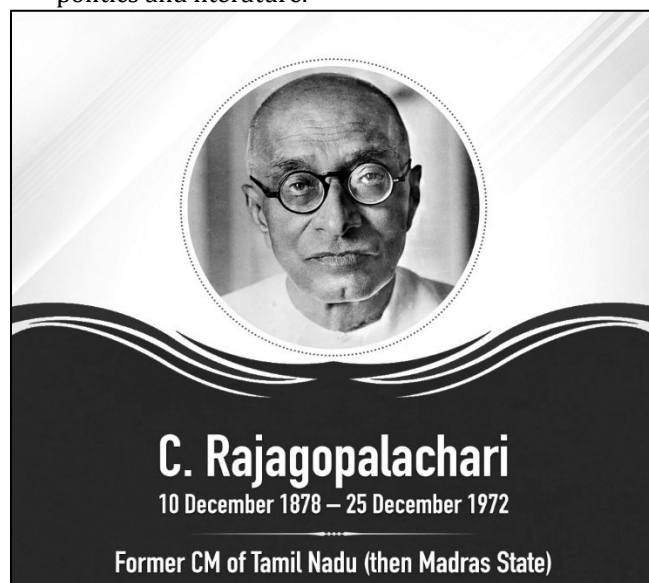
Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla paid floral tributes to Shri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari in Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan on his Birth Anniversary.

About C. Rajagopalachari

Full Name: Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, popularly known as Rajaji.

Born: December 10, 1878, in Thorapalli, Tamil Nadu.

Conferred Bharat Ratna in 1954 for contributions to politics and literature.



OBITUARY

DECEMBER

ZAKIR HUSSAIN PASSES AWAY



Renowned tabla maestro Zakir Hussain passed away in San Francisco due to complications from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

- He was Born on March 9, 1951, in Mumbai, Hussain was the son of legendary tabla maestro Ustad Alla Rakha.

OM PRAKASH CHAUTALA: FORMER HARYANA CM

- Former Haryana Chief Minister and Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) supremo, Om Prakash Chautala, passed away at the age of 89.
- Born on January 1, 1935, in Chautala village, Sirsa district, Haryana.
- He was the son of Devi Lal, former Deputy Prime Minister of India.
- He Served as Haryana's Chief Minister for five terms.

APPOINTMENTS

DECEMBER

SANJAY MALHOTRA: NEW RBI GOVERNOR

Revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra has been appointed as the new Reserve Bank of India governor.

- Malhotra, a 1990 batch Rajasthan cadre IAS Officer, will replace Shaktikanta Das, whose tenure comes to an end on Tuesday.
- He will be the 26th governor of the central bank.
- Shri Shaktikanta Das was the 25th governor of RBI.

HEMANT SOREN: CHIEF MINISTER OF JHARKHAND

Hemant Soren, leader of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), is set to be sworn in as Chief Minister of Jharkhand for another term.

- The JMM-led INDIA alliance secured a decisive win in the 81-seat Jharkhand Assembly. They obtained a total of 56 seats. The JMM alone won 34 seats.

DEVENDRA FADNAVIS: CHIEF MINISTER OF MAHARASHTRA

Devendra Fadnavis has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

BJP-led Mahayuti alliance secured a decisive victory in the 2024 state elections.

MIKHEIL KAVELASHVILI: PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA

- Mikheil Kavelashvili, a former professional footballer, was elected President of Georgia by a 300-member electoral college.
- He secured 224 out of 225 votes, with the opposition boycotting the election, alleging illegitimacy.
- Georgia is a country in the South Caucasus region, situated at the crossroads of Eastern Europe and Western Asia.

PREETI LOBANA APPOINTED GOOGLE COUNTRY MANAGER AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR INDIA

- Google appointed Preeti Lobana as its new Country Manager and Vice President for India, aiming to strengthen its presence in the country's digital economy.
- Lobana, with over 30 years of experience, succeeds Sanjay Gupta, who has moved to a larger role as the President of the Asia Pacific region.
- This strategic move aligns with Google's focus on expanding its operations and deepening its commitment to India's evolving digital landscape.



Preeti Lobana: Google India's New Vice President

MANISH JAIN APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT YES BANK



- YES Bank announced the appointment of Manish Jain as Executive Director (Whole-Time Director), effective from December 11, 2024, to December 10, 2027, following approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Jain, who joined YES Bank in September 2023, brings extensive experience in corporate and wholesale banking.
- The appointment follows a resolution by the bank's board of directors and is subject to approval by YES Bank's shareholders.

RAMA MOHAN RAO AMARA APPOINTED AS SBI'S NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR

- The Indian government has appointed Rama Mohan Rao Amara as the new Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of three years.
- Amara's appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) and follows a recommendation by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB).
- He takes over the position previously held by CS Setty, who assumed charge as Chairman of SBI.

SRIRAM KRISHNAN APPOINTED AS SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

Sriram Krishnan, an Indian-American technologist, has been appointed as the Senior Policy Advisor for Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) under President-elect Donald Trump's administration.

- As the Senior Policy Advisor for AI at OSTP, Krishnan will collaborate closely with David Sacks, designated as the administration's "AI and Crypto Czar." His responsibilities include shaping and coordinating AI policy across the government to ensure continued American leadership in the field.
- He was born and raised in **Chennai, India**, Krishnan's interest in technology began in the late **1990s**. He pursued his education at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST).

JUSTICE V RAMASUBRAMANIAN IS NEW NHRC CHIEF

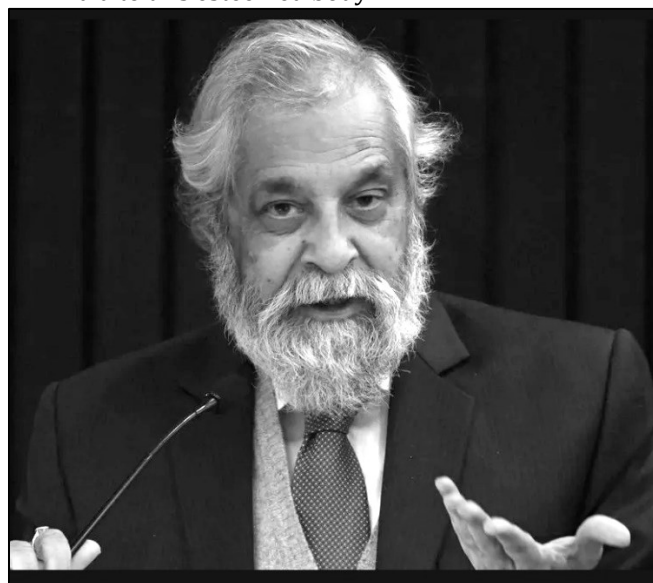
Justice V. Ramasubramanian, a retired Supreme Court judge, has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India.

- Justice Ramasubramanian served as a Supreme Court judge from September 23, 2019, until his retirement on June 29, 2023. Prior to this, he was the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court and also served as a judge in the Madras and Telangana High Courts.
- The NHRC comprises a Chairperson, five full-time Members, and seven deemed Members. The Chairperson is typically a former Chief Justice of India or a retired Supreme Court judge.
- The NHRC Chairperson is appointed by the President based on recommendations from a committee that includes the Prime Minister, the Lok Sabha Speaker, the Home Minister, and Leaders of the Opposition in both Houses of Parliament.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE UN INTERNAL JUSTICE COUNCIL (IJC)

Former Supreme Court Justice Madan B. Lokur appointed as Chairperson of the UN Internal Justice Council (IJC) for a 4-year term ending November 12, 2028.

- Justice Lokur served in the Supreme Court of India from 2012 to 2018 and was Chief Justice of Gauhati and Andhra Pradesh High Courts.
- The IJC was created by the UN General Assembly as part of the reformed internal justice system to uphold accountability, independence, and professionalism within the organization.
- The Council comprises five members, including distinguished jurists from various countries. Justice Lokur's appointment brings representation from India to this esteemed body.



AWARDS & HONOURS

DECEMBER

NATIONAL GOPAL RATNA AWARD



- Recently announced by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) for the year 2024.
- Recognizes excellence in the livestock and dairy sector, encouraging contributions to animal husbandry and dairying.
- Categories include:
 - Best Dairy Farmer Rearing Indigenous Cattle/Buffalo Breeds.
 - Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT).
 - Best Dairy Cooperative/Milk Producer Company/Dairy Farmer Producer Organization.
 - Special awards for the North Eastern Region (NER), introduced in 2024 to promote dairy development in those states.

PRESIDENT'S COLOURS AWARD

- Presented by the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) to four battalions of the Mechanised Infantry in a solemn ceremony.
- The President's Colours, or Rashtrapati ka Nishaan, is the highest honor awarded to military units, training establishments, or police forces for exceptional service.
- The award includes a ceremonial flag with golden borders, the unit's insignia, motto, and key achievements.
- The tradition dates back to ancient India and continued during British rule, with the first President's Colour presented to the Indian Navy in 1951 by Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

OPCW-THE HAGUE AWARD

- The Indian Chemical Council (ICC) and Algeria's National Institute of Criminalistics and Criminology were awarded the OPCW-The Hague Award at the 29th Session of the Conference of States Parties.

- Established in 2014 by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to recognize contributions toward chemical safety and disarmament.
- Recipients receive a medallion, certificate, and a share of the €90,000 prize.
- The ICC, established in 1938, is India's premier body representing the chemical industry and is recognized by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry for various roles, including issuing Certificates of Origin for exporters.

TURNER PRIZE

- Indian-origin Scottish artist Jasleen Kaur won the prestigious Turner Prize 2024 for her exhibition "Alter Altar."
- Kaur, the youngest nominee, receives £25,000 for her win.
- The Turner Prize, established in 1984 by Tate Britain, recognizes innovative contributions to contemporary British art.
- The prize is awarded annually, with £25,000 for the winner and £10,000 for other nominees. Eligibility is based on exhibitions or presentations in the preceding year.

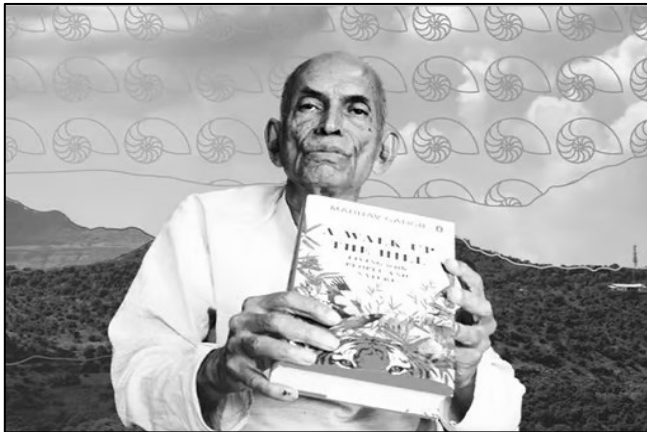
INDIRA GANDHI PRIZE – 2024

Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile, will receive the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for her contributions to gender equality, human rights, and democracy.

- The award is presented annually to individuals or organizations for significant contributions to international peace, disarmament, and development.
- The prize includes Rs. 10 million, a trophy, and a citation.
- The selection process is carried out by a jury appointed by the Chairperson of the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.



CHAMPIONS OF THE EARTH AWARD - 2024



Indian ecologist **Madhav Gadgil** has been awarded the Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award for his significant contributions to environmental protection.

- The award is the highest environmental honor by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- It recognizes leaders whose actions have had a transformative impact on the environment.
- Gadgil chaired the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel, studying the impact of climate change and development on the region.

CHAMPIONS OF THE EARTH AWARD - 2024 WINNERS

- **Sonia Guajajara (Brazil)** – Policy Leadership: First Minister of Indigenous Peoples in Brazil, recognized for efforts in defending Indigenous land and reducing deforestation.
- **Amy Bowers Cordalis (USA)** – Inspiration and Action: Legal advocate for Indigenous rights, focusing on restoring Yurok tribe lands and the Klamath River ecosystem.
- **Gabriel Paun (Romania)** – Inspiration and Action: Founder of Agent Green, known for exposing illegal logging and protecting biodiversity in the Carpathian Mountains.
- **Lu Qi (China)** – Science and Innovation: Led the Great Green Wall project, the world's largest afforestation effort to combat desertification.
- **Madhav Gadgil (India)** – Lifetime Achievement: Ecologist recognized for his work in conservation, particularly in the Western Ghats.
- **SEKEM Initiative (Egypt)** – Entrepreneurial Vision: Pioneered biodynamic agriculture and reforestation in desert areas, promoting sustainable farming.

NATIONAL PANCHAYAT AWARDS - 2024

The National Panchayat Awards were presented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, recognizing Panchayats for outstanding contributions to rural development.

- The awards focus on themes such as poverty alleviation, health, water conservation, governance, and women empowerment.
- Categories include:
 - Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar for top Gram Panchayats in each theme.
 - Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar for overall excellence across all themes.
 - Special awards for achievements in renewable energy, carbon-neutral practices, and capacity-building institutions.

SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD

- The Sahitya Akademi announced the winners of its annual awards in 21 languages for 2024, recognizing outstanding works in poetry, novels, short stories, essays, literary criticism, plays, and research.
- **Winners:**
 - **Poetry:** Sameer Tanti (Assamese), Dileep Jhaveri (Gujarati), Gagan Gill (Hindi), K. Jayakumar (Malayalam), Haobam Satyabati Devi (Manipuri), Paul Kaur (Punjabi), Mukut Maniraj (Rajasthani), Dipak Kumar Sharma (Sanskrit)
 - **Novel:** Aron Raja (Bodo), Easterine Kire (English), Sohan Koul (Kashmiri)
 - **Short Stories:** Yuva Baral (Nepali), Hundraj Balwani (Sindhi)
 - **Essays:** Mukesh Thali (Konkani), Mahendra Malangia (Maithili), Baishnab Charan Samal (Odia)
 - **Literary Criticism:** K.V. Narayana (Kannada), Sudhir Rasal (Marathi), Penugonda Lakshminarayana (Telugu)
 - **Play:** Maheswar Soren (Santali)
 - **Research:** A.R. Venkatachalapathy (Tamil)



SWORD OF HONOUR



- The Ram Temple project in Ayodhya received the prestigious 'Sword of Honour' from the British Safety Council for its exceptional safety standards during construction.
- This award is one of the highest accolades in health and safety management, given to organizations demonstrating excellence in safety practices.
- To be eligible, organizations must achieve a five-star rating in the British Safety Council's audit and pass a comprehensive on-site assessment.
- It highlights the organization's commitment to maintaining global safety standards and managing risks effectively.

VYAS SAMMAN 2024

Suryabala, a distinguished Hindi writer, has been honored with the **34th Vyas Samman** for her 2018 novel, *Kaun Des Ko Vasi: Venu Ki Diary*.

- This prestigious award, **established in 1991** by the KK Birla Foundation, recognizes exceptional Hindi literary works published within the last decade. The accolade includes a **cash prize of ₹4 lakh**, a citation, and a plaque.
- Suryabala was **born in 1943 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**, Suryabala holds an MA and PhD in Hindi literature from Kashi Vishwavidyalaya. Throughout her prolific career, she has authored over 50 novels, biographies, and children's books, many of which have been adapted into television serials.
- **Kaun Des Ko Vasi: Venu Ki Diary** delves into the cultural and ideological conflicts faced by Indian youth abroad, particularly in America.

CHAUDHARY CHARAN SINGH AWARDS 2024

The Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, recently conferred the Chaudhary Charan Singh Awards 2024, recognizing exceptional contributions in agriculture, rural development, and journalism.

- The awardees are:
- **Kalam Ratna Award:** Presented to Ms. Neerja Chowdhury for her dedication to insightful journalism.

- **Sewa Ratna Award:** Conferred upon Dr. Rajendra Singh, known as the "Waterman of India," for his pioneering efforts in water conservation.
- **Krishak Utthan Award:** Awarded to Dr. Firoz Hossain for advancing agricultural research and innovation.
- **Kisan Award:** Bestowed upon Mr. Pritam Singh for his contributions to agricultural excellence.
- These awards, instituted by the Kisan Trust—founded by former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh—aim to honor individuals who have made remarkable contributions to agriculture, rural development, and journalism.

'ORDER OF MUBARAK AL KABEER

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded Kuwait's highest honor, the 'Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer', by Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah on December 22, 2024.

- The Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer, established on July 16, 1974, is a prestigious Kuwaiti knighthood named after Mubarak Al-Sabah, known as Mubarak the Great, who ruled Kuwait from 1896 to 1915.
- This honor is conferred upon Heads of State, foreign sovereigns, and members of foreign royal families as a symbol of friendship.

PSE EXCELLENCE AWARDS,

The **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)** has been honored with three awards at the 14th PSE Excellence Awards, organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in New Delhi.

- **IREDA was established in 1987**, IREDA is a 'Navratna' Government of India enterprise under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

Awards Received:

Gold Awards in the Mini Ratna Category:

- **Corporate Governance:** Recognizing IREDA's adherence to high standards of corporate governance.
- **Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability:** Acknowledging the company's commitment to CSR initiatives and sustainable practices.

Silver Award:

- **Operational Performance Excellence:** Honoring IREDA's exceptional operational performance.



PLACES IN NEWS

DECEMBER

BALTIC SEA: Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson declared the Baltic Sea a "high risk" area after suspected sabotage on undersea cables.



- The Baltic Sea is a semi-enclosed inland sea in Northern Europe, covering 377,000 sq. km.
- It borders Denmark, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Finland, and Sweden.
- Known as the world's largest brackish inland water body, it includes the Gulf of Bothnia, Gulf of Finland, and Gulf of Riga.

CYCLONE FENGAL: Cyclone Fengal, formed over the southwest Bay of Bengal, is expected to bring heavy rainfall and flooding.

- Named by Saudi Arabia, with a naming process involving 13 countries.
- Cyclones are classified based on wind speed into Depression, Tropical Storm, and Severe Cyclone.
- In the Atlantic, they are called hurricanes, in the Northwest Pacific, typhoons, and in the Indian Ocean, cyclones.

LOMAR LAKE: Maharashtra government plans to propose Lomar Lake for UNESCO World Heritage status.

- Lomar Lake, located in Buldhana district, was created by a meteorite impact 50,000 years ago.
- It is the only known saline crater lake, with water seven times saltier than seawater.
- The lake has a diameter of 1.2 km, depth of 150 m, and its color changes from green to pink due to microorganisms.

GOLAN HEIGHTS: Israel plans to double its settler population in response to security concerns due to Syrian instability in the Golan Heights.

- Located in southwestern Syria, it overlooks the Jordan River valley and the Sea of Galilee.
- Boundaries: Jordan River (west), Mount Hermon (north), Wadi Al-Ruqqād (east), Yarmūk River (south).

SPORTS

DECEMBER

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Indian Grandmaster **D Gukesh** became the youngest-ever World Chess Champion, defeating Ding Liren from China at the 2024 World Chess Championship held in Singapore.

- At 18 years old, Gukesh secured his place in history as the youngest chess champion.
- He became the second Indian after Vishwanathan Anand to win the prestigious title.
- Gukesh triumphed over Liren with a score of 7.5-6.5 in a mentally demanding 14-match contest.

ASIA-PACIFIC DEAF GAMES

- India finished fifth out of 21 countries at the 2024 Asia-Pacific Deaf Games held in Kuala Lumpur.
- India achieved a record 55 medals: 8 Gold, 18 Silver, and 29 Bronze, marking the best-ever performance in the tournament's history.
- Athletics led the medal tally with 28 medals, followed by achievements in Badminton, Judo, Wrestling, Table Tennis, and Chess.
- Notable athletes include Priyanga Paramaraj, Ridham Sharma, Sanya Dongre, Jerlin Anika Jayaratchagan, Sumit Dahiya, and Milanmeet Kaur.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY JUNIOR ASIA CUP 2024

- India's women's hockey team successfully defended their title at the Women's Hockey Junior Asia Cup 2024, defeating China in the final held in Muscat, Oman.
- The tournament took place from December 7-15, 2024, at Hockey Oman Stadium, with 10 teams from across Asia participating.
- This victory marked India's second consecutive title, showcasing their regional dominance in women's hockey.
- The Women's Hockey Junior Asia Cup has been a key event since 1992, with India securing the title in both 2023 and 2024.



WOMEN'S KABADDI WORLD CUP 2025



Bihar is set to host the **Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025** in March, marking its second time hosting this prestigious event after the inaugural tournament in 2012.

The tournament will be held at the **Rajgir Sports Academy**, featuring an indoor stadium with a seating capacity of 5,000 spectators.

Participation: A total of **14 countries** are expected to compete, including:

- **Asian Nations:** India, China, Japan, South Korea, Nepal, and potentially Pakistan.
- **Other Regions:** Teams from Europe, Africa, and South America, with countries like Poland and Argentina anticipated to participate.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

DECEMBER

'BRING IT ON: The Incredible Story of My Life'

- HarperCollins India is proud to announce the upcoming release publication of 'BRING IT ON The Incredible Story of My Life' by Deepa Malik.
- Deepa Malik is an Indian para athlete from Haryana.
- She is the first Indian woman to win a medal in Paralympic Games. She won a silver medal at the 2016 Summer Paralympics in shot put.

The Unyielding Judge

- The book "The Unyielding Judge: The Life and Legacy of Justice A.N. Grover" is authored by his granddaughter, Gauri Grover.
- Justice Amar Nath Grover was a Judge, Jurist, and chairman of the Press Council of India.
- Justice Grover was a part of the 13-judge constitutional bench which heard the 1973 Kesavananda Bharti case.

"Chhaunk"

- Chhaunk On Food, Economics And Society Authored By Abhijit Banerjee and illustrated by Cheyenne Olivier.
- It is part-memoir, part-cookbook addressing economics and society through the lens of food.
- Abhijit Banerjee, an Indian-born American economist, was awarded the 2019 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences.

'Ente Jeevitham Niraye: The Autobiography of a Nephrologist'

- Goa Governor P.S. Sreedharan Pillai released 'Ente Jeevitham Niraye: The Autobiography of a Nephrologist' written by Dr. K. Thomas Mathew, in Kozhikode.
- His contributions include establishing Kerala's first dialysis unit at Government Medical College, Kozhikode, in 1975, performing the State's first kidney transplant surgery, and launching the first Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) programme.

IMPORTANT DAYS

JANUARY

Date	Event/ Day
01	Global Family Day
04	World Braille Day
06	World Day of War Orphans
08	African National Congress Foundation Day
09	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas/ NRI Day
10	World Hindi day
11	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day; Amavasya
12	National Youth Day; Swami Vivekanand Jayanti
14	Armed Forces Veterans Day; Lohri
15	Indian Army Day; Makar Sankranti; Bhogali Bihu; Pongal; Uttarayan
16	National Startup Day
23	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti, (Parakram Diwas)
24	National Girl Child Day; International Day of Education
25	National Voters Day; National Tourism Day; Purnima
26	Republic Day; International Customs Day
28	Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai; World Leprosy Day (Last Sunday)
30	Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas; Anti Leprosy Day

DECEMBER

December 1: World AIDS Day



The day is observed to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, support those living with the condition, and remember lives lost to AIDS-related illnesses.

- **First observed in 1988**, it was the first global health day established by the World Health Organization.
- The theme for this year, *"Take the rights path: My health, my right!"*, emphasizes healthcare access as a fundamental right.

December 2: National Pollution Control Day

The day commemorates the victims of the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy, one of the world's worst industrial disasters.

- The theme for this year, *"Clean Air, Green Earth: A Step Towards Sustainable Living,"* highlights the importance of reducing pollution for a better future.
- It aims to raise awareness about pollution and its impact on health and the environment.

December 2: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

The day raises awareness about modern slavery in all its forms, including forced labor, human trafficking, and child labor.

- Established by the UN in 1986, the day focuses on eradicating practices of modern slavery globally.
- It emphasizes the protection of vulnerable populations and calls for stronger legal frameworks.

December 2: World Computer Literacy Day

The day promotes technological literacy and awareness worldwide.

- First observed in 2001 by NIIT on its 20th anniversary, it encourages the development of digital skills.
- The day emphasizes the importance of computer literacy for personal and professional growth.

December 3: World Disability Day

The day aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities and raise awareness about disability issues.

- This year's theme, *"Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future,"* highlights their role in creating a better world.

December 4: Indian Navy Day

The day honors the valor and achievements of the Indian Navy in protecting the nation.

- The theme for this year, *"Strength and Power through Innovation and Indigenisation,"* showcases the Navy's modernization efforts.
- It commemorates Operation Trident during the 1971 Indo-Pak war, a key naval victory.

December 5: International Volunteer Day (IVD)

The day highlights the contributions of volunteers to peace and development globally.

- Established by the UN General Assembly in 1985, it emphasizes volunteerism as a tool to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- This year's theme, *"Recognize volunteers' contributions to achieving the SDGs,"* celebrates their dedication to global causes.

December 5: World Soil Day

The day focuses on the importance of soil health for sustainable ecosystems and human well-being.

- The theme for this year, *"Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage,"* encourages sustainable soil management practices.

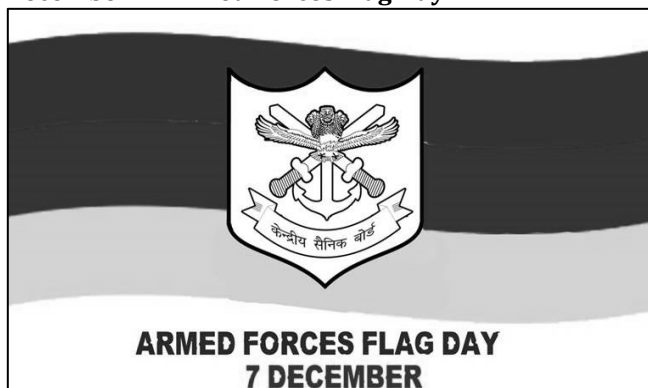
December 7: International Civil Aviation Day

The day raises awareness about the importance of civil aviation in global development.

- The theme, *"Safe Skies. Sustainable Future: Together for the next 80 years,"* focuses on aviation's role in social and economic progress.



December 7: Armed Forces Flag Day



The day honors the bravery and sacrifices of India's armed forces.

- Established in 1949 by the Baldev Singh Committee, it encourages citizens to contribute to the welfare of soldiers and their families.

December 10: Human Rights Day

The day commemorates the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 1948.

- The theme for this year, *"Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now,"* emphasizes the need for immediate action to protect human rights globally.

December 11: UNICEF Foundation Day

The day celebrates UNICEF's role in promoting children's rights, health, education, and well-being worldwide.

- Established in 1946, UNICEF became a permanent part of the United Nations in 1953.
- This year's theme, *"Empowering children, transforming futures,"* highlights its global impact.

December 11: International Mountain Day

The day focuses on sustainable development in mountain regions and preserving mountain ecosystems.

- This year's theme, *"Mountain solutions for a sustainable future – innovation, adaptation, youth and beyond,"* highlights innovative approaches to mountain conservation.

December 12: Universal Health Coverage Day

The day emphasizes equitable access to affordable, quality healthcare for all.

- Proclaimed by the UN in 2017, it marks the anniversary of a historic 2012 UN resolution on health coverage.
- This year's theme, *"Health: It's on the Government!"*, stresses governmental responsibility in ensuring universal healthcare.

December 14: National Energy Conservation Day

The day promotes energy conservation for sustainable development.

- Celebrated since 1991 by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), it highlights the importance of efficient energy use.

December 16: Vijay Diwas

The day commemorates India's victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak War, leading to the creation of Bangladesh.

- It honors the bravery and sacrifices of Indian armed forces and marks the surrender of Pakistani troops in Dhaka.

December 18: Minorities Rights Day in India

The day raises awareness about the issues faced by minorities and promotes their rights and safety.

- This year's theme, *"Promoting Diversity and Protecting Rights,"* emphasizes inclusivity and equality.

December 18: International Migrants Day

The day honors the contributions of migrants and highlights the challenges they face.

- The theme, *"Honoring the Contributions of Migrants and Respecting their Rights,"* promotes understanding and inclusivity.

December 18: World Arabic Language Day

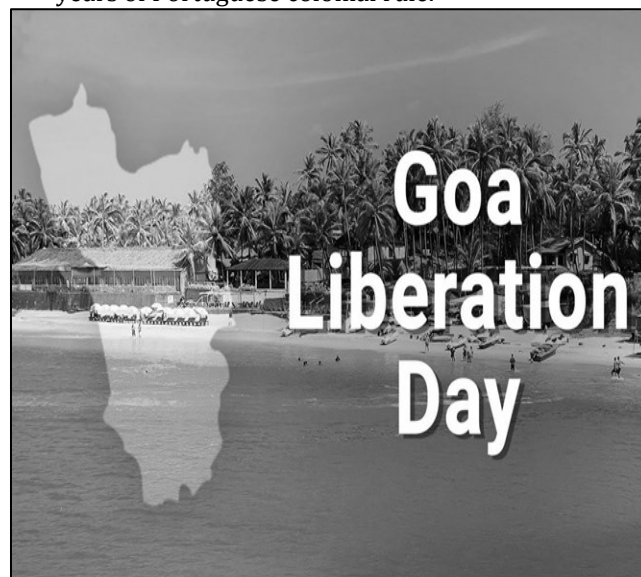
The day celebrates Arabic as one of the UN's six official languages since 1973.

