## **PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

1) India has launched, a	A) Bimal Rathnayake
groundbreaking pilot project under the National	B) Dinesh Gunawardena
Geospatial Policy 2022.	C) Harini Amarasuriya
A) Project Vasudha	D) Vijitha Herath
B) Operation Dronagiri	
C) Mission Kartavya	7) The Global Soil Conference 2024 was held in which of
D) Mission Karmayogi	the following city?
	A) New Delhi
2) Which airport has received prestigious award at the	B) Hyderabad
Saudi Airport Excellence Awards?	C) Chennai
A) Cochin International Airport	D) Bengaluru
B) GMR Hyderabad International Airport	CMT
C) Maharishi Valmiki International Airport	8) The 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was
D) Navi Mumbai International Airport	held in which of the following city?
	A) New Delhi
3) When the National Naturopathy Day (India) was	B) Mumbai
observed?	C) Hyderabad
A) 17 November	D) Goa
B) 18 November Establishing New Trend in Civil S	
C) 19 November	9) The 2nd India-CARICOM Summit was held in which of
D) 20 November	the following city?
	A) Bahamas
4) The inaugural Kho Kho World Cup is set to take place	B) Barbados
in which of the following country in 2025?	C) Guyana
A) Sri Lanka	D) India
B) Pakistan	
C) Nepal	10) India secured which of the following position in the
D) India	Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025?
	A) 10
5) Which country has declared a national emergency	B) 09
due to water shortages, drought and forest fires that	C) 07
have razed more than 10,000 hectares?	D) 06
A) Argentina	
B) Chile	11) When the Constitution Day (India) was observed?
C) Ecuador	A) 26 November
D) South Africa	B) 25 November
	C) 24 November
6) Who among the following was elected as the Prime	D) 23 November

Minister of Sri Lanka?

- 12) Who among the following became the youngest player to be bought at IPL auction?
- A) Kumar Kushagra
- B) Noor Ahmed
- C) Vaibhav Suryavanshi
- D) None of the above
- 13) The 10th meeting of the India-EU Energy Panel was held in which of the following city?
- A) Berlin
- B) Brussels
- C) Paris
- D) None of the above
- 14) Which of the following state government has reinstated IPS officer Rashmi Shukla as Director General of Police (DGP)?
- A) Haryana
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Kerala
- D) Maharashtra
- 15) Where did the final of the 40th All India Governor Gold Cup international football tournament was held?
- A) Dispur
- B) Gangtok
- C) Imphal
- D) Itanagar
- 16) Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched "Ab Koi Bahana Nahi" campaign along with which of the following organization?
- A) UNESCO
- B) UNICEF
- C) United Nations Women
- D) World Health Organisation
- 17) Who become the most expensive player in IPL history after he was sold to Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) for Rs 27 crore?
- A) Venkatesh Iyer
- B) Shreyas Iyer

- C) Rishabh Pant
- D) KL Rahul
- 18) In which of the following country Dinesh Bhatia has been appointed as India's next ambassador?
- A) Argentina
- B) Brazil
- C) Mongolia
- D) Peru
- 19) Who among the following was elected as the Prime Minister of Uzbekistan?
- A) Shavkat Mirziyoyev
- B) Oljas Bektenov
  - C) Akylbek Japarov
  - D) Abdulla Aripov
  - 20) Who among the following recently took oath as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand?
  - A) Hemant Soren
  - B) Kalpana Soren
  - C) Nitish Kumar
  - D) Santosh Kumar Gangwar
  - 21) Syed Modi International Super 300 badminton tournament was held in which of the following city?
  - A) Bhopal
  - B) Jaipur
  - C) Lucknow
  - D) Surat
  - 22) Which of the following country has signed the Riyadh Design Law Treaty (DLT) to strengthen its intellectual property ecosystem and promote inclusive growth?
  - A) Dubai
  - B) India
  - C) Japan
  - D) Russia

- 23) Who among the following became champion in the Under-8 World Cadets Chess Championship held in Montesilvano, Italy?
- A) Divith Reddy
- B) Jiming Guo
- C) Satwik Swain
- D) None of the above
- 24) Which of the following state government has launched a New Cottage Policy 2024, increasing loans, subsidies, and market support for artisans?
- A) Bihar
- B) Gujarat
- C) Haryana
- D) Rajasthan
- 25) John Tinniswood, the world's oldest man, has died at the age of \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- A) 112
- B) 111
- C) 110
- D) 102
- 26) When the Red Planet Day was observed?
- A) 29 November
- B) 28 November
- C) 27 November
- D) 26 November
- 27) What is the rank of India in the Network Readiness Index 2024?
- A) 17
- B) 18
- C) 32
- D) 49
- 28) The 13th edition of Joint Military Exercise AGNI WARRIOR was held between India and which of the following country?
- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Singapore

- D) Japan
- 29) US President Donald Trump appointed who among the following to serve as his special envoy for Ukraine and Russia?
- A) Susie Wills
- B) Mike Waltz
- C) Keith Kellogg
- D) None of the above
- 30) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj awarded with the \_\_\_\_\_ Medal for Excellence in Display at the 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF).
- PRABHA IAS ACADEMA) Bronze
  - B) Gold
  - C) Silver
  - D) None of the above
  - 31) Who among the following was honoured with Singapore's highest arts accolade, the Cultural Medallion, for his contribution to Indian music?
  - A) Devendra Kumar
  - B) Ghanavenothan Retnam
  - C) Manik Kotwal
  - D) None of the above
  - 32) Who among the following was conferred with the esteemed Rochdale Pioneers Award by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)?
  - A) Ashok Chandra
  - B) US Awasthi
  - C) Vinod Kumar
  - D) None of the above
  - 33) When the International Jaguar Day was observed?
  - A) 27 November
  - B) 28 November
  - C) 29 November
  - D) 30 November

- 34) The 59th All India Conference of Director Generals/ Inspector Generals of Police was held in which of the following city?
- A) Bhubaneswar
- B) Kolkata
- C) Lucknow
- D) Mumbai
- 35) Along with India which of the following country inked a Statement of Intent (SoI) for cooperation on Electric Propulsion Systems for Indian Navy?
- A) United Kingdom
- B) Japan
- C) Russia
- D) Singapore
- 36) Who among the following has announced his retirement recently?
- A) Bhuvneshwar Kumar
- B) Deepak Chahar
- C) Siddharth Kaul
- D) Virat Kohli
- 37) Who launched the CII Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and Regulatory Affairs Portal in a bid to enhance transparency and facilitate feedback on India's business environment?
- A) Amit Shah
- B) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) Piyush Goyal
- 38) Who was honored with the Indian Film Personality of the Year Award at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa?
- A) Akshay Kumar
- B) Ranveer Singh
- C) Vikrant Massey
- D) None of the above

- 39) External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar inaugurated the new Chancery of the Embassy of India in which of the following country?
- A) Italy
- B) France
- C) Germany
- D) Australia
- 40) 'Shunyata' an exhibition of paintings by Indian artist was held in which of the following city?
- A) New Delhi
- B) Kolkata
- C) Mumbai
- PRABHA IAS ACADEMD) Surat
  - 41) Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed deep condolences on the passing of renowned Dr. Prithwindra Mukherjee.
  - A) Singer
  - B) Researcher
  - C) Journalist
  - D) Director
  - 42) Who among the following presided the credit outreach event in Bihar's Madhubani district?
  - A) Dr. S. Jaishankar
  - B) Nirmala Sitharaman
  - C) Piyush Goyal
  - D) None of the above
  - 43) Who among the following was appointed as the new managing director (MD) and CEO of National Securities Depository (NSDL)?
  - A) Vijay Chandok
  - B) Sumit Dharmavardhan
  - C) Keshav Chandra
  - D) None of the above
  - 44) Chad has officially terminated its defense cooperation agreement with which of the following country?

