

## PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1) NATO is planning to establish a new Northern Land Command in which country by 2025?

- A) Sweden
- B) Estonia
- C) Finland
- D) Norway

2) Who has been sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

- A) M. K. Stalin
- B) Udhayanidhi Stalin
- C) K. Palaniswami
- D) O. Panneerselvam

3) Which Indian athlete set a new national record in the men's 5000m race at a recent athletics event?

- A) Neeraj Chopra
- B) Gulveer Singh
- C) Hima Das
- D) Sreeshankar

4) The 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize was awarded to which mathematician?

- A) Manjul Bhargava
- B) Alexander Dunn
- C) Terence Tao
- D) N. E. N. Nagendra

5) Renowned Indian poet Keki N. Daruwala passed away at the age of 87. What was his profession apart from being a poet?

- A) Politician
- B) IPS Officer
- C) Film Director
- D) Historian

6) Which of the following airport was ranked 24th among the top 25 "megahub" airports globally by international aviation data and analytics firm OAG?

- A) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- B) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- C) Maharishi Valmiki International Airport
- D) Manohar International Airport

7) Paisabazaar has partnered with which of the following bank to launch their co-branded credit card 'PaisaSave Credit Card'?

- A) Axis Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) World Bank
- D) Yes Bank

8) Which of the following travel platform has launched India's first travel marketplace, ScanMyTrip.com, on ONDC Network?

- A) TripAdvisor
- B) MakeMyTrip
- C) EaseMyTrip
- D) Airbnb

9) Who among the following secured 2nd place at the 2024 Diamond League Final with a throw of 87.86 meters?

- A) Neeraj Chopra
- B) Julian Weber
- C) DP Manu
- D) Anderson Peters

10) ONDC has launched which of the following app to help businesses build multilingual buyer platforms?

- A) Bhooskhalan
- B) Lokpath
- C) NERACE
- D) Saarthi

11) India has won which of the following medal at 45th International Chess Federation (FIDE) Chess Olympiad in Budapest?

- A) Bronze
- B) Gold
- C) Silver
- D) None of the above

12) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched which of the following scheme, which will allow parents to save for their children's future by investing in a pension account?

- A) Upvan Yojna
- B) Shramik Basera
- C) NTR Bharosa
- D) NPS Vatsalya

**13) The \_\_\_\_\_ government has approved \_\_\_\_\_ to build four 700 MWe nuclear power plants at Mahi Banswara in Rajasthan.**

- A) Anushakti Vidhyut Nigam Limited
- B) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
- C) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- D) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited

**14) Who among the following was appointed as the director of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)?**

- A) Ajay Sinha
- B) Alok Ranjan
- C) Kapil Singh
- D) Vivek Gogia

**15) \_\_\_\_\_ bagged UN Award for its efforts in non-communicable diseases control.**

- A) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- B) Indian Council of Medical Research
- C) National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences
- D) National Medical Commission

**16) India has secured the position as the \_\_\_\_\_ most powerful nation in Asia, overtaking Japan in the 2024 Asia Power Index.**

- A) Fourth
- B) First
- C) Second
- D) Third

**17) Who among the following inaugurated the 41st edition of Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference in New Delhi?**

- A) RK Singh
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Giriraj Singh
- D) Amit Shah

**18) Who among the following was awarded with the prestigious Global Prestige Award in the UK Parliament's House of Lords?**

- A) Kareena Kapoor

- B) Vinod Bachchan
- C) Sanjay Leela Bhansali
- D) Shah Rukh Khan

**19) Who among the following inaugurated the Computer Security Incident Response Team- POWER (CSIRT- POWER)?**

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Manohar Lal Khattar
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) S. Jaishankar

**20) Who among the following was appointed as the Chairperson of the Supreme Court Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee?**

- A) Bela Trivedi
- B) BV Nagarathna
- C) Hima Kohli
- D) Sanjiv Khanna

**21) The Mankidia community became the 6th particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG) to get habitat rights over forests in which of the following state?**

- A) Odisha
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Kerala
- D) Assam

**22) The International WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Conference was organized by which of the following ministry?**

- A) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- C) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- D) Ministry of Agriculture