- This year's theme, *"Arabic Language and AI: Advancing Innovation While Preserving Cultural Heritage,"* highlights the role of AI in preserving Arabic heritage.

December 19: Goa's Liberation Day

The day marks Goa's liberation from Portuguese rule in 1961.

- It commemorates Operation Vijay, which ended 451 years of Portuguese colonial rule.



December 20: International Human Solidarity Day

The day promotes solidarity to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development.

- Established by the UN in 2005, it celebrates unity in diversity.

December 21: World Basketball Day

The day commemorates the invention of basketball by Dr. James Naismith on December 21, 1891.

- Declared by the UN in 2023, it recognizes basketball's role in promoting peace, equality, and human rights.

December 21: December Solstice

The solstice marks the shortest day and longest night in the Northern Hemisphere and the reverse in the Southern Hemisphere.

- It signifies the seasonal transition to winter in the north and summer in the south.

December 21: World Meditation Day

Observed on December 21 to promote the practice of meditation and its benefits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

- In December 2024, the United Nations General Assembly declared December 21 as World Meditation Day, acknowledging meditation's role in enhancing health and well-being.

December 22: National Mathematics Day

The day celebrates the birth anniversary of Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.

- The theme for this year, "*Mathematics: The Bridge to Innovation and Progress*," highlights his contributions to number theory and infinite series.

December 23: Kisan Divas (National Farmer's Day)

The day honors the contributions of farmers and raises awareness about agricultural issues.

- It marks the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, the 5th Prime Minister of India, known for his advocacy for farmers' rights.

December 25: Good Governance Day (India)

The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee and promotes good governance.

- Observed since 2014, the day highlights the importance of transparency, accountability, and effective governance.
- 2024 marks the 100th birth anniversary of Vajpayee, with a week-long campaign 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' to promote grassroots governance.

December 26: Veer Bal Diwas (India)

The day honors the courage and martyrdom of the four sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

- Celebrated to remember Sahibzada Ajit Singh, Sahibzada Jujhar Singh, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh, and Sahibzada Fateh Singh, who sacrificed their lives for their faith.
- In 2024, Haryana plans a grand celebration to highlight their bravery and sacrifice.

December 27: International Day of Epidemic Preparedness

The day raises awareness about the need for global preparedness in dealing with epidemics.

- Focuses on strengthening health systems, early detection, and response mechanisms to prevent outbreaks.
- Highlights the importance of global cooperation in epidemic preparedness and response.

December 28: Ratan Tata's Birthday

The day celebrates the birth of Ratan Tata, a prominent Indian industrialist and philanthropist.

- Born in 1937, he led the Tata Group to global expansion, acquiring major companies like Tetley, Jaguar Land Rover.
- Known for his significant contributions to education, healthcare, and rural development.

December 29: International Cello Day

The day celebrates the versatility and significance of the cello in various music genres.

- Promotes the appreciation of the cello and its contribution to both classical and contemporary music.
- Encourages global recognition of the cello's rich tones and musical importance.

December 31: New Year's Eve

The day marks the final day of the Gregorian calendar year, a time for celebration worldwide.

- Celebrated with parties, fireworks, and cultural events to welcome the new year.
- In India, it is often observed with family gatherings, cultural performances, and religious ceremonies.



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NATIONAL NEWS

NOVEMBER

- PM Modi's 3-Nation Tour; G-20 Summit
 - ✓ PM Modi visited Nigeria, Brazil, and Guyana from Nov 17-22.
 - ✓ Received Nigeria's 'Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger' award and Guyana's 'Order of Excellence.'
 - ✓ Participated in the G-20 Summit in Brazil, met world leaders, and attended CARICOM meetings in Guyana.
 - ✓ Dominica and Barbados also conferred top national honors upon PM Modi.
- Spanish PM Visits India
 - ✓ PM Pedro Sanchez visited India (Oct 27-29) after 18 years.
 - ✓ Inaugurated TATA Aircraft Complex in Gujarat for military cargo planes with PM Modi.
 - ✓ Signed MoUs for rail transport, customs, and investment; 2026 declared the Year of Culture and AI.
- German Chancellor in India
 - ✓ Olaf Scholz attended the 7th IGC and Asia-Pacific Business Conference (Oct 24-26).
 - ✓ Announced increased visas for skilled Indians (20,000 to 90,000/year).
 - ✓ German naval frigates visited Goa during his trip.
- 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
 - ✓ Held in Goa from Nov 20-28; Australia was the 'Country of Focus.'
 - ✓ Theme: "Young Filmmakers – The Future is Now."
 - ✓ Opening film: *Better Man* by Michael Gracy; 180 films screened from 81 countries.
- 7th ISA Assembly
 - ✓ Held Nov 4-6 in New Delhi under India-France co-presidency.
 - ✓ Focused on solar energy access and India's goal of 500 GW renewable capacity by 2030.
- Chhath Puja Celebrations
 - ✓ Celebrated in Bihar and neighboring states from Nov 5-8.
 - ✓ Devotees fasted and offered prayers to the Sun God for harvest blessings.
- 21st Livestock Census Launched
 - ✓ Began on Oct 25 with a budget of ₹200 crore, covering 15 livestock species and poultry.
 - ✓ Aims to improve animal health and growth in the livestock sector.
- India in QS Asia Rankings
 - ✓ 22 Indian institutes featured, with IIT Delhi (44th) and IIT Bombay (48th) in the top 50.
 - ✓ Peking University ranked 1st, University of Hong Kong 2nd.
- WIPO Report: India's IP Rankings
 - ✓ India ranked 6th for patents, 4th for trademarks, and 10th for industrial designs globally.

- ✓ Top sectors include textiles, machines, and health.
- Climate Change Index
 - ✓ India ranked 10th in CCPI 2025, two places below last year.
 - ✓ Denmark, Netherlands, and the UK led the rankings, with no “very high” rated countries.
- Rule of Law Index
 - ✓ India ranked 79th out of 142 countries, behind Nepal (69) and Sri Lanka (75).
 - ✓ Denmark topped the list; Venezuela ranked last.
- India Fails in Nature Conservation
 - ✓ The Global Nature Conservation Index 2024 ranks India 176th out of 180 countries.
 - ✓ Luxembourg tops the list, followed by Estonia and Denmark.
 - ✓ India's low ranking is due to biodiversity threats and poor land management.

OCTOBER

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a two-day visit to Russia on Oct 22-23 to attend the 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan.
 - *The Summit was themed on “Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security”.*
 - *It was the first meeting for the new members: Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.*
 - *The BRICS group now represents 45% of the world's population and 35% of the world's economy.*
- President Droupadi Murmu embarked on a three-nation visit to Algeria, Mauritania and Malawi on Oct 13. After successful completion of her three-nation tour, she returned to India on Oct 19's evening.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 21st ASEAN-India and the 19th East Asia summits on Oct 10—11 in Vientiane, capital of Laos.
 - *India also proposed an ASEAN-India women scientists' conclave and the doubling number of scholarships at Nalanda University for ASEAN students.*
- President of the Maldives, Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, arrived in New Delhi on Oct 6 on a five-day state visit to India. He visited Agra and Mumbai on Oct 08 and Bengaluru the next day.
 - *India extended support of \$400 million and a bilateral currency swap of 3,000 crore rupees to the Maldives for tackling the ongoing financial challenges.*
- The WHO declared on Oct 08 that this year India has eliminated trachoma as a public health problem, becoming the 3rd country in the Southeast Asia Region to achieve this milestone.
- The Union government conferred the classical language tag to five more Indian languages on Oct 03 -- Marathi, Bengali, Pali, Prakrit and Assamese.
 - *The number of classical Indian languages has now reached 11. Tamil was the first language to be given classical status in 2004.*
 - *All the Classical Languages are listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.*
- India signed the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement on Sep 25 at the UN General Assembly to protect marine biodiversity on the high seas.
 - *The pact aims at ensuring that marine life is conserved and used in a sustainable manner on the high seas, which is the area beyond a country's EEZ.*
 - *EEZ, Exclusive Economic Zone is up to 370 km (200 nautical miles) from a country's coastline.*
- The Union Cabinet approved India's joining of the International Big Cat Alliance on Sep 19 in New Delhi.
 - *The IBCA was launched in April 2023 at the initiative of prime minister Narendra Modi to secure the future of big cats and their habitat.*
 - *Among the seven big cats, except puma and jaguar, five — tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard and cheetah — are found in India.*
- A new Statue of Justice was unveiled in the Supreme Court library on Oct 16. New statue does not have the iconic blindfold and the sword.

- *The new open-eyed statue instead holds a copy of the Constitution of India in the left hand.*
- The Fraser Institute, a global think tank based in Vancouver, Canada, released the Economic Freedom of the World 2024 Annual Report on Oct 16.
 - *The top three nations in terms of economic freedom, as of 2022, are Hong Kong, Singapore and Switzerland, in the descending order.*
 - *India has been placed in the middle, at 84th spot. Venezuela and Zimbabwe are at the bottom of the index.*
- The Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024, released on September 26 by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), placed India at the 39th spot.
 - Switzerland was ranked as the most innovative economy, followed by Sweden and USA.
- The Global Hunger Index has ranked India at 105th spot out of 127 countries, placing it in the "serious" category for hunger levels.
 - *With a score of 27.3, India is among 42 countries that fall within the "serious" category, alongside Pakistan and Afghanistan.*
 - *In all, 22 countries have scored less than 5 to fall in the low hunger category, with no individual ranking.*

NEWS FROM STATES

NOVEMBER

- India's First Self-Sufficient Gaushala
 - ✓ Adarsh Gaushala in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, houses a state-of-the-art Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant.
 - ✓ Produces 2 tons of CBG and 10-15 tons of dry bio-manure daily.
- Leh First To Use Hydrogen Buses
 - ✓ Leh launches hydrogen buses as part of the Green Hydrogen Mobility Project.

- ✓ Reduces carbon emissions by 350 MT/year and contributes oxygen equivalent to 13,000 trees annually.
- Asia's Largest Open-Air Trade Fair
 - ✓ Bali Jatra, celebrating Odisha's maritime heritage, attracts 80 lakh visitors in Cuttack.
 - ✓ Features 2,500 stalls and various cultural programs.
- World Bank & ADB Loans
 - ✓ World Bank grants \$200M for Kerala's Climate Resilient Agri-Value Chain Project.
 - ✓ Asian Development Bank supports Uttarakhand, Assam, and West Bengal with significant funding for development projects.

OCTOBER

- Nayab Singh Saini took oath as the Chief Minister of Haryana on Oct 17 securing a majority vote of elected BJP MLAs.
- On Oct 16, National Conference party's Vice President Omar Abdullah was sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.
- With a view to showcase 4,500 years old maritime heritage of India, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterway is setting up a world class National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal in Gujarat
- The Assam government launched a new administrative set-up of 'co-districts' within Assam's district administrations on Oct 04, beginning with the launch of 21 such co-districts across the state.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority has approved the proposal to develop the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary as the second tiger reserve in Kaimur and Rohtas districts in south west Bihar.
- The World Bank agreed to extend ₹ 15,000 crore loan to the Andhra Pradesh government for the construction of the capital Amaravati phase-1.
- The ADB approved a loan of \$162 million to support tourism development in Himachal Pradesh.

- The ADB approved a \$42 million loan to provide coastal and riverbank protection ecosystems in Maharashtra.

GOVT INITIATIVES

NOVEMBER

- Pan 2.0 Project
 - ✓ PAN 2.0 gets Rs. 1,435 crore for transforming taxpayer registration services.
 - ✓ Aims to integrate PAN as a common business identifier across government systems.
- Teacherapp Launched
 - ✓ New app equips educators with skills for 21st-century classrooms through innovative course content.
- National Mission On Natural Farming
 - ✓ A Rs. 2,481 crore scheme promotes natural farming across 15,000 clusters.
 - ✓ Supports over one crore farmers, offering simple certification and branding for natural produce.
- Vision Portal Launched
 - ✓ Utsav Foundation's VISION portal fosters innovation among underprivileged youth through education and skill development.
- National Ott Platform Waves
 - ✓ Prasara Bharati launches Waves OTT platform at IFFI, offering free content in 12 languages.
- First All-Women Csf Battalion
 - ✓ CISF announces an all-women reserve battalion for critical security roles.
- Pm-Vidyalaxmi Education Loan Scheme
 - ✓ Rs. 3,600 crore scheme provides collateral-free loans to meritorious students.
 - ✓ Benefits over 22 lakh students annually.
- Namu Drone Didi Scheme
 - ✓ Women SHGs receive 80% funding for drones under this Rs. 1,261 crore initiative.
 - ✓ Ensures training and coordination for agricultural drone use.

- Weather Forecast at Panchayat Level
 - ✓ Provides rural communities with hourly and five-day weather forecasts for disaster preparedness.

OCTOBER

- To enhance the convenience of travelling on national highways and accelerate the development of wayside amenities, the government launched the 'Humsafar Policy'.
 - *The facilities such as clean toilets, baby care rooms, wheelchair provisions, EV charging stations, parking spaces, and dormitory services at fuel stations, will be provided in a prescribed standardised manner.*
- The Union Cabinet on Oct 03 approved two major schemes for the agricultural sector. The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) to promote sustainable agriculture and the Krishonnati Yojana (KY) to ensure food security and self-sufficiency.
- The Government launched the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme on Oct 03 to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in top 500 companies over next five years.
 - *1.25 lakh internships will be provided in FY 2024-25 through an online portal pminternship.mca.gov.in*
 - *Youngsters in the age group of 21-24 years, who are not employed full-time and also not engaged in full-time education, are eligible for internship.*
 - *Further, the annual family income should not be more than Rs. 8 lakh and no family member should be in a government job.*
 - *Interns will receive a monthly stipend of Rs. 4,500 from the government, with an additional Rs. 500 from companies.*
- On the occasion of World Tourism Day on Sep 27, the Ministry of Tourism launched a national responsible tourism initiative titled Paryatan Mitra and Paryatan Didi.
 - *The primary aim of this initiative is to enhance the overall experience of tourists, by having them meet local 'tourist-friendly' people who are proud Ambassadors and Storytellers for their destination.*

- The central government announced an increase in minimum wage rates by revising the Variable Dearness Allowance. The new wage rates will take effect from 1st October.

- *The minimum wage rates are based on four skill levels—unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and highly skilled, in three different geographical areas – A, B, and C.*
- *After the revision, minimum wage rates for workers in area 'A' in construction, sweeping, cleaning, and loading & unloading for unskilled work will be 783 rupees a day.*
- *For semi-skilled workers, the minimum wage will be 868 rupees a day, and for skilled, clerical, and watch & ward (without arms), the minimum wage will be 954 rupees a day*
- *For highly skilled workers and watch & ward (with arms), the revised wage will be 1,035 rupees a day.*

ECONOMY

NOVEMBER

- Moody's Increases India GDP Outlook
 - ✓ Indian GDP growth forecast for 2024 raised to 7.2% due to robust consumption and manufacturing.

OCTOBER

- The World Bank in its South Asia's Growth forecast report released on October 10, raised India's economic growth forecast to 7% for the fiscal year ending in March 2025.
- The Centre on Oct 16 raised the minimum support price (MSP) of key rabi crops for 2025-26 marketing season.

Crop name	Price in Rs/Qtl	Hike amount in Rs.
Wheat	2425	150
Barley	1980	130
Gram	5650	210
Masur	6700	275
Rapeseed/ Mustard	5950	300
Safflower	5940	140

- Finance Ministry approved on Oct 12 the upgradation of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited - HAL, Bengaluru to a 'Maharatna' Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE), bringing the total number of Maharatna companies to 14.
- The India Post and e-commerce giant Amazon signed a MoU on Oct 04 to empower India's growing e-commerce sector by enhancing logistical capabilities, supporting job creation, and contributing to economic growth.
- The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has launched ANNA DARPAN, a tech-driven initiative aimed at modernising its supply chain management system and enhancing operations at various levels, including Mandis, Mills, and Depots.
- Noel Tata, the 67-year-old half-brother of late Ratan Tata, was appointed Chairman of Tata Trusts on Oct 11, after the death of Ratan Tata. Tata Trusts is the umbrella body managing the functions of all 14 Tata Trusts.

BANKING & FINANCE

NOVEMBER

- RBI Hikes UPI 123Pay Transaction Limit: Raised from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000; UPI Lite wallet limit increased from ₹2,000 to ₹5,000. Benefits 40 crore feature phone users.
- RBI Names 3 Banks as D-SIBs: SBI, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank designated as Domestic Systemically Important Banks for 2024, ensuring higher capital buffers for financial stability.
- Mudra Loan Limit Increased: Raised from ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh under the new 'Tarun Plus' category for entrepreneurs with repaid loans.
- SBI Wins Best Bank Award: SBI awarded "Best Bank in India 2024" by Global Finance Magazine for exceptional service and financial inclusion.

OCTOBER

- The Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India in its bi-monthly review meeting on Oct 09, decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent, for the tenth time in a row.

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NOVEMBER

- **Hypersonic Missile Test:** DRDO tested a missile with >1,500 km range, capable of unpredictable trajectories.
- **LRLACM Test:** DRDO's cruise missile variant with a 1,000 km range avoids radar detection.
- **Project Akashteer:** Next-gen air defence system launched by the Indian Army for real-time threat response.
- **Anti-Drone Gun Vajra Shot:** Developed by Big Bang Boom Solutions, detects drones up to 4 km and disrupts communication.
- **550 Asmi Machine Pistols Inducted:** Locally made weapon for counterterrorism, single-hand operation.
- **"Agniakra" Device Launched:** Multi-target detonation device with a 2.5 km range for counter-terrorism.
- **Fast Patrol Vessels Delivered:** Two FPVs, 'Adamyra' and 'Akshar,' delivered to the Indian Coast Guard.
- **INS Abhay Delivered:** Anti-submarine shallow watercraft equipped with torpedoes and sonar.
- **Sea-Vigil-24:** Coastal Defence Exercise by the Indian Navy on Nov 21-22.
- **Sanyukt Vimochan 2024**
 - ✓ Indian Army conducted the annual Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise from Nov 17-18 in Ahmedabad and Porbandar, Gujarat.
 - ✓ Simulated disaster response to a cyclone scenario, involving Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, NDRF, SDRF, and other agencies.
- **Antariksha Abhyas-2024**
 - ✓ India's first-ever space exercise was held on Nov 11-13 in New Delhi.
 - ✓ Focused on enhancing understanding of space-based assets with participants from

Defence Space Agency, Army, Navy, and Air Force.

- **3rd Austrahind-2024**
 - ✓ Joint military exercise between India and Australia took place from Nov 8-21 in Pune, Maharashtra.
 - ✓ Focused on enhancing joint capabilities in sub-conventional operations within semi-urban and semi-desert environments.
- **Ex Poorvi Prahaar**
 - ✓ India launched a tri-services military exercise from Nov 8 in eastern Ladakh.
 - ✓ Showcased synergy among Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force, following the disengagement between Indian and Chinese troops.
- **Vinbax 2024**
 - ✓ Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise occurred from Nov 4-23 in Ambala Cantonment and Chandimandir Military Station, Haryana.
 - ✓ Aimed to enhance joint military capability for peacekeeping operations with engineer and medical teams.
- **Exercise Vajra Prahar**
 - ✓ The 15th India-US joint Special Forces exercise took place from Nov 2-22 in Idaho, USA.
 - ✓ Focused on enhancing interoperability and mutual exchange of special operations tactics.
- **Garud Shakti 24**
 - ✓ India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise was held from Nov 1-12 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
 - ✓ Aimed at improving interoperability between the special forces of the two countries.
- **Isro's Advanced Gsat-N2 Placed In Orbit**
 - ✓ India launched GSAT-N2 satellite on Nov 18-19 aboard SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket.
 - ✓ The satellite provides data and internet services to remote areas and has a 14-year lifespan.
- **India's First Analog Space Mission**
 - ✓ India's first analog space mission launched on Nov 1 in Leh, Ladakh.
 - ✓ Simulated life on another planet, involving various activities to prepare for future space missions.

- **World's First Wood-Panelled Satellite**
 - ✓ LignoSat, the world's first wood-paneled satellite, was launched on Nov 5.
 - ✓ It aims to test wood as a renewable building material for future space exploration.

OCTOBER

- India launched its fourth nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, codenamed S4* on Oct 14 at the Ship Building Centre in Visakhapatnam.
 - *Built by L&T Shipbuilding Ltd, it is equipped with K-4 ballistic missiles, which have a range of 3,500 km.*
- INS Samarthak, a multi-purpose vessel (MPV) built by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Shipyard, Chennai, was launched on Oct 14 for the Indian Navy.
- The Indian Army rolled out its first fully overhauled T-90 'Bhishma' battle tank on October 07 in Delhi.
 - *The Russian-origin tank was overhauled by the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers at the 505 Army Base Workshop in Delhi Cantonment.*
- The USA approved the sale of 53 MK-54 lightweight torpedoes to India at a cost of nearly \$175 million, to enhance the capabilities of the Indian Navy's MH-60R (Romeo) Seahawk helicopters.
 - *Manufactured by RTX (formerly Raytheon), these torpedoes have a range of about 20 km and can target submarines at depths of up to 600 meters.*
- The Cabinet Committee on Security approved on Oct 09 the acquisition of 31 MQ-9B remotely piloted Predator drones at a cost of over \$ 4 billion from American company General Atomics under a Foreign Military Sales contract between the two governments.
 - *These drones can fly up to 40,000 feet and have a range of over 9,000 km. They can fly 40 hours at a stretch and can be armed with precision strike missiles.*
- INS Nirdeshak (Yard 3026), a Survey Vessel (Large) ship, built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata was delivered to the Indian Navy on 8th October.
- DRDO successfully conducted three flight tests of the 4th Generation Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) on Oct 3-4 at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.
- The Indian Coast Guard successfully conducted the coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' on October 16-17, covering Gujarat, Daman & Diu, as well as Goa and Maharashtra.
- Exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr: The India-Oman bilateral naval exercise was held from October 13 to 18, off the coast of Goa.
- Exercise Malabar 2024: A multilateral naval exercise was held from Oct 8 to 18 in Bay of Bengal, off the coast of Visakhapatnam. Naval contingents from Australia, Japan, and U.S. forces took part in the exercise.
- 8th Exercise IBSAMAR: The multinational maritime exercise involving the navies of South Africa, Brazil and India was hosted by South Africa from Oct 7 to 16.
- Exercise KAZIND-2024: The 8th India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise was held at Surya Foreign Training Node, Auli, Uttarakhand from Sep 30 to Oct 13.
- The National Space Commission cleared the 5th lunar mission -- the Lunar Polar Exploration Mission or LupeX to explore the Moon for water and other resources.
 - *It is a joint effort of ISRO and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) wherein rover and rocket will be built by JAXA, and the lander will be developed by ISRO.*
- World's highest imaging Cherenkov telescope, Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) observatory, was launched in Hanle in Ladakh, at an altitude of over 4,300 metres.
 - *It has been built by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre with support from the Electronics Corporation of India Ltd and other Indian industry partners.*

- *The MACE telescope will contribute to global efforts to study phenomena like supernovae, black holes and gamma-ray bursts.*
- The 3 PARAM Rudra supercomputers were launched on Sep 26 in Pune, under the National Supercomputing Mission.
 - The PARAM series of supercomputers is a collection of machines designed and assembled by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) in Pune, India.
- NASA launched the Europa Clipper, the largest spacecraft it has ever built for a planetary mission, on Oct 14 to explore Jupiter's watery moon, Europa.
 - The spacecraft will travel 2.9 billion km to reach Jupiter in April 2030. It will orbit Jupiter, and conduct 49 close flybys of Europa.

INTERNATIONAL

NOVEMBER

- **Cop 29 Concludes In Baku**
 - ✓ The UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) was held from Nov 11-23 in Baku, Azerbaijan.
 - ✓ Countries agreed on a climate finance goal of \$1.3 trillion for developing nations by 2035.
- **19th G20 Summit Held At Rio De Janeiro**
 - ✓ The 19th G20 Summit took place on Nov 18-19 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
 - ✓ Focused on global hunger, poverty, renewable energy, and climate finance, with the Rio Declaration adopted.
- **Trump Sweeps Us Presidential Elections**
 - ✓ Donald Trump won the US presidential election on Nov 6, securing 312 electoral votes.
 - ✓ Became the oldest person to be elected President, marking a remarkable political comeback.
- **Un Biodiversity Summit Held In Colombia**
 - ✓ The 16th UN Biodiversity Summit was held from Oct 21-Nov 1 in Cali, Colombia.

- ✓ Focused on creating a fund for digital sequencing and forming a body for Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
- **27th Chogm Held In Samoa**
 - ✓ The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) took place from Oct 21-26 in Apia, Samoa.
 - ✓ Discussed common values, natural resource protection, and boosting trade among Commonwealth countries.
- **'Manifest': Cambridge's Word Of The Year**
 - ✓ Cambridge Dictionary declared "manifest" as Word of the Year 2024.
 - ✓ Represents the global wellness trend of visualizing success to make it more likely to happen.
- **'Brat' - Collins Word Of The Year 2024**
 - ✓ Collins Dictionary named "brat" Word of the Year 2024 on Nov 1.
 - ✓ Represents a confident, independent attitude, as redefined by singer Charli XCX.

OCTOBER

- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit-2024 was held on October 15-16 in Islamabad. Pakistan hosted the summit under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.
 - India's External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, attended the summit to represent India.
- The 44th and 45th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summits and related summits kicked off on Oct 09 in Vientiane, Laos. The summits were hosted by the Lao President Thongloun Sisoulith.
 - The summits this year followed the theme 'ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience'.
- The WHO has listed the first m-pox in vitro diagnostic (IVD) kit under its Emergency Use Listing (EUL) procedure.
 - The kit "Alinity m MPXV assay" has been manufactured by Abbott Molecular Inc., USA.

- The United Kingdom declared on Oct 03 to cede sovereignty of the strategically important Chagos Islands to Mauritius, calling it a “historic political agreement”.
 - As per the agreement, USA will be allowed to run her military base in Diego Garcia Island in the Chagos cluster for next 99 years.

PERSONS IN NEWS

NOVEMBER

Musk is Most Powerful Business Leader (Nov 14)

- ✓ Elon Musk ranked first in Fortune's inaugural list of the 100 Most Powerful People in Business.
- ✓ Jensen Huang (Nvidia) and Satya Nadella (Microsoft) followed in second and third positions.
- ✓ Mukesh Ambani, at 12th, is the only Indian on the list.

Shiv Nadar Tops India's Charitable Individuals List (2024)

- ✓ Shiv Nadar contributed Rs 2,153 crore in FY24, securing the top spot in the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List.
- ✓ Azim Premji ranked second with Rs 1,000 crore in donations.

OCTOBER

Miss India 2024: Nikita Porwal, an 18-year-old beauty queen from Ujjain, was crowned the Femina Miss India 2024 on Oct 16 at a glittering ceremony held in Mumbai.

- Rekha Pandey from the Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Ayushi Dholakia from Gujarat, were awarded the titles of first and second runners-up, respectively.

Sqn Ldr Mohana Singh: The Indian Air Force officer became the first woman fighter pilot to join the elite 18 'Flying Bullets' squadron, operating India's indigenous LCA Tejas fighter jet's squadron.

Adriana Brownlee: 23-year-old British mountaineer etched her name in mountaineering history on Oct 9, becoming the youngest woman to summit all 14 of the world's peaks over 8,000 meters.

Nima Rinji Sherpa: Nepal's 18-year-old sherpa climber created a world record on Oct 09 by becoming the youngest person to summit all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters.

APPOINTMENTS

NOVEMBER

K. Sanjay Murthy: Appointed as Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), succeeding Girish Chandra Murmu.

Mritunjay Kumar Narayan: Tenure as Registrar General and Census Commissioner extended till August 2026.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna: Appointed as the 51st Chief Justice of India, effective from 11th November 2024.

Ashok Chandra: Selected as MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank.

Amitabh Chaudhry: Reappointed as MD & CEO of Axis Bank for a three-year term from January 2025.

Ashutosh Gowariker: Named chairperson of the International Jury for IFFI 2024.

Harsha Vardhan Agarwal: Elected as President of FICCI.

Yamandú Orsi: Elected President of Uruguay on November 24.

Shigeru Ishiba: Re-elected as Prime Minister of Japan on November 11.

Luong Cuong: Elected as President of Vietnam till 2026.

OCTOBER

Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar: Appointed as the Chairperson of National Commission for Women.

Paramesh Sivamani: Appointed as the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard on Oct 15.

M Rajeshwar Rao: RBI Deputy Governor's term extended for a period of one year, with effect from October 9, 2024.

Prabowo Subianto: Took over as the 8th President of Indonesia, world's third-largest democracy on October 20.

Claudia Sheinbaum: She was sworn in as Mexico's first female President on Oct 01.

Mark Rutte: Former Prime Minister of Netherlands took over as the Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) on Oct 01 in Brussels, Belgium.