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- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Italy
- D) Spain

# 45) Who among the following was nominated as the head of FBI?

- A) Tulsi Gabbard
- B) Keith Kellogg
- C) Kash Patel
- D) None of the above
- 46) Which of the following state is set to launch an Dinsurance scheme to cover entire cattle population in the state?
- A) Bihar
- B) Gujarat
- C) Harvana
- D) Kerala
- 47) Who among the following has won the top honours at the FIPI 2023 Awards?
- A) BPCL
- B) HPCL
- C) IOCL
- D) None of the above
- 48) When the rising day of the Border Security Force (BSF) was observed?
- A) 04 December
- B) 03 December
- C) 02 December
- D) 01 December
- 49) Who among the following presided over the 236th meeting of Central Board of Trustees (CBT), EPFO held in New Delhi?
- A) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- B) Mansukh Mandaviya
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) None of the above

- 50) Which of the following state is set to establish a Global AI Centre with World Bank support?
- A) Haryana
- B) Odisha
- C) Punjab
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- 51) The World Maritime Technology conference (WMTC) was held in which of the following city?
- A) Surat
- B) Mumbai
- C) Kochi
- D) Chennai
- 52) Which of the following state was declared as top destination for heritage tourism by UNESCO?
- A) West Bengal
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Haryana
- D) Gujarat
- 53) Ian Redpath, the legendary cricketer of which country has passed away recently?
- A) Australia
- B) England
- C) New Zealand
- D) None of the above
- 54) Oxford University has declared which of the following as the Word of the Year for 2024?
- A) Brain Rot
- B) Brat
- C) Mainfest
- D) None of the above
- 55) Who among the following was presented with the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024?
- A) H. Richard
- B) Maria Edward
- C) Maria Victoria Juan
- D) None of the above

- 56) Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) has organised its 63rd annual conference in which of the following city?
- A) Bengaluru
- B) Chennai
- C) Mumbai
- D) Surat
- 57) Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah became which of the following country's first female president?
- A) Namibia
- B) New Zealand
- C) Sudan
- D) None of the above
- 58) Government of India is set to launch which of the following portal for ensuring fair trade, consumer protection and a centralized database of all stakeholders?
- A) eTrade
- B) eseed
- C) eMohini
- D) eMaap
- 59) Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya the Foreign Minister of which of the following country visited India recently?
- A) Dubai
- B) Iran
- C) Kuwait
- D) Yemen
- 60) US President-elect Donald Trump has nominated who among the following to be his ambassador to the United Kingdom?
- A) Warren Stephens
- B) Tulsi Gabbard
- C) Masad Bulos
- D) None of the above
- 61) The Agriculture department is set to launch 'Ashraya' centres for the farmers of which of the following state?

- A) Bihar
- B) Gujarat
- C) Kerala
- D) Maharashtra
- 62) Which state government has entered into a strategic agreement with Google for establishing India's first Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC)?
- A) Karnataka
- B) Telangana
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Rajasthan
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) at the level of foreign ministers?
  - A) Dubai
  - B) Iran
  - C) Kuwait
  - D) Yemen
  - 64) Which of the following hockey team defeated Pakistan 5-3 in the final of the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2024 in Muscat, Oman, to win its fifth title?
  - A) Australia
  - B) China
  - C) India
  - D) Bangladesh
  - 65) Along with China which of the following country formalized a Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) framework agreement?
  - A) Nepal
  - B) Indonesia
  - C) Bhutan
  - D) Bangladesh
  - 66) A tiger has been camera-trapped in Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary, marking the first such sighting in the area. The Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which of the following state?

- A) Assam
- B) Kerala
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Tamil Nadu
- 67) The 2nd edition of Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam was held in which of the following city?
- A) Bhopal
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Thiruvananthapuram
- D) Vijayawada
- 68) Which of the following state is constructing around 16,000 affordable houses for low-income families? D) 05 December
- A) Bihar
- B) Haryana
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Uttarakhand
- 69) Which of the following country was honored with the ISSA Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific 2024?
- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Nepal
- C) India
- D) Bangladesh
- 70) World Bank has approved \$188.28 million loan to boost economic growth of lagging districts of which of the following state?
- A) Bihar
- B) Gujarat
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Rajasthan
- 71) For optimizing the supply chain of the Public Distribution System (PDS) in India, who among the following launched the Anna Chakra and Scan Portal?
- A) Amit Shah
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) Prahlad Joshi
- D) Narendra Modi

- 72) Who among the following was awarded the 2024 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace. Disarmament and **Development?**
- A) Michelle Bachelet
- B) Masad Bulos
- C) Jasleen Kaur
- D) None of the above
- 73) When the Armed Forces Flag Day (India) was observed?
- A) 08 December
- B) 07 December
- C) 06 December
- 74) Which of the following country was selected to chair the 68th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)?
- A) Japan
- B) India
- C) China
- D) Australia
- 75) The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has officially declared World Meditation Day.
- A) 18 December
- B) 20 December
- C) 21 December
- D) 25 December
- 76) Who among the following launched PM e-Vidya DTH channel for Indian Sign Language?
- A) Amit Shah
- B) Dharmendra Pradhan
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Rajnath Singh
- 77) Notre Dame de Paris, the iconic 861-year-old Gothic cathedral of which of the following country was formally reopened recently?

- A) Finland
- B) France
- C) Germany
- D) Italy
- 78) Which of the following state government is set to introduce maize flour produced through natural farming under the brand name 'Himbhog'?
- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) None of the above
- 79) Who among the following was appointed as the D) None of the above chief coach of India Women's U-20 and U-17 national teams by the All India Football Federation?
- A) S Parmesh
- B) Kemi Badenock
- C) Joakim Alexandersson
- D) None of the above
- 80) When the Bodhi Day was observed?
- A) 06 December
- B) 07 December
- C) 08 December
- D) 09 December
- 81) What is the expected GDP growth of India in fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 as per a report by OECD?
- A) 6.4%
- B) 6.6%
- C) 6.8%
- D) 6.9%
- 82) Which of the following country won Asian Cricket **Council Under-19s Asia Cup?**
- A) Australia
- B) Bangladesh
- C) India
- D) Sri Lanka

- 83) To promote energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives Urjaveer Yojana was launched in which of the following city?
- A) Jaipur
- B) New Delhi
- C) Vijaywada
- D) None of the above
- 84) Where did the second edition of the India-Nepal **Cultural Festival was held?**
- A) Kathmandu
- B) Kaushambi
- C) Lumbini
- 85) Which of the following airline has secured the top spot in the AirHelp's 2024 rankings?
- A) Brussels Airlines
- B) Qatar Airways
- C) United Airlines
- D) None of the above
- 86) M D R Ramachandran, the former Chief Minister of which of the following state has passed away recently?
- A) Goa
- B) Mizoram
- C) Puducherry
- D) Tamil Nadu
- 87) Senior diplomat Abhay Kumar has been appointed India's new ambassador to \_\_\_\_
- A) France
- B) Georgia
- C) Italy
- D) Spain
- 88) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 9, launched the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in which of the following city?
- A) Jaipur
- B) New Delhi
- C) Panipat

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D) Surat	A) Mohammed Al Naz
	B) Mohammed Al Bashir
89) India has sent 2,200 metric tonnes of rice to which	C) Mohammed Al Baksh
of the following country as part of humanitarian	D) None of the above
assistance?	
A) Nepal	95) Who has been recognized as one of the Rising Star
B) Myanmar	Women Leaders of Banking for 2024?
C) Maldives	A) Alka Tiwari
D) Bhutan	B) Bharti Kolli
	C) Puneet Seth
90) Who among the following was appointed as new	D) None of the above
RBI Governor, replacing Shaktikanta Das?	
A) Arvind Sawhney	96) Where did over 7,000 participants set a Guinness
B) Ashok Chandra	World Record for the largest collective recital of the
C) Sanjay Malhotra	Gita?
D) None of the above	A) Surat
	B) Mumbai
91) Merriam-Webster announced which of the	C) Bhopal
following its 2024 Word of the Year?	D) Bengaluru
A) Polarization	
B) BRAT	97) Renowned Nikki Giovanni has
C) BRAIN ROT Establishing New Trend in Civil	passed away at 81 recently.
D) None of the above	A) Writer
	B) Poet
92) In which of the following country multi-role stealth-	C) Painter
guided missile frigate, INS Tushil was commissioned	D) Journalist
into the Indian Navy?	
A) France	98) When the UNICEF Foundation Day was observed?
B) Germany	A) 08 December
C) Italy	B) 09 December
D) Russia	C) 10 December
	D) 11 December
93) US President-elect Donald Trump has nominated	
who among the following as Assistant Attorney General	99) has announced plans to
for Civil Rights at the US Department of Justice?	launch a podcast series aimed at enhancing public
A) Stock Besant	communication and financial literacy.
B) Harmeet Dhillon	A) NIA
C) Caroline Levitt	B) Prasar Bharati
D) None of the above	C) RBI
	D) None of the above

94) Syrian fighters have appointed who among the following as the country's caretaker prime minister?