**23) \_\_\_\_\_ won the 14th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2024.**

- A) Gujarat
- B) Haryana
- C) Punjab
- D) Uttar Pradesh

**24) Where did the 5th Nadi Utsav was held?**

- A) Chennai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Uttarakhand

D) Varanasi

**25) Which of the following country, also the host of this year's climate conference, has launched a new fund to finance climate action in the developing world?**

- A) India
- B) Azerbaijan
- C) Australia
- D) Algeria

**26) Which of the following ministry launched White Revolution 2.0?**

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- C) Ministry of Cooperation
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

**27) In which of the following river of Nagaland a new species of glyptosternine catfish, 'Exostoma sentiyoanae' was discovered?**

- A) Zungki River
- B) Tizu River
- C) Dzuleke River
- D) Dhansiri River

**28) The 'Global Aerospace Summit 2024' was held in which of the following city?**

- A) Abu Dhabi
- B) Moscow
- C) New Delhi
- D) Paris

**29) Which of the following country became the first country in the world to receive WHO verification for eliminating leprosy?**

- A) Jordan
- B) Jamaica
- C) Brazil
- D) Belize

**30) When the World Maritime Day 2024 was observed?**

- A) 25 September
- B) 26 September
- C) 27 September
- D) 28 September

**31) Which of the following state has secured the top position in the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2024, a**

**ranking released by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?**

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Kerala
- D) Karnataka

**32) Who among the following became the first Indian male wrestler to win an MMA (mixed martial arts) fight at the Gama International Fighting Championship?**

- A) Aman Sehrawat
- B) Bajrang Punia
- C) Sangram Singh
- D) Sushil Kumar

**33) Which of the following ministry has launched the second edition of Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0 in New Delhi?**

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Rural Development

**34) The Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with \_\_\_\_\_ to collaborate on the development of Space Situational Awareness (SSA) technologies.**

- A) Power Finance Corporation Limited
- B) Central Electronics Limited
- C) Bharat Electronics Limited
- D) Bharat Dynamics Limited

**35) Which of the following state has launched a Rs 530 crore ADB-funded water supply project to improve drinking water infrastructure?**

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Meghalaya
- C) Telangana
- D) Tripura

**36) \_\_\_\_\_ launched Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) Hackathon 2.0.**

- A) Indian Space Research Organisation
- B) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

- C) NICDC Logistics Data Services Limited
- D) Reserve Bank of India

**37) \_\_\_\_\_ has recently launched the 'Rail Rakshak Dal' to assist in rescue operations after train accidents.**

- A) Indian Railways
- B) Ministry of Defence
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology

**38) MakeMyTrip partnerd with how many airlines to offer 20 percent discount on business-class fares?**

- A) 10
- B) 09
- C) 07
- D) 05

**39) Who among the following won the gold medal in the World Athletics Continental Tour?**

- A) Sharad Kamal
- B) Raghavendra Kumar
- C) Neeraj Chopra
- D) Gulveer Singh

**40) The first edition of Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav was held in which of the following city?**

- A) Secunderabad
- B) Kochi
- C) Chennai
- D) Bhopal

**41) When the International Translation Day was observed?**

- A) 30 September
- B) 29 September
- C) 28 September
- D) 27 September

**42) Indian-origin executive Ravi Ahuja has been named the next CEO of which of the following company?**

- A) Boeing
- B) Meta
- C) Microsoft
- D) Sony Pictures Entertainment

**43) Who among the following was appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of IL&FS Group effective October 1?**

- A) Alok Sinha
- B) Nand Kishore
- C) Rajeew Prasad
- D) Ravi Ahuja

**44) With an aim to boost cruise tourism in the country, the Government of India has launched which of the following mission?**

- A) Kalash Mission
- B) Cruz Sndhi Mission
- C) Cruise Jalavihar Mission
- D) Cruise Bharat Mission

**45) Which of the following country's health ministry has recently reported the country's first Marburg virus outbreak?**

- A) Kenya
- B) Rwanda
- C) Somalia
- D) Tanzania

**46) 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' mobile application was launched by which of the following ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- B) Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change
- C) Ministry of Communications
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

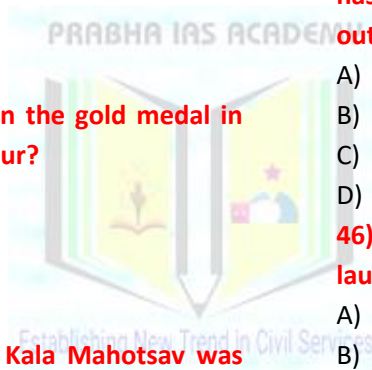
**47) Who among the following chaired a meeting of the Country Programme Advisory Committee (CPAC) to review the implementation of the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2023-2027?**