AWARDS & HONOURS

NOVEMBER

Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar: 82 artists awarded for 2022-2023 in music, dance, and folk art.

Indira Gandhi Prize 2023: Awarded to Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad for promoting amity through music and dialogue.

Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award: Honored Phillip Noyce at IFFI 2024.

Rachel Gupta: Crowned Miss Grand International 2024.

Victoria Kjaer Theilvig: Crowned Miss Universe 2024.

2024 Booker Prize: Samantha Harvey won for her novel "Orbital."

Earthshot Prizes 2024: Winners include Altyn Dala Conservation Initiative (Kazakhstan) and others addressing climate issues.

Sakharov Prize: Awarded to Venezuelan leaders Maria Corina Machado and Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia.

OCTOBER

Dadasaheb Phalke Award: Government's highest recognition in the field of cinema was conferred on veteran actor Mithun Chakraborty, star of films such as 'Mrigayaa', 'Surakshaa', 'Disco Dancer'. The top award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10 lakh, a Swarna Kamal and a shawl.

SASTRA-Ramanujan Award-2024: Awarded to Dr. Alexander Dunn of the Georgia Institute of Technology, USA, for his outstanding contributions to mathematics.

- This annual \$10,000 prize is awarded by the SASTRA University at Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu.*

NOBEL PRIZE 2024	
Physiology or Medicine	
Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun	For discovery of microRNA and its role in post-transcriptional gene regulation
Physics	
John J. Hopfield and Geoffrey E. Hinton	For foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks
Chemistry	
David Baker, John Jumper, and Demis Hassabis	For breakthroughs in predicting and designing the structure of proteins
Literature	
South Korean author Han Kang	For her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life
Peace Prize	
Nihon Hidankyo, a Japanese NGO based in Tokyo	For advocating for a nuclear-free world and for its powerful witness testimony on the horrors of nuclear warfare
Economics	
Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson	For research into reasons why some countries succeed and others fail in achieving prosperity.

OBITUARY

NOVEMBER

Pandit Ram Narayan

Sarangi maestro, passed away on November 9 at 96.

Sharda Sinha

Bhojpuri folk singer, passed away on November 5 at 72.

Dr. Bibek Debroy

Economist and Sanskrit scholar, passed away on November 1 at 69.

Rohit Bal

Renowned fashion designer, passed away on November 1 at 63.

OCTOBER

Ratan Tata

One of India's most iconic business leaders, former chairman of the Tata Group, passed away on Oct 09 in Mumbai after prolonged illness. He was 86.

- He was honoured with Padma Vibhushan in 2008 and Padma Bhushan in 2000.

PLACES IN NEWS

NOVEMBER

Dhudmaras, Chhattisgarh: Selected by the UNWTO for the Best Tourism Village Upgrade programme; located in dense forests by River Kager, known for its natural beauty, biodiversity, and traditional lifestyle.

Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve: Declared India's 56th tiger reserve; covers 2,829 sq km in Chhattisgarh, encompassing the Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary.

Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala: Won the Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities on Nov

14; achievements include solar panels, LED streetlights, electric buses, and scooters.

Demchok Sector, Ladakh: Indian Army conducted its first patrol in 4 years after disengagement along the Charding Nullah in November.

Thano Village, Uttarakhand: Inaugurated as India's first 'Writer's Village' on Oct 25; features peaceful cottages, a library, an art gallery, and creative spaces.

Cyclone Dana: Made landfall in Odisha and West Bengal on Oct 24-25; caused heavy rains and wind, affecting over 6 lakh people and disrupting transport.

Ecuador: Declared a 60-day emergency in November due to severe drought and wildfires, heavily affecting Azuay and Loja provinces.

Typhoon Man-Yi, Philippines: Hit Luzon on Nov 16-17, displacing over 6.5 lakh people and leading to widespread devastation.

Mount Lewotobi, Indonesia: Erupted on Nov 7, spewing ash 5,000 meters high; displaced over 4,000 residents and damaged hundreds of homes.

Lahore, Pakistan: Declared the world's most polluted city on Nov 2, with an AQI of 1067, driven by vehicular emissions and outdated industrial practices.

OCTOBER

Hurricane Milton: A very strong hurricane left a trail of death and destruction on Oct 09-10 in the state of Florida, USA, leaving at least 30 people dead and more than 3 million people without electricity.

Hurricane Helene: Catastrophic sudden flooding after the category 4 hurricane Helene devastated wide areas on Sep 27-29 in south eastern states of the USA, killing at least 200 people.

SPORTS WORLD

NOVEMBER

Jyothi Surekha Vennam: Won gold in women's compound archery at the GT Open in Luxembourg on Nov 17.

Johann Emmanuel: Became the first Indian to win all three 300 SSP races in Qatar Superbike Championship on Nov 16-17.

GM Aravindh Chithambaram: Won the Chennai Grand Masters chess tournament on Nov 11, defeating Levon Aronian.

Anahat Singh: Clinched the women's singles title at the NSW Open Squash in Sydney on Nov 10.

Pankaj Advani: Secured his 28th world title, winning the IBSF World Billiards Championship 150-up format on Nov 9 in Doha.

Arjun Erigaisi: Achieved world No. 2 in chess live ratings on Nov 7 after a win at the Chennai Grand Masters tournament.

Mandeep Jangra: Won the World Boxing Federation's Super Featherweight world title on Nov 5 in the Cayman Islands, defeating Conor McIntosh.

Harmeet Desai: Won Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles at the WTT Feeder Series in Venezuela on Nov 4. Partnered with Krittwika Roy for mixed doubles.

Chirag Chikkara: Secured gold in men's freestyle 57 kg at the U-23 World Championship, Albania.

Smriti Mandhana: Became the first Indian woman to score 8 ODI centuries on Oct 29 against New Zealand.

Arjun Erigaisi: Crossed 2800 Elo rating mark on Oct 24 at the European Chess Club Cup, becoming the youngest Indian to achieve this feat.

Harmanpreet Singh & PR Sreejesh: Declared FIH Player of the Year and Goalkeeper of the Year for 2024.

Women's Asian Champions Trophy (Hockey): India defeated China 1-0 to lift the trophy on Nov 20 in Bihar.

14th Senior National Hockey Championship: Odisha beat Haryana 5-1 in Chennai on Nov 16.

World Paragliding Competition: Held in Bir-Billing, Himachal Pradesh, from Nov 2-9; Austin Cox (USA) and Joanna Kokot (Poland) were winners.

Rani Rampal: Retired from hockey on Oct 24 after playing 254 matches and scoring 120 goals.

Arjuna Award Lifetime: Replaces the Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime achievement from 2024 onwards.

Davis Cup (Tennis): Jannik Sinner led Italy to victory on Nov 24 in Spain.

Ballon d'Or 2024: Rodri (men) and Aitana Bonmati (women) were named best footballers on Oct 28 in Paris.

2026 Commonwealth Games: Announced the exclusion of key sports like hockey, badminton, and wrestling to reduce costs and simplify logistics.

OCTOBER

Arjun Erigaisi won the WR Chess Masters Cup on Oct 17 in London.

Indian duo of Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee scripted history on Oct 12 by clinching the first-ever medal for the country in Women's Doubles of Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024 at Astana in Kazakhstan.

Gulveer Singh, a 26-year-old Indian athlete, won the gold medal in the men's 5,000 meters race on Sep 28 at the World Athletics Continental Tour in Japan.

N Bala Devi, noted forward player of the Indian football team, became the first Indian woman to score 50 international goals. **Ashalata Devi** became the first Indian woman to play 100 international games.

Both the milestones were reached on Oct 17 in Kathmandu, playing against Pakistan in the SAFF Women's Championship.

Irani Cup (Cricket): Team Mumbai lifted the Irani Cup for the 15th time after defeating team Rest of India in the finals played on Oct 05 in Lucknow.

The Nehru Trophy for the famous Snake Boat race of Kerala was lifted by the Karichal Chundan (Snake Boat) rowed by the Pallathuruthy Boat Club, for the 5th consecutive year.

ISSF Junior World Championship: India secured the top spot with a total of 24 medals, including 13 gold, 3 silver and 8 bronze medals in the shooting championship that concluded on Oct 7 in Lima, Peru.

9th Junior World Wushu Championship: Indian team bagged 7 medals including 2 golds in the event held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei from Sep 22 to 30.

Neetu David, former Indian cricketer along with England's Alastair Cook and South Africa's AB de Villiers, have been inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame for 2024.

Dipa Karmakar, India's trailblazing gymnast, officially announced her retirement on Oct 07 from competitive gymnastics at the age of 31 years, after a remarkable career spanning 25 years.

The BCCI inaugurated its new National Cricket Academy on Sep 29 in Bengaluru. Formally, it will be called the BCCI Centre of Excellence.

INTERNATIONAL

ICC Women's T20 Cricket World Cup: New Zealand team led by Sophie Devine clinched their maiden T20 World Cup title on Oct 20 after beating South Africa by 32 runs at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium in Dubai, UAE.

Amelia Kerr, New Zealand's allrounder was declared Player of the Series and Player of the Match.

Nadal announces retirement

Rafael Nadal, the 38-year-old iconic tennis legend from Spain, announced to quit professional tennis after playing for the last time in the Davis Cup from Nov 19 to 24 in Malaga, Spain.



Model Test For General / Economy / Banking Awareness



DECEMBER GK TEST

- Which country launched the world's first quantum satellite?**
(a) USA (b) China
(c) Russia (d) Japan
(e) India
- Which country is affected by the mysterious "Dinga Dinga" disease?**
(a) Uganda (b) Kenya
(c) Nigeria (d) South Africa
(e) Egypt
- Which organization partnered with India for the SMILE programme?**
(a) World Bank
(b) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
(c) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
(d) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
(e) World Health Organization (WHO)
- Which country chaired the 68th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) in Austria?**
(a) Austria (b) China
(c) India (d) Nepal
(e) Sri Lanka
- How much amount has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for the PAN 2.0 project of the Income Tax Department?**
(a) ₹1,135 crore (b) ₹1,235 crore
(c) ₹1,335 crore (d) ₹1,435 crore
(e) ₹1,535 crore
- India's first Ashtalakshmi Festival was organized in which city from 6 to 8 December?**
(a) Jaipur (b) Shillong
(c) Udaipur (d) Indore
(e) New Delhi
- Which city hosted the 59th All India Conference of Director Generals/ Inspector Generals of Police?**
(a) Guwahati (b) Bhubaneswar
(c) New Delhi (d) Jaipur
(e) Kolkata
- With Which country Indian Army has been organised Joint Military Exercise AGNI WARRIOR (XAW-2024) at Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra)?**
(a) Singapore (b) Malaysia
(c) Switzerland (d) Sri Lanka
(e) Nepal
- Who has won the Formula 1 Qatar Grand Prix 2024 title?**
(a) Sebastian Vettel
(b) Lewis Hamilton
(c) Max Verstappen
(d) Oscar Piastri
(e) Sergio Pérez
- The Border Security Force (BSF) has celebrated its Raising Day on December 1 every year. In which year BSF was formed?**
(a) 1952 (b) 1961
(c) 1965 (d) 1972
(e) 1987
- World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1. What is the theme of World AIDS Day 2024?**
(a) Let community's lead
(b) Equalize
(c) End Inequalities. End AIDS
(d) Global solidarity, resilient services

- (e) Take the Rights Path
12. **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala was reappointed as the Director-General of which international organization?**
 (a) International Monetary Fund
 (b) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
 (c) Food and Agriculture Organization
 (d) World Health Organization
 (e) World Trade Organization
13. **"Gharcholas", traditionally worn at weddings in Hindu and Jain communities, has recently received the Geographical Indication or GI tag from the Government of India. It is related to which state?**
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Gujarat
 (c) Bihar (d) Rajasthan
 (e) Himachal Pradesh
14. **Which of the following countries was the focus country in the 30th edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF)?**
 (a) Japan (b) France
 (c) South Korea (d) Denmark
 (e) USA
15. **The Ministry of Defence signed a contract with which company for Short Refit and Dry Docking (SRDD) of INS Vikramaditya at an overall cost of Rs. 1207.5 Cr?**
 (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
 (b) Hindustan Shipyard
 (c) ABG Shipyard
 (d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers and
 (e) Cochin Shipyard Limited
16. **Which ride-hailing app in India has started the country's first water transport service named Shikara?**
 (a) Uber (b) Rapido
 (c) Ola (d) Indrive
 (e) BlaBlaCar
17. **World Computer Literacy Day is observed annually on which day to celebrate and promote computer education worldwide?**
 (a) 1 December (b) 2 December
 (c) 3 December (d) 4 December
 (e) 5 December
18. **Who has won the women's singles title of the 2024 Syed Modi International Badminton Tournament?**
 (a) Saina Nehwal (b) Sania Mirza
 (c) Ashwini Ponnappa (d) Carolina Marín
 (e) PV Sindhu
19. **Which country hosted the 16th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) from 2-15 December 2024?**
 (a) Saudi Arabia (b) Qatar
 (c) UAE (d) Belgium
 (e) Brazil
20. **Who has been nominated as the next Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by President-elect Donald Trump?**
 (a) Vivek Ramaswamy
 (b) Tulsi Gabbard (c) Rina Banerjee
 (d) Prashant Bhargava
 (e) Kash Patel
21. **Which state government has launched Mission Himveer to boost local economy?**
 (a) Arunachal Pradesh
 (b) Assam (c) West Bengal
 (d) Sikkim (e) Nagaland
22. **The military exercise named Harimau Shakti is conducted between India and which country?**
 (a) Sri Lanka (b) Nepal
 (c) France (d) Kazakhstan
 (e) Malaysia
23. **Which payments platform has partnered with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) to enhance cybersecurity in the digital payments ecosystem?**
 (a) PhonePe (b) Google Pay
 (c) Paytm (d) RozarPay
 (e) BHIM
24. **Which global carmaker has tied up with three IITs to establish a collaborative research system in the fields of batteries and electrification entailing an investment of USD 7 million over five years?**
 (a) Hyundai Motor (b) Kia
 (c) Ford Motor Company
 (d) Toyoto (e) Volkswagen Group
25. **Which of the following city hosted the World Maritime Conference 2024?**
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai
 (c) Chennai (d) Hyderabad
 (e) Bengaluru

26. Nurse Maria Victoria Juan has been honoured with the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024. She is from which country?
 (a) India (b) Nepal
 (c) Bhutan (d) Philippines
 (e) Afghanistan
27. International Day of Banks is observed every year on December 4. What is the theme of International Day of Banks 2024?
 (a) Achieving sustainable development goals
 (b) Promoting global financial inclusion
 (c) Aligning with global development goals
 (d) Empowering Sustainable Development Through Finance.
 (e) Reform the global financial architecture
28. Union government has approved how much rupees grants each for 7 startups in technical textiles to boost innovation and sustainability?
 (a) 10 lakh (b) 20 lakh
 (c) 40 lakh (d) 50 lakh
 (e) 60 lakh
29. The Government of India has signed a \$50 million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for climate-resilient water security in which state?
 (a) Manipur (b) Meghalaya
 (c) Tripura (d) Assam
 (e) Sikkim
30. Who is the first Indian to win a medal in the Asian Esports Games?
 (a) Parul Tyagi (b) Shikha Goel
 (c) Ahmad Muhaimin
 (d) Ankit Gupta (e) Pavan Kampelli
31. Where was the 2nd India-United Kingdom 2+2 Foreign and Defence Dialogue held?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai
 (c) Bengaluru (d) Hyderabad
 (e) Chennai
32. Which bank has launched the ARISE Women's Savings Account, a specialized solution designed to cater to the financial needs of women?
 (a) ICICI Bank (b) Yes Bank
 (c) HDFC Bank (d) Canara Bank
 (e) Axis Bank
33. Which fintech platform has recently launched a fraud protection plan 'Shield' to offer coverage against digital frauds, including protection against fraudulent Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions?
 (a) PhonePe (b) GooglePay
 (c) Paytm (d) BharatPe
 (e) BHIM
34. Which country was the partner country for the 2024 International Gita Mahotsav?
 (a) Nepal (b) Tanzania
 (c) Oman (d) France
 (e) Bhutan
35. International Volunteer Day is celebrated on 5 December every year. What is the theme of International Volunteer Day 2024?
 (a) Volunteer Now for Our Future
 (b) The power of everyone – collective action – if everyone did
 (c) Solidarity through volunteering.
 (d) Volunteer now for our common future
 (e) Volunteer for an inclusive future
36. Who has been chosen for the J C Daniel Award for 2023?
 (a) Adoor Gopalakrishnan
 (b) Shaji N Karun
 (c) Priyadarshan
 (d) Sathyan Anthikad
 (e) Kamal
37. ICICI Bank has signed an MoU with which bank to enhance support for customers engaged in the Australia-India business corridor?
 (a) Reserve Bank of Australia
 (b) Commonwealth Bank of Australia
 (c) State Bank of India
 (d) National Australia Bank
 (e) Axis Bank
38. What is the growth projection for the Indian economy in FY25 according to S&P Global Ratings?
 (a) 6.5% (b) 6.6%
 (c) 6.8% (d) 6.9%
 (e) 7.0%
39. International Mountain Day is celebrated annually on 11 December. What is the theme for International Mountain Day 2024?
 (a) Climate action for mountain regions
 (b) Resilient mountains: A global priority
 (c) Mountain solutions for a sustainable future – innovation, adaptation and youth
 (d) Preserving mountain biodiversity
 (e) Sustainable tourism in mountain ecosystems

40. **Which countries will jointly host the 2030 FIFA World Cup?**
 (a) Spain, Portugal, and Morocco
 (b) Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and Argentina
 (c) Spain, France, and Italy
 (d) Portugal, Argentina, and Brazil
 (e) Saudi Arabia, Portugal, and Morocco
41. **Who has been appointed as the President of Ghana?**
 (a) Nana Akufo-Addo
 (b) John Dramani Mahama
 (c) Kwame Nkrumah
 (d) John Atta Mills
 (e) Jerry John Rawlings
42. **What is the name of the temple that won the UNESCO Award of Distinction 2023 for its heritage conservation?**
 (a) Abathsahayeshwarar Temple
 (b) Brihadeeswarar Temple
 (c) Meenakshi Temple
 (d) Srirangam Temple
 (e) Rajagopalaswamy Temple
43. **Which team has won the 11th ACC U19 Men's Asia Cup Final in Dubai?**
 (a) Bangladesh (b) India
 (c) Pakistan (d) Sri Lanka
 (e) Afghanistan
44. **Who has been appointed as the 26th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?**
 (a) Urjit Patel (b) Sanjay Malhotra
 (c) Shaktikanta Das (d) M.D. Patra
 (e) T Rabi Shankar
45. **World Human Rights Day is observed annually on December 10. What is the theme for World Human Rights Day 2024?**
 (a) Dignity for All
 (b) Equality and Justice for Future Generations
 (c) Human Rights in Action
 (d) Our Rights, Our Future
 (e) Empowering Communities for Change
46. **What is the name of the unmanned surface vessel handed over by GRSE to DRDO?**
 (a) Jalveer (b) Jaldoot
 (c) Jalrakshak (d) Jalpari
 (e) Jalvahan
47. **Which date was declared as World Meditation Day by the UNGA?**
 (a) 17 December (b) 18 December
 (c) 11 December (d) 19 December
 (e) 21 December
48. **Which rocket was used by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to launch the European Space Agency's Probe 3 spacecraft?**
 (a) PSLV- C 54 (b) PSLV-C59
 (c) PSLV-C58 (d) PSLV-C57
 (e) PSLV-C56
49. **With which country's Army did the Indian Army conduct the first Table Top Exercise 'CINBAX' in December 2024?**
 (a) China (b) Singapore
 (c) Cambodia (d) Chili
 (e) Japan
50. **What is the name of India's first indigenous antibiotic developed by Wockhardt?**
 (a) Aminoglycosides
 (b) Nitrofurantoin
 (c) Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole
 (d) Nafithromycin
 (e) Tetracyclines
51. **Which company has secured ₹136-crore contract to supply indigenously designed High Mobility Vehicles (HMs) 8x8?**
 (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
 (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
 (c) BEML Limited
 (d) Tata Advanced Systems
 (e) Bharat Electronics Limited
52. **What is Asian Development Bank's GDP growth forecast for India for FY25?**
 (a) 6.0% (b) 6.5%
 (c) 7.0% (d) 7.2%
 (e) 7.5%
53. **Which four state governments participated in the India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024 in New Delhi?**
 (a) Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan
 (b) Gujarat, Goa, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh
 (c) Maharashtra, West Bengal, Punjab, Odisha
 (d) Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana
 (e) Karnataka, Delhi, Assam, Sikkim
54. **The 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024 was organised in which city?**
 (a) Jaipur (b) Dehradun
 (c) New Delhi (d) Kolkata
 (e) Pune
55. **Which state government has launched 'Him Bhog Atta' Project to promote natural farming?**

- (a) Uttarakhand (b) Himachal Pradesh
(c) Gujarat (d) Uttar Pradesh
(e) Bihar
56. **Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of TransUnion CIBIL?**
(a) Rajesh Kumar (b) Bhavesh Jain
(c) Anil Mehta (d) Suresh Patel
(e) Ramesh Gupta
57. **What is the loan amount sanctioned by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Amaravati's development?**
(a) USD 500 million (b) USD 788 million
(c) USD 900 million (d) USD 718 million
(e) USD 850 million
58. **Indian Grandmaster Dommaraju Gukesh became the youngest chess champion in the world by defeating Ding Liren of China. Where was the 18th World Chess Championship held?**
(a) Dubai (b) Singapore
(c) Moscow (d) New Delhi
(e) Shanghai
59. **When is National Energy Conservation Day celebrated in India?**
(a) December 10 (b) December 14
(c) December 15 (d) December 12
(e) December 13
60. **Mikheil Kavelashvili has been elected the next president of which country?**
(a) Georgia (b) Singapore
(c) Denmark (d) Ukraine
(e) Egypt
61. **Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of France by Emmanuel Macron?**
(a) Jean Casex (b) Francois Bayrou
(c) Michel Barnier (d) Marine Le Pen
(e) Nicolas Sarkozy
62. **What is the loan amount approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to boost India's sustainable infrastructure?**
(a) \$300 million (b) \$400 million
(c) \$500 million (d) \$600 million
(e) \$700 million
63. **Which country has become the first European nation to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)?**
(a) Austria (b) France
(c) Spain (d) Britain
(e) India

64. **Which player won the women's singles title at the Odisha Masters 2024?**
(a) PV Sindhu (b) Cai Yan Yan
(c) Saina Nehwal (d) Anmol Kharb
(e) Tanvi Sharma
65. **Good Governance Day is observed annually to commemorate the birth anniversary of which Indian leader?**
(a) Mahatma Gandhi
(b) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
(c) Jawaharlal Nehru
(d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
(e) Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar
66. **Who has been appointed as Chairperson of the UN Internal Justice Council (IJ(C))?**
(a) Madan B. Lokur
(b) Ranjan Gogoi
(c) D.Y. Chandrachud
(d) N.V. Ramana
(e) S.A. Bobde
67. **Who was awarded the 34th Vyas Samman for her 2018 novel Kaun Des Ko Vasi: Venu Ki Diary?**
(a) Kamleshwar
(b) Harivansh Rai Bachchan
(c) Suryabala
(d) Raghubir Sahay
(e) Rakesh Sinha
68. **Which Indian leader was recently conferred the Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer by Kuwait?**
(a) Narendra Modi (b) S. Jaishankar
(c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
(d) Ram Nath Kovind
(e) Omar Abdullah
69. **Which institution set a Guinness World Record for administering Varmam therapy to 567 individuals simultaneously?**
(a) All India Institute of Medical Sciences
(b) National Institute of Siddha
(c) Banaras Hindu University
(d) Institute of Medical Sciences, Kashi
(e) Indian Institute of Yoga
70. **The 12th World Para Athletics Championship will be hosted by which city in 2025?**
(a) Tokyo (b) Paris
(c) New Delhi (d) London
(e) Vienna
71. **When is National Consumer Rights Day celebrated in India?**

- (a) December 24 (b) December 25
(c) December 26 (d) December 29
(e) December 28
72. **The "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" campaign is part of which initiative?**
(a) National Governance Week
(b) Good Governance Week
(c) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
(d) Rural Development Scheme
(e) Rashtriya Gaon Vikas Saptah
73. **Where is Masali village, India's first fully solar-powered border village, located?**
(a) Punjab (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Rajasthan (d) Gujarat
(e) Madhya Pradesh
74. **Kisan Divas is observed to honor the contributions of farmers and raise awareness about agricultural issues. When is it celebrated?**
(a) December 23 (b) December 24
(c) December 26 (d) December 28
(e) December 27
75. **Which of the following states has had the Protected Area Regime (PAR) reinstated recently for security concerns?**
(a) Assam (b) Manipur
(c) Odisha (d) Goa
(e) Tripura
76. **The Phewa Dialogue is a collaborative initiative between which two countries?**
(a) India and Nepal (b) Nepal and China
(c) India and China (d) India and Bhutan
(e) China and Sri Lanka
77. **The Yuga Yugeen Bharat National Museum is being developed as a world-class cultural institution in which Indian city?**
(a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai
(c) Kolkata (d) Bangalore
(e) Jaipur
78. **The Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) links how many police stations in India?**
(a) 10,000 (b) 17,130
(c) 20,000 (d) 25,000
(e) 35,000
79. **The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra can be accessed via which pass in Uttarakhand?**
(a) Nathu La Pass (b) Lipulekh Pass
(c) Rohtang Pass (d) Banihal Pass
(e) Liza Pass

80. **Georgia is bordered by which of the following countries?**
(a) Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, and Russia
(b) Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and China
(c) Turkey, Iraq, Syria, and Israel
(d) Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Iran
(e) Iraq, Turkey, Russia and Ukraine
81. **Which company launched the CHARAK initiative to provide free treatment for life-threatening diseases in Singrauli?**
(a) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
(b) Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)
(c) Coal India Limited
(d) Hindustan Zinc
(e) Bharat Electronics Limited
82. **Which ministry implements the SAMARTH Udyog Bharat 4.0 initiative?**
(a) Ministry of Electronics and IT
(b) Ministry of Science and Technology
(c) Ministry of Heavy Industries
(d) Ministry of MSME
(e) Ministry of Earth Sciences
83. **Which three nations participate in the Desert Knight air combat exercise?**
(a) India, UAE, and USA
(b) India, France, and UAE
(c) India, UK, and France
(d) India, UAE, and Qatar
(e) India, USA and Japan
84. **Which institution developed the DHARANI brain mapping dataset?**
(a) AIIMS Delhi (b) IISc Bengaluru
(c) IIT Madras (d) NIMHANS
(e) IIT Delhi
85. **Who won the Turner Prize 2024 for their exhibition "Alter Altar"?**
(a) Damien Hirst (b) Jasleen Kaur
(c) Anish Kapoor (d) Banksy
(e) Parveen Singh
86. **Which country will host the Blind Women's T20 World Cup in the year 2025?**
(a) Nepal (b) Pakistan
(c) India (d) Sri Lanka
(e) China
87. **Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has recently been elected as the first woman President of which country?**
(a) Kenya (b) Namibia
(c) Vietnam (d) South Africa

- (e) Egypt
88. Which of the following is the mascot for Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav 2024?
 (a) Purvi (b) Mishti
 (c) Nova (d) Phoenix
 (e) Bayiko
89. How many medals did India win at the 2024 Asia-Pacific Deaf Games?
 (a) 45 medals (b) 55 medals
 (c) 60 medals (d) 65 medals
 (e) 70 medals
90. The Champions of the Earth award is given by which UN organization?
 (a) UNDP (b) UNEP
 (c) UNESCO (d) WHO
 (e) WTO
91. Which Indian institution ranked highest in the QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2025?
 (a) IIT Delhi (b) IIT Bombay
 (c) IIT Kharagpur (d) IISc Bangalore
 (e) IIT Madras
92. Which country introduced the UN resolution for World Meditation Day?
 (a) India (b) Liechtenstein
 (c) United States (d) Australia
 (e) France
93. Which organization developed MuleHunter.AI?
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) SEBI
 (c) Ministry of Finance
 (d) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
 (e) SIDBI
94. Which country will host the first 'Kho Kho' World Cup?
 (a) Nepal (b) India
 (c) Sri Lanka (d) Pakistan
 (e) France
95. India's first night safari park is being developed in which city?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Lucknow
 (c) Jaipur (d) Bhopal
 (e) Hyderabad
96. The Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty was recently released during which conference?
 (a) G7 (b) G20
 (c) BRICS (d) SCO
 (e) WHO

97. Who has been nominated by newly elected US President Donald Trump as the FBI director?
 (a) Vivek Ramaswami
 (b) Elon Musk (c) Kash Patel
 (d) Pushkar Singla (e) None of these
98. Who won the gold medal in Syed Modi International Badminton Tournament?
 (a) PV Sindhu (b) Ankita Raina
 (c) Saina Nehwal (d) Aditi Ashok
 (e) Preeti Saxena
99. Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary has been declared as the eighth Tiger Reserve of which state?
 (a) Rajasthan (b) Maharashtra
 (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Chhattisgarh
 (e) Andhra Pradesh
100. Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra?
 (a) Ajit Pawar
 (b) Eknath Shinde
 (c) Devendra Fadnavis
 (d) Aditya Thackeray
 (e) Uddhav Thackeray

ANSWER KEY

Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.
1	B	2	A	3	D	4	C	5	D
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11	E	12	E	13	B	14	B	15	E
16	A	17	C	18	E	19	A	20	E
21	A	22	E	23	D	24	A	25	C
26	D	27	D	28	D	29	B	30	E
31	A	32	E	33	D	34	B	35	A
36	B	37	B	38	C	39	C	40	A
41	B	42	A	43	A	44	B	45	D
46	B	47	E	48	B	49	C	50	D
51	C	52	C	53	B	54	B	55	B
56	B	57	B	58	B	59	B	60	A
61	B	62	C	63	D	64	B	65	B
66	A	67	C	68	A	69	B	70	C
71	A	72	B	73	D	74	A	75	B
76	B	77	A	78	B	79	B	80	A
81	B	82	C	83	B	84	C	85	B
86	C	87	B	88	A	89	B	90	B
91	A	92	B	93	D	94	B	95	B
96	B	97	C	98	A	99	C	100	C

SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS



The **Sahitya Akademi Award** is one of the most distinguished literary honors in India, established by the **Sahitya Akademi**, India's National Academy of Letters, in **1954**. It recognizes the best works of literature in various genres and languages, contributing to the promotion of Indian literature on a national and international level.