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# 100) Which of the following state government has recently unveiled a new logo of the popular Eagle Nest Bird Festival?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Meghalaya
- C) Assam
- D) Arunachal Pradesh

# 101) When the International Day of Neutrality was observed?

- A) 09 December
- B) 10 December
- C) 11 December
- D) 12 December

# 102) Who among the following was chosen as the TIME Magazine's 2024 Person of the Year?

- A) Vladimir Putin
- B) Kim Jong Yong
- C) Donald Trump
- D) Benjamin Netanyahu

# 103) Who among the following has etched his name in history by becoming the youngest world chess champion?

- A) D Gukesh
- B) Ding Liren
- C) R Praggnanandhaa
- D) None of the above

### 104) Rajendra Meghwar has made history as the first Hindu officer to join the police service of which of the following country?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) Indonesia
- C) Maldives
- D) Pakistan

105) \_\_\_\_\_ will host the ice events at the Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2025 from January 23 to 27.

- A) Mumbai
- B) Lucknow
- C) Ladakh
- D) Indore

# 106) Who among the following won the ICC Players of the Month awards for November 2024?

- A) Danny Wyatt Hodge and Nadine de Klerk
- B) Haris Rauf and Danny Wyatt Hodge
- C) Marco Jansen and Sharmin Akhter
- D) Jasprit Bumrah and Danny Wyatt Hodge

# 107) Which of the following country won the Asian PRABHA IAS ACADEAWomen's Handball Championship 2024?

- A) India
- B) Japan
- C) Korea
- D) China
- 108) Who among the following was awarded an honorary doctorate by Stanford International University for his profound impact and enduring legacy in the global music industry?
- A) Tarun Chugh
- B) Sudiptsen Gupta
- C) Sanjay Tandon
- D) None of the above

# 109) Who among the following launched his highly anticipated book, 'Secret of Dalai Lama's Happiness'?

- A) Nilabhra Sen Gupta
- B) Dr. Dinesh Shahra
- C) Devjit Saikia
- D) None of the above

#### 110) In which of the following city the 9th India-Thailand Defence Dialogue took place?

- A) Bhopal
- B) New Delhi
- C) Lucknow
- D) Mumbai

- 111) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of who among the following as an Executive Director (ED) of the of YES Bank?
- A) Ajit Sinha
- B) Alok Mandal
- C) Manish Jain
- D) Rajiv Sinha
- 112) India is planning to launch its own space station by
- A) 2050
- B) 2035
- C) 2032
- D) 2030
- 113) Which of the following country appointed François Bayrou as the new Prime Minister?
- A) Spain
- B) Italy
- C) Germany
- D) France
- 114) In which of the following city the 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo was held?
- A) Bhopal
- B) Dehradun
- C) Lucknow
- D) Surat
- 115) Which of the following country has announced that it will suspend the Most-Favoured Nation (MFN) status granted to India?
- A) Brazil
- B) Germany
- C) Italy
- D) Switzerland
- 116) The World Bank has approved a loan of 325.10 million dollars to enhance crop productivity and boost farmers' income in which of the following state?
- A) Bihar
- B) Haryana

- C) Rajasthan
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- 117) The International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) was held in which of the following city?
- A) Wayanad
- B) Thiruvananthapuram
- C) Kozhikode
- D) Kochi
- 118) Yoon Suk Yeol the president of which of the following country was impeached by the National Assembly recently?
- PRABHA IAS ACADEMA) Japan
  - B) Paris
  - C) South Korea
  - D) Ukraine
  - 119) Which of the following family topped Bloomberg's annual ranking of the world's wealthiest families?
  - A) Waltons of Walmart
  - B) Al Nahyan family
  - C) Al Thani family
  - D) Hermes family
  - 120) The World Hindu Economic Forum was held in which of the following city recently?
  - A) Pune
  - B) Nagpur
  - C) Mumbai
  - D) None of the above
  - 121) Defence Ministry has inked Rs.13,500 crore deal with which of the following company for 12 Su-30MKI fighter jets to boost India's air power?
  - A) Cochin Shipyard
  - B) HAL
  - C) Reliance Defense
  - D) None of the above

- 122) The third meeting of the India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue took place in which of the following state?
- A) Rajasthan
- B) Punjab
- C) Gujarat
- D) Chhattisgarh
- 123) Who among the following inaugurated the 'Fit India Cycling Drive' at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi?
- A) Pivush Goval
- B) Mansukh Mandaviya
- C) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- D) None of the above
- 124) India's Home Minister Amit Shah recently presented the prestigious 'President's Colour' award to which of the following state police?
- A) Rajasthan
- B) Punjab
- C) Haryana
- D) Chhattisgarh
- 125) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has enhanced the collateral-free loan limit for farmers from Rs 1.6 lakh to
- A) Rs 3 lakh
- B) Rs 2.5 lakh
- C) Rs 2 lakh
- D) Rs 1.8 lakh
- 126) Which of the following country has successfully tested its Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHW), also known as "Dark Eagle"?
- A) Germany
- B) Israel
- C) Russia
- D) USA

- 127) Which of the following country along with UAE and France has conducted trilateral air exercise 'Desert Night'?
- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) Singapore
- D) India
- 128) Which of the following country has joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA), raising the membership to 105?
- A) Armenia
- B) Moldova
- PRABHA IAS ACADEMC) Spain
  - D) Syria
  - 129) In which of the following city India has set up its first diabetes biobank?
  - A) New Delhi
  - B) Chennai
  - C) Mumbai
  - D) Goa
  - 130) When the Pensioners Day (India) was observed?
  - A) 17 December
  - B) 16 December
  - C) 15 December
  - D) 14 December
  - 131) Indian tourists may soon enjoy visa-free travel to which of the following country from 2025?
  - A) Russia
  - B) Malaysia
  - C) Japan
  - D) Israel
  - 132) Which of the following country's online safety regime recently came into force, requiring social media companies to take action to tackle criminal activity on their platforms and make them safer by design?
  - A) Britain
  - B) China

C) Japan	A) 15 December
D) Singapore	B) 16 December
	C) 17 December
133) Which of the following country has granted	D) 18 December
citizenship to Argentinian President Javier Milley?	
A) Italy	139) Who among the following dominated the FIDE
B) Germany	World Youth Under-18 Open Rapid and Blitz Chess
C) France	Championships?
D) Canada	A) Pranav M
	B) Pranav Venkatesh
134) The 10th International Forest Festival was held in	C) Raunak Sadhwani
which of the following city?	D) None of the above
A) Bhopal	,
	140) Which of the following country has announced
C) Mumbai	that its scientists have developed a vaccine against
D) None of the above	cancer?
	A) America
135) Suchi Semicon, a Gujarat-based semiconductor	B) China
company, has officially inaugurated its Outsourced	C) Japan
Semiconductor Assembly and Testing (OSAT) plant in	D) Russia
A) Ahmedabad Establishing New Trend in Civil 3	141) Who among the following won the second straight
B) Kutch	term as the Delhi District Cricket Association (DDCA)
C) Surat	president?
D) Vadodara	A) Anand Neelkanthan
,	B) Rohan Jaitley
136) Chief Minister of has	C) Sanjay Murthy
attended Bhutan's 117th National Day.	D) Kirti Azad
A) Madhya Pradesh	,
B) Kerala	142) Who among the following was presented
C) Goa	'Rashtriya Tansen Samman' for the year 2023?
D) Assam	A) Mrinal Garg
	B) Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri
137) Renowned Pandit Sanjay Ram	C) Ravindra Joshi
Marathe passed away at 68 in Thane, Maharashtra.	D) None of the above
A) Writer	-,
B) Journalist	143) The first-ever Ganges River Dolphin tagging was
C) Director	conducted in which of the following state?
D) Singer	A) Assam
, ,	B) Bihar
138) When the International Migrants Day was	C) Goa
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D) Manipur

# 144) Which of the following country has re-appointed Dr Shankar Prasad Sharma as its ambassador to India?

- A) Bhutan
- B) Myanmar
- C) Nepal
- D) Sri Lanka

145) Popular \_\_\_\_\_ and Padma Shri awardee, Tulsi Gowda has passed away at 80.