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Charanjit Singh
- C) Devesh Chaturvedi
- D) Shivraj Singh Chouhan

**48) Which of the following insurance company has introduced 'Health Super Top-Up' policy to offer an economical and affordable option for policyholders?**

- A) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- B) Edelweiss Life Insurance
- C) Star Health and Allied Insurance
- D) SBI General Insurance

**49) Axis Bank and Mastercard have launched which of the following credit card, tailored for small business owners?**





- A) ETERNA
- B) MyBiz
- C) PIXEL
- D) PRIMUS

**50) Which of the following country clinched the bronze medal in the first edition of the Asia Pacific Padel Cup?**

- A) India
- B) Japan
- C) Philippines
- D) Sri Lanka

**51) Scientists have detected the carbon dioxide and hydrogen peroxide gases on Pluto's largest moon named \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) Nix
- B) Kerberos
- C) Hydra
- D) Charon

**52) In which of the following city India hosted the Conference on Maritime Decarbonization?**

- A) New Delhi
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Chennai
- D) Bengaluru

**53) The Central government launched a one-year internship program \_\_\_\_\_ to enhance youth employability and skill development in India.**

- A) Digital Internship Scheme
- B) PM Internship Scheme
- C) Skill India Scheme
- D) Youth Empowerment Initiative

**54) In which of the following national park of Assam nine captive-bred pygmy hogs were released?**

- A) Raimona National Park
- B) Namdapha National Park
- C) Manas National Park
- D) Kaziranga National Park

**55) Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated several projects, worth over Rs 11,200 crore in which of the following state?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Madhya Pradesh

- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra

**56) When the World Teachers' Day was observed?**

- A) 05 October
- B) 04 October
- C) 02 October
- D) 01 October

**57) The central government has announced plans to collect \_\_\_\_\_ through the issuance of 'Sovereign Green Bonds' in the second half of the financial year 2024-25 (October-March).**

- A) Rs 40,000 crore
- B) Rs 30,000 crore
- C) Rs 20,000 crore
- D) Rs 10,000 crore

**58) Andrew Holness, the Prime Minister of which of the following country visited India recently?**

- A) Indonesia
- B) Jamaica
- C) Singapore
- D) Switzerland

**59) Who among the following became the first Indian left-arm spinner to take 300 wickets in Test cricket?**

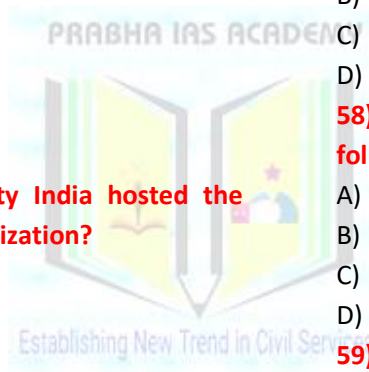
- A) Axar Patel
- B) Kuldeep Yadav
- C) Ravindra Jadeja
- D) None of the above

**60) Foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) in India from January to June totaled nearly 4.78 million. Which of the following country was the top contributor of the tourist arrivals in India?**

- A) Australia
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Japan
- D) US

**61) Which of the following military exercise between India and Kazakhstan was held in Auli, Uttarakhand?**

- A) EXUS-2024
- B) IMBEX- 2024
- C) KAZIND-2024
- D) Tarang Shakti 2024



62) The government has introduced the Jal Hi AMRIT scheme in its first 100 days, aiming to promote efficient water management under \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Swachh Bharat Mission
- B) Smart City Mission
- C) Jal Jeevan Mission
- D) AMRUT 2.0

63) The number of persons employed in manufacturing industries rose \_\_\_\_\_ in 2022-23 to 1.85 crore, says Annual Survey of Industries (ASI).

- A) 7.4%
- B) 7.2%
- C) 7.5%
- D) 6.6%

64) Which of the following company became the first renewable energy company in India to join the Utilities for Net Zero Alliance (UNEZA)?