PURPOSE AND SIGNIFICANCE:

Promotion of Indian Literature: The Sahitya Akademi Award aims to acknowledge the literary excellence of Indian writers who contribute to the cultural and intellectual heritage of the country. By recognizing exceptional literary works, the award helps to promote **Indian literature** both nationally and internationally.

Encouraging Multilingualism: The award encompasses **24 languages** (including official languages like Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, and regional languages like Konkani, Santali, etc.), making it a unique platform for writers across India's **linguistic diversity**. This encourages writers to create works in their mother tongues and brings attention to India's vast literary wealth.

GENRES RECOGNIZED:

1. The award covers a wide range of literary forms, including:

- Poetry
 - Fiction
 - Drama
 - Essays
 - Literary Criticism
 - Autobiographies
 - Travelogues
2. The inclusion of such a variety of genres helps foster the growth of different literary traditions and encourages writers to explore new forms of expression.

CATEGORIES:

1. **Language-wise Awards:** Each award is specific to a language, recognizing a single work that exemplifies the highest literary quality in that language for a particular year. Each awardee receives a **citation**, a **cash prize of ₹1 lakh**, and a **shawl**.
2. **Lifetime Achievement:** In addition to annual awards, the Sahitya Akademi also bestows a **Sahitya Akademi Fellowship** for lifetime achievement in literature. This is given to distinguished authors who have contributed significantly to the literary world.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

1. The **nomination** process involves a rigorous review by the **Sahitya Akademi Selection Committees**. These committees are set up for different languages, comprising eminent scholars, writers, and critics.
2. The committee evaluates books based on **creativity, artistic quality, impact on readers, and cultural significance**. The winner is selected by a majority vote among committee members.
3. The award is given **annually**, with the winners being announced in **December**, and the award ceremony typically takes place at a later date.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Authors must be **Indian citizens** or individuals of Indian origin. The award is given for a **single book** by an author published within the last few years.
2. **Posthumous awards** can be given, though rarely, to authors who have made an indelible mark in literature but are no longer alive to accept the honor.

NOTABLE RECIPIENTS:

Over the years, many acclaimed authors have been honored with the Sahitya Akademi Award, some of whom later went on to receive global recognition, such as:

1. **Rabindranath Tagore** (Bengali) – For his literary achievements.
2. **Kamala Das** (English) – For her unique and courageous exploration of women's emotions.
3. **R. Parthasarathy** (English) – For his contributions to modern English poetry in India.
4. **Ruskin Bond** (English) – Known for his evocative stories of the Himalayan region.
5. **M. T. Vasudevan Nair** (Malayalam) – A master of Malayalam fiction.

Winning the Sahitya Akademi Award is considered an important milestone for authors, bringing them wider readership and recognition.

SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2024 WINNERS

The **2024 Sahitya Akademi Awards** have recognized outstanding literary works from various genres and languages. The winners are selected for their excellence in literary expression and contribution to their respective languages.

Winners of the 2024 Sahitya Akademi Awards:

Category	Awardees
Poetry	Sameer Tanti (Assamese), Dileep Jhaveri (Gujarati), Gagan Gill (Hindi), K. Jayakumar (Malayalam), Haobam Satyabati Devi (Manipuri), Paul Kaur (Punjabi), Mukut Maniraj (Rajasthani), Dipak Kumar Sharma (Sanskrit)
Novel	Aron Raja (Bodo), Easterine Kire (English), Sohan Koul (Kashmiri)
Short Stories	Yuva Baral (Nepali), Hundraj Balwani (Sindhi)
Essays	Mukesh Thali (Konkani), Mahendra Malangia (Maithili), Baishnab Charan Samal (Odia)
Literary Criticism	K.V. Narayana (Kannada), Sudhir Rasal (Marathi), Penugonda Lakshminarayana (Telugu)
Play	Maheswar Soren (Santali)
Research	A.R. Venkatachalapathy (Tamil)

Many renowned authors, including **R. Parthasarathy, Ruskin Bond, and Kamala Das**, have won the Sahitya Akademi Award over the years, contributing significantly to India's literary heritage.

ONE NATION ONE ELECTION



The **One Nation, One Election** proposal suggests holding simultaneous elections for the **Lok Sabha (general elections)** and **state legislative assemblies** in India, aiming for efficient governance and reduced electoral costs. Here's a detailed overview, including data on past simultaneous elections:

OBJECTIVES:

1. **Reduction in Election Costs:** Holding multiple elections annually involves significant expenditure on logistics, security, and personnel. A single election cycle can cut these costs.
2. **Stable Governance:** Frequent elections disrupt policymaking. A synchronized election cycle aims to reduce such disruptions.
3. **Increased Voter Turnout:** Combining elections could lead to higher voter participation, as it consolidates the electoral process.
4. **Reduced Election-Related Disruptions:** Having a single election reduces the impact of political campaigns on governance and law and order.

FEATURES:

1. **Simultaneous Elections:** Lok Sabha and state elections would be conducted at the same time, eliminating the need for multiple election dates.
2. **Single Voter List:** A common voter list for all elections would streamline the process.

3. **Term Adjustments for State Assemblies:** Some states may need to amend their constitutions or adjust the terms of their legislative assemblies for synchronization.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL CHANGES:

- Significant **constitutional amendments** would be required to implement **One Nation, One Election**, particularly changes related to the **duration** of state assemblies and the **scheduling of elections**.

PAST SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS

India held simultaneous elections for both **Lok Sabha and state assemblies** until **1967**. This practice was discontinued afterward, with states holding elections independently based on their terms.

1. **1951-52:** The first general elections in independent India were held along with state assembly elections in most states.
2. **1957 and 1962:** These elections were also held simultaneously at the national and state levels.
3. **1967:** The practice of holding simultaneous elections ended due to differences in the terms of the Lok Sabha and state assemblies. From then, elections began being held independently.

COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Law Commission (2015):** Recommended the implementation of **simultaneous elections**, highlighting the cost reduction and political stability it could bring.
2. **NCRWC (2001):** The National Commission for Review of the Working of the Constitution recommended simultaneous elections to avoid fragmentation and enhance the continuity of governance.
3. **High-Level Committee (2023):** The **High-Level Committee on Simultaneous Elections**, headed by **Ram Nath Kovind** (former President of India), was constituted by the Government of India on **2nd September 2023**. Its mandate was to assess the feasibility and implications of holding **simultaneous elections** for the **Lok Sabha (general elections)** and **state legislative assemblies**.

KEY BENEFITS

1. **Cost Reduction:** Substantial savings on election-related expenditure.
2. **Political Stability:** Reducing mid-term elections and frequent electoral disruptions could bring more stable governance.
3. **Efficient Use of Resources:** Government and administrative resources can be better utilized when elections are not spread throughout the year.

CHALLENGES:

1. **Political Consensus:** Political parties, especially regional ones, may resist the idea due to concerns about losing their regional influence.
2. **Constitutional Amendments:** Changes in the **Constitution** are necessary to bring about the synchronization of elections.
3. **Logistical Challenges:** Conducting elections across India on a massive scale at the same time poses logistical difficulties.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON

- **South Africa, Mexico, and Germany** hold simultaneous elections for national and state legislatures, which has led to administrative efficiency in these countries.
- While the **One Nation, One Election** proposal offers many advantages, including cost reduction and political stability, its feasibility remains uncertain due to **political, constitutional, and logistical challenges**. Consensus among political parties and constitutional amendments are key to making this proposal a reality.



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PAPER – A

- ਨਾਂਵ ਕਿੰਨੀ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ:
(a) 7 (b) 4
(c) 6 (d) 5
- ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਕੱਪੜੇ ਚੰਗੇ ਸੀਤੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ, ਇਸ ਵਾਕ ਵਿੱਚ 'ਤੁਹਾਡੇ' ਸ਼ਬਦ ਹੈ:
(a) ਨਿਸ਼ਚੇਵਾਚਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਣ (b) ਗੁਣਵਾਚਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਣ
(c) ਪਰਿਮਾਣਵਾਚਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਣ (d) ਪੜਨਾਵੀਂ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਣ
- ਵੇਖੀਂ ਬਚੀ ਖਬਰਦਾਰ ਕਿਹੜੇ ਵਿਸ਼ਮਿਕ ਹਨ:
(a) ਇੱਛਾਵਾਚਕ (b) ਸੂਚਨਾਵਾਚਕ
(c) ਸੰਬੋਧਕੀ (d) ਹੈਰਾਨੀਵਾਚਕ
- ਸ਼ੁੱਧ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਰੂਪ ਦੱਸੋ:
(a) ਸੁਕਰਵਾਰ (b) ਸੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ
(c) ਸ਼ੁਕਰਵਾਰ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ
- Eighty Nine ਦਾ ਸ਼ੁੱਧ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਰੂਪ ਦੱਸੋ:
(a) ਉੱਨਵੇਂ (b) ਉੱਨਣਵੇਂ
(c) ਉਨਨਵੇ (d) ਉਨਨਵੇ
- 'Efficiency Bar' ਦਾ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਰੂਪ ਹੈ:
(a) ਪਾਤਰਤਾ (b) ਯੋਗਤਾ
(c) ਲਾਜ਼ਮੀ ਯੋਗਤਾ (d) ਨਿਪੁੰਨਤਾ ਰੋਕ
- ਅੱਧ ਜੂਨ ਤੋਂ ਅੱਧ ਜੁਲਾਈ ਤੱਕ ਦੇਸੀ ਮਹੀਨਾ ਹੈ:
(a) ਜੇਠ (b) ਹਾੜ
(c) ਭਾਦਰੋਂ (d) ਮੱਘਰ
- ਉਹ ਘੜੀ ਮੁੜੀ ਸਾਡੇ ਵੱਲ ਵੇਖ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਵਾਕ ਵਿੱਚ 'ਘੜੀ ਮੁੜੀ' ਹੈ:
(a) ਨਿਸ਼ਚੇਵਾਚਕ ਕਿਰਿਆ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਣ
(b) ਸੰਖਿਆਵਾਚਕ ਕਿਰਿਆ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਣ
(c) ਕਾਰਨਵਾਚਕ ਕਿਰਿਆ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਣ
(d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ
- ਕਿਹੜਾ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਉਰਦੂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਦਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ?
(a) ਸਮਾਪਤ (b) ਪਾਕੀਜ਼ਾ
(c) ਨਵਾਜਿਸ਼ (d) ਗੁਲਾਮ
- ਲਿੰਗ ਤੇ ਵਚਨ ਸਬੰਧਿਤ ਹਨ:
(a) ਪੜਨਾਵ ਨਾਲ (b) ਨਾਂਵ ਨਾਲ
(c) ਸਬੰਧਕ ਨਾਲ (d) ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਣ ਨਾਲ
- ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੋਟੇ ਠੁੱਲੇ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਨ ਕਿਸ ਰੂਪ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪੁੱਛੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ:
(a) ਅਖਾਣਾਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ (b) ਮੁਹਾਵਰਿਆਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ
(c) ਬੁਝਾਰਤਾਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ (d) ਕਹਾਣੀਆਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ
- ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਸ ਕਬੀਲੇ ਦੇ ਲੋਕ ਚਾਕੂ, ਛੁਰੀਆਂ, ਰੰਬੀਆਂ, ਦਾਤਰੀਆਂ ਬਣਾਉਂਦੇ ਹਨ?
(a) ਭੇਚਰ (b) ਓਡ
(c) ਬੋਰੀਏ (d) ਸਿਕਲੀਗਰ
- ਮਹਾਰਾਜੀ ਰਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਾ ਜਨਮ ਹੋਇਆ:
(a) ਗੁਜਰਾਂਵਾਲਾ ਵਿੱਚ (b) ਸਿਆਲਕੋਟ ਵਿੱਚ
(c) ਕਲਾਨੌਰ ਵਿੱਚ (d) ਹਰਗੋਬਿੰਦਪੁਰ ਵਿੱਚ
- ਆਰੀਆ ਸਮਾਜ ਅੰਦੋਲਨ ਦੇ ਸੰਸਥਾਪਕ ਸਨ:
(a) ਸੁਆਮੀ ਦਇਆ ਨੰਦ (b) ਸੁਆਮੀ ਸ਼ਰਧਾ ਨੰਦ
(c) ਲਾਲਾ ਲਾਜਪਤ ਰਾਏ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ
- 1504ਈ.-1552ਈ. ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਹੈ:
(a) ਗੁਰੂ ਅੰਗਦ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦਾ (b) ਗੁਰੂ ਰਾਮਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਦਾ
(c) ਗੁਰੂ ਅਮਰਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਦਾ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ
- ਗੁਰਮਤਿ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ 'ਵੈਸ਼ਨਵ ਮੱਤ' ਦੇ ਅਨੁਯਾਈ ਸਨ:
(a) ਕਬੀਰ ਜੀ (b) ਗੁਰੂ ਅਮਰਦਾਸ ਜੀ
(c) ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਦਾਸ ਜੀ (d) ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਜੀ
- ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਰਚਨਾ ਹੈ:-
(a) 57 ਸ਼ਬਦ 59 ਸ਼ਲੋਕ (b) 56 ਸ਼ਬਦ 57 ਸ਼ਲੋਕ
(c) 54 ਸ਼ਬਦ 59 ਸ਼ਲੋਕ (d) 59 ਸ਼ਬਦ 57 ਸ਼ਲੋਕ
- ਗੁਰੂ ਅਰਜਨ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਰਚਿਤ ਬਾਣੀ ਦੀ ਸਤਰ ਹੈ:-
(a) ਮੇਰਾ ਮਨੁ ਲੋਚੈ ਗੁਰ ਦਰਸਨ ਤਾਈ॥
(b) ਮੇਹਨ ਤੇਰੇ ਊਚੇ ਮੰਦਰ ਮਹਲ ਅਪਾਰਾ॥
(c) ਕਿਰਤਿ ਕਰਮ ਕੇ ਵੀਛੁੜੇ ਕਰਿ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਮੇਲਹੁ ਰਾਮ॥
(d) ਸਾਰੀਆਂ
- 'ਉਦਾਰ' ਦਾ ਸਮਾਨਾਰਥੀ ਹੈ:
(a) ਦਇਆਵਾਨ (b) ਉਚਾਟ
(c) ਅਜਨਬੀ (d) ਅਜੀਬ
- ਫ਼ਕੀਰ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਨਾਰਥੀ ਹੈ:
(a) ਦੇਵਤਾ (b) ਸ਼ੁਦਾਈ
(c) ਸਵਾਮੀ (d) ਦਰਵੇਸ਼

21. ਉੱਨਤੀ ਦਾ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਹੈ:
(a) ਨਿਵਾਣ (b) ਢਹਿਣਾ
(c) ਅਧੋਗਤੀ (d) ਹੇਠਾਂ
22. 'ਸੱਜਰ' ਦਾ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਹੈ:
(a) ਦੁੱਕੜ (b) ਬੱਜਰ
(c) ਤੋਕੜ (d) ਵਰਖਾ
23. 'ਹੰਕਾਰ ਕਰਨਾ' ਲਈ ਮੁਹਾਵਰਾ ਵਰਤਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ:
(a) ਹੱਥ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਰੱਖਣਾ (b) ਅੱਤ ਚੁੱਕਣਾ
(c) ਘੋਟ ਘੋਟ ਗੱਲਾਂ ਕਰਨਾ (d) ਅੱਖਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਚਰਬੀ ਆਉਣਾ
24. ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿੱਚ ਗੁਰੂ ਰਾਮਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਬਾਣੀ ਕਿੰਨੇ ਰਾਗਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਦਰਜ ਹੈ?
(a) 30 (b) 29
(c) 31 (d) 19
25. "ਚੱਕ੍ਰ ਚਿਹਨ ਅਰੁ ਬਰਨ ਜਾਤਿ ਅਰੁ ਪਾਤਿ ਨਹਿਨ ਜਿਹ॥" ਸੱਤਰਾਂ ਹਨ:
(a) ਗੁਰੂ ਅੰਗਦ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੀਆਂ (b) ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੀਆਂ
(c) ਗੁਰੂ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਦੀਆਂ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ
26. 'ਮਾਰੂ ਸੈਲਰੇ' ਰਚਨਾ ਹੈ:
(a) ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੀ (b) ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਜੀ ਦੀ
(c) ਗੁਰੂ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਦੀ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ
27. 'ਨਿਤਾਣ' ਸ਼ਬਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਗੇਤਰ ਹੈ:
(a) ਨਿ (b) ਨਿਤ
(c) ਨਿਤਾ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ
28. 'ਵਿਸ਼ਾਲ' ਸ਼ਬਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਗੇਤਰ ਹੈ:
(a) ਵਿਸ਼ (b) ਵਿਸ਼ਾ
(c) ਵਿ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ
29. 'ਉਤਪਾਦਕ' ਸ਼ਬਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਪਿਛੇਤਰ ਹੈ:
(a) ਕ (b) ਪਾਦਕ
(c) ਦਕ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ
30. 'ਮੂਰਖਤਾਈ' ਸ਼ਬਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਪਿਛੇਤਰ ਹੈ:
(a) ਤਾਈ (b) ਖਤਾਈ
(c) ਈ (d) ਸਾਰੇ
31. ਕਿਹੜਾ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਬਹੁ-ਵਚਨ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੀ ਵਰਤਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ?
(a) ਨੌਕਰਾਂ (b) ਪੁਜਾਰੀ
(c) ਮਾਪੇ (d) ਹਾਥੀਆਂ
32. ਕਿਸ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਦਾ ਬਹੁ-ਵਚਨ ਰੂਪ ਨਹੀਂ ਮਿਲਦਾ?
(a) ਸੋਟਾ (b) ਭੂਆ
(c) ਚਾਚਾ (d) ਮਾਸੜ
33. ਕਿਸ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਨੂੰ 'ਨੀ' ਲਗਾ ਕੇ ਇਸਤਰੀ ਲਿੰਗ ਦਾ ਰੂਪ ਬਣਦਾ ਹੈ?
(a) ਸਾਧ (b) ਵਕੀਲ
(c) ਸੂਬੇਦਾਰ (d) ਸੰਤ
34. 'ਬਾਦਸ਼ਾਹ' ਦਾ ਇਸਤਰੀ ਲਿੰਗ ਹੈ:
(a) ਬੇਗਮ (b) ਮਲਕਾ
(c) ਰਾਣੀ (d) ਸ਼ਾਹਣੀ

35. ਕਿਸੇ ਵਾਕ ਵਿੱਚ ਠਹਿਰਾਓ ਡੰਡੀ ਨਾਲੋਂ ਘੱਟ ਤੇ ਕਾਮੇ ਨਾਲੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ:
(a) ਬਿੰਦੀ ਕਾਮਾ ਦੀ(;) (b) ਬਿੰਦੀ ਦੀ(.)
(c) ਦੁਬਿੰਦੀ ਦੀ(:) (d) ਦੁਬਿੰਦੀ ਡੈਸ਼ ਦੀ(:-)
36. ਮੁਹਾਵਰੇ ਦਾ ਖਾਲੀ ਸਥਾਨ ਭਰੋ:
ਸਿਰ ਉੱਤੇ _____ ਆ ਡਿੱਗਣਾ।
(a) ਛੱਤ (b) ਪਹਾੜ
(c) ਕੁਹਾੜਾ (d) ਪਾਣੀ
37. ਅਖਾਣ ਦਾ ਖਾਲੀ ਸਥਾਨ ਭਰੋ:
ਘਰੋਂ _____ ਗਵਾਇਆ, ਬਾਹਰੋਂ ਭੜੂਆ ਅਖਵਾਇਆ।
(a) ਸਮਾਨ (b) ਘਰ
(c) ਪੈਸਾ (d) ਗਹਿਣਾ
38. ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਦਿਸਦੀ ਚੀਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਮਾਣ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਨਹੀਂ, ਲਈ ਅਖਾਣ ਵਰਤਦੇ ਹਨ:
(a) ਹੱਥ ਕੰਗਣ ਨੂੰ ਆਰਸੀ ਕੀ (b) ਹੱਥ ਨੂੰ ਹੱਥ ਪਛਾਣ ਦਾ
(c) ਸੌ ਹੱਥ ਰੱਸਾ ਸਿਰੇ ਤੇ ਗੰਢ (d) ਈਦ ਪਿੱਛੋਂ ਤੰਬਾ ਫੂਕਣਾ
39. ਸ਼ੁੱਧ ਰੂਪ ਹੈ:
(a) ਬਣਾਉਣਾ (b) ਬਨਾਉਣਾ
(c) ਬਣਾਉਨਾ (d) ਬਨਾਉਨਾ
40. ਕਿਸੇ ਰਾਜ ਦੇ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਦਫ਼ਤਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਕਾਜ ਲਈ ਵਰਤੀ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਨੂੰ ਕਹਿੰਦੇ ਹਨ:
(a) ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ (b) ਟਕਸਾਲੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ
(c) ਲਿਖਤੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ (d) ਸਾਹਿਤਕ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ
41. 'ਦੁਆਬੀ' ਉਪ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਦਾ ਖੇਤਰ ਹੈ:
(a) ਜਲੰਧਰ, ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ
(b) ਜਲੰਧਰ, ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ, ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ
(c) ਜਲੰਧਰ, ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ
(d) ਜਲੰਧਰ, ਰੋਪੜ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ
42. ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੋਰ ਕਿਹੜੇ ਦੇਸ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਬੋਲੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ?
(a) ਮਲੇਸ਼ੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ (b) ਜਰਮਨ ਵਿੱਚ
(c) ਇਟਲੀ ਵਿੱਚ (d) ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਵਿੱਚ
43. ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਦੀ ਕਿਹੜੀ ਉਪ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਈ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ 'ਵ' ਦੀ ਜਗ੍ਹਾ 'ਮ' ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ:
(a) ਮਲਵਈ (b) ਪੁਆਧੀ
(c) ਦੁਆਬੀ (d) ਡੋਗਰੀ
44. ਸਿੰਧੂ ਘਾਟੀ ਦੀ ਸੱਭਿਅਤਾ ਫ਼ੈਲੀ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ:
(a) ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਸਿੰਧ, ਬਲੋਚਿਸਤਾਨ ਤੱਕ
(b) ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਸਿੰਧ, ਰਾਜਸਥਾਨ ਤੱਕ
(c) ਸਿੰਧ ਦਰਿਆ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ
(d) ਸਿੰਧ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਜੰਮੂ ਕਸ਼ਮੀਰ ਤੱਕ
45. ਠੀਕ ਦੱਸੋ:
(a) ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਅਤੇ ਸੱਭਿਆਚਾਰ ਦਾ ਆਪਣਾ ਆਪਣਾ ਸਿਸਟਮ ਹੈ।
(b) ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਅਤੇ ਸੱਭਿਆਚਾਰ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਪਰਿਵਰਤਨਸ਼ੀਲ ਹਨ।

- (c) ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਅਤੇ ਸੱਭਿਆਚਾਰ ਦੋਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਗ੍ਰਹਿਣ ਕਰਨਾ ਪੈਂਦਾ ਹੈ।
(d) ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਸਾਰੇ
46. **ਸਿਰ ਉੱਤੇ ਪਾਇਆ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਗਹਿਣਾ ਹੈ:**
(a) ਬਘਿਆੜੀ (b) ਤੁੰਗਲ
(c) ਨੁਕਰਾ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ
47. **ਲਾੜੇ ਦੀ ਬੁੱਧੀ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰੀਖਿਆ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਸੱਭਿਆਚਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਹੜਾ ਕਾਵਿ ਰੂਪ ਪ੍ਰਚੱਲਿਤ ਹੈ:**
(a) ਸਿੱਠਣੀ (b) ਛੰਦਪਰਾਗਾ
(c) ਸੱਦ (d) ਪੱਤਲ
48. **ਖਰਾ ਖੋਟਾ, ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੋਹਾਂ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਹੜਾ ਵਿਸਰਾਮ ਚਿੰਨ੍ਹ ਵਰਤਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ?**
(a) ਕਾਮਾ (b) ਡੈਸ਼
(c) ਜੋੜਨੀ (d) ਦੁਬਿੰਦੀ
49. **ਸ਼ੁੱਧ ਰੂਪ ਹੈ:**
(a) ਸਨਹਿਰੀ (b) ਸੁਨਹਿਰੀ
(c) ਸੁਨੈਹਰੀ (d) ਸਨੈਹਰੀ
50. **ਸ਼ੁੱਧ ਰੂਪ ਹੈ:**
(a) ਮੈਨੂੰ ਕਵਿਤਾ ਜ਼ਬਾਨੀ ਜਾਦ ਹੈ। (b) ਮੈਨੂੰ ਕਵਿਤਾ ਜ਼ਬਾਨੀ ਯਾਦ ਹੈ।
(c) ਮੈਨੂੰ ਕਵਿਤਾ ਜ਼ਬਾਨੀ ਯਾਦ ਹੈ। (d) ਮੈਨੂੰ ਕਵਿਤਾ ਜ਼ਬਾਨੀ ਯਾਦ ਹੈ।

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51. **What is the smallest unit of digital information?**
(a) Bit (b) Byte
(c) Terabyte (d) Gigabyte
52. **In MS-Word this option suggest other words with a similar meaning to the word which have selected:**
(a) Thesaurus (b) Semillon
(c) Format (d) Painter Indent
53. **Which keyboard shortcut is used to undo the last action in Microsoft Word?**
(a) Ctrl+X (b) Ctrl+A
(c) Ctrl+Y (d) Ctrl Z
54. **Which of the following is not a web browser?**
(a) Telnet (b) Google Chrome
(c) Mozilla Firefox (d) Microsoft edge
55. **Which symbol is used to indicate an absolute cell reference in Excel?**
(a) # (b) @
(c) & (d) \$
56. **Which one is not a Storage Drive of Computer?**
(a) Solid-Segment Drive (b) Pen Drive
(c) Hard Disk Drive (d) DVD Drive
57. **What is the full form of IP in TCP/IP protocol of Network?**
(a) Internet Practice (b) Internet Protocol
(c) Information Practice (d) Identity Practice
58. **Which of the following is NOT an operating system?**
(a) Linux (b) Unix
- (c) Microsoft Access (d) DOS
59. **Name the mother of Puran Bhagat:**
(a) Luna (b) Ichhran
(c) Sundran (d) Shakuntala
60. **Where did Guru Nanak compose Japji?**
(a) Sultanpur Lodhi (b) Lahore
(c) Kiratpur (d) Kartarpur
61. **Who is associated with Sulha Kul?**
(a) Birbal (b) Akbar
(c) Mian Mir (d) Aurangzeb
62. **Bulleh Shah is Known for:**
(a) Sufi poetry (b) Asceticism
(c) Bravery (d) Orthodoxy
63. **Who succeeded Maharaja Ranjit Singh?**
(a) Sher Singh (b) Chet Singh
(c) Kharak Singh (d) Naunihal Singh
64. **Who was the President of the Board of Administration (1849)?**
(a) John Lawrence (b) Henry Lawrence
(c) John Nicholson
(d) Richard Montgomery
65. **Which function is used to calculate the square root of a number in Excel?**
(a) SAND (b) SQRT
(c) SORT (d) SROOT
66. **How is the Punjab mentioned in the Rigveda?**
(a) Punjab (b) Tse-Kia
(c) Sapta Sidhavah (d) Lahore Suba
67. **The city of Takshashila was known for**
(a) Learning (b) Battle
(c) Arts and Architecture
(d) Trade and Commerce
68. **When was Bhagat Singh executed?**
(a) 1928 (b) 1931
(c) 1941 (d) 1945
69. **Who was the Chairman of the Punjab Boundary Commission (1947)?**
(a) B.J. Glancy (b) Muhammad Munir
(c) M.C. Mahajan (d) Cyril Radcliffe
70. **What is an Algoza?**
(a) Musical instrument
(b) Part of dress of Bhangra
(c) Form of dance (d) Supporting stick
71. **Which city is associated with Hola Mohalla?**
(a) Nanded (b) Nankana Sahib
(c) Anandpur Sahib (d) Kurukshetra
72. **Which field is Amrita Sher-Gill associated with?**
(a) Architecture (b) Painting
(c) Sculpture (d) Archery
73. **Mention the period of Pagri Sambal Jatta Movement:**
(a) 1849-50 (b) 1872-73
(c) 1905-6 (d) 1907-08
74. **Identify important personality in 1919 in the Punjab:**
(a) Sardar Ajit Singh (b) Saifuddin Kitchlew