- A) Environmentalist
- B) Journalist
- C) Writer
- D) None of the above
- 146) The government has approved the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of managing director of the State Bank of India (SBI).
- A) Ram Mohan Rao Amara
- B) Mayank Joshi
- C) Arun Kumar Sahu
- D) None of the above

147) The Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) has announced who among the following as the brand ambassador for the inaugural Kho-Kho World Cup 2025?

- A) Abhishek Bachchan
- B) Akshay Kumar
- C) Deepika Padukone
- D) Salman Khan

148) Which of the following country has conferred royal honour on Indian educationist Arun Kapur?

- A) Bhutan
- B) Maldives
- C) Myanmar
- D) Nepal

149) Veteran Malayalam \_\_\_\_\_ Meena PRABHA IRS ACADE/ Ganesh has passed away recently.

- A) Writer
- B) Journalist
- C) Actress
- D) None of the above

150) Which of the following Hollywood celebrity was felicitated with the US Navy's top civilian honour?

- A) Brad Pitt
- B) Robert Downey
- C) Tom Cruise
- D) None of the above

### **ANSWERS**

#### 1) Correct Answer: B

Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Professor Abhay Karandikar launched the Operation Dronagiri, a pilot project under National Geospatial Policy 2022 to demonstrate the potential applications of geospatial technologies and innovations in improving the quality of life of citizens and ease of doing business.

#### 2) Correct Answer: B

GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) has received international acclaim for its advancements in digital innovation, securing accolades at the 'Airport

Excellence Awards' held during the Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024. The awards ceremony took place at the Riyadh International Convention and Exhibition Center (RICEC).

#### 3) Correct Answer: B

Every November 18, India celebrates National Naturopathy Day to promote better mental and physical health through natural, drug-free therapies. This observance was launched in 2018 by the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy).

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#### 4) Correct Answer: D

Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) and the International Kho Kho Federation have announced that the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup will take place in India in 2025. The event will witness the participation of 24 countries from 6 continents and will feature 16 men's and as many as women's teams.

#### 5) Correct Answer: C

Ecuador recently declared a national emergency due to water shortages. The state of emergency, approved by the environment ministry, will be in place for 60 days, the country's SNGR emergency management secretariat said in a statement.

#### 6) Correct Answer: C

National People's Power MP, Dr. Harini Amarasuriya was sworn in as Sri Lanka's Prime Minister. Dr. Amarasuriya was sworn in by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake at the presidential secretariat. Notably Dr. Amarasuriya is the third woman Prime Minister of the island after Sirimavo Bandaranaike and Chandrika Kumaratunga.

#### 7) Correct Answer: A

The Indian Society of Soil Science recently organized the Global Soil Conference 2024 in New Delhi. It was organized in partnership with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi.

#### 8) Correct Answer: D

The 55th International Film Festival of India took place from 20 to 28 November, 2024 at Panaji, Goa. The theme of this year's festival was 'Young Filmmakers – The Future is Now'. The festival screened over 180 international films from 81 countries, including 15 world premieres.

#### 9) Correct Answer: C

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Prime Minister of Grenada, H.E. Mr. Dickon Mitchell, the current CARICOM Chair, chaired the 2nd India-CARICOM Summit in Georgetown, Guyana on 20 November 2024. The first India-CARICOM Summit was held in 2019 in New York.

#### 10) Correct Answer: A

India ranked 10th in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025. Despite dropping two spots compared to last year, the report highlighted India's low per capita emissions and rapid renewable energy deployment as key strengths.

#### 11) Correct Answer: A

Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Divas, is celebrated every year on November 26. The Government of India declared November 26 Constitution Day in 2015, the year that marked the 125th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar.

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Vaibhav Suryavanshi scripted history as the 13-year-old became the youngest-ever player to be sold at an Indian Premier League (IPL) auction. Suryavanshi, who hails from a small village in Bihar, was roped in by Rajasthan Royals for INR 1.10 crore.

#### 13) Correct Answer: B

The 10th meeting of the India-EU Energy Panel was held on November 21, 2024 in Brussels. It was co-chaired by Shri Tanmaya Lal, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs and Ms. Ditte Juul Jørgensen, Director-General for Energy, European Commission.

#### 14) Correct Answer: D

Rashmi Shukla was reinstated as director general of police (DGP) of Maharashtra, about three weeks after the Election Commission moved her out of the post following a complaint by the state Congress unit chief. A 1988-batch IPS officer, Shukla was sent on compulsory leave following EC's directives on Nov 4.

#### 15) Correct Answer: B

NorthEast United FC pipped Gangtok Himalayan 4-3 in the penalty shootout to win the 40th edition of the All India Governor's Gold Cup international football tournament in Gangtok. Making their first appearance in the competition, NorthEast United proved to be the better side in the summit clash as they clinched a thrilling

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win in the tournament which was organised after a gap of five years.

#### 16) Correct Answer: C

Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi has launched the national "Ab Koi Bahana Nahi" campaign. The campaign, a joint initiative between the ministries of Women and Child Development and Rural Development, is supported by UN Women.

#### 17) Correct Answer: C

Indian wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant became the most expensive player in the history of the Indian Premier League with the Lucknow Super Giants bidding Rs 27 crore in the 2025 player's auction. Pant has been with the Delhi Capitals for many years. In 2023, the Delhi Capitals retained Rishabh Pant for Rs 16 crore.

#### 18) Correct Answer: B

Dinesh Bhatia, an Indian Foreign Service officer from the 1992 batch, has been named as India's next Ambassador to Brazil. Bhatia is currently serving as the Ambassador of India to Argentina, a position he assumed on August 21, 2019.

#### 19) Correct Answer: D

The deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis have approved Abdulla Aripov's candidacy for the position of Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan. It was previously reported that President Shavkat Mirziyoyev had nominated Abdulla Aripov for the role of Prime Minister.

#### 20) Correct Answer: A

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Hemant Soren took oath as Chief Minister, days after the INDIA bloc's decisive victory in the Assembly polls. The Hemant Soren-led party, which contested 41 seats, won 34, and the Congress managed victory on 16 out of 30 seats.

#### 21) Correct Answer: C

The Syed Modi International Super 300 badminton tournament was held in Lucknow from 26 November - 01

December 2024. All matches, played on the badminton courts of the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium, were available for live streamed and telecast in India.

#### 22) Correct Answer: B

India has signed Riyadh Design Law Treaty, which seeks to harmonise procedures and simplify registration processes of industrial designs in different countries. The treaty seeks to harmonise the procedural frameworks for industrial design protection, improving the efficiency and accessibility of registration processes across multiple jurisdictions.

#### 23) Correct Answer: A

Eight-year-old Divith Reddy of Hyderabad added to India's growing reputation in the world of chess by becoming champion in the Under-8 World Cadets Chess Championship. The Telengana boy secured a brilliant 9/11 points, same as his compatriot Sattwik Swain but the former clinched the gold based on his tiebreak score.

#### 24) Correct Answer: B

The Gujarat govt announced the New Cottage and Rural Industries Policy 2024 to boost the handicrafts and rural industries in the state. Giving impetus to the sector, the policy for the first time offered enhanced financial support, which includes an increase in the maximum loan limit rom Rs 8 lakh to Rs 25 lakh to artisans.