- A) Adani Green Energy Limited
- B) Fourth Partner Energy Limited
- C) Greenko Group
- D) Tata Power Solar Systems Limited

65) The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of a stake in Dream11's parent company, Dream Sports Inc. by which of the following company?

- A) Carlyle Group Inc.
- B) Reliance Industries Limited
- C) TIGA Investments
- D) Ultra Tech Cement Limited

66) \_\_\_\_\_ has announced that it will maintain the current interest rates for small savings schemes for the October-December 2024 quarter.

- A) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- B) Department of Economic Affairs
- C) Department of Financial Services
- D) Department of Revenue

67) Along with the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) which Organisation has inked an MoU to increase public awareness about social welfare schemes?

- A) State Legal Services Authority

- B) NITI Aayog
- C) National Legal Services Authority
- D) National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development

68) Who among the following unveiled the logo for the MahaKumbh-2025 and launched its website and app?

- A) Yogi Adityanath
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Keshav Prasad Maurya
- D) Anandiben Patel

69) The central government has appointed who among the following as the new external member to the monetary policy committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) Nagesh Kumar
- B) Ram Singh
- C) Saugata Bhattacharya
- D) All of the above

70) Who among the following took additional charge as the Governor of Mizoram?

- A) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- B) Om Prakash Mathur
- C) Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik
- D) Indra Sena Reddy Nallu

71) When the World Post Day was observed?

- A) 10 October
- B) 09 October
- C) 08 October
- D) 07 October

72) Which company has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Labour and Employment to enhance job opportunities?

- A) Microsoft Corporation
- B) MakeMyTrip
- C) Flipkart
- D) Amazon

73) \_\_\_\_\_ has become an affiliate member of the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF).

- A) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
- B) Indian Council of Medical Research
- C) Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association

D) Narcotics Control Bureau

**74) Who among the following was awarded the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics?**

- A) Stephen Hawking and Albert Einstein
- B) Pierre Curie and Marie Curie
- C) John Hopfield and Geoffrey Hinton
- D) Alan Turing and Richard Feynman

**75) State-owned REC Ltd has inked an MoU with which of the following state to finance power and non-power infrastructure projects worth Rs 3 lakh crore?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Nagaland
- D) Rajasthan

**76) Hypersonic ballistic missile 'Fattah-2' recently in news, is developed by which of the following country?**

- A) China
- B) Iran
- C) Israel
- D) Russia

**77) When the 2024 National Wildlife Week (India) was observed?**

- A) 20-26 December
- B) 10-16 November
- C) 2-8 October
- D) 1-7 September

**78) When the World Cotton Day was observed?**

- A) 09 October
- B) 08 October
- C) 07 October
- D) 06 October

**79) Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has launched which of the following initiative to tackle drug trafficking?**

- A) Viksit
- B) Sankalp
- C) Nirman
- D) Navjeevan

**80) Odisha's forest officials spotted which of the following rare species of leopard recently?**

- A) Arabian Leopard
- B) Black Panther

C) Javan Leopard

D) Snow Leopard

**81) Along with Military College of Telecommunications Engineering (MCTE) which of the following ministry collaborated to foster defence innovations?**

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Defence

**82) Which of the following ministry has released updated regulations outlining the process for granting condonation of delays in submitting income tax returns (ITRs)?**

- A) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

**83) Who among the following was appointed as the new Chairman of Tata Trusts, following the death of the Ratan Tata?**

- A) Noel Tata
- B) N Chandrasekaran
- C) Maya Tata
- D) Lia Tata

**84) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted three flight tests of the Indigenous Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at \_\_\_\_\_.**

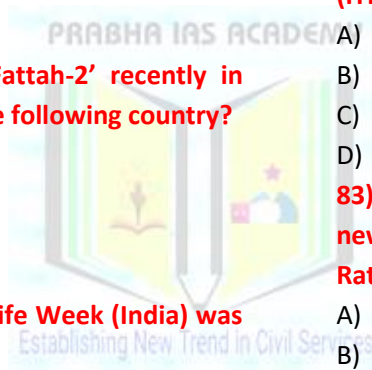
- A) Rajasthan
- B) Odisha
- C) Gujarat
- D) Andhra Pradesh

**85) Recently, the Ustad Allaiddin Khan Festival was hosted by which of the following state?**

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Gujarat
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra

**86) Which of the following state's eight traditional products including rice beer varieties has received GI tag recently?**

- A) Andhra Pradesh



- B) Assam
- C) Kerala
- D) Odisha

**87) To replace the existing 'Depot Online System' with a new, micro-services-based integrated supply chain management system, \_\_\_\_\_ has launched 'ANNA DARPAN'.**

- A) Finance Ministry
- B) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- C) Food Corporation of India
- D) Food and Agriculture Organization

**88) Amid military standoff with China, Indian Army has launched a new artillery firing range in which of the following state?**

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Ladakh
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Telangana

**89) Bank of Baroda (BoB) launched the \_\_\_\_\_ savings bank account for high-end customers and announced cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar as its global brand ambassador.**

- A) WISE
- B) Savings+
- C) Masterstroke
- D) Avni

**90) Which of the following bank has partnered with PhonePe to offer instant credit on UPI to its pre-approved customers on the app of the digital payments company?**

- A) Federal Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Yes Bank

**91) Agasthyamalai Bambootail, a new species of \_\_\_\_\_ was discovered at Manjadinnavila in Kerala.**

- A) Beetle
- B) Damesfly
- C) Fish
- D) Spider

**92) The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2024 was held in which of the following city?**

- A) Jakarta
- B) New Delhi
- C) Singapore
- D) Tokyo

**93) The LUPEX project is a collaborative lunar exploration mission by ISRO and \_\_\_\_\_, focused on investigating the Moon's surface for water and other critical resources.**

- A) CNSA
- B) NASA
- C) JAXA
- D) ESA

**94) The first phase of the Second Army Commanders' Conference for the year 2024 was organised in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) Shillong
- B) Kohima
- C) Gangtok
- D) Dehradun

**95) Who among the following won the 2024 Nobel Prize in literature?**

- A) Alexander Pushkin
- B) Gabriel Garcia
- C) Han Kang
- D) Haruki Murakami

**96) The Inaugural Kho Kho World Cup is set to be hosted by which of the following country?**

- A) Bangladesh
- B) India
- C) Pakistan
- D) Sri Lanka

**97) Which of the following telescope has detected carbon dioxide and hydrogen peroxide on Pluto's largest moon Charon?**

- A) Chandra X-ray Observatory
- B) Hubble Space Telescope
- C) James Webb Space Telescope
- D) Kepler Space Telescope

**98) When the International Day of Older Persons was observed?**

- A) 04 October
- B) 03 October
- C) 02 October
- D) 01 October

**99) Which of the following state became first in India to introduce the concept of 'co-districts,' an initiative to decentralise district administration and take governance to the grassroots?**

- A) Assam
- B) Bihar
- C) Odisha
- D) West Bengal

**100) Who among the following flagged off the second edition of Navika Sagar Parikrama expedition from the Ocean Sailing Node at INS Mandovi, Goa?**

- A) Dinesh K Tripathi
- B) Karambir Singh
- C) R Hari Kumar
- D) Sunil Lanba

**101) Marking completion of 10 years of launch of Swachh Bharat Mission, the center government has organised which of the following programme?**

- A) Akhil Bharitya Shiksha Samagam
- B) Sadbhavana Diwas
- C) Swachh Bharat Diwas
- D) Yashasvini Campaign

**102) The 149th assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) was held in which of the following city?**

- A) Paris
- B) New Delhi
- C) London
- D) Geneva

**103) Who among the following was awarded the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry?**

- A) John Jumper
- B) Demis Hassabis
- C) David Baker
- D) All of the above

**104) The government has assigned who among the following an additional role as CMD of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL)?**

- A) Raj Kumar Chaudhary

- B) Ashwin Dalwadi
- C) Arun Kumar Bansal
- D) Ajit Kumar Saxena

**105) Late Ratan Tata, the esteemed chairman emeritus of Tata Sons was awarded Padma Vibhushan in which of the following year?**

- A) 2015
- B) 2011
- C) 2008
- D) 2005

**106) Who among the following co-chaired the 6th India-US Commercial Dialogue in Washington D.C., USA?**

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman

**107) The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is lending \$500 million to which of the following bank to develop blue finance and green projects in India?**

- A) Axis Bank
- B) Central Bank of India
- C) Karnataka Bank Limited
- D) State Bank of India

**108) Who among the following took additional charge of CEO of the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal?**