- (c) Bhagat Singh (d) Lala Lajpat Rai
75. **Which field did Dhani Ram Chatrik belong to?**
 (a) Science (b) Sports
 (c) Literature (d) Agriculture
76. **How many bones are there in the body of a human infant?**
 (a) 206 (b) 208
 (c) 170 (d) 270
77. **POCSO act makes abetment (encouragement) of ____.**
 (a) Child sexual abuse an offense
 (b) Same gender child sexual abuse an offense
 (c) Same gender sexual abuse an offense
 (d) Forced sexual abuse an offense
78. **Which planet is closer to Sun?**
 (a) Mercury (b) Venus
 (c) Mars (d) Earth
79. **Which of the following are non-invasive techniques of studying brains?**
 (i) MRI (ii) MRI
 (iii) CT Scan (iv) PET Scan
 (a) i and ii only (b) iii and iv only
 (c) i,ii and iii only (d) i,ii,iii and iv
80. **What is the minimum age required to become a member of upper house in parliament?**
 (a) 25 years (b) 30 years
 (c) 35 years (d) 50 years
81. **Who is V.Zelensky?**
 (a) Defence Minister of Russia
 (b) Secretary General of NATO
 (c) President of Ukraine
 (d) Secretary General of UNESCO
82. **In which year, the first Indian film "Raja Harishchandra" was made?**
 (a) 1913 (b) 1931
 (c) 1930 (d) 1917
83. **Who is the author of the book "Tale of two cities"?**
 (a) Jane Austen (b) Charles Dickens
 (c) Ernest Hemingway (d) Thomas Hardy
84. **Who is the author of novel "Bhabhi Maina"?**
 (a) Gurbaksh Singh (b) Amrita Pritam
 (c) Dalip Kaur Tiwana (d) Nanak Singh
85. **Which is the capital of Canada?**
 (a) Toronoto (b) Vancouver
 (c) Ottawa (d) Montreal
86. **When did India play its first cricket test match?**
 (a) 1931 (b) 1932
 (c) 1947 (d) 1951
87. **"Jockey" is the term associated with which sport?**
 (a) Archery (b) Lawn tennis
 (c) Table tennis (d) Equestrian sports
88. **The speaker of Lok Sabha can ask a member of the house to stop speaking and let another member speak. What is this known as?**
 (a) Point of order

- (b) Calling attention motion
 (c) Yielding the floor
 (d) Crossing the floor
89. **When the house of parliament (Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha) is adjourned without naming day for re-assembly, it is known as...**
 (a) Demand for grants
 (b) Adjournment of debate
 (c) Adjournment of the sitting house
 (d) Adjournment Sine die
90. **Who is the only player to have won singles "Golden Slam" in Lawn tennis?**
 (a) Novak Djokovi (b) Serena Williams
 (c) Steffi Graf (d) Rod Laver
91. **Out of the following which is the biggest unit for computer data storage?**
 (a) Mega Byte (b) Kile Byte
 (c) Giga Byte (d) Teta Byte
92. **Which of the following is recently recognized as a National Party (Political)?**
 (a) Trinamool Congress
 (b) Bahujan Samaj Party
 (c) National Congress Party
 (d) Aam Aadmi Paty
93. **Pingali Venkaya is related to which of the following?**
 (a) Indian Army
 (b) India's National Flag
 (c) India's National Anthem
 (d) India's National Song
94. **Mountbatten Plan (June 1947) provided for a referendum in which of the following Provinces?**
 (a) Baluchistan
 (b) North-West Frontier Province
 (c) Sindh (d) Punjab
95. **Who among the following was shot dead while hoisting National Flag at Gohpur Police Station?**
 (a) Sarojini Naidu (b) Kanaklata Barua
 (c) Maniben Patel (d) Matangini Hazra
96. **The major pollutant from automobile exhaust is...**
 (a) NO (b) CO
 (c) SO₂ (d) CO₂
97. **A high Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) indicates that....**
 (a) Water is pure
 (b) Absence of microbial action
 (c) Low level of microbial pollution
 (d) High level of microbial pollution
98. **Which of the following means mixed economy?**
 (a) Traditional and modern industries
 (b) Both public and private sectors are involved
 (c) Involvement of both foreign and domestic investors
 (d) Importance to both industry and agriculture

99. Ram and Mansi started a business with capitals of Rs. 36,000 and 90,000 respectively and earned Rs. 35,000 as the profit at the end of the year. What is Mansi's share in the profit?
 (a) Rs. 25,000 (b) Rs. 10,000
 (c) Rs. 15,000 (d) Rs. 35,000
100. A trader buys one kilogram of coffee at Rs. 125 and sells at Rs. 200. What is his profit percentage?
 (a) 20% (b) 60%
 (c) 30% (d) 40%
101. Who laid the foundation of Durgiana Mandir at Amritsar?
 (a) Madan Mohan Malviya
 (b) Gopal Krishan Gokhale
 (c) Lala Lajpat Rai
 (d) Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru
102. In which year did Punjab and PEPSU merge?
 (a) 1950 (b) 1952
 (c) 1956 (d) 1957
103. What sum of money amounts to Rs. 5,800 in three years at 15% per annum simple interest?
 (a) Rs. 3,000 (b) Rs. 6,000
 (c) Rs. 4,000 (d) Rs. 7,000
104. Two numbers are in the ratio 9:7. If 14 is subtracted from each, the ratio becomes 7:5. Then the numbers are
 (a) 39 and 63 (b) 28 and 45
 (c) 63 and 49 (d) 60 and 49
105. What is the compound interest on Rs. 16,000 at 20% per annum for 9 months, interest compounded quarterly?
 (a) Rs. 3,455 (b) Rs. 2,522
 (c) Rs. 2,500 (d) Rs. 1,625
106. Sushil decided to donate 16% of his salary for a charity. On the day of donation he changed his mind and donated Rs. 3,792 which was 75% of what he decided earlier. How much is Sushil's salary?
 (a) 21,500 (b) 11,400
 (c) 31,600 (d) 41,000
107. 36% of a particular number is 756. What is 54% of the number?
 (a) 1045 (b) 1134
 (c) 1165 (d) 2165
108. In a bag, there are a certain number of coins of the denominations Rs.1, Rs.2 and Rs. 5 in the ratio of 3:4:5. If the total value of the coins in the bag is Rs. 756, then the total number of coins in the bag is
 (a) 332 (b) 356
 (c) 252 (d) 116
109. A tank is filled in eight hours by three pipes A, B and C. Pipe A is twice as fast as pipe B, and pipe B is twice as fast as pipe C. How much time will pipe B alone take to fill the tank?
 (a) 28 hours (b) 12 hours
 (c) 24 hours (d) 32 hours
110. A car covers the first 45 km of its journey in 55 minutes and the remaining 59 km in 65 minutes. Find the average speed of the car.
 (a) 48 km/hr (b) 36 km/hr
 (c) 52 km/hr (d) 60 km/hr
111. The average of three numbers is 20. If two numbers are 14 and 28, then find the third number.
 (a) 18 (b) 26
 (c) 10 (d) 24
112. The average cost of 16 items is Rs. 59. Four items with an average price of Rs. 60 are returned and three other items costing Rs. 39, Rs. 49 and Rs. 40 are also returned. Find the new average.
 (a) 59 (b) 64
 (c) 62 (d) 72
113. If 12 men or 20 women can do a piece of work in 54 days, then in how many days can 9 men and 12 women together do the work?
 (a) 45 (b) 33
 (c) 40 (d) 56
114. Find the greatest number which divides 83, 125 and 209 leaving the same remainder in each case.
 (a) 24 (b) 12
 (c) 42 (d) 17
115. If in certain language, CODE is written as DPEF, then how is POWER written?
 (a) QNXFS (b) QPVFS
 (c) QPXFS (d) None of these
116. A man walks 5 km toward south and then turns to the right. After walking 3 km he turns to the left and walks 5 km. Now in which direction is he from the starting place?
 (a) South-West (b) North
 (c) West (d) North-East
117. A cube of side one metre length is cut into small cubes of side 10 cm each. How many such small cubes can be obtained?
 (a) 100 (b) 1000
 (c) 10 (d) 10000
118. A goat is tied by a rope of length 10m to a pole at a corner of a field of length 100 metre and breadth 50 metre. What is the area of field it can graze?
 (a) $15\pi\text{m}^2$ (b) $20\pi\text{m}^2$
 (c) $25\pi\text{m}^2$ (d) $30\pi\text{m}^2$
119. What is the least number to be subtracted from 696 to make it a perfect square?
 (a) 2 (b) 6
 (c) 35 (d) 20
120. Which two signs should be changed to make the given equation correct?
 $39 \div 3 * 13 + 26 - 13 = 2$
 (a) * and - (b) ÷ and *

- (c) ÷ and - (d) + and -
121. $24 : 48 :: 28 : ?$
 (a) 280 (b) 168
 (c) 861 (d) 56
122. In a certain code language, '+' represents '×', '-' represents '+', '×' represents '÷' and '÷' represents '-'.
 Then what is value of the expression $825 \times 25 - 27 \div 10 = ?$
 (a) 25 (b) 20
 (c) 50 (d) 100
123. Pointing to a photograph of a boy Ajay said, "He is the son of the only son of my mother". How is Ajay related to that boy?
 (a) Brother (b) Cousin
 (c) Uncle (d) Father
124. What will be the next term in the given series 25, 49, 81, 121, 169, ...
 (a) 361 (b) 225
 (c) 269 (d) 389
125. Select the odd one from the following:
 (a) 513 (b) 342
 (c) 135 (d) 124
126. Locate the Adverb in the following sentence:
 They worked very diligently for the upcoming concert burning the midnight oil.
 (a) worked (b) diligently
 (c) upcoming (d) the midnight oil
127. Choose the correct synonym for:
 (a) Greedy (b) Tired
 (c) Intelligent (d) Innocent
128. Choose the correct antonym for:
 Crooked
 (a) Detest (b) Straight
 (c) Clumsy (d) Immense
129. Choose the right term for: disease found consistently in a given place or in a limited group of people
 (a) Endemic (b) Epidemic
 (c) Pandemic (d) Contagion
130. Choose the correct meaning for the following idiomatic expression:
 Jump on the bandwagon
 (a) give away a secret (b) no matter what
 (c) following a trend (d) rarely
131. Choose the correct article to fill the blank in the following sentence:
 He is _____ most capable officer in the whole battalion.
 (a) a (b) an
 (c) the (d) No article
132. Choose the preposition to fill the blank in the following sentence:
 He jumped _____ the river to fetch her a coin.
 (a) to (b) from
 (c) into (d) in

133. Active: Somebody has stolen my wallet.
 Passive: My wallet _____.
 (a) has stolen (b) had stolen
 (c) has been stolen (d) had been stolen
134. Direct: Sujata said, "I am playing a percussion instrument".
 Indirect: Sujata said that _____ playing a percussion instrument.
 (a) I am (b) I was
 (c) she is (d) she was
135. Locate the Subject in the following sentence:
 While working in the bank, she learnt a lot about beneficial investments.
 (a) while working in the bank
 (b) she (c) learnt
 (d) about beneficial investments
136. Locate the Verb in the following sentence:
 John and his sister who is in the theatre group are travelling to France.
 (a) are travelling (b) John and his sister
 (c) John and his sister who is in the theatre group
 (d) to France
137. Locate the Adjective in the following sentence:
 She is prettier than her sister who works in films.
 (a) Prettier (b) Sister
 (c) Works (d) Films
138. 'ਅਸਥਾਈ' ਸ਼ਬਦ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਨਾਰਥਕ ਹੈ:
 (a) ਅਤਿਕਾ (b) ਰੋਕ
 (c) ਨਿਕੰਮਾ (d) ਆਰਜ਼ੀ
139. ਜਿਹੜੇ ਪੜਨਾਵ ਵਾਕ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਰਤਾ ਆ ਕੇ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਤਾ ਦੱਸਣ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕੀ ਕਿਹਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ?
 (a) ਨਿੱਜ ਵਾਚਕ ਪੜਨਾਵ (b) ਸਬੰਧ-ਵਾਚਕ ਪੜਨਾਵ
 (c) ਪੁਰਖ ਵਾਚਕ ਪੜਨਾਵ (d) ਨਿਸ਼ਚੇਵਾਚਕ ਪੜਨਾਵ
140. ਖਾਲੀ ਸਥਾਨ ਭਰੋ:-
 _____ ਨੇ ਨਾ ਖਾਧਾ ਤਾਂ ਮੂੰਹ ਨੇ ਕੀ ਖਾਣਾ ਏ।
 (a) ਦਿਲ (b) ਅੱਖਾਂ
 (c) ਮਨ (d) ਸਭ
141. 'ਅੱਗ ਦੇ ਭਾਅ ਹੋਣਾ' ਤੋਂ ਭਾਵ ਹੈ:
 (a) ਬਹੁਤ ਗਰਮ ਹੋਣਾ (b) ਅੱਗ ਵਰਗੇ ਰੰਗ ਦਾ ਹੋਣਾ
 (c) ਬਹੁਤ ਮਹਿੰਗਾ ਹੋਣਾ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ
142. 'ਕੰਗਾਲ' ਦਾ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਹੈ:
 (a) ਧਨੀ (b) ਅਮੀਰ
 (c) ਸ਼ਾਹ (d) ਪੈਸੇਦਾਰ
143. 'ਏ' ਨਾਲ ਲਗਾਂ ਦਾ ਕਿਹੜਾ ਜੁੱਟ ਲੱਗਦਾ ਹੈ?
 (a) ਸਿਹਾਰੀ, ਦੁਲਾਵਾਂ, ਲਾਂ (b) ਮੁਕਤਾ, ਦੁਲਾਵਾਂ, ਲਾਂ
 (c) ਬਿਹਾਰੀ, ਸਿਹਾਰੀ, ਦੁਲਾਵਾਂ (d) ਸਿਹਾਰੀ, ਬਿਹਾਰੀ, ਲਾਂ
144. ਕਿਹੜਾ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਪੁਲਿੰਗ ਅਤੇ ਇਸਤਰੀ ਲਿੰਗ ਦੋਹਾਂ ਰੂਪਾਂ ਲਈ ਵਰਤਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ:
 (a) ਮਕਾਨ (b) ਅਸੀਂ
 (c) ਵਿੱਚ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ

145. ਜਿਹੜਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੋਈ ਨੇਕੀ ਨਾ ਜਾਣੇ, ਉਸ ਲਈ ਕਿਹਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ:
 (a) ਠੱਗ (b) ਫਰੇਬੀ
 (c) ਅਕ੍ਰਿਤਘਣ (d) ਕ੍ਰਿਤੱਗ
146. ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਅੱਖਰ (ਵਰਨ) ਦਾ ਦੁਹਰਾ ਉਚਾਰਨ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ:
 (a) ਬਿੰਦੀ ਦੀ (b) ਟਿੱਪੀ ਦੀ
 (c) ਅੱਧਕ ਦੀ (d) ਪੈਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਅੱਖਰ ਦੀ
147. 'Endorsement' ਦਾ ਅਰਥ ਹੈ:
 (a) ਅਨੁਮਾਨ (b) ਪਿੱਠ-ਅੰਕਣ
 (c) ਸਹਿ-ਪੱਤਰ (d) ਅਹੁਦਾ
148. ਸ਼ੁੱਧ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਦੱਸੋ:
 (a) ਟੈਹਲਣਾ (b) ਟਹਿਲਣਾ
 (c) ਟਹਲਣਾ (d) ਟਹਿਲਨਾ
149. ਮੁਸਕਰਾਹਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਪਛੇਤਰ ਹੈ:
 (a) ਆਹਟ (b) ਹਟ
 (c) ਰਾਹਟ (d) ਕਰਾਹਟ
150. ਸ਼ਾਹਸਵਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਗੇਤਰ ਹੈ:
 (a) ਸ਼ਾਹ (b) ਸ਼ਾਹਸ
 (c) ਸ਼ਾ (d) ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ

ANSWER KEYS

Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.
1	D	2	D	3	B	4	D	5	A
6	D	7	B	8	B	9	A	10	B
11	C	12	D	13	A	14	A	15	A
16	B	17	D	18	D	19	A	20	D
21	C	22	C	23	D	24	B	25	C
26	A	27	A	28	C	29	A	30	A
31	C	32	B	33	C	34	B	35	A
36	B	37	B	38	A	39	A	40	B
41	B	42	D	43	A	44	B	45	D
46	A	47	B	48	C	49	B	50	D
51	A	52	A	53	D	54	A	55	D
56	A	57	B	58	C	59	B	60	D
61	B	62	A	63	C	64	B	65	B
66	C	67	A	68	B	69	D	70	A
71	C	72	B	73	D	74	B	75	C
76	D	77	A	78	A	79	D	80	B
81	C	82	A	83	B	84	A	85	C
86	B	87	D	88	C	89	D	90	C
91	D	92	D	93	B	94	B	95	B
96	B	97	D	98	B	99	A	100	B
101	A	102	C	103	C	104	C	105	B
106	C	107	B	108	C	109	A	110	C
111	A	112	B	113	C	114	C	115	C
116	A	117	B	118	C	119	D	120	C
121	B	122	C	123	D	124	B	125	A
126	B	127	D	128	B	129	A	130	C
131	C	132	C	133	C	134	D	135	B
136	A	137	A	138	D	139	A	140	B
141	C	142	A	143	D	144	B	145	C
146	C	147	B	148	B	149	A	150	A

SOLUTIONS

99 (A)

RAM	Mansi
36000	: 90000
2	: 5

Ratio of share of profit = R : M
2 : 5

$$\text{Mansi's Profit} = \frac{5}{7} \times 35000$$

$$= 25,000$$

100 (B)

Cost price = 125
 Selling price = 200
 Profit = 200 - 125 = 75

$$\text{Profit} = \frac{75}{125} \times 100$$

$$= 60\%$$

103(C)

Rate = 15%
 Time = 3 year
 Let principal = 100
 S.I. = 15 × 3 = 45%

Amount : 145
 145 → 5800
 1 → 40
 100 → 4000

104 (C)

$$9x : 7x$$

$$\frac{9x-14}{7x-14} = \frac{7}{5}$$

$$45x - 70 = 49x - 98$$

$$-4x = -28$$

$$x = 7$$

$$\text{nos. } 9 \times 7 \quad 7 \times 7$$

$$63 \quad 49$$

105 (B)

Principal = 16,000

$$R\% = 20\% = \frac{20}{4} = 5\% = \text{auarterly}$$

$$\text{Time amounts} = \frac{9}{3} = 3 \text{ auareters}$$

$$8000 - 16000$$

$$1 - 2$$

$$1261 - 1261 \times 2 = 2522$$

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Direction (Q1-2):- Choose the option having similar meaning to Capital word.

1. **PIOUS**
(A) Religious (B) Sympathetic
(C) Afraid (D) Faithful
2. **REPLENISH**
(A) Restore (B) Recharge
(C) Accelerate (D) Exhaust

Direction: Choose the option correct for the sentence.

3. **A hater of knowledge and learning.**
(A) Bibliophile (B) Philologist
(C) Misogynist (D) Misologist

Direction: Choose the correct option for filling up the blanks.

4. In _____ to picking up milk from the grocery store we also need to get some bread because my cousin ate all of it in past week.
(A) further (B) addition
(C) aftermath (D) besides

Direction (Q5-6):- In each of questions given below, a sentence is given with three words in bold. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of those words to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

5. The H.P. Ordinance not only **conflict** (A) guaranteed fundamental rights but is also in **violates** (B) with **existing** (C) personal laws.
(A) ABC (B) CAB
(C) BAC (D) ACB
6. The Supreme Court has been asking states to **reservation** (A) quantifiable data to **justify** (B) their level of **produce** (C).
(A) CAB (B) ACB
(C) BCA (D) CBA

Direction (Q:7-8): Choose the correctly spelt word.

7.
(A) Harasment (B) Harrasmant
(C) Harassment (D) Harresment
8.
(A) Consensus (B) Concensus
(C) Consencus (D) Consansus

Direction (Q9-10):- Select the most appropriate option to change the sentence from Direct Speech to Reported Speech and vice versa.

9. **"I am going out tonight" Luxmi said.**
(A) Luxmi said that she was going out tonight.
(B) Luxmi said that she was going out that night.
(C) Luxmi said she was going out that night.
(D) Luxmi said that she will be going out that night.
10. **The King ordered that they should celebrate their victory.**
(A) The King said, "One should celebrate their victory".
(B) The King said, "I order everyone to celebrate".
(C) The King said, "We should celebrate our victory".
(D) The King said, "We may celebrate".

Direction :- The given phrase in bold may or may not contain an error. The options following can replace the incorrect phrase. The correct phrase that is to be replaced will be your answer.

11. Everything is funny as long as it **"IS HAPPENING TOO"** somebody else.
(A) has been happening for
(B) could have happened to
(C) was happening to
(D) is happening to

Direction (Q12-13):- Choose the correct meaning of the idiom as underlined.

12. Everyone likes her since she always remains **in high spirits**.

- (A) talkative (B) cheerful
(C) well dressed (D) courteous
13. He was a King who ruled his subjects **with a high hand**.
(A) oppressively (B) kindly
(C) conveniently (D) sympathetically

Direction: Select the option which best expresses the sentence in Active / Passive voice.

14. **Somebody told me that there has been an explosion in the Mall.**
(A) I was told by somebody about the explosion in the Mall.
(B) I was told about the explosion in the Mall.
(C) I was informed that there was an explosion in the Mall.
(D) I was told by somebody that there had been an explosion in the Mall.

Direction (Q15-16):- Choose the correct option for sentence improvement if any.

15. **He has fallen out with the girl he wanted to marry.**
(A) fallen off (B) fallen in love
(C) fallen for (D) no improvement
16. **It is the time the three years old is learning how to read and write.**
(A) was learning (B) has learning
(C) must learn (D) no improvement
17. **निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा शब्द बिजली का पर्यायवाची नहीं है?**
(A) चपला (B) चंचला
(C) तड़ित (D) ज्योत्सना
18. **निम्नलिखित में से स्त्रीलिंग है?**
(A) माली (B) खत्री
(C) चौधरी (D) धनवती
19. **उत्थान का विपरीतार्थक शब्द क्या है?**
(A) पतन (B) उपकर्ष
(C) हास (D) अपकर्ष
20. **'वह' का बहुवचन क्या है?**
(A) वो (B) वह सब
(C) वे (D) उन
21. **शुद्ध सन्धि चयन करें:**
परीक्षक –
(A) पर+यिक्षक (B) परि+इक्षक
(C) परि+अक्षक (D) परी+इक्षक
22. **निम्न में से भाववाचक संज्ञा कौन सी है?**
(A) मिठास (B) मीठा
(C) मिठाई (D) मिष्ठान
23. **"अधजल गगरी छलकत जाये" मुहावरे / लोकोक्ति का क्या अर्थ है ?**
(A) बड़े आदमी का दिखावा

- (B) आधी पानी से भरी गागर
(C) छोटे आदमी का अधिक दिखावा
(D) गगरी का छलकना
24. **शुद्ध वर्तनी का चयन करें?**
(A) उत्कंठित (B) उत्कंठित
(C) उत्कंठीक (D) उत्कंठीत
25. **'जिसका जन्म पहले हुआ हो' के लिए एक शब्द है:**
(A) आग्रज (B) अग्रज
(C) अग्रजा (D) अग्रजा
26. **शुद्ध शब्द है:**
(A) आनुषंगिक (B) अणुशंगिक
(C) अणुशंगिक (D) आनुसंगिक
27. **सर्वथा भिन्न शब्द है:**
(A) अकेला (B) चुपचाप
(C) सुनसान (D) एकाकी
28. **'जिस वस्तु को पाने की इच्छा की जाए' के लिए एक शब्द है:**
(A) अलौकिक (B) अभीष्ट
(C) अनायास (D) अनोखा
29. **शुद्ध शब्द है:**
(A) कंठ (B) कण्ठ
(C) कन्ठ (D) इनमे से कोई नहीं
30. **'व्याख्या' का संधि-विच्छेद है:**
(A) व्या + अख्या (B) वे+आख्या
(C) व्य + अख्या (D) वि+आख्या
31. **'अवकाश' का विलोम है:**
(A) अपकर्ष (B) अनवकाश
(C) अनुपस्थित (D) छुट्टी
32. **इनमे से कौन सा शब्द संज्ञा है?**
(A) प्राथमिक (B) प्रथम
(C) सुशोभित (D) इनमे से कोई नहीं
33. **Jallian Wala Bagh massacre took place on the festival day of –**
(A) Deepawali (B) Baisakhi
(C) Lohri (D) Holi
34. **Which movement is known as August Movement / Kranti?**
(A) Non-Cooperation Movement
(B) Khilafat Movement
(C) Swadeshi Movement
(D) Quit India Movement
35. **The Non Cooperation Movement was suspended in –**
(A) 1922 (B) 1929
(C) 1921 (D) 1927
36. **The Pir Panjal range is located in which neighbouring state of Himachal Pradesh?**
(A) Haryana (B) Punjab
(C) Jammu & Kashmir (D) Uttarakhand

37. Which among the following states of India has the largest coal reserve?
(A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Jharkhand
(C) West Bengal (D) Madhya Pradesh
38. _____ soils are mostly confined to river basin and coastal plains of India?
(A) Alluvial soils (B) Black soils
(C) Laterite soils (D) Red soils
39. Which of the following groups of rivers originate from the Himachal mountains?
(A) Beas, Ravi and Chenab
(B) Ravi, Chenab and Jhelum
(C) Sutluj, Beas and Ravi
(D) Sutluj, Ravi and Jhelum
40. In which state do the Monsoon arrive first?
(A) Assam (B) Maharashtra
(C) Kerala (D) Himachal Pradesh
41. What is the name of the highest mountain in India?
(A) Kanchenjunga (B) Nanda Devi
(C) Sri Kailash (D) Jong song Peak
42. State animal of Himachal Pradesh is?
(A) Tiger (B) Lion
(C) Bison (D) Snow leopard
43. Which is the biggest natural lake in Himachal Pradesh?
(A) Renuka Lake (B) Rewalsar Lake
(C) Khajjiar Lake (D) Brighu Lake
44. Shimla was declared as summer capital of British India in year?
(A) 1858 (B) 1864
(C) 1869 (D) 1871
45. Larji Hydroelectric Power Project is made on _____ river?
(A) Parbati (B) Baner
(C) Baspa (D) Beas
46. Which cultural festival is celebrated at Varanasi of the hills or Chhoti Kashi?
(A) Maha Shivratri (B) Losar
(C) Sazo (D) Doongri
47. As seen in recent news "E-Daakhil Portal" is associated with which Sector?
(A) Right to Education
(B) Consumer Complaints
(C) Life Certificate
(D) Income Tax
48. _____ fraction of Rajya Sabha members retire after every two years?
(A) $\frac{2}{3}$ (B) $\frac{1}{2}$
(C) $\frac{1}{3}$ (D) $\frac{1}{6}$
49. If dog is called cat, cat is called lion, lion is called ox, ox is called cock, cock is called elephant and elephant is called donkey, then farmer ploughs with which animals?
(A) dog (B) lion
(C) donkey (D) cock

50. Ram is taller than Shyam but not as much as Rajan. Arjun is taller than Sohan who is shorter than Shyam. Who is the shortest?
(A) Rajan (B) Ram
(C) Arjun (D) Sohan
51. Shyam Lal goes 8 Kms to the west from a certain point. Then he moves to his right and goes 8 Kms. In the end he goes 25 Kms in south east direction. How far is he from his starting point?
(A) 10 Kms (B) 20 Kms
(C) 15 Kms (D) None of these
52. If 'a' means '+', 'b' means '-', 'c' means ' \div ' and 'd' means ' \times ' then $16a4b3c4d2 = ?$
(A) 10 (B) 17
(C) 18.5 (D) $12\frac{1}{2}$
53. Which one of the following is different from the rest?
(A) Barley (B) Ground nut
(C) Mustard (D) Peas
54. In a code 'TOGETHER' is denoted by 'RQGRJCT' then 'FRIEND' will be denoted by?
(A) DSHGFL (B) FLGGTD
(C) GGLFDT (D) DTGGLE
55. Ram's position is thirteenth from upwards in a class of 53 students. What will be his position from downwards?
(A) 42 (B) 43
(C) 41 (D) 40
56. February 1, 2009 was Sunday. What day of the week was on March 1st, 2011?
(A) Wednesday (B) Tuesday
(C) Friday (D) Sunday

Direction (Q57-58):- Fill in the blanks with Correct option.