#### 25) Correct Answer: A

John Tinniswood, the world's oldest man, has died at the age of 112. Born August 26, 1912, Tinniswood had held the record for the world's oldest living man since April 2024, following the death of 114-year-old Juan Vicente Pérez of Venezuela.

#### 26) Correct Answer: B

Red Planet Day is observed annually on November 28. It commemorates a milestone in space exploration history, the launch of NASA's Mariner 4 spacecraft on November 28, 1964, which was the first successful mission to fly by Mars.

#### 27) Correct Answer: D

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India has improved its position by eleven slots and is now placed at 49th rank as per the Network Readiness Index 2024 (NRI 2024) report released on 21st November 2024, as against 60th rank scored in the NRI 2023 report.

#### 28) Correct Answer: C

The 13th edition of Joint Military Exercise AGNI WARRIOR (XAW-2024), a bilateral exercise between the Indian Army and Singapore Armed Forces, concluded at Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra) on 30th November 2024. The three-day exercise was conducted from 28th to 30th November 2024.

#### 29) Correct Answer: C

US President Donald Trump announced the nomination of retired American general Keith Kellogg as special envoy to Russia and Ukraine. A former retired lieutenant general in the United States Army, Kellogg served as the National Security Advisor to the former Vice President Mike Pence, and as the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff of the United States National Security Council in the first Trump administration.

#### 30) Correct Answer: A

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) awarded, the Bronze Medal under Empowering India category for Excellence in Display at the 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF–2024), held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 14th to 27th November 2024.

#### 31) Correct Answer: B

Classical musician Ghanavenothan Retnam was honoured with Singapore's highest arts accolade, the Cultural Medallion, for his contribution to Indian music. Retnam, who is the first Indian classical musician to receive the Cultural Medallion, has advocated for Indian classical music for over 40 years.

#### 32) Correct Answer: B

The International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) conferred the 2024 Rochdale Pioneers Award to US Awasthi, managing director and chief executive officer of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO), for his contribution in growth and development of cooperatives in India.

#### 33) Correct Answer: C

Every year, November 29 is celebrated as International Jaguar Day to raise awareness about the importance of jaguars and their conservation. International Jaguar Day was established in 2018 during a global effort to conserve the species.

#### 34) Correct Answer: A

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the All India Conference of Director Generals/ Inspector Generals of Police 2024 from 30th November to 1st December, 2024 at State Convention Centre, Lok Seva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

#### 35) Correct Answer: A

India and the United Kingdom have signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) as a green signal to initiate discussions on Electric Propulsion Systems for the Indian Navy. The SoI would serve as a broader framework intended for cooperation in the co-design, co-creation and co-production of Electric Propulsion capability for future Naval Ships.

#### 36) Correct Answer: C

Pacer Siddharth Kaul announced his retirement from Indian cricket, having represented the country in three ODIs and as many T20s in 2018-19. The 34-year-old Punjab pacer, who played in the IPL for Delhi Daredevils, Kolkata Knight Riders, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Royal Challengers Bangalore, made the announcement on social media.

#### 37) Correct Answer: D

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal recently launched the CII Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and Regulatory Affairs portal, according to a statement. The portal will give insights into the business environment and receives and tracks suggestions for improvement.

#### 38) Correct Answer: C

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Shri Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa and Shri Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting presented Indian Film Personality of the Year to Actor Vikrant Massey. Vikrant Massey's film 'The Sabarmati Report' was also screened at the festival.

#### 39) Correct Answer: A

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has inaugurated the new Chancery of the Indian Embassy in Rome, Italy, and praised the historical ties between India and Italy. Taking to social media platform X, Jaishankar remarked that the new facility reflects the growing India-Italy partnership and strengthens services for the Indian diaspora.

#### 40) Correct Answer: A

Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, inaugurated the much-anticipated 'Shunyata' exhibition at the National Museum in New Delhi. The exhibition, which features the works of Indian artist, poet, and diplomat Abhay K, delves into the Buddhist philosophy of 'Shunyata' meaning emptiness.

#### 41) Correct Answer: B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the demise of Indian researcher and author Dr Prithwindra Mukherjee. Dr Prithwindra retired in 2003 as a researcher in the Human and Social Sciences Department (Ethnomusicology) of the French National Centre of Scientific Research in Paris.

#### 42) Correct Answer: B

Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, chaired a credit outreach programme in Madhubani, Bihar recently. Finance Minister alongside Bihar Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary, distributed bank sanction letters to over 50,000 beneficiaries under Central Government schemes during a Credit Outreach Programme.

#### 43) Correct Answer: A

The National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL) said Vijay Chandok, a financial market veteran, has joined as its managing director and chief executive officer. Prior to joining NSDL, Chandok served as the MD and CEO of ICICI Securities.

#### 44) Correct Answer: A

Chad's government has ended its defence cooperation pact with France, the central African country's Foreign Ministry said. Chad has cooperated closely with Western militaries in the past, but moved closer to Russia in recent years.

#### 45) Correct Answer: C

US President-elect Donald Trump has picked a former aide, Kash Patel, to lead the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). A former US defence department chief of staff in the first Trump administration, Patel has been a steadfast supporter of the incoming Republican president.

#### 46) Correct Answer: D

Kerala is set to launch a comprehensive insurance scheme benefiting the entire cattle population in the State, said J Chinchurani, the State Dairy Development and Animal Husbandry Minister. The Centre has approved the scheme.

#### 47) Correct Answer: A

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has achieved a remarkable recognition at the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) Awards 2023. It has been honoured with multiple awards, reaffirming its leadership, innovation, and commitment to excellence in the energy sector.

#### 48) Correct Answer: D

On December 1, 2024, the Border Security Force (BSF) marked its 60th rising day. Formed in the aftermath of the 1965 Indo-Pakistani War, this vital institution is critical to preserving India's border security with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

#### 49) Correct Answer: B

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports presided over the 236th meeting of Central Board of Trustees (CBT),

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EPFO in New Delhi. During the Financial Year 2023-24, EPFO settled 4.45 crore claims for an amount of Rs.1.82 lakh crore. In the current FY, 3.83 crore claims have already been settled for more than Rs.1.57 lakh crore.

#### 50) Correct Answer: A

Haryana will soon be home to a Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre with the assistance of World Bank. This initiative of Global AI Centre is set to position Haryana as a hub for artificial intelligence research and innovation.

#### 51) Correct Answer: D

The World Maritime Technology conference (WMTC), a triennial global event under the auspices of the World Maritime Technology Congress, was held in Chennai from December 4 to 6. This marked the return of the conference to India after a gap of 15 years.

#### 52) Correct Answer: A

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has claimed that UNESCO has recognised the state as a premier destination for heritage tourism, highlighting that the sector has created employment opportunities for millions of young people.

#### 53) Correct Answer: A

Former Australia batter Ian Redpath died on 01 December at the age of 83. Redpath played 66 Tests and five ODIs in an international career that ran from 1964 to 1976. In January 2023, Redpath was inducted into the Cricket Australia Hall of Fame.

#### 54) Correct Answer: A

Oxford University Press (OUP) has announced 'brain rot' as the Oxford Word of the Year for 2024. The selection process for the word of the year 2024 involved over 37,000 public votes from a shortlist of six words compiled by Oxford University.

#### 55) Correct Answer: C

Nurse Maria Victoria Juan from Philippines, a Consultant at Philippines Army Health Services and Colonel, Reserve Force of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, has been announced as the winner of Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024 and awarded with INR 2 Crore at a prestigious award ceremony held in Bengaluru, India.

#### 56) Correct Answer: A

Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) has organised its 63rd annual conference at Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM), Bengaluru, from 05 to 07 December 2024. With an aim to advance research, foster knowledge exchange and seek solution to aeromedical challenges, ISAM has been conducting an annual scientific conference since the year 1954.

#### 57) Correct Answer: A

Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah of Namibia's ruling SWAPO party has been elected president and will be the country's first female leader. Her victory will extend SWAPO's 34 years in power since it led Namibia to independence from apartheid South Africa in 1990.

#### 58) Correct Answer: D

The Indian government is set to launch the National Legal Metrology Portal (eMaap) to promote fair trade practices and enhance consumer protection. The initiative is part of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs' efforts to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with legal metrology standards.