- A) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- B) Ramesh Sinha
- C) L Satya Srinivas
- D) Arun Puri

**109) Who among the following was selected as the '2024 IACP 40 Under 40' awardee by the prestigious US-based International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)?**

- A) Vikas Lakhera
- B) Sunita Gupta
- C) Rahaab Allana
- D) Pritpal Kaur

**110) Who among the following received prestigious Asia HRD Lifetime Achievement award for impactful contributions to society?**

- A) Dr Jitendra Singh

- B) M.K. Stalin
- C) Nar Singh
- D) Subbiah Nallamuthu

**111) The Indian Navy recently launched multi-purpose vessel INS 'Samarthak' manufactured by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- B) Hindustan Shipyard
- C) L&T Shipyard
- D) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

**112) The Centre has appointed S Parmesh as the new chief of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) NIA
- B) Indian Coast Guard
- C) CRPF
- D) BSF

**113) Who among the following was crowned as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for September 2024?**

- A) Joe Root
- B) Kamindu Mendis
- C) Sanju Samson
- D) Virat Kohli

**114) Who among the following was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir?**

- A) Omar Abdullah
- B) Mehbooba Mufti
- C) Farooq Abdullah
- D) None of these

**115) The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as the MD and CEO of Bandhan Bank.**

- A) Rekha Mehta
- B) Ramesh Kumar Garg
- C) Partha Pratim Sengupta
- D) Abhishek Ranjan

**116) PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth over Rs 7600 crore in which of the following state?**

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Karnataka
- D) Chhattisgarh

**117) What was the rank of India in the 2024 Global Hunger Index (GHI)?**

- A) 98
- B) 84
- C) 105
- D) 33

**118) The 2024 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Nihon Hidankyo, the anti-nuclear group of which of the following country?**

- A) Azerbaijan
- B) Brazil
- C) Japan
- D) Peru

**119) ISRO reported the re-entry of the \_\_\_\_\_ rocket's upper stage into Earth's atmosphere almost eight years after launch.**

- A) PSLV-DL
- B) PSLV-C58
- C) PSLV-C57
- D) PSLV C-37

**120) Which of the following defence manufacturing company handed over the first AL-31FP Aero Engine to the Indian Air Force at Koraput in Odisha?**

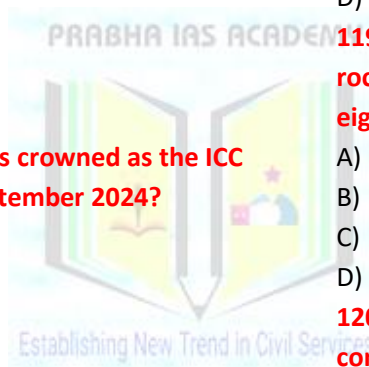
- A) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- D) Kalyani Strategic Systems Limited

**121) Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan launched Awas Sakhi mobile app and village road survey & planning tool under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in which of the following state?**

- A) Haryana
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Telangana

**122) Where did the MACE Observatory, Asia's largest and the world's highest Imaging Cherenkov Observatory was inaugurated?**

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Tripura
- D) Ladakh





123) Nagaland government has signed an agreement with which of the following country as one of the country partners for the upcoming 25th edition of the Hornbill Festival?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) Gambia
- C) Wales
- D) Taiwan

124) \_\_\_\_\_ has agreed to give Rs 15,000 crore to Andhra Pradesh for the construction of Amaravati capital phase-1.

- A) Axis Bank
- B) DBS Bank India
- C) Federal Bank
- D) World Bank

125) The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2024 was awarded to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Simon Johnson
- B) James A. Robinson
- C) Daron Acemoglu
- D) All of the above

126) On 06 October, Indian Navy's frontline stealth frigate, INS Talwar, arrived at Simon's Town, South Africa to participate in which of the following joint multi-national maritime exercise?

- A) Tarang Shakti
- B) RIMPAC
- C) MAITREE
- D) IBSAMAR VIII

127) Which of the following company received a license to operate white-label ATMs (WLAs) in India?

- A) Adyen India Technology Services Private Limited
- B) Amazon Pay (India) Private Limited
- C) Electronic Payment and Services Limited
- D) IndiaIdeas.com Limited

128) Which of the following bank announced a tie-up with MakeMyTrip to launch a premium