57. 200, 193, 179, 158, _____, 95
(A) 135 (B) 133
(C) 132 (D) 130
58. 51, 49, 44, 42, 37, _____
(A) 35 (B) 34
(C) 33 (D) 32
59. Find the odd one out.
Ranjit Sagar lake, Gobind Sagar lake, Maharana Pratap, Sagar, Prashar Lake.
(A) Prashar Lake
(B) Gobind Sagar lake
(C) Maharana Pratap Sagar
(D) Ranjit Sagar lake
60. If in a code 'CAB' is written as 312, 'BIG' is written as 297, then 'FEED' will be written in code as -
(A) 6554 (B) 5444
(C) 6534 (D) 5464
61. If Everest is to Himalayas, then Mount Abu is to -

- (A) Nilgiri (B) Aravali
(C) Vindhyas (D) None of these

Direction (Q62-64):- Answer the following three questions after reading the passage below:

Eight boxes are placed one above the other. Only two boxes are placed between box U & T. Only one box is placed between box T & R. Only two boxes are placed between boxes R & V. Box V is placed below box R. Three boxes are placed between boxes S & Q. Both S & Q boxes are placed above box T. Box W is placed below box V. No box is placed between box S & box P.

62. How many boxes are placed between box T and box S?
(A) None (B) 1
(C) 3 (D) More than 3
63. Which of the following box is placed at the bottom most position?
(A) W (B) U
(C) R (D) None of these
64. How many boxes are there between box W and box R?
(A) None (B) 1
(C) 2 (D) 3
65. A student goes to school at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ km/hr and reaches 6 min. late. If he travels at the speed of 3 km/hr, he is 10 min. early. What is the distance to School?
(A) 4 km (B) 5 km
(C) 3.5 km (D) 4.5 km
66. Find the value of x in -
 $28.5 \times 34 + 2320 \div 8 = (36)^2 - x$
(A) 51 (B) 47
(C) 43 (D) 37
67. 30% apples out of 450 are rotten. How many apples are in good condition?
(A) 125 (B) 315
(C) 240 (D) 180
68. Veena obtained an amount of Rs. 8376 as simple interest on a certain amount at 8% p.a. after 6 years. What is the amount invested by Veena?
(A) Rs. 16660 (B) Rs. 17180
(C) Rs. 17450 (D) Rs. 18110
69. If HCF (a, b) = 15 and $a \times b = 1800$ then LCM (a, b) is
(A) 3600 (B) 900
(C) 90 (D) 120
70. 75% of 2 is equal to -
(A) 37.5 (B) 15
(C) 1.5 (D) 0.15
71. In a rhombus, if its diagonals are 19 cm and 13 cm, its area will be -

- (A) $\frac{1}{2}(19+13) \text{ cm}^2$ (B) $\frac{1}{2}(19 \times 13) \text{ cm}^2$
(C) $\frac{1}{2}(19-13) \text{ cm}^2$ (D) 244.5 cm^2

72. If the area of a circular garden is 15400 m^2 , then its perimeter is -
(A) 440 m (B) 220 m
(C) 110 m (D) 550 m
73. Which of the following is a synthetic drug?
(A) Charas (B) Opium
(C) Heroin (D) Hashish
74. Which of the following is not a radioactive element?
(A) Uranium (B) Boron
(C) Radium (D) Plutonium
75. Omega -3 fatty acid is not found in -
(A) Fish oil (B) Walnuts
(C) Flax seeds (D) Lettuce
76. Mirage can most likely be associated with which of the following phenomenon -
(A) Reflection (B) Refraction
(C) Dispersion (D) Diffraction
77. _____ oil is used in froth flotation process?
(A) Coconut oil (B) Olive oil
(C) Pine oil (D) Kerosine
78. Salmonella Typhi bacteria causes life threatening disease of -
(A) Tetanus (B) Tuberculosis
(C) Trichinosis (D) Typhoid
79. BCG Vaccine is used to prevent -
(A) Measles (B) Tuberculosis
(C) Diphtheria (D) Leprosy
80. Colours of light which deviate the least and most.
(A) Red and Violet (B) Red and Blue
(C) Violet and Blue (D) Green and Red

ANSWER KEY

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

LATEST GK BYTES

DECEMBER 2024

1. December 1: World AIDS Day focuses on raising awareness about HIV/AIDS. What is the theme for this year? **"Take the rights path: My health, my right!"**
2. December 2: National Pollution Control Day commemorates the Bhopal Gas Tragedy. What is the theme for this year? **"Clean Air, Green Earth: A Step Towards Sustainable Living"**
3. December 2: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery promotes ending modern slavery practices. What year was it established? **1986**
4. December 2: World Computer Literacy Day encourages digital skills. When was it first observed? **2001**
5. December 3: World Disability Day advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities. What is the theme for this year? **"Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future"**
6. December 4: Indian Navy Day honors the achievements of the Indian Navy. What is the theme for this year? **"Strength and Power through Innovation and Indigenisation"**
7. December 5: International Volunteer Day highlights volunteers' roles in global development. What year was it established by the UN? **1985**
8. December 5: World Soil Day emphasizes sustainable soil management. What is the theme for this year? **"Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage"**
9. December 7: International Civil Aviation Day promotes awareness about civil aviation's

role in progress. What is the theme for this year? **"Safe Skies. Sustainable Future: Together for the next 80 years"**

10. December 7: Armed Forces Flag Day recognizes the sacrifices of the armed forces. When was it established? **1949**
11. December 10: Human Rights Day marks the adoption of the UDHR. What is the theme for this year? **"Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now"**
12. December 11: UNICEF Foundation Day celebrates UNICEF's contributions to child welfare. What year was it established? **1946**
13. December 11: International Mountain Day focuses on sustainable mountain development. What is the theme for this year? **"Mountain solutions for a sustainable future – innovation, adaptation, youth and beyond"**
14. December 12: Universal Health Coverage Day stresses the importance of accessible healthcare. What is the theme for this year? **"Health: It's on the Government!"**
15. December 14: National Energy Conservation Day promotes energy efficiency. What year was it first observed? **1991**
16. December 16: Vijay Diwas commemorates India's 1971 war victory and Bangladesh's liberation. What war does it mark? **Indo-Pak War**
17. December 18: Minorities Rights Day advocates for minority rights and inclusivity. What is the theme for this year? **"Promoting Diversity and Protecting Rights"**
18. December 18: International Migrants Day recognizes migrants' contributions and

	challenges. What is the theme for this year? "Honoring the Contributions of Migrants and Respecting their Rights"
19.	December 18: World Arabic Language Day celebrates Arabic as a UN official language since 1973. What is the theme for this year? "Arabic Language and AI: Advancing Innovation While Preserving Cultural Heritage"
20.	December 19: Goa Liberation Day marks Goa's freedom from Portuguese rule in 1961. What operation ended Portuguese rule in Goa? Operation Vijay
21.	December 20: International Human Solidarity Day promotes unity to achieve sustainable development goals. What year was it established? 2005
22.	December 21: World Basketball Day celebrates basketball's invention by Dr. Naismith in 1891. What year was it declared by the UN? 2023
23.	December 21: December Solstice signifies the shortest day in the Northern Hemisphere. What is its significance? Seasonal transition
24.	December 22: National Mathematics Day honors Srinivasa Ramanujan's contributions to mathematics. It was started in which year? 2012
25.	December 23: Kisan Divas marks Chaudhary Charan Singh's birth anniversary, advocating for farmers' rights. What year was he born? 1902
26.	Who is set to be sworn in as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand for another term? Hemant Soren
27.	Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra? Devendra Fadnavis
28.	When did Alfred Nobel, the founder of the Nobel Prizes, pass away? December 10, 1869
29.	Who has been appointed as the new Reserve Bank of India governor? Sanjay Malhotra

30.	Who paid floral tributes to C. Rajagopalachari on his birth anniversary? Om Birla
31.	What caused Zakir Hussain's death? Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
32.	Who was elected President of Georgia with 224 out of 225 votes? Mikheil Kavelashvili
33.	The Chinara Boat Race 2024 was held at Dal Lake in Srinagar, organized by the Army. What is the total area of Dal Lake? 18 sq. km.
34.	At least 15 people were killed and 100 went missing due to heavy rains causing landslides in eastern Uganda. Which lake forms the southern boundary of Uganda? Lake Victoria.
35.	The 6th meeting of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement was held in New Delhi. When did AITIGA come into operation? January 1, 2010.
36.	The ICA Global Cooperative Conference is being held in India for the first time. Where is the ICA headquartered? Brussels, Belgium.
37.	The 3rd India-Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting was held in which State? Goa.
38.	The UNIDO and Climate Club launched the Global Matchmaking Platform at COP28. What industries does the GMP focus on for decarbonization? Steel, cement, chemicals.
39.	India has been re-elected to the UN Peacebuilding Commission for 2025-2026. When was the UN Peacebuilding Commission established? 2005.
40.	Nearly 200 countries failed to finalize the Global Plastic treaty during the December 2024 talks in Busan, South Korea. What is the aim of the treaty? To reduce plastic pollution globally.
41.	India is chairing the 68th Session of the UNCND for the first time. When was UNCND established? 1946.
42.	Romania and Bulgaria will become full members of the Schengen Zone from January 1, 2025. How many countries are part of the Schengen Zone? 29 countries.

43.	Switzerland suspended the MFN clause in its tax agreement with India following a 2023 Supreme Court ruling on Nestlé. What does MFN status ensure? Equal trade treatment.
44.	COP16 to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification took place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from December 2 to 13, 2024. What was the theme of COP16? "Our Land. Our Future."
45.	The UNCCD, established in 1994, focuses on combating desertification and mitigating drought effects, especially in Africa. Where is the UNCCD headquartered? Bonn, Germany.
46.	The UK became the first European country to join CPTPP, signed in 2018 and entering into force in 2018. What does CPTPP account for in global GDP? 15%.
47.	Moldova has joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA), which aims to promote solar energy adoption. When was ISA launched? 2015.
48.	The Phewa Dialogue is a collaborative initiative between Nepal and China, focusing on regional economic integration. What does Phewa Dialogue address? Global industrial shift.
49.	The Lok Sabha passed the Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024, to simplify the legal framework for the Railway Board. Who is the current Chairperson and CEO of the Railway Board? Satish Kumar.
50.	The Lok Sabha passed the Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2024, enhancing disaster management in India. The Bill Aims to replace - Disaster Management Act, 2005..
51.	Where does the Pennaiyar River originate? Nandi Hills, Chikkaballapura district, Karnataka.
52.	What is the environmental characteristic of the Baltic Sea? The world's largest brackish inland water body.

53.	Madhav National Park is proposed to be notified as a tiger reserve. It is located in which state? Madhya Pradesh
54.	The Government plans to propose Lonar Lake for UNESCO World Heritage status. It is located in which state? Maharashtra.
55.	The Marbled Duck was spotted at Sultanpur National Park after 30 years. The Sultanpur National park is located in which state? Haryana.
56.	Mayotte, a French overseas territory, was severely impacted by Cyclone Chido. Where is Mayotte located? It is located between Madagascar and Mozambique in the Indian Ocean.
57.	Mount Semeru erupted on 15th December, releasing ash up to 1,000 meters into the sky. Where is Mount Semeru located? It is located in East Java, Indonesia, and is the highest volcano on the island of Java.
58.	India and China recently discussed border issues and resumed the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. Where is Kailash Mansarovar located? Tibet.
59.	India's first modern, self-sufficient gaushala with a CBG plant was inaugurated in which city? Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
60.	India conducted its first-ever satellite tagging of a Ganges River Dolphin in - Assam.
61.	The Project Dolphin was launched in which year? Launched in 2020 by MoEFCC
62.	The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) was established in which year? 1960.
63.	Which countries are part of European Free Trade Association (EFTA)? Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland.
64.	The Tato-I Hydroelectric Project will be located in which state? Arunachal Pradesh.
65.	Uttar Pradesh has become the first state to completely adopt the GeM system. What is the primary aim of GeM? Eliminate corruption and promote fair competition.

66.	Which body developed the MuleHunter.AI initiative to detect mule accounts? Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
67.	What is Green Steel defined as in the world's first Green Steel Taxonomy? Steel with CO2 emission intensity less than 2.2 tonnes per tonne.
68.	Baalbek, Tyre, and Anjar are UNESCO World Heritage Sites located in -Lebanon.
69.	What is the other name for the Ramappa Temple? Kakatiya Rudreshwara Temple.
70.	Which scheme is developing the Ramappa Circuit? Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0.
71.	What handicraft from Gujarat received the GI tag? Gharchola.
72.	Hornbill Festival has completed 25 years of celebration. Where is it held? Kisama Heritage Village, Nagaland
73.	Where was India's first Hyperloop test track developed? IIT Madras at the Discovery Campus, Tamil Nadu.
74.	Where was SAREX-24, India's largest maritime search and rescue exercise, recently conducted? Kochi
75.	Which countries participated in the 13th edition of Exercise AGNI WARRIOR? India, Singapore
76.	Where did the first edition of Exercise CINBAX take place? Pune
77.	The Harimau Shakti 2024 exercise was organised between India and which country? Malaysia
78.	Which countries are participating in the Desert Knight air combat exercise? India, France, UAE
79.	Where is the SLINEX-24 bilateral naval exercise held? Visakhapatnam
80.	What is the name of the second ship in the Indian Navy's Survey Vessel (Large) project? INS Nirdeshak
81.	What is the name of the ISRO mission set to explore Venus? Shukrayaan

82.	What is the main purpose of the PSLV-C59 rocket launch by ISRO? To carry Proba-3 satellites for the European Space Agency
83.	Which companies are collaborating to develop laser-equipped satellites to mitigate space debris? Orbital Lasers and InspeCity
84.	What is the main objective of the IRIS ² satellite project launched by the European Union? To provide secure communication and high-speed broadband in remote areas
85.	What is India's rank in the Network Readiness Index 2024? 49th
86.	What is the global hunger crisis situation as per the WFP's 'Global Outlook for 2025' report? 343 million people are acutely food insecure
87.	Which Indian university ranked highest in the QS World University Rankings Sustainability 2025? IIT Delhi (Ranked 171 globally)
88.	What is India's projected graduate employability rate in 2025 as per the 'India Skills Report 2025'? 54.81%
89.	What is the decline in malaria cases in India from 2017 to 2023 as per the WHO's World Malaria Report 2024? 69%
90.	What percentage of trafficking victims are women and girls globally according to the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2024? 61%
91.	What is the eligibility requirement for the CBSE Merit Scholarship Scheme for Single Girl Child? only child of her parents.
92.	What is the financial allocation for the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) programme? ₹6,000 crore between 2025 and 2027.
93.	What is the allocation for the continuation of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) until March 31, 2028? ₹2,750 crore.
94.	What is the goal of the "Bal Vivah Mukta Bharat Campaign"? To eliminate child marriage.
95.	PM e-Vidya Scheme Launched in- May 2020.

96. Channel 31 for Indian Sign Language (ISL) Training was launched on DTH is targeted at which group? Hearing-impaired students, special educators, and others.
97. Bima Sakhi Yojana to Empower Women: Where will the Bima Sakhi Yojana be launched on December 9, 2024? Panipat
98. Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Scheme (formerly Mid-Day Meal Scheme). When was the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Scheme renamed? September 2021
99. Which platform is associated with Mission Karmayogi for government officials' training? iGOT platform.
100. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways launched Jalvahak Scheme? The scheme is initially valid for -3 years.
101. What is the target beneficiary group of the CHARAK initiative? Singrauli and Sonbhadra districts, MP.
102. Who will be awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development in 2024? Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile.
103. Who was honored with the Champions of the Earth award in the Lifetime Achievement category for his contributions to environmental protection? Madhav Gadgil.
104. Which project was awarded the prestigious 'Sword of Honour' by the British Safety Council? The Ram Temple project Ayodhya.
105. Who became the youngest-ever World Chess Champion in 2024? D Gukesh
106. How many medals did India win at the 2024 Asia-Pacific Deaf Games? 55 medals
107. Where was Handigodu disease first identified? In Karnataka in 1978.
108. What is the emerging concept for solving urban floods? Sponge cities.
109. Which category has the FSSAI classified packaged drinking water and mineral water into? High Risk Food Category.

110. Where is the Varkala cliff located? Varkala, Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala.
111. Where is Sach Pass located? Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.
112. What is the altitude of Baralacha Pass? 4,890 meters (16,040 feet).
113. Noted Hindi writer Suryabala has been awarded the 34th Vyas Samman 2024 for her novel - Kaun Des Ko Vasi: Venu Ki Diary.
114. Om Prakash Chautala passed away at 89, He was the former CM of – Haryana.
115. Who has been Awarded 2023 National Tansen Samman? Pt. Swapan Choudhary.
116. Who has been Crowned Miss India USA 2024? Caitlin Sandra Neil.
NOVEMBER 2024
1. November 26 is observed as World ____ Transport Day: Sustainable
2. India celebrates November 26 as the Constitution Day. This day was first celebrated in which year? 2015
3. National Milk Day falls on Nov 26. When is the World Milk Day? June 01
4. Celebrations of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on Nov 25 conclude on which international day? Human Rights Day, 10th December
5. India celebrates NCC Day on the fourth Sunday of November to commemorate the raising of the first unit of the National Cadet Corps. The NCC was raised in which year? 1948
6. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved which project of the Income Tax Department on Nov 25 with a layout of Rs. 1,435 crore? PAN 2.0 Project
7. The Union Cabinet approved the launching of the National Mission on ____ Farming on Nov 25 with a layout of Rs. 2,481 crore: Natural
8. The government unveiled which app Nov 25 in New Delhi as a platform to revolutionize education in India? TeacherApp

9.	Which country lifted the Davis Cup (Tennis) on Nov 24 in the finals played in Malaga, Spain? Italy
10.	Which union ministry launched the VISION ("Viksit Bharat Initiative for Student Innovation and Outreach Network") Portal on Nov 21 in New Delhi? None, it was launched by an NGO Utsav Foundation
11.	_____ became the first place in the country on Nov 23 to use hydrogen buses for public transport: Leh, Ladakh
12.	The annual U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP29) concluded on Nov 23 at which place? Baku, Azerbaijan
13.	The world leaders agreed on the Baku Finance Goal, committing _____dollars in climate finance for developing countries by 2035: 1.3 trillion
14.	The COP30 will be held in Belém in 2025 in which country? Brazil
15.	Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar is given to artists under the age of ____for excellence in the field of music, dance, drama, folk and tribal art forms: 40
16.	Which team won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy (Hockey) on Nov 20 at Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar? India
17.	RBI raised the transaction limit for UPI 123Pay to Rs _____ from ₹5,000 at present: 10,000
18.	The UPI Lite wallet limit has also been increased from Rs 2,000 to Rs. ____: 5,000
19.	India's first modern, self-sufficient gaushala that houses a state-of-the-art Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant is in which city? Gwalior
20.	The Indian Navy conducted the Sea-Vigil-24 Coastal Defence Exercise on 21-22 Nov at which place? Entire Indian coast
21.	World Fisheries Day falls on November 21. Who is our Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying? Rajiv Ranjan Singh

22.	Which was the opening film at the 55 th International Film Festival of India? Better Man
23.	What is the name of the new over-the-top (OTT) platform launched on Nov 20 by the Prasar Bharati? Waves
24.	Awaas Diwas on Nov 20 marks the launch of which housing scheme? Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G)
25.	World COPD Day is celebrated on the third Wednesday of November. What does letter 'O' denote in COPD? Obstructive
26.	ISRO launched its GSAT-N2 communication satellite aboard SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket on Nov 19 from which place? Cape Canaveral in Florida, USA
27.	The 19 th Summit of G20 nations was hosted by Brazil on Nov 18-19. Which country will host the next G20 summit in 2025? South Africa
28.	What is the amount of cash award in the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development? Rs 25 lakh
29.	Which state's Dhudmaras village was selected by the UN World Tourism Organisation for its Best Tourism Village Upgrade programme? Chhattisgarh
30.	Naturopathy Day on Nov 18 is associated with which ancient saint? None
31.	DRDO conducted a successful flight-trial of India's first long-range hypersonic missile on Nov 17. What is its strike range? Beyond 1,500 kms
32.	PM Modi started his 3-nation tour on Nov 17 from which city in Nigeria? Abuja
33.	The Indian Army conducted the annual joint multilateral Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise Sanyukt Vimochan 2024 on Nov 17-18 in which state? Gujarat
34.	Joint military exercise of Indian and Australian forces, AustraHind-2024 was held from 8 to 21 Nov in which place? Pune

35.	Which catastrophic super typhoon wreaked havoc in the Philippines on Nov 16–17? Man-Yi
36.	The Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve in _____ has been notified as India's 56 th tiger reserve? Chhattisgarh
37.	Which team won the Men's Senior National Hockey Championship on Nov 16 in Chennai? Odisha
38.	Which South American country declared a 60-day state of emergency to tackle the severe drought and record wildfires that razed large areas in the month of November? Ecuador
39.	Who has been selected as the chairperson of the International Jury for the 2024 International Film Festival of India? Ashutosh Gowariker
40.	Who topped the inaugural list of the Fortune 100 Most Powerful People in Business? Elon Musk
41.	Victoria Kjaer Theilvig, 21-year-old beauty queen from Denmark won which international title on Nov 16? Miss Universe 2024
42.	National Press Day on Nov 16 commemorates establishment of which office on this day in 1966? Press Council of India
43.	The Cambridge Dictionary, UK has declared _____ as the Word of the Year 2024: Manifest
44.	India celebrates Audit Diwas on Nov 16. Who is the current Comptroller & Auditor General of India? K. Sanjay Murthy
45.	International Students Day on Nov 17 marks the birthday of which great educationist? None
46.	Asia's largest open-air annual trade fair, the Bali Jatra, started on Nov 15 in which city? Cuttack, Odisha
47.	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on Nov 15 marks the birthday of which great tribal leader? Birsa Munda

48.	World Diabetes Day falls on Nov 14. What is its theme for 2024? Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps
49.	India celebrates Children's Day on Nov 14. When is the World Children's Day? Nov 20
50.	Who has been awarded 2024 Booker Prize for Fiction on Nov 12? Samantha Harvey for her novel 'Orbital'
51.	Samantha Harvey hails from which country? Britain
52.	What is the amount of cash award in the Booker Prize for Fiction? Pound 50,000/-
53.	RBI announced the names of three banks on Nov 13 to be listed as D-SIBs. What is full form of D-SIB? Domestic Systemically Important Bank
54.	Which Indian bank was recognised as the "Best Bank in India" for the year 2024 by the New York based Global Finance Magazine? State Bank of India
55.	Which Indian city municipal corporation became the first one to be selected for the Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities? Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation
56.	The government announced on Nov 12 to set up a first-ever all-women reserve battalion in which paramilitary force? Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
57.	The Indian Army launched which next-generation air defence system on Nov 12, designed to revolutionise India's air security capabilities? Project Akashteer
58.	Which national day is celebrated on Nov 12 to mark the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi on this day in 1947? Public Service Broadcasting Day
59.	DRDO conducted the first flight test of the Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) on Nov 12 at which place? Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha
60.	What is the strike range of LRLACM? 1,000 km

61.	Harsha Vardhan Agarwal has been elected as the President of which national business body? Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
62.	The World Bank and Asian Development Bank have jointly agreed to grant a loan of 13,500 crore rupees for development of which capital project? Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh
63.	Who clinched the Chennai Grand Masters classical chess tournament title on Nov 11 in Chennai? GM Aravindh Chithambaram
64.	Defence Space Agency inaugurated India's first-ever space exercise Antariksha Abhyas-2024 on Nov 11 in which place? New Delhi
65.	Shigeru Ishiba has been elected as the _____ of Japan on Nov 11: Prime Minister
66.	National Education Day on Nov 11 marks the birthday of which great leader? Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
67.	Who has been honoured with Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 55 th International Film Festival of India? Veteran Australian filmmaker Phillip Noyce
68.	Which article of the Constitution of India provides for the free legal aid to the deprived sections of the society? 39A
69.	The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI 2025), released in COP 29 on Nov 10, placed India at which spot? 10th
70.	Who has been declared the FIH Player of the Year for the year 2024 by the FIH Statutory Congress in Oman? Harmanpreet Singh
71.	Who won the IBSF World Billiards Championship 150-up format title on Nov 9 in Doha, Qatar? Pankaj Advani
72.	Name the iconic Sarangi maestro who passed away on Nov 09 in Mumbai at the age of 96? Pandit Ram Narayan
73.	Indian defence forces launched a major tri-services military exercise named 'Poorvi Prahaar' on November 8 in which area? Eastern Ladakh sector

74.	Ms. Anahat Singh is a top ranked Indian player in which sports? Squash
75.	International Day of Radiology falls on Nov 08. Who discovered X-ray? Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen
76.	In which country an active volcano, Mount Lewotobi erupted again on Nov 7, spewing a column of ash up to 5 km? Indonesia
77.	National Cancer Awareness Day on Nov 07 marks the birthday of which great scientist? Marie Curie
78.	Which Indian Grand Master secured the No. 2 spot in the world live chess ratings? Arjun Erigaisi
79.	QS World University Ranking: Asia 2025 placed which institute at the highest rank among Indian institutes? IIT Delhi
80.	Republican leader Donald Trump won the US presidential election on Nov 06 to become ____ President of USA: 47th
81.	The Government has approved the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme for what purpose? For providing education loans
82.	What is the maximum amount of loan that may be availed under the Vidyalaxmi scheme? Rs. 10 lakh
83.	Who has topped the list of India's most charitable individuals as per the 2024 EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List? Shiv Nadar
84.	Shiv Nadar is founder of which business group? HCL Technologies
85.	The Earthshot prizes are associated with outstanding work in which field? Addressing climate change and environmental issues
86.	How many Earthshot Prizes are given every year? Five
87.	What is the amount of cash reward given to each winner of Earthshot Prize? Pound one million
88.	Chhath Puja, one of the most popular festivals of people in Bihar, started on Nov 5 with which ritual? 'Nahai Khay'

89.	Mandeep _____ scripted history on Nov 5 becoming the first Indian pugilist to win a world title in any pro-boxing event category: Jangra
90.	The world's first wood-panelled satellite was launched into space on Nov 5 by which country? Japan
91.	What was the name of this wooden satellite? LignoSat
92.	The Indian Army inducted 550 locally made '_____' machine pistols on Nov 05: Asmi
93.	Which UN agency is associated with the celebration of World Tsunami Awareness Day on Nov 5? UN office for Disaster Risk Reduction
94.	Name the immensely popular Bhojpuri folk singer, passed away on Nov 05 in New Delhi: Smt. Sharda Sinha
95.	The 7 th session of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly was held from 4 to 6 Nov in which city? New Delhi
96.	The fifth edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise - VINBAX 2024 was hosted by which country? India
97.	India hosted Bilateral Army Exercise - VINBAX 2024 at which place? Ambala Cantonment, Haryana
98.	The World Paragliding Competition was held from Nov 2 to 9 at which place in Himachal Pradesh? Bir-Biling
99.	The Chennai based tech firm Big Bang Boom Solutions has developed an anti-drone weapon 'Vajra _____' to neutralise enemy drones: Shot
100.	Collins dictionary selected which word as the Colins Word of the Year 2024 on Nov 01? Brat
101.	Colins dictionary is based in which city? Glasgow, Scotland
102.	The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$241.3 million loan to improve the power distribution system in which state? West Bengal

103.	The government has decided to discontinue which major lifetime achievement sports award from this year? Dhyan Chand Lifetime Award
104.	What is the name of new award which will replace Dhyan Chand Lifetime Award? Arjuna Award Lifetime
105.	What was the name of the India-US joint Special Forces exercise that was held from Nov 02 to 22 in USA? Exercise Vajra Prahar
106.	Who claimed dual titles on Nov 4 at the WTT Feeder Series in Caracas, Venezuela, winning both the Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles events? Harmeet Desai
107.	Ashok Chandra has been selected as the managing director & chief executive officer of which bank? Punjab National Bank
108.	The 16 th UN Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the Convention on Biological Diversity was held from Oct 21 to Nov 01 in which place? Cali, Colombia
109.	What was the theme of the COP16 to the Convention on Biological Diversity? Peace With Nature
110.	International Day for Biosphere Reserves is observed on Nov 03. How many biosphere reserves are there in India? 18
111.	Which Pakistani city was declared as the most polluted city in the world as on Nov 2, recording an air quality index (AQI) at 1067? Lahore
112.	ISRO launched India's inaugural analog space mission on Nov 01 in which place? Leh
113.	Name the celebrated designer, a pioneer who helped put Indian fashion on the global map, who passed away on Nov 01: Rohit Bal
114.	The Indian Army conducted its first patrol in which area on Nov 01 after a gap of over four years, since the April 2020 standoff with the Chinese troops? Demchok sector
115.	9 th edition of India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise Garud Shakti 24 was hosted by which country from Nov 01 to 12? Indonesia