#### 59) Correct Answer: C

H.E. Abdullah Ali Al Yahya, Foreign Minister of the State of Kuwait visited India on 03-04 December 2024 at the invitation of External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar (EAM). This is the first official visit of H.E. Abudullah Ali Al Yahya as the Foreign Minister of Kuwait to India.

#### 60) Correct Answer: A

President-elect Donald Trump has nominated businessman Warren Stephens to serve as America's ambassador to the United Kingdom. Stephens, who is CEO of private Arkansas-based investment bank Stephens Inc, donated millions to Trump's re-election campaign this year.

#### 61) Correct Answer: C

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The Agriculture department is opening 'Ashraya' farmer service centres for the delivery of digital services to the Kerala State's farming community. The centres are designed as a continuation of the 'Kathir' app which was launched recently for offering farm-related services on a single digital platform.

#### 62) Correct Answer: B

The Telangana government has entered into a strategic agreement with Google for establishing India's first Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) at Hyderabad. The centre will focus on cutting-edge research, Al-driven security solutions, and creating a collaborative platform for leading experts and researchers in cybersecurity.

#### 63) Correct Answer: C

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar and Kuwait's Foreign Minister Abdullah Ali Al Yahya signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) at the level of foreign ministers.

#### 64) Correct Answer: C

The Indian junior men's hockey team defeated Pakistan 5-3 in the final of the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2024 in Muscat, Oman, to win its fifth title. India has now won this tournament for a record five times, including their previous triumphs in 2023, 2015, 2008 and 2004.

#### 65) Correct Answer: A

Nepal's recent signing of a framework agreement under China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has sent ripples through South Asia and beyond. The deal, which was sealed during Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli's visit to China, signals a pivotal shift in Nepal's foreign policy.

#### 66) Correct Answer: A

Assam's chief minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma, shared pictures of a tiger who was spotted in Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary recently. It was the first time when a tiger was spotted in the Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary in Assam.

#### 67) Correct Answer: D

The 2nd edition of Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam, a grand celebration of Carnatic music, traditional crafts, and culinary heritage, took place from 6 to 8 December in Vijayawada. The event brought together 35 performances over three days, featuring 140 talented artists, including both seasoned maestros and emerging talents.

#### 68) Correct Answer: D

The Uttarakhand Housing Development Council (UHDC) and the Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA) are constructing approximately 16,000 affordable houses for low-income families in Uttarakhand. The Uttarakhand Housing Development Council is also preparing 15 projects in collaboration with private investors, encompassing a total of 12,856 houses.

#### 69) Correct Answer: C

India has been honored with the International Social Security Association (ISSA) Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific 2024, presented by Dr. Mohammed Azman, President of ISSA, at the Regional Social Security Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

#### 70) Correct Answer: C

The World Bank has approved a \$188.28 million loan to stimulate economic growth in the Indian state of Maharashtra, especially in the lagging districts, a media release said. It will also enhance private sector participation by improving e-government services for businesses in districts, especially in the tourism sector, it said.

#### 71) Correct Answer: C

The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Joshi launched 'Anna Chakra', the Public Distribution System (PDS) Supply chain optimisation tool and SCAN (Subsidy Claim Application for NFSA) portal a significant step towards modernizing the Public Distribution System and subsidy claim mechanisms of the States.

#### 72) Correct Answer: A

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The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2024 will be conferred on former Chilean president and prominent human rights voice Michelle Bachelet. The prize honours her work to improve gender equality, human rights, democracy and development in difficult circumstances.

#### 73) Correct Answer: B

In remembrance of our soldiers, veterans, and Indian Armed Forces martyrs, December 7th is designated as Armed Forces Flag Day each year. This day is observed as a show of support and admiration for members of the military services who give their lives in defence of the country.

#### 74) Correct Answer: B

The Indian Embassy in Austria said in a statement that India has been chosen to Chair the 68th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND). Ambassador Shambhu S Kumaran, India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Vienna, officially assumed the Chairmanship of the prestigious UN forum.

#### 75) Correct Answer: C

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has declared December 21 as World Meditation Day through a resolution introduced by Liechtenstein and cosponsored by India, alongside Sri Lanka, Nepal, Mexico, Andorra, and other nations.

#### 76) Correct Answer: B

The Government of India launched Channel 31 on DTH, dedicated to Indian Sign Language (ISL) training for hearing-impaired students, special educators, interpreters, and relevant organizations. The channel was inaugurated by Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan.

#### 77) Correct Answer: B

Notre Dame de Paris, the iconic 861-year-old Gothic cathedral, formally reopened on Sunday 8 December, five years after a devastating fire in 2019. The grand event to mark the successful restoration of one of

France's most iconic landmarks witnessed a footfall of more than 2,500 guests.

#### 78) Correct Answer: A

The Himachal Pradesh govt is soon going to introduce maize flour produced through natural farming under the brand name, "Himbhog". Chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that more than 4,000 quintals of maize were procured from 1,506 farmer families practising natural farming across the state, with the exception of Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur districts.

#### 79) Correct Answer: C

Swedish coach Joakim Alexandersson has been appointed as the chief coach of India Women's U-20 and U-17 national teams by the All India Football Federation. The Swedish coach had an extensive playing career as a defender majorly for IF Elfsborg, captaining the club and winning multiple trophies.

#### 80) Correct Answer: C

On December 8, people across the nation celebrates a deeply meaningful occasion Bodhi Day. This special day honors the moment over 2,500 years ago when Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha, attained enlightenment while meditating under the Bodhi tree.

#### 81) Correct Answer: C

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has raised India's economic growth forecast for 2024-25 to 6.8% from 6.6% in May, driven by strong investment and agricultural output. It had earlier forecast 6.7% growth for the country in its September interim outlook.

#### 82) Correct Answer: B

Defending champion Bangladesh defeated India by 59 runs in the final of the ACC U19 Men's Asia Cup Final in Dubai. Chasing a target of 199, Mohamed Amman-led India was dismissed for 139 with more than 14 overs to spare.

#### 83) Correct Answer: C

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Andhra Pradesh Chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu said the NDA govt is planning to establish an energy university in the state to promote new technologies in the energy sector. Naidu, who launched the 'Urjaveer' scheme along with Union minister for power and housing Manohar Lal Khattar in Vijayawada, said the govt is aiming to become a 100% green energy state for sustainable development.

#### 84) Correct Answer: C

The second edition of the India-Nepal Cultural Festival was held on December 8, celebrating the rich cultural heritage and traditions of both nations, with a special emphasis on Buddhism. Earlier in the day, an academic seminar titled "Buddhist Cultural Heritage of India and Nepal" was held at Lumbini Buddhist University.

#### 85) Correct Answer: A

Brussels Airlines, the flag carrier of Belgium, has secured the top spot in the AirHelp Score for 2024 with a remarkable score of 8.12 out of 10. The airline was established in 2002 and has since become a key player in the aviation industry, particularly noted for its commitment to customer service and operational efficiency.

#### 86) Correct Answer: C

Former Puducherry chief minister M D R Ramachandran passed away on 08 December due to age-related issues. He was 90. Ramachandran served as the chief minister of the Union territory of Puducherry twice in the DMK-led coalition govt – between 1980 and 1983 and between 1990 and 1991.

#### 87) Correct Answer: B

Senior diplomat Abhay Kumar has been appointed India's new ambassador to Georgia. Kumar, a joint secretary at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), is currently serving as deputy director general of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

#### 88) Correct Answer: C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Bima Sakhi Yojana, an initiative of the state-owned Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) that aims to enroll 100,000 Bima Sakhi in 12 months to financially empower women, in Panipat, Haryana. The scheme is designed to benefit women in the age group of 18-70 years, who are Class-10 pass.

#### 89) Correct Answer: B

India has sent 2,200 metric tonnes of rice to Myanmar as part of its humanitarian assistance efforts. According to EAM spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, this initiative aligns with India's "Act East" and "Neighbourhood First" policies, reaffirming the country's commitment to providing support to the people of Myanmar.