116. Name the chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, a renowned economist and scholar, who passed away on Nov 01 in New Delhi: Dr. Bibek Debroy
117. The operational guidelines of the "Namo Drone Didi" scheme was issued on Nov 01. Which is the target group of this scheme? Women Self Help Groups
118. What is the maximum of amount of subsidy available in the Namo Drone Didi Scheme? Rs. 8 lakhs
119. Who became the first Indian woman player to score 8 centuries in the ODI format on Oct 29? Smriti Mandhana
120. India's first private sector military cargo aircraft manufacturing unit, the TATA Aircraft Complex, was inaugurated on Oct 28 in which city? Vadodara
121. Which type of military aircraft will be built in the TATA Aircraft Complex? C-295 transport aircraft
122. The Asian Development Bank approved a Rs. 800 crore loan to the Assam government for what purpose? For rejuvenation of 129 'beels' (lake-like wetlands)
123. Ballon d'Or Awards for Best Footballer is given by which sports magazine? France Football
124. Who won the Ballon d'Or for men for 2024? Rodri
125. Football star Rodri hails from which country? Spain
126. Name the 18-year-old Haryana wrestler who won the gold in the men's freestyle 57 kg category in the Under-23 World Championship in Tirana, Albania? Chirag Chikkara
127. Which shipbuilder delivered two Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) 'Adamyra' and 'Akshar' to the Indian Coast Guard on Oct 28? Goa Shipyard Ltd.
128. Amitabh Chaudhry has been re-appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which bank? Axis Bank

129. Name the Prime Minister of Spain who arrived in India on Oct 27 on a three-day visit: Pedro Sanchez
130. Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought is given by which organisation? European Parliament
131. What is the amount of cash award in the Sakharov Prize? Euro 50,000/-
132. Winners of this year's Sakharov Prize, Maria Corina Machado and Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia, are the opposition leaders of which country? Venezuela
133. The country's first 'Writer's village' was inaugurated on Oct 25 near Dehradun in which village? Thano
134. What is the name of the anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft delivered to the Indian Navy on Oct 25? INS Abhay
135. Rachel Gupta, beauty queen from Jalandhar made history by becoming the first Indian to win which international crown? Miss Grand International
136. The Global Nature Conservation Index 2024, launched on October 24, placed which country at the top spot? Luxembourg
137. The Rule of Law Index 2024 released on October 23 placed India at which rank? 79th
138. Olaf Scholz, _____ of Germany, arrived in India on Oct 24 on a three-day visit to India: Chancellor
139. Government launched the 21 st Livestock Census on Oct 25 in New Delhi. How many species of livestock will be covered under this census? Fifteen
140. Cyclone Dana devastated vast areas on Oct 24-25 in which area? North coastal Odisha and adjoining parts of West Bengal
141. What is the name of the portable multi-target detonation device, launched recently by the Indian Army? Agniastra
142. Who is the current Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India? Mritunjay Kumar Narayan

143. Which noted woman Hockey player announced her retirement on Oct 24 as a player? Rani Rampal
144. Who made history on Oct 24 by becoming the youngest (21 years) Indian to surpass the coveted 2800 Elo rating mark? GM Arjun Erigaisi
145. The Government increased the loan limit under the Prime Minister Mudra loan scheme to which amount? Rs. 20 lakh
146. Who has been appointed as the 51 st Chief Justice of India? Justice Sanjiv Khanna
147. Which country hosted the 27 th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) from October 21-26 in Apia? Samoa
148. Who is the current Head of the Commonwealth Group? King Charles III, of UK

OCTOBER 2024

1. October 31 is observed as World Cities Day. This year's main function for the day will be held in which city of Egypt? Alexandria
2. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on Oct 31 marks the birthday of which great Indian leader? Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
3. World Psoriasis Day falls on Oct 29. Psoriasis affects which organ of the body? Skin
4. Infantry Day on Oct 27 pays homage to the thousands of infantry soldiers who laid down their lives in the line of duty. It is associated with which conflict? 1947 war with Pakistani invaders
5. Prime Minister Modi attended the 16 th BRICS Summit in on Oct 22-23 in which Russian city? Kazan
6. International Snow Leopard Day falls on October 23. Snow Leopard is the state animal of which Indian state? Himachal Pradesh
7. Mole Day on October 23 is of particular interest to the students of which science? Chemistry

8. Prabowo Subianto took over as the 8 th President of which Southeast Asian country on Oct 20? Indonesia
9. New Zealand team led by ____ clinched their maiden T20 World Cup title on Oct 20: Sophie Devine
10. Final of ICC Women's T20 Cricket World Cup was played in which city? Dubai, UAE
11. Celebration of Police Commemoration Day honours the supreme sacrifice of CRPF jawans in which battle? Battle of Hot Springs in Ladakh
12. The Indian Coast Guard successfully conducted the coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' on October 16-17 in which area? Western coast, from Gujarat to Goa
13. With which country India participated in the naval Exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr, from Oct 13 to 18? Oman
14. President Droupadi Murmu embarked on a foreign trip to which three-nations from Oct 13 to 19? Algeria, Mauritania and Malawi
15. Economic Freedom of the World Index 2024, released on Oct 16, placed India at which spot? 84th
16. Which country topped this index? Hong Kong
17. Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar has been appointed as the Chairperson of which apex national forum? National Commission for Women
18. N Bala Devi, noted forward player of the Indian football team, became the first Indian woman to score ____ international goals: 50
19. Who became the first Indian woman to play 100 international football matches? Ashalata Devi
20. The ADB approved a \$42 million loan to which state for funding of coastal and riverbank protection ecosystems? Maharashtra
21. What type of ship is INS Samarthak which was launched on Oct 14 for the Indian Navy? Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV)

22.	Which ship building firm built the recently launched INS Samarthak? Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Shipyard, Chennai
23.	India launched its fourth nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, codenamed _____ on Oct 14: S4*
24.	Which Indian woman cricketer has been inducted recently into the ICC Hall of Fame for 2024? Neetu David
25.	A new Statue of Justice was unveiled in which part of the Supreme Court on Oct 16? Library
26.	Which country has approved the sale of 53 MK-54 lightweight torpedoes to India at a cost of approximately \$175 million? USA
27.	What is the approximate range of MK-54 torpedoes? 20 km
28.	Which global agency approved a 15,000-crore rupee loan to the Andhra Pradesh for the construction of the capital Amaravati phase-1? World Bank
29.	The Centre on Oct 16 raised the MSP of key rabi crops for which marketing season? 2025—26
30.	On Oct 16, who administered the oath of Chief Minister's office to National Conference party's Vice President Omar Abdullah? Manoj Sinha, LG of J&K
31.	The new Statue of Justice holds what in her left hand? A copy of India's Constitution
32.	Arjun _____ is the highest ranked Indian chess player at present: Erigaisi
33.	The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit-2024 was held on October 15-16 in which city? Islamabad, Pakistan
34.	Who has been crowned the Femina Miss India 2024 on Oct 16? Ms. Nikita Porwal
35.	Ms. Nikita Porwal will now officially represent India in which international beauty pageant? Miss World pageant
36.	World Students' Day on October 15 marks the birthday of which great personality? Shri APJ Abdul Kalam
37.	India celebrates Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas on which day of October? 15th

38.	Paramesh Sivamani has been appointed as the Director General of which paramilitary force of India? Indian Coast Guard
39.	World Standards Day falls on October 14. India's National Standards Body, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), is based in which city? New Delhi
40.	NASA launched the spacecraft Europa Clipper on Oct 14 to explore which place in space? Jupiter's moon, Europa.
41.	India celebrates National Philately Day on Oct 13. When is the World Post Day observed? October 09
42.	Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee scripted history on Oct 12 by winning India's first ever medal in which event? Women's Doubles of Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024
43.	World Arthritis Day 2024 was observed on Oct 12 with what theme? Informed Choices, Better Outcomes
44.	World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated on the second _____ of May and in October: Saturday
45.	Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved on Oct 12 the upgradation of which Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) to a 'Maharatna' company? Hindustan Aeronautics Limited - HAL, Bengaluru
46.	After HAL, now there are how many Maharatna CPSEs in India? 14
47.	2024 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to which Japanese organisation representing survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Nihon Hidankyo, Tokyo
48.	October 11 is observed as the International Day of the _____ Child: Girl
49.	After sad demise of Ratan Tata, who has been appointed Chairman of Tata Trusts on Oct 11? Noel Tata
50.	Which iconic tennis legend announced to quit professional tennis after playing the coming Davis Cup? Rafael Nadal

51.	The Nobel Prize in Economics is funded by which bank? Sveriges Riksbank, Sweden
52.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 21st ASEAN-India and the 19 th East Asia summits in which place? Vientiane, capital of Laos
53.	The Global Hunger Index 2024 placed India at which rank? 105th
54.	Adriana Brownlee, 23 year old mountaineer became the youngest woman to summit all 14 of the world's peaks over 8,000 meters. She hails from which country? Britain
55.	Which country hosted the 44 th and 45 th ASEAN Summits on October 9-10? Laos
56.	A very strong hurricane Milton left a trail of death and destruction on Oct 09-10 in which state of USA? Florida
57.	2024 Nobel Prize in Literature has been awarded to noted author Han Kang. She hails from which country? South Korea
58.	Name the Nepal's 18 year old sherpa climber who created a world record on Oct 09 by becoming the youngest person to summit all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters: Nima Rinji Sherpa
59.	The Cabinet Committee on Security approved on Oct 09 the acquisition of 31 MQ-9B remotely piloted Predator drones from which country? USA
60.	World Egg Day is celebrated on the second _____ in October every year: Friday
61.	What is the formal name of the fifth lunar mission recently approved by the National Space Commission? Lunar Polar Exploration Mission or Lupex
62.	ISRO plans to develop mission LUPEX in collaboration with space agency of which country? Japan
63.	Which apex organisation has launched ANNA DARPAN, a tech-driven initiative aimed at modernising its supply chain management system? Food Corporation of India (FCI)
64.	Government recently launched which policy to enhance the convenience of travelling on

	national highways and accelerate the development of wayside amenities? Humsafar Policy
65.	October 9 is observed as the Indian Foreign Service Day. Who is the current Foreign Secretary of India? Vikram Misri
66.	Which apex organisation announced the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry on Oct 09? The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm
67.	World's highest imaging Cherenkov telescope, Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) observatory, has been established in which place in Ladakh? Hanle
68.	World Post Day on Oct 09 marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union on this day in 1874. It is based in which city? Bern, Switzerland
69.	A multilateral naval exercise Malabar 2024 was held from Oct 8 to 18 in Bay of Bengal, near which city? Visakhapatnam
70.	WHO declared on Oct 08 that India has eliminated _____ as a public health problem: Trachoma
71.	What type of ship is INS Nirdeshak which was delivered to the Indian Navy on 08 th October? Survey Vessel
72.	The Asian Development Bank approved a loan of \$162 million to support tourism development in which state? Himachal Pradesh
73.	India celebrates Air Force Day on October 08. Who was the first Indian Chief of the Indian Air Force, from 1954 to 60? Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee
74.	The 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded jointly to how many scientists? Two
75.	Which country hosted the multinational maritime exercise IBSAMAR from Oct 7 to 16? South Africa
76.	Which trailblazing Indian gymnast, officially announced her retirement on Oct 07 from competitive gymnastics? Dipa Karmakar

77.	Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun were declared joint winner of 2024 Nobel Prize for Physiology for which achievement? Discovery of microRNA
78.	Which UN agency is associated with promotion of World Cotton Day on Oct 07? World Trade Organisation
79.	Which country is the largest producer of cotton in world? India
80.	World Habitat Day is observed on the first ____ of every October for promoting the basic right to adequate shelter for everyone: Monday
81.	The Indian Army rolled out its first fully overhauled version of which battle tank on October 07 in Delhi? T-90 'Bhishma' tank
82.	T-90 'Bhishma' tank is built in India under license from which country? Russia
83.	T-90 'Bhishma' tanks are built at which place in India? Avadi, near Chennai
84.	President of the Maldives, Dr. Mohamed ____, arrived in New Delhi on Oct 6 on a five-day state visit to India: Muizzu
85.	The National Tiger Conservation Authority has approved the proposal to develop the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary as the second tiger reserve in which state? Bihar
86.	Government plans to set up a world class National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at which place in Gujarat? Lothal
87.	SASTRA-Ramanujan Award is given for outstanding contributions in which field? Mathematics
88.	SASTRA University is situated in which city of Tamil Nadu? Kumbakonam
89.	What is the cash component of SASTRA-Ramanujan Award? \$10,000/=
90.	Who is the winner of this year's SASTRA-Ramanujan Award? Dr. Alexander Dunn of the Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
91.	World Cerebral Palsy Day falls on Oct 06. This disorder is associated with which human organ? Brain

92.	Irani Cup is associated with which sports? Cricket
93.	Which team won the Irani Cup on Oct 05 in Lucknow? Mumbai
94.	Ganga River Dolphin Day falls on Oct 05. The Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary lies in which state? Bihar
95.	Which day of October is celebrated as World Teachers' Day? 5th
96.	To strengthen logistics and e-commerce in India, the India Post joined hands on Oct 04 with which global e-commerce giant? Amazon
97.	What is the theme for this year's World Animal Day? The world is their home too
98.	Which RBI Deputy Governor's term has been extended for a period of one year, wef Oct 9, 2024? M Rajeshwar Rao
99.	In total, there are how many Deputy Governors in the RBI? Four
100.	Which Indian state launched a new administrative set-up of 'co-districts', a first in India? Assam
101.	DRDO successfully conducted three flight tests of the 4 th generation VSHORADS on Oct 3-4. What type of weapon is VSHORADS? Short range missile
102.	Which country ceded sovereignty of the strategically important Chagos Islands to Mauritius on Oct 03? Britain
103.	USA maintains a strategically important military base in which island of Chagos Islands? Diego Garcia
104.	The Government launched the pilot project for the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme on Oct 03. The scheme aims to provide internship to how many people? One crore
105.	What is the amount of stipend payable under this scheme? Rs. 5,000/=
106.	The Union Cabinet on Oct 03 approved which two major schemes for the agricultural sector? Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Krishonnati Yojana

107. The Union government conferred the classical language tag to how many Indian languages on Oct 03? Five
108. Which classical language is the root of many Sanskrit based languages prevalent in the ancient Indian subcontinent? Prakrit
109. WHO has listed the first m-pox in vitro diagnostic kit under its Emergency Use Listing procedure. What is its name? Alinity m MPXV Assay
110. Which company has manufactured this test kit? Abbott Molecular Inc., USA
111. Mark Rutte, former Prime Minister of _____ took over as the Secretary-General of the NATO: Netherlands
112. Headquarters of NATO are situated in which city? Brussels, Belgium
113. Claudia Sheinbaum was sworn in as the first female President on which country on Oct 01? Mexico
114. The 8 th India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise was held at which place in Uttarakhand from Sep 30 to Oct 13? Auli
115. October 01 is observed as the International Day of _____ Persons: Older
116. India celebrates National Voluntary Blood Donation Day on which date? October 01
117. India recently joined the International Big Cat Alliance. How many major types of big cats are there? Seven
118. Sqn Ldr Mohana Singh was in news for becoming the first woman fighter pilot to join the elite 18 'Flying Bullets' squadron for flying which fighter jet? Tejas
119. Government's highest recognition in the field of cinema, Dadasaheb Phalke Award, was conferred on veteran actor Mithun Chakraborty on Sep 30. What is its cash prize? Rs 10 lakh
120. Which team won the Nehru Trophy for the famous Snake Boat race of Kerala? Pallathuruthy Boat Club

121. The BCCI inaugurated its new National Cricket Academy on Sep 29 in which city? Bengaluru
122. Which part of USA was devastated by catastrophic sudden flooding due to torrential rains brought by the category 4 hurricane Helene on Sep 27-29? South-eastern USA
123. Which Indian won the gold medal in the men's 5,000 meters race on Sep 28 at the World Athletics Continental Tour in Japan? Gulveer Singh
124. Taking a significant step in India's push for scientific and technological advancement, in which city three PARAM Rudra supercomputers were launched on Sep 26? Pune, Maharashtra
125. These 3 supercomputers are part of which hi-tech national mission? National Supercomputing Mission
126. The central government announced an increase in minimum wage rates by revising the Variable Dearness Allowance. Now, what will be the minimum per day wages for the unskilled workers in area A? Rs. 783/-
127. On the occasion of World Tourism Day on Sep 27, the Ministry of Tourism launched which two initiatives to promote tourism by enhancing the overall experience of tourists? Paryatan Mitra and Paryatan Didi
128. The Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024, released on September 26, ranked which country as the most innovative? Switzerland
129. What was India's rank in the Global Innovation Index 2024? 39th
130. India signed an international agreement on Sep 25 to protect marine biodiversity on the high seas (Areas beyond the Exclusive Economic Zone-EEZ). The EEZ extends up to how many km from the coastline? 370 km (200 nautical miles)

SEPTEMBER 2024

- September 30 is observed as International _____ Day: **Translation**

2.	World Rivers Day is celebrated on 4 th ____ of September: Sunday
3.	As per the final estimates of production of major agricultural crops for the year 2023-24, released on Sep 25, total production this year was less than or more than previous year? More than previous year
4.	Antyodaya Diwas on Sep 25 marks the birth anniversary of which eminent leader? Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
5.	Which Indian won the IBSF World 6-Red title in the final played on Sep 25 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia? Kamal Chawla
6.	DRDO signed a MoU with IIT Delhi to develop ____ named "Advanced Ballistics for High Energy Defeat"(ABHED): Lightweight Bullet Proof Jackets
7.	On Sep 24, Dr Harini Amarasuriya was sworn in as ____ of Sri Lanka: Prime Minister
8.	Which feature film has been chosen and submitted as India's official entry for the Oscars 2025 in the "Best Foreign Film" category? Laapataa Ladies
9.	Who is the director of the film Laapataa Ladies? Kiran Rao
10.	On Sep 23, Mr Modi addressed the 'Summit of the Future' at which place in New York? UN General Assembly
11.	Which village in the Joshimath block of Chamoli district of Uttarakhand, has been selected under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM JUGA)? Mana
12.	Who was sworn in as the new President of Sri Lanka on Sep 23? Anura Kumara Dissanayake
13.	KVS Manian has been appointed the new Managing Director & CEO of which bank? Federal Bank
14.	Both the Indian teams, men as well as women, secured gold medals in the 45 th Chess Olympiad. It was hosted by which country? Hungary
15.	September 22 is observed as World Rhino Day. Which national park in India has the

	largest population of one- horned Rhinos? Kaziranga National Park
16.	Who has been appointed as the next chief of the Indian Air Force? Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh
17.	The 6 th Quad Summit was held in which city of Delaware state in USA? Claymont
18.	Duleep Trophy, national level cricket championship organised by BCCI, was won by which team on Sep 22? Team A
19.	Who scripted history on Sep 22 by becoming the first Indian to win his first debut Mixed Martial Art - MMA fight? Sangram Singh
20.	The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on Sep 21 released the ____ advance estimates of horticultural production for the 2023-24? Third
21.	The Asian Development Bank approved a \$50 million loan to improve water security and management in which Indian state? Meghalaya
22.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached which city of USA on Sep 21 on a three-day visit to the United States? Philadelphia
23.	September 21 is the World Alzheimer's Day. What is represented by Alzheimer? Doctor's name who discovered this ailment
24.	Which state topped the 6 th State Food Safety Index released on Sep 20 by the FSSAI? Kerala
25.	Which UN organisation released recently the 5 th Global Cybersecurity Index? International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
26.	Which Indian megastar of south cinema has been officially recognized by Guinness World Records as the "Most prolific actor/dancer in the Indian film industry"? Chiranjeevi
27.	The WHO on Sep 19 declared ____ as the first country in the world to eliminate leprosy: Jordan
28.	The union cabinet on Sep 18 approved Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM-JUGA). What is its main

	objective? To improve the socio-economic condition of tribal communities.
29.	The Union Cabinet set the ball rolling on Sep 18 for holding simultaneous elections to Lok Sabha, State Assemblies by accepting the recommendations of which committee? Ram Nath Kovind committee
30.	September 18 is observed as World Bamboo Day. India is the world's ____ largest cultivator of bamboos: Second (after China)
31.	Which Indian state has the largest area under bamboo cover? Madhya Pradesh
32.	The NPS Vatsalya Scheme launched on September 18 targets which section of the population? Parents with small children
33.	Which apex organization will run the NPS Vatsalya Scheme? Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
34.	What is the minimum and maximum amount that can be contributed annually in the NPS Vatsalya Scheme? Rs. 1,000; No limit
35.	Minor subscribers of the NPS Vatsalya Scheme will be issued PRAN cards. What is PRAN? Permanent Retirement Account Number
36.	Which day of September is dedicated to celebrating World Patient Safety Day? 17th
37.	Which country hosted the Asian Champions Trophy (Men's) for hockey that concluded on Sep 17? China
38.	India won the Asian Champions Trophy on Sep 17 by defeating which country? China
39.	Who has been elected recently as the chief minister of the UT of Delhi? Ms. Atishi Singh
40.	Who has been appointed as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)? Amrit Mohan
41.	Headquarters of the Sashastra Seema Bal are in which city? New Delhi
42.	World Ozone Day is observed on September 16. The Ozone layer is found in which layer of the atmosphere? Stratosphere
43.	Ozone gas molecule contains how many oxygen atoms? Three

44.	What is the main benefit of the Ozone layer? It prevents the Sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation
45.	The Kigali Amendment 2019 aims to reduce the projected production and consumption of HFCs by more than ____% over the next 30 years: 80
46.	What is the full form of HFCs? Hydro Fluoro Carbons
47.	Kigali is the capital of which African country? Rwanda
48.	India launched which mission on Sep 15 to provide humanitarian assistance to typhoon Yagi-affected countries? Operation Sadbhav
49.	Operation Sadbhav covered which three countries? Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam
50.	Which space mission of the US space company SpaceX created history on Sep 12 by making the world's first commercial spacewalk? Polaris Dawn
51.	This mission made history by reaching an altitude of around ____km, higher than any human has travelled in the past five decades: 1,400
52.	How many members were on board the Crew Dragon of the mission Polaris Dawn? Four
53.	Who was the commander of this four-member crew? Jared Isaacman
54.	Which celebrity scripted history by becoming the first person to reach a mind-boggling one billion total followers across his various social media accounts? Cristiano Ronaldo
55.	The country's first 'Vande Metro' service, Namo Bharat Rapid Rail, was flagged off on Sep 16 from which railway station in Gujarat? Bhuj
56.	Which super typhoon devastated China's financial capital Shanghai on Sep 16? Bebinca
57.	Which wing of the Indian defence forces took part in the bi-lateral Exercise Eastern Bridge from Sep 11 to 22? Indian Air Force
58.	Exercise Eastern Bridge was hosted by which country? Oman

59.	Engineers' Day on Sep 15 marks the birth anniversary of which acclaimed civil engineer? M. Visvesvaraya
60.	Hindi was adopted as the official language of India on Sep 14 in which year? 1949
61.	Under which article of the Indian Constitution was Hindi adopted as the official language of India? Article 343
62.	Vishwa Hindi Diwas is observed across the world on which date? January 10
63.	World First Aid Day is observed on which Saturday of September? Second
64.	What is the theme selected for this year's World First Aid Day? First Aid and Sports
65.	What is the name of the Indian Light Tank tested successfully by the DRDO on Sep 13? Zoravar
66.	Light Tank Zoravar was tested recently at which place? Somewhere in Rajasthan
67.	Joint military exercise Al Najah was conducted between which two countries from Sep 13 to 26? India and Oman
68.	Which country hosted the exercise, Al Najah? Oman
69.	What is the new name given to Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar Islands? Sri Vijaya Puram
70.	Which school won the 63rd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament on Sep 12? T.G. English School, Manipur
71.	Which apex Indian organization conducts the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament? Indian Air Force
72.	Who was Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee (1911-60) in whose honor Subroto Cup is organized? First Indian Commander-in-Chief of Indian Air Force
73.	DRDO successfully test-fired the Vertical Launched Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) on Sep 12 with which defense force of India? Indian Navy
74.	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) functions under which

	ministry? Ministry of Commerce and Industry
75.	DPIIT recently launched a digital platform – BHASKAR for which target group? All stakeholders of startups
76.	What is the full form of the acronym BHASKAR? Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry
77.	Name the veteran communist leader and General Secretary of CPI(M) who passed away on Sep 12 after a prolonged illness in New Delhi? Sitaram Yechury
78.	The Union Cabinet approved a proposal on Sep 11 to provide health insurance coverage of Rs. 5 lakh to all senior citizens who are above ___ years, irrespective of their income, under Ayushman Bharat PM Jan Arogya Yojana: 70
79.	India celebrates September 11 as the National Forest _____ Day: Martyrs
80.	World Suicide Prevention Day, observed on Sep 10, selected which theme for the 3 years 2024—26? Changing the Narrative on Suicide
81.	Who assumed the Presidency of the 79th UN General Assembly session on Sep 10? Philemon Yang
82.	Philemon Yang is the former Prime Minister of which country? Cameroon
83.	On Sep 10, which authority notified the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) as a 'Public Financial Institution'? Ministry of Corporate Affairs
84.	NaBFID is based in which city? Mumbai
85.	Which is the regulating authority for NaBFID? RBI
86.	The US News & World Report in its 'Best Countries Ranking 2024' released on Sep 10, ranked which country as the 'best' in the world? Switzerland
87.	What was India's rank in the 'Best Countries Ranking 2024'? 33rd

88.	The largest-ever ground combat exercise of Indian and US forces, Yudh Abhyas 2024, commenced on Sep 9 at which place? Mahajan field firing ranges of Rajasthan
89.	World EV (electric vehicle) Day is observed on which day of September? 9th
90.	The defense ministry placed a major contract for Rs 26,000 crore on Sep 09 with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) for the purchase of 240 AL-31FP aero-engines for powering which aircraft? Sukhoi-30MKI
91.	Himalaya Day is observed on Sep 09. Which is the highest range of the Himalayas where many of the highest peaks of the world are located, including Mt Everest? The Great Himalayas
92.	The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways issued a notification on Sep 10 for using Global Navigation Satellite System for what purpose? For online collection of distance-based toll tax
93.	Which country hosted one of the biggest international maritime warfare exercises, Kakadu 2024, held from Sep 9 to 20? Australia
94.	Which surveillance aircraft of the Indian Navy participated in the Ex-Kakadu 2024? P-8I Poseidon
95.	Paris Paralympics 2024 concluded on Sep 08. India secured how many medals at this mega event? 29
96.	Indian para-athletes secured how many gold medals in the 2024 Paris Paralympics? Seven
97.	Which country topped the final medal tally at the Paris Paralympics, securing 220 medals, including 94 gold medals? China
98.	Jyoti _____ clinched a gold medal in the women's 76 kg freestyle category at the U20 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain: Berwal
99.	Which UN Agency is associated with the celebration of International Literacy Day on Sep 08? UNESCO

100.	The US Open Tennis Tournament concluded on Sep 08 at which place in New York City? Flushing Meadows
101.	The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution on Sep 07 to declare July 6 as "World Rural _____ Day": Development
102.	International Vulture Awareness Day is observed on which Saturday of September? First
103.	Which pain reliever medicine administered to cattle led to a sharp fall in the population of vultures in India in the 1990s as it proved fatal for vultures when they gored these dead animals? Diclofenac
104.	Which global organization supports the celebration of International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies? UNO
105.	India successfully flight tested its IRBM Agni-4 on Sep 06. What is its effective strike range? 4,000 km
106.	What is the full expansion of IRBM? Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile
107.	Super Typhoon Yagi, a very strong category 5 typhoon, hit three countries in the second week of September – Philippines, China, and Vietnam. Which one was worst affected? Vietnam
108.	Which Indian union minister has been named by TIME Magazine as one of the most influential people in the field of Technology and Artificial Intelligence? Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister
109.	Who has been appointed as the next Union Finance Secretary? Tuhin Kanta Pandey
110.	International Day of Charity on Sep 05 also marks the death anniversary of which great saint? Saint Mother Teresa
111.	India celebrates Teachers' Day on Sep 05. When is World Teachers' Day observed? October 05

112. Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached Bandar Seri _____, capital of Brunei on Sep 03: Begawan
113. Mr. Modi visited Singapore on Sep 4-5. Which is the capital of Singapore? Singapore
114. Kapil Parmar bagged India's first-ever Paralympic medal, a bronze, in which sport at the 2024 Paris Paralympics? Judo
115. Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached which city in Brunei on Sep 03 on the first day of his three-day tour to Brunei and Singapore? Bandar Seri Begawan
116. Who created history by winning India's first-ever gold in the men's archery individual recurve at the Paris Paralympics? Harvinder Singh
117. Haryana hosted the 61st National Chess Championship in which city? Gurugram
118. Which state signed a tripartite Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) on Sep 4 with 2 insurgent groups to establish peace in the state? Tripura
119. The world's first dedicated conservation and breeding centre for the Asian King Vulture has been opened in which Indian state? Uttar Pradesh
120. Which country was recently admitted as a new member of the New Development Bank? Algeria
121. Where are the headquarters of the New Development Bank? Shanghai, China
122. Who is the current chief of the New Development Bank? Ms. Dilma Rousseff
123. Which National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) launched the "VisioNxt Fashion Forecasting Initiative"? NIFT Chennai
124. The 22nd edition of the Indo-French naval Exercise Varuna 2024 was held at which place? Mediterranean Sea
125. September 2 is celebrated as World Coconut Day. Which 3 Indian states account for over 85% of India's coconut

production? Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu
126. Which Indian corporate entity created history by becoming the first Indian company to surpass Rs 10 lakh crore in annual revenue? Reliance Industries Limited
127. The Ministry of Law and Justice notified the constitution of the ____ Law Commission on Sep 02: 23rd
128. Sumit Antil secured gold and created a new games record in which event at the Paris Paralympics? Javelin throw
129. Switzerland topped the Global Innovation Index, for the 13th year in succession. Which country secured the second spot? Sweden
130. The Union Cabinet on Sep 02 approved the proposal of Kaynes Semicon to set up a Rs. 3,300-crore semiconductor unit in which Gujarat city? Sanand
131. Which team won the 133rd IOC Durand Cup Football Championship on August 31? North East United FC
132. The government upgraded how many Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) to 'Navratna' status on August 30? Four
133. The foundation stone for the Vadhvan Port, one of the largest deep water ports in India, was laid on August 30 in which state? Maharashtra
134. Goa Shipyard Ltd. launched India's first indigenously built pollution control vessel 'Samudra Pratap' on August 29 for which Indian force? Indian Coast Guard
135. According to the National Statistical Office (NSO) data released on August 30, Indian GDP grew by ____ % in the quarter ended June 30: 6.7%
136. The Indian Army launched the first phase of Project NAMAN to provide dedicated support and services to which segment? Defence pensioners, veterans, and their families
137. Which apex national body has launched the scheme "SPICED" aimed at significantly

enhancing the export of spices and value-added spice products? Spices Board of India
138. Satish Kumar has been appointed as the new Chairman and CEO of which national level apex organization? Indian Railway Board
139. The Hurun Rich List 2024 of Indians having a net worth of over Rs 1,000 crore, ranked 21-year-old Kaivalya Vohra as the youngest entrant to the list. He is the founder of which startup? Zepto
140. Daljit Singh Chaudhary has been appointed Director General of which CAPF? Border Security Force (BSF)
141. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)? Rajwinder Singh Bhatti
142. Which country was crowned the new champion of the SAFF U-20 Football Championship? Bangladesh
143. What is the full form of SAFF? South Asian Football Federation
144. Which country hosted the SAFF U-20 Football Championship? Nepal
145. What is the name of the Arihant-Class ballistic missile nuclear-powered submarine commissioned into the Indian Navy on August 29? INS Arighaat
146. The government launched the updated version of which portal on August 29 to make workplaces safer for women? She-Box (Sexual Harassment electronic Box)
147. Name the prominent film producer and the owner of Magna Publishing, known for Stardust magazine, who died on August 23? Nari Hira
148. Ms. Sindhu _____, the Managing Director of SAP Labs India, has been appointed as the new chairperson of NASSCOM: Gangadharan
149. Name the 13-year-old Indian badminton player who won the women's singles title on Aug 25 at the prestigious Asian U-15 Junior Championship: Tanvi Patri

150. The Indian Army has placed an order for 73,000 SIG716 rifles from SiG Sauer of which country? USA
151. Jay Shah, Secretary BCCI, has been elected as the chairman of the ICC - International Cricket Council, based in ____: Dubai
152. What is the name of the single-strain Oral Cholera Vaccine launched recently in India? HILLCHOL
153. Cholera Vaccine HILLCHOL has been developed and launched by which pharma company? Bharat Biotech International Ltd., Hyderabad
154. B. Srinivasan, senior IPS officer, has been appointed as the Director General of the National Security Guard. What is its main function? Counter-terrorism operations
AUGUST 2024
1. August 30 is observed as International Whale Shark Day. Whale sharks are fish or mammals? Fish
2. India celebrates National Small Industry Day on which day of August? 30th
3. National Sports Day on August 29 marks the birthday of which legendary player? Major Dhyan Chand
4. Indian women wrestlers won their first-ever team title at the Under-17 World Wrestling Championship in which country? Jordan
5. The Union Cabinet approved the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) on August 24. What is the minimum pension assured in UPS? Rs 10,000/-
6. What is the name of India's first ever reusable hybrid rocket, launched successfully on August 24? RHUMI-1
7. One of India's finest batsmen, announced his retirement on August 24 from all forms of international and domestic cricket. Who is he? Shikhar Dhawan
8. The Asian Development Bank approved a \$500 million loan to which state for improving tertiary healthcare facilities? Maharashtra

9.	Central government launched the National Medical _____ Portal of the National Medical Commission (NMC) on August 23: Register
10.	India celebrates August 23 as the National Space Day to commemorate which landmark event? Landing of the Vikram Lander on the south pole of the Moon in 2022
11.	The Union Cabinet approved the merger of three main schemes under a new scheme named 'Vigyan Dhara' for what purpose? For strengthening the country's Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) ecosystem
12.	During his two-nation visit to Poland and Ukraine, PM Narendra Modi gifted four units of which portable hospital to Ukraine? BHISHM Cubes
13.	What is the full form of the acronym BHISHM? Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri
14.	Rajesh Nambiar has been appointed as the president-designate of which national level trade body? National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)
15.	NPCI has launched which new feature for providing digital payment accessibility to individuals who depend on others for financial needs? UPI Circle
16.	President Droupadi Murmu conferred the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskars on August 22. Which is the highest ranked Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar? Vigyan Ratna Award
17.	The Malaysian Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, arrived in India on Aug 19 for a three-day visit. What is the currency of Malaysia? Malaysian Ringgits
18.	Supported by the UNO, the World Senior Citizens Day is observed on which day of August? 21st
19.	India celebrates Akshay Urja Diwas on August 20. Who is the current chief of the Ministry for New & Renewable Energy? Sh. Pralhad Joshi

20.	Sadbhavna Diwas on August 20 marks the birthday of which great personality? Rajiv Gandhi
21.	The 2024 Barclays Private Clients Hurun India Most Valuable Family Businesses list ranked which business family at the top? Ambanis of Reliance group
22.	World Sanskrit Day is observed annually on the Purnima of which month of Hindu calendar? Shravana (Sawan)
23.	Shaktikanta Das, the RBI Governor has been ranked as the top central banker globally for the second consecutive year by which forum? US-based Global Finance magazine
24.	Which country hosted the 3 rd Voice of Global South Summit on August 17 in a virtual format? India
25.	Which airport has become the country's first airport to get the Level 5 net zero carbon emission accreditation under the Airport Council International's accreditation programme? Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
26.	RBI issued new guidelines for P2P lending NBFCs on August 16. What is P2P? Peer to Peer
27.	Ms. _____ Shinawatra has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Thailand on August 16 by the country's Parliament: Paetongtarn
28.	Who have been named flag bearers of the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the Paris Paralympics on August 28? Sumit Antil and Bhagyashri Jadhav
29.	Sumit Antil and Bhagyashri Jadhav represent India in which sport? Javelin throw and shot-put, respectively
30.	India's new rocket _____ Satellite Launch Vehicle lifted off successfully from Sriharikota in the morning of 16 th August: Small
31.	The SSLV-D3 rocket placed which satellite in to orbit? Earth Observation Satellite-08

32.	The winners of the ____ National Film Awards were announced on August 16 in New Delhi: 70th
33.	Who announced the winners of 70 th National Film Awards? Rahul Rawail
34.	Film Aattam won the national award for the Overall Best Feature Film. It is in which language? Malyalam
35.	Which film won the national award for the Best Hindi Film? Gulmohar
36.	Sooraj Barjatya won the national award for the Best Director for which of his films? Unchai
37.	The Union Government launched the AI-based National ____ Surveillance System (NPSS) on August 15: Pest
38.	The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) have agreed to India's request to name how many underwater geographical structures located in the Indian Ocean? Three
39.	These three underwater geographical structures are located in which part of the Indian Ocean? Southern
40.	Who has been appointed as India's next Permanent Representative to the United Nations at New York? Parvathaneni Harish
41.	Govind Mohan, an IAS officer of 1989 batch has been appointed as the new Union ____ Secretary: Home
42.	Who has been appointed as Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED)? Rahul Navin
43.	India added how many Ramsar sites on August 15 to the network of protected wetlands? Three
44.	Now, there are how many Ramsar sites in India? 85
45.	Which Indian airline has been ranked as the Best Airline in India / South Asia in 2024 by the Skytrax's World Airline Awards 2024? Vistara
46.	The Indian gold industry has announced the formation of a self-regulatory organisation,

	named the Indian Association for Gold ____ and Standards: Excellence
47.	Which country hosted the India-Sri Lanka joint military exercise 'Mitra Shakti' from August 12 to 25? Sri Lanka
48.	Sri Lanka hosted the exercise 'Mitra Shakti' at which place? Maduru Oya
49.	Government has decided to observe August 14 as Partition ____ Remembrance Day: Horrors
50.	Which institution secured the top rank in overall best category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Rankings 2024 released on August 13? IIT Madras
51.	Which engineering institute has been ranked at the top for the 9 th successive year by the NIRF? IIT Madras
52.	The NIRF ranking placed which college at the top spot? Hindu College, Delhi
53.	DRDO successfully tested 'GAURAV' from a Sukhoi-30 MK-I fighter jet of the Indian Air Force on August 13. What is Gaurav? Long Range Glide Bomb
54.	What is the strike range of GAURAV? 50 to 150 km
55.	August 13 is observed as World ____ Donation Day across the globe: Organ
56.	When do we celebrate National Organ Donation Day? On November 27
57.	The RBI has mandated NBFCs/HFCs to repay full deposit amount within the first ____ months of accepting it, if the depositor seeks a withdrawal citing an emergency: Three
58.	World Elephant Day is observed on August 12. Which country in the world has the largest population of elephants? Botswana, Africa
59.	August 12 is observed as the International ____ Day across the globe? Youth
60.	India celebrates National Youth Day on which date? January 12

61.	National Youth Day on January 12 marks the birthday of which great personality? Swami Vivekananda
62.	Who is the current head of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports? Sh. Mansukh Mandaviya
63.	Name the former External Affairs Minister who passed away on August 11 in New Delhi: K. Natwar Singh
64.	Paris Olympics 2024 concluded on August 11. Which two countries secured 40 gold medals each? USA and China
65.	What was India's rank in the final medal tally in the Paris Olympics? 71st
66.	Who is the only Indian wrestler to win a medal in the Paris Olympics? Aman Sherawat
67.	Which US City will be hosting the 2028 Olympics? Los Angeles
68.	August 10 is marked as World Biofuel Day. Name the three common most biofuels? Ethanol, Biodiesel and Biogas
69.	Which union ministry is associated with the celebration of World Biofuel Day? Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
70.	Who is the current head of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas? Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri
71.	India celebrates National Deworming Day on August 10 and Feb 10. Which anti worm tablets are administered free of cost, on these two days? Albendazole
72.	Which country hosted the bilateral air force Exercise Udara Shakti from Aug 5 to 9? Malaysia
73.	T.V. Somanathan has been appointed as the _____ Secretary on August 10: Cabinet
74.	President Droupadi Murmu visited which 3 nations in second week of August? Fiji and Timor-Leste
75.	Which 2 countries conferred their highest civilian honour on President Murmu? Fiji, New Zealand and Timor-Leste

76.	Which is the capital of New Zealand? Wellington
77.	Government launched "Million Designers, Billion Dreams" programme on August 6 for which target group? Rural population
78.	The Indian Army conducted which fortnight long strategic military exercise in Eastern Ladakh in first half of August? Ex Parvat Prahaar
79.	The Indian hockey team won the bronze medal in Paris Olympics. Both the goals scored by the Indian team were scored by which player? Harmanpreet Singh
80.	Which sportsperson won the sole silver medal for India in the Paris Olympics? Neeraj Chopra
81.	Which Indian stock exchange achieved a significant milestone on August 8, by surpassing the 10-crore mark for its registered investor base? NSE - National Stock Exchange, Mumbai
82.	RBI has decided to hike the tax payment limit through UPI from Rs 1 lakh to Rs ____ lakh per transaction: Five
83.	August Kranti Diwas on August 8 marks the launch of which national movement by Mahatma Gandhi in 1942? "Quit India" movement (अंग्रेजों भारत छोड़ो)
84.	Call for the "Quit India" movement was made at which session of the All-India Congress Committee? Bombay
85.	India hosted the first phase of its first ever multinational air exercise "Tarang Shakti 2024" from August 6 to 14 in Sular, in which state? Tamil Nadu
86.	National Handloom Day on August 7 marks the launch of which national movement on this day in 1905? Swadeshi Movement
87.	Hiroshima Day on August 6 marks the dropping of world's first nuclear bomb as weapon. What was its name? Little Boy
88.	India celebrates National Bone & Joint Day on August 4. Which is the longest bone in human body? Femur, the thigh bone

89.	A veteran maestro of Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi dance form, she breathed her last on August 03 at the age of 84 in New Delhi. Can you name her? Yamini Krishnamurthy
90.	Who has been appointed as Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet? C S Setty
91.	A two-day Conference of Governors was held on August 2-3 in New Delhi. Who presided over the Conference? The President of India
92.	Prime Minister of Vietnam arrived in New Delhi on July 30 day end for a two-day state visit to India. Which is the capital of Vietnam? Hanoi
93.	Who is the Prime Minister of Vietnam? Pham Minh Chinh
94.	Which apex India organisation releases the Digital Payments Index? RBI
95.	Swapnil Kusale scripted history on August 1 by securing India's first ever Olympic medal in which event? 50m rifle 3 positions event
96.	Swapnil Kusale hails from which state? Maharashtra
97.	Lt Gen. Vikas Lakhera has been appointed as the Director General of which par-military force? Assam Rifles
98.	What is the popular name of the Assam Rifles? Sentinels of Northeast
99.	Muslim Women's Rights Day on August 01 commemorates which event? Enactment of the law against Triple Talaq on this day in 2019
100.	August 01 is observed as World Wide Web Day. Who is credited with the creation of World Wide Web? Tim Berners-Lee, British computer scientist
101.	Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission? Smt. Preeti Sudan
102.	Which multilateral bank approved a \$ 200 million loan to India for improving solid waste management and sanitation in 100 cities? Asian Development Bank (ADB)

103.	The National _____ and Training Scheme 2.0 (NATS 2.0) Portal was launched on July 30 in New Delhi: Apprenticeship
104.	Government plans to roll out the U-WIN portal – a digital platform for creating an electronic registry of routine immunisations for which target group? Pregnant women and children up to the age of 6 years
105.	An innovative portal, "Ideas4LiFE" was launched on July 29 at IIT Delhi for what purpose? To invite ideas for promoting environment-friendly lifestyles
106.	Manoj Mittal has been appointed as the CMD of which development bank? Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
107.	Where are the headquarters of SIDBI? Lucknow, UP
108.	The "country's first" sunken museum was inaugurated on July 29 at which magnificent UNESCO world heritage site? Humayun's Tomb
109.	Humayun's Tomb is situated in which place? Delhi
110.	In which US state massive wildfire, The Park Fire, burnt more than 360,000 acres of land in last week of July? California
111.	Which team won the women's ICC T20 Asia Cup on July 28? Sri Lanka
112.	Finals for the women's ICC T20 Asia Cup were played on July 28 in which city? Dambulla, Sri Lanka
113.	Manu Bhaker became the first Indian woman ever to win two Olympic medals in shooting competition. She secured two bronze medals in which event? 10-meter air pistol event
114.	President Droupadi Murmu appointed how many Governors on July 27? Nine
115.	Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Punjab? Sh. Gulab Chand Kataria
116.	Sh. S K Gangwar has been appointed as the new Governor of which state? Jharkhand
117.	The President is empowered to appoint Governors in the states under provisions of

which article of the Constitution? Article 155
118. Which Indian heritage site has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List on July 26? "Moidams" of Assam
119. What type of structures are the "Moidams" of Assam? Mound shaped burial system of the Ahom dynasty
120. "Moidams" of Assam are situated at which place in Assam? Charaideo, near Sibsagar
JULY 2024
1. Which UN Agency is associated with the celebration of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons? UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
2. July 29 is observed as the Global Tiger Day. Which country accounts for about 75% of the global tiger population? India
3. The Asian Development Bank approved a \$200 million loan to expand metro rail corridors in which Indian city? Nagpur
4. With which country Indian Army participated in Exercise 'Khaan Quest' from July 27 to August 9? Mongolia
5. Exercise 'Khaan Quest' was held at which place? Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
6. India celebrates Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26. Kargil war took place in which year? 1999
7. July 26 is observed as the World Mangrove Day. Which Indian state has the largest area under mangrove forests? West Bengal
8. Under the new Model Skill Loan Scheme launched on July 25, quantum of loan has been raised to what amount? Rs.7.5 lakh
9. The President's Secretariat has decided to rename the Durbar Hall as what? Ganatantra Mandap
10. India celebrates Income Tax Day on which day of July? 24th
11. Which Indian sportsperson has been honoured with the prestigious 'Olympic Order' for his outstanding services to the Olympic Movement? Abhinav Bindra

12. National Broadcasting Day on July 23 marks which event in the broadcasting history of India? Airing of first radio broadcast on this day in 1927
13. First radio broadcast was made in India in 1927 from a radio station in _____. Bombay
14. Which Indian space mission has been awarded the prestigious World Space Award by the International Astronautical Federation? Chandrayaan-3
15. India celebrates National Flag Day on July 22. Who is credited with the designing of the Indian national flag? Pingali Venkayya
16. National Mango Day on July 22 honours the national fruit Mango. Which state is associated with the premium quality mango Alphonso? Maharashtra
17. In which country, two massive landslides on July 21/22 caused by the heavy rains, claimed around 250 lives? Ethiopia
18. Which Indian woman batter became the highest run-getter for her side in Women's T20Is, scoring over 3415 runs? Harmanpreet Kaur
19. Which Bollywood megastar became the first Indian actor in whose honour the Grevin Museum in Paris has issued a set of gold coins? Shah Rukh Khan
20. Name the Indian F2 racer who won the FIA Formula 2 Championship on July 20 at the Hungarian Grand Prix in Hungary? Kush Maini
21. ____ became the first state in the world where the development of the ecosystem will be assessed through an index: Uttarakhand
22. National Moon Day (USA) on July 20 commemorates the day man first walked on the moon. It happened in which year? 1969
23. July 20 is observed as World Chess Day. In ancient times, chess was known by what name in India? Chaturanga
24. Captain Supreetha CT became the first woman officer from the Corps of Army Air Defence to be operationally deployed at

	which place? Siachen Glacier, world's highest battlefield
25.	Which state has been ranked at the top under the 'Best Performing State' category in the Prime Minister SVANidhi scheme? Madhya Pradesh
26.	PM SVANidhi scheme provides collateral free working capital loan up to what amount at the initial stage? Rs. 10,000/-
27.	PM SVANidhi scheme is administered by which union ministry? Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
28.	International Nelson Mandela Day on July 18 marks the birthday of great South African leader Nelson Mandela. In which year he became the first non-white President of South Africa? 1994
29.	In 1990, government of India honoured Mr. Mandela with which high ranking civilian award? Bharat Ratna
30.	Ursula von der Leyen was re-elected for the second five-year term as the President of which apex European institution? European Commission
31.	Government launched the National Narcotics Helpline 'MANAS' on July 18 to facilitate 24x7 reporting of drug trafficking by the common citizens. What is expansion of the acronym MANAS? Madak Padarth Nishedh Asuchna Kendra
32.	What is the 24x7 toll-free helpline number for using MANAS? 1933
33.	July 17 is observed as World Day for International Justice. The International Criminal Court is based at which place? The Hague, Netherlands
34.	Lallianzuala Chhangte and Ms. Indumathi Kathiresan, were named the male and female "Players of the Year" for the 2023-24 season, respectively, by which sports national body? All India Football Federation
35.	Which apex national organisation launched its 'One Scientist-One Product' (OSOP) program on July 16 to promote research in

	agriculture and animal husbandry? Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
36.	Vinay Mohan Kwatra, former Indian Foreign Secretary has been nominated as the next Indian Ambassador to which country? USA
37.	Name the 72 years old communist leader of Nepal who was sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Nepal on July 15: K P Sharma Oli
38.	The Ministry of Education joined hands with which organisation to develop 22,000 books in Indian languages over the next five years? UGC -University Grants Commission
39.	Shruti Hegde, beauty queen from Hubli, Karnataka, recently became first Indian to win Miss _____ title: Universal Petite
40.	The oldest Tennis grand slam Wimbledon Championships, concluded on July 14 in which city? London
41.	Barbora Krejčíková, winner of women's singles title at the Wimbledon Championships, hails from which country? Czech Republic
42.	Who was declared the winner of men's singles title at the Wimbledon Championships? Carlos Alcaraz
43.	Tennis star Carlos Alcaraz hails from which country? Spain
44.	July 14 is celebrated as an international day to spread awareness about conservation of which fish? Shark
45.	The government has decided to observe which day of June as 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas' to mark the imposition of emergency on this day in 1975? 25th
46.	Prime Minister Modi achieved a significant milestone by surpassing 100 million followers on which of his social media account? X, formerly Twitter
47.	Which prominent world leader has largest followers, 131.7 million, on X? Former US President Barack Obama
48.	July 12 is celebrated as "World Malala Day" to mark the birthday of the young human rights

	activist. What is her full name? Malala Yousafzai
49.	Sudarsan Pattnaik, renowned sand artist won the prestigious Golden Sand Master award on July 12 at the International Sand Sculpture Championship in which country? Russia
50.	Government launched the _____ Region Agri Commodity E-Connect web portal and mobile application on July 12 for the benefit of the farming community and buyers: North East
51.	Which UN agency is associated with celebration of World Population Day on July 11? U N Fund for Population Activities -- UNFPA
52.	The RBI released its FI-Index for 2023-24 on July 10. What does FI stand for? Financial Inclusion
53.	A recent report by InterNations, a global organisation for expats, has ranked which country as the most affordable country for immigrants in 2024? Vietnam
54.	The WHO launched an online platform named MeDevIS. What kind of platform is this? An open access electronic database of medical devices
55.	Prime Minister Modi was honoured with Russia's most prestigious civilian honour, the Order of St _____ the Apostle on July 09: Andrew
56.	Sh. Modi visited Austria on July 09 to meet Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer. Which is the capital of Austria? Vienna
57.	An Indian Air Force contingent participated in the biennial, multinational exercise Pitch Black. It was hosted by which country? Australia
58.	What was the name of the India-Thailand joint military exercise held from July 01 to 15? Exercise MAITREE
59.	Which country hosted Exercise MAITREE? Thailand
60.	July 10 is the National Fish Farmers' Day. Who is the current chief of the union ministry

	of fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying? Sh. Lalan Singh
61.	Who has been re-elected as the chief minister of Jharkhand for a third term? Hemant Soren
62.	Indo-Russian Rifles delivered 35,000 7.62 mm Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles to the Indian Army on July 05 from its plant in Korwa. It is in which state? Uttar Pradesh
63.	What is the effective range of the Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles? 800 mt
64.	Who has been appointed as India's Chef-De-Mission for the 2024 Paris Olympics? Gagan Narang
65.	Sharath Kamal, the veteran _____ player has been selected as the flag bearer for opening ceremony of Paris Olympics: Table Tennis
66.	Who has been selected as the woman flag bearer for opening ceremony of Paris Olympics: P V Sindhu
67.	One of France's highest civilian honour, Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur was conferred on Roshni Nadar Malhotra. She is chief of which IT company? HCLTech
68.	The International Day of Cooperatives is observed every year on the first Saturday of July. Who is the current chief of the union ministry of cooperation? Sh. Amit Shah
69.	According to a recent report released by the UN agency World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) on July 03, which country filed highest number of GenAI patents in 2014-23? China
70.	Who has been appointed as the new head coach of the senior men's cricket team by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)? Gautam Gambhir
71.	India's maiden solar probe, Aditya-L1, completed its first halo orbit in space from which point? Lagrangian point L1
72.	Hurricane Beryl, a strong tropical storm landed in which US state on July 08, causing widespread devastation? Texas

73.	Widespread wild fire named Thompson Fire devastated which US state in first week of July? California
74.	NITI Aayog launched which nationwide campaign on July 04 to attain saturation in 500 aspirational blocks and 112 aspirational districts? Sampoornata Abhiyan
75.	Name the 61 year old Leader of the Labour party who was elected on July 05 as the 58 th Prime Minister of the United Kingdom: Keir Starmer
76.	Who won the 14th presidential election in Iran? Masoud Pezeshkian
77.	The 24 th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) took place on July 3 - 4 under the presidency of which country? Kazakhstan
78.	Which country has been admitted as the 10 th member of SCO? Belarus
79.	16 th Nomadic Elephant Exercise between India and Mongolia was held from July 03 to 16 in which place? Umroi, Meghalaya
80.	Which cricket team created a new record in the history of women's test cricket on June 29 by scoring the highest ever team totals of 603 runs? Indian team
81.	Team India lifted the ICC T20 World Cup by defeating South Africa on June 29 in which country? Barbados
82.	World's largest international maritime exercise – RIMPAC was held in which place from June 26 to Aug 02? Hawaiian Islands, USA
83.	The three new criminal laws – Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, came into force from which date? July 01, 2024
84.	National Doctor's Day on July 01 happens to the birth and death anniversary of which renowned doctor? Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy (Bharat Ratna)

85.	Which apex insurance company re-designated its chairman's post as MD & CEO with effect from June 30, 2024? LIC of India
86.	July 01 is celebrated as the GST Day in India. GST was implemented from which year? 2000
87.	How many tax slabs are there in the GST regime? Five
88.	_____ has become first country to employ advanced hologram technology in printing of currency notes to deter counterfeiters? Japan
89.	The RBI has joined the multilateral international initiative 'Project Nexus' for what purpose? For interlinking Fast Payments Systems (FPSs) of various countries
90.	What is the name of the new explosive developed in India which can double the lethality of warheads and bombs? SEBEX 2
91.	Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)? Ravi Agrawal
92.	According to the EIU's latest annual Global Livability Index, launched on June 27, which city has been named as the world's most livable city? Vienna, Austria
93.	_____ has become the first country in the world to complete the biodiversity documentation, covering all the 1,04,561 species: India
94.	The Henley Passport Index released on June 26 declared which country's passport as the most powerful? Singapore
95.	Indian passport secured which rank in the recent Henley Passport Index? 81st
96.	The Ministry of Finance elevated Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited to the Navratna status on June 25. It is situated in which place? Mumbai
97.	Who scripted history on June 28 by scoring the fastest double-century in the history of women's test cricket? Shafali Verma

98. Who has been selected to captain India's Hockey team for the 2024 Paris Olympics? Harmanpreet Singh
99. Who has been elected as the next Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)? Mark Rutte
100. Ms. Ursula von der Leyen has been re-elected as the President of the European _____ for the second term: Commission
101. Who has been elected as the new President of the European Council on June 27? Antonio Costa
102. Name the 1989 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer who has been appointed as the next Foreign Secretary of India? Vikram Misri
103. June 30 is celebrated as the International Asteroid Day. The asteroid belt is located between orbits of which two planets? Mars and Jupiter
104. Celebration of International Day of Parliamentarism on June 30 coincides with which number of UN SDG? 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
105. World's highest rail bridge located in Jammu and Kashmir has been constructed over which river? Chenab
106. National Statistics Day on June 29 marks the birth anniversary of which legendary statistician? Prof. P C Mahalanobis
107. UN celebrates June 27 as Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day. Who is the current MSME cabinet minister in India? Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi
108. Name the NDA nominee who was elected as the Lok Sabha speaker on June 26: Sh. Om Birla
109. China's which lunar probe module returned to Earth on June 25, bringing back 2 kg of moon soil sample from Moon's South pole? Chang'e-6
110. June 25 is observed as World Vitiligo Day. Vitiligo affects which organ of body? Skin
111. World Craft Council (WCC) selected which India city on June 23 as a 'World Craft City'? Srinagar, J&K

112. Who entered her name in the record books by becoming the first Indian woman to record two consecutive ODI hundreds? Smriti Mandhana
113. Which Indian city was officially declared on June 23 as India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'? Kozhikode, Kerala
114. UNO observes June 23 as United Nations _____ Service Day: Public
115. June 23 is World Olympic Day. The Paris Olympic 2024 are which number in series? 33rd
116. Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Aditi Swami and Parneet Kaur won the team gold medal on June 22 in which international event: Archery World Cup Stage-3 in Antalya, Turkey
117. World Rainforest Day is celebrated on June 22. Which are the largest rain forests in the world? Amazon Rainforests
118. Sreeja Akula is a top-rated Indian player in which sport? Table Tennis
119. Main function for celebrating International Day of Yoga in India was held on June 21 at which place? Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre, Srinagar
120. June 21 is observed as World Hydrography Day. Where are the headquarters of International Hydrographic Organisation? Monte Carlo, Monaco

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