#### 90) Correct Answer: C

Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra has been appointed Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Mr. Malhotra is a 1990-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer from the Rajasthan cadre. Before he was appointed Revenue Secretary, he was Secretary in the Department of Financial Services.

#### 91) Correct Answer: A

Merriam-Webster has chosen "polarization" as its 2024 Word of the Year. The dictionary defines "polarization" as a division into two very different extremes, where opinions, beliefs, or interests are no longer in the middle but are instead at opposite ends.

#### 92) Correct Answer: D

INS Tushil (F 70), the latest multi-role stealth-guided missile frigate, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh at the Yantar Shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia on December 09, 2024.

#### 93) Correct Answer: B

US President-elect Donald Trump has nominated Indian-American Harmeet K. Dhillon as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the US Department of Justice. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Virginia Law School. Harmeet is a respected member of the Sikh religious community.

#### 94) Correct Answer: B

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Syrian fighters who toppled President Bashar al-Assad have appointed Mohammed al-Bashir as the country's caretaker prime minister. Al-Bashir, who headed the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham-led de facto government in Idlib province, will lead a transitional Syrian government until March 1, 2025.

#### 95) Correct Answer: B

In a pride moment for Andhra Pradesh, Bharati Kolli hailing from Vizianagaram district of the state working with the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) has been recognised as a Rising Star Woman leader by the 'Women We Admire', a renowned women's group for her contribution in the banking sector.

#### 96) Correct Answer: C

Bhopal achieved a remarkable milestone on Gita Jayanti as over 7,000 people collectively recited Shlokas from the third chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, 'Karma Yog', creating a new Guinness World record. The event, held at the Lal Parade Ground, brought Madhya Pradesh into the global spotlight.

#### 97) Correct Answer: B

Renowned poet, activist, author and professor Nikki Giovanni has passed away. She was 81. She is best known for her work on civil rights and social issues -- especially gender and race. Giovanni was awarded a 2024 Emmy for Exceptional Merit in Documentary Filmmaking for 'Going to Mars: The Nikki Giovanni Project'

#### 98) Correct Answer: D

UNICEF Foundation Day is celebrated annually on December 11, commemorating the establishment of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) in 1946. It operates in more than 190 countries, to ensure that every child has access to basic needs and rights, regardless of their circumstances.

#### 99) Correct Answer: C

Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das on 06 December announced that the central bank will launch a podcast series to communicate with the public. During the monetary policy committee meetings, Shaktikanta

Das said they had discussed how to aid financial literacy with tools such as a podcast.

#### 100) Correct Answer: D

The fourth edition of the Eaglenest Bird Festival, a popular festival in Arunachal Pradesh, will take place from January 17 to 19, 2025, in Khellong and Thongre village in West Kameng District. Pema Khandu, Arunachal Pradesh's Chief Minister, presented the festival's new logo.

#### 101) Correct Answer: D

International Day of Neutrality is commemorated on December 12 every year to raise awareness regarding the importance of neutrality in intergovernmental relations and to strengthen peace and security at the global level. A neutral country is one that remains neutral by keeping itself away from the war between other countries.

#### 102) Correct Answer: C

TIME Magazine has named US President-elect Donald Trump as the 'Person of the Year', 2024. The announcement, made on December 12, cited Trump's unprecedented political comeback, beating other heavyweight finalists such as Kate Middleton, Vice President Kamala Harris, Mark Zuckerberg, Tesla CEO Elon Musk, and Russian opposition figure Yulia Navalnaya.

#### 103) Correct Answer: A

Indian teenager Gukesh Dommaraju has become the youngest-ever world chess champion after beating defending champion China's Ding Liren. Dommaraju, 18, is four years younger than the former record-holder, Russian grandmaster Garry Kasparov, who was 22 when he won the title in 1985.

#### 104) Correct Answer: D

Rajender Meghwar, a young man from Pakistan's minority Hindu community, has created history by becoming the first Hindu officer in the Police Service of Pakistan (PSP). Pakistan, an Islamic Republic, is the world's fifth most populous country. According to the

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2023 census, Hindus are its largest minority group at 2% of the total population of over 240 million (24 crore).

#### 105) Correct Answer: C

The Khelo India Winter Games dates have been announced. The Union Territory of Ladakh will host the ice events from January 23 to 27, 2025 while the UT of Jammu & Kashmir will host the snow events from February 22 to 25, 2025.

#### 106) Correct Answer: B

Star Pakistan fast bowler Haris Rauf and England's women's opener Danni Wyatt-Hodge have secured the ICC Players of the Month awards for November 2024. In the women's category, Danni prevailed over Sharmin Akhter and Nadine de Klerk. The right-handed batter delivered outstanding performances during England's 3-0 T20I series victory in their South Africa tour.

#### 107) Correct Answer: B

India matched their best-ever finish at the Asian Women's Handball Championship 2024 securing sixth place. Later, Japan stunned reigning and record handball champions the Republic of Korea in a gripping final after overturning a 12-9 deficit to win 25-24 to seal their second title.

#### 108) Correct Answer: C

In a historic recognition of his groundbreaking contributions to music rights management and cultural preservation, Sanjay Tandon has been awarded an honorary doctorate by Stanford International University. This prestigious honor celebrates Tandon's unwavering commitment to championing the intellectual property rights of singers and musicians worldwide.

#### 109) Correct Answer: B

Dr. Dinesh Shahra launched his highly anticipated book, Dalai Lama's Secret to Happiness, at the prestigious Library of Tibetan Works & Archives (LTWA) in Dharamshala. The event marked a significant moment in celebrating the teachings of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the preservation of Tibetan culture.

#### 110) Correct Answer: B

The 9th India-Thailand Defence Dialogue took place in New Delhi on December 12, 2024. The meeting was cochaired by Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) Shri Amitabh Prasad and Thailand's Deputy Permanent Secretary for Defence Gen Tharapong Malakam.

#### 111) Correct Answer: C

Private sector lender YES Bank said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Manish Jain as executive director (whole-time director) of the bank for a period of three years, effective from December 11, 2024, to December 10, 2027.

#### 112) Correct Answer: B

India will have its own space station by 2035, which will be known as "Bharatiya Antriksh Station". The government had envisaged an Indian Space Station by 2035 and an Indian to land on the lunar surface by 2040.

#### 113) Correct Answer: D

President Emmanuel Macron appointed centrist leader François Bayrou as prime minister, giving him the challenging responsibility of guiding France out of a prolonged political crisis. Bayrou, 73, leader of the MoDem group allied with Macron's party, was chosen just nine days after Michel Barnier's government was ousted in a historic no-confidence vote.

#### 114) Correct Answer: B

The 10th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo was held during 12-15 December 2024 in Dehradun, the capital city of Uttarakhand. The central theme for the WAC2024 was "Digital Health: An Ayurveda Perspective".

#### 115) Correct Answer: D

Retaliating against a 2023 Supreme Court ruling related to Nestle, Switzerland has withdrawn the most-favoured-nation clause to India under the double tax avoidance agreement, a move that will hit Indian companies invested in the European nation.

#### 116) Correct Answer: D

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The World Bank's Executive Director Board has approved a \$325.10 million project in Uttar Pradesh. Its aim is to increase the income of farmers by improving crop productivity, adopting digital technology and climate-friendly practices along with strengthening market relations.

#### 117) Correct Answer: B

The 29th edition of the International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) was held at the Nishagandhi Auditorium in Thiruvananthapuram. The festival held from 13 to 20 December 2024 showcased a total of 177 films from 68 different countries.

#### 118) Correct Answer: C

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol has been impeached by the National Assembly over his short-lived attempt to impose martial law, a move that plunged South Korea into political turmoil halfway through his presidency.

#### 119) Correct Answer: A

The Walmart Waltons have reclaimed the top spot as the world's wealthiest family, amassing a staggering \$432.4 billion — a fortune greater than Elon Musk's individual net worth and even the combined riches of Middle Eastern royal dynasties.

#### 120) Correct Answer: C

The three-day World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) was held in Mumbai. Aiming to "make society prosperous", the initiative was started by Swami Vigyananand, joint general secretary of Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP). It saw over 1,000 global delegates observing a moment of silence in tribute to the late Padma Vibhushan Ratan Tata.

#### 121) Correct Answer: B

The Ministry of Defence has placed a Rs 13,500 crore order to buy 12 Su-30MKI fighter jets with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in a major boost to the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative of the government. The supply of these aircraft would enhance the operational

capability of the Indian Air Force and strengthen the defence preparedness of the country.

#### 122) Correct Answer: C

The third India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue (FMD) took place at GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City) in Gujarat. The Dialogue focused on collaboration in evolving fields of financial regulation, noting the areas of mutual interest in both markets for increasing bilateral trade and investment between the financial sectors.

#### 123) Correct Answer: B

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, inaugurated the 'Fit India Cycling Drive' at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi on December 17, 2024, marking the beginning of a nationwide initiative aimed at promoting cycling as a healthy, sustainable mode of transport.

#### 124) Correct Answer: D

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has conferred the 'President's Colours' award upon the Chhattisgarh Police, recognising their exemplary service and commitment to ensuring peace and security in the state. This accolade marks a significant milestone for the force, making Chhattisgarh Police the 11th police organisation in the country to receive this honour.

#### 125) Correct Answer: C

In a significant move to support the agricultural sector and address rising input costs, the Reserve Bank of India has announced an increase in the limit for collateral-free agricultural loans, including loans for allied activities. The existing loan limit of Rs 1.6 lakh per borrower has been raised to Rs 2 lakh.

#### 126) Correct Answer: D

The U.S. military has successfully tested its Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHW) "Dark Eagle", moving closer to fielding advanced hypersonic technology. The test, conducted at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, demonstrated the missile's ability to exceed

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speeds of 3,800 miles per hour, more than five times the speed of sound, and strike distant targets.

#### 127) Correct Answer: D

The trilateral air exercise Desert Knight, involving India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), conducted over the Arabian Sea. The air drill demonstrates enhanced cooperation and interoperability among the air forces of the three nations.

#### 128) Correct Answer: B

Moldova has joined the International Solar Alliance, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson, Randhir Jaiswal said. Jaiswal said that India welcomes Moldova in its efforts to promote sustainability. The agreement was signed between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Moldovan Deputy Prime Minister Mihai Popsoi.

#### 129) Correct Answer: B

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF) have together created India's first diabetes biobank, which is in Chennai. Its purpose is to research this chronic disease.

#### 130) Correct Answer: A

17th December is observed as Pensioners Day in India to remember, with gratefulness, the late D.S Nakara, who fought for years to bring dignity and grace to the community, through the judgment. The day is observed in the backdrop of the historic verdict of the Supreme Court on pension on December 17, 1982. D. S. Nakara, who retired from the Department of Defense, approached the court after being denied pension benefits.

#### 131) Correct Answer: A

Indians might soon be able to travel visa-free to Russia with a new system likely to begin in the spring of 2025. Earlier in June, reports surfaced that Russia and India discussed bilateral agreement to ease visa restrictions for each other, in a bid to implement visa-free group tourist exchanges.

#### 132) Correct Answer: A

Britain's online safety regime which came into force on 16 December, requiring social media companies like Meta's Facebook and ByteDance's TikTok to take action to tackle criminal activity on their platforms and make them safer by design. Media regulator Ofcom said it had published its first codes of practice on tackling illegal harms such as child sexual abuse and assisting or encouraging suicide.

#### 133) Correct Answer: A

According to media reports, the Italian government has granted citizenship to Argentine President Javier Milley in recognition of his Italian heritage, a move that has sparked outrage in Argentina. According to Italy's Foreign Ministry, Javier Milley, whose grandparents moved to Argentina from Italy, was granted Italian citizenship by virtue of his paternal ties.

#### 134) Correct Answer: A

The 10th International Forest Fair, hosted in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, was organised from December 17 till December 23. This fair promotes sustainable forest practices, empowers local people, and fosters collaboration among forestry stakeholders.

#### 135) Correct Answer: C

Suchi Semicon, a Gujarat-based semiconductor company, has officially inaugurated its Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Testing (OSAT) plant in Surat, the first such facility in the state. It is a significant step towards enhancing India's semiconductor manufacturing capabilities.

#### 136) Correct Answer: D

At the invitation of the Government of Bhutan, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma met Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck. The Chief Minister, accompanied by his wife, Riniki Bhuyan Sharma, also attended the 117th National Day celebrations of Bhutan.

#### 137) Correct Answer: D

Veteran classical singer and harmonium artist, Pandit Sanjay Ram Marathe, died at a hospital in Thane, Maharashtra. He was 68. Pandit Sanjay Marathe was the

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eldest son of the legendary musician Pandit Ram Marathe.

#### 138) Correct Answer: D

The world observes the International Migrants Day every year on December 18. International Migrants Day was created by the UN General Assembly to commemorate the significance of strengthening international cooperation and migration regionally, bilaterally, and globally.

#### 139) Correct Answer: B

Grandmaster Pranav Venkatesh dominated the FIDE World Youth Under-18 Open Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships, securing double gold in Slovenia. The 18-year-old Indian prodigy topped both rapid and blitz categories.

#### 140) Correct Answer: D

The Russian government announced that it has developed its own cancer vaccine. The vaccine is expected to be launched in early 2025. Earlier this year, Russia President Vladimir Putin said in televised comments that "we have come very close to the creation of so-called cancer vaccines and immunomodulatory drugs of a new generation".

#### 141) Correct Answer: B

Rohan Jaitley, the incumbent Delhi District Cricket Association (DDCA) president, won the second straight term in a tightly fought election against his opponent Kirti Azad. Jaitley, the son of former Union minister Arun Jaitley, got 1,577 votes against his opponent Azad, who got 777 votes.

#### 142) Correct Answer: B

Eminent tabla player Padma Shri recipient Pt. Swapan Chaudhuri from Kolkata was presented 'Rashtriya Tansen Samman' for the year 2023. Sanand Nyas Sanstha from Indore was awarded with the 'Raja Mansingh Tomar Samman' for the year 2023.

#### 143) Correct Answer: A

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) conducted the first-ever Ganges River Dolphin tagging in Assam. This monumental effort underscores India's commitment to wildlife conservation and sets a new benchmark in the protection of endangered species.

#### 144) Correct Answer: C

Nepal's President Ramchandra Paudel has re-appointed Dr Shankar Prasad Sharma as the Himalayan nation's ambassador to India. Sharma has been appointed to the post for the second time at the recommendation of the Council of Ministers.

#### 145) Correct Answer: A

Padma Shri awardee Tulsi Gowda, an environmentalist from Karnataka who is revered as the "tree goddess" by the Halakki tribal community, died from age-related ailments at her residence in Honnali village of Ankola taluk in Uttara Kannada district.

#### 146) Correct Answer: A

State Bank of India said that Centre has appointed Rama Mohan Rao Amara as its Managing Director. In September this year, Amara was recommended for the position by FSIB, the headhunter for directors of stateowned banks and institutions.

#### 147) Correct Answer: D

The Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) has announced Bollywood superstar Salman Khan as the brand ambassador for the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup, set to take place in New Delhi from January 13th to January 19th, 2025.

#### 148) Correct Answer: A

Renowned Indian educationist Arun Kapur, who set up schools in India, Bhutan and Oman, has been conferred the 'Bura Marp' (red scarf) and 'Patang' (ceremonial sword) by Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel at the 117th Bhutanese National Day celebrations.

#### 149) Correct Answer: C

Malayalam cinema and serial actor Meena Ganesh died at private hospital at Shoranur, Palakkad, Kerala. She was

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81. Meena acted in more than 100 films. Notable among them were Vasanthiyum Lakshmiyum Pinne Njanum, Karumadikkuttan, Punaradhivasam, Meesha Madhavan and Nandanam.

150) Correct Answer: C

Tom Cruise has been awarded the US Navy's highest civilian honour for "outstanding contributions" to the military with his screen roles. Cruise's lead role in the 1986 smash hit Top Gun shot him into celebrity status, and the film's record-breaking success spiked military enlistment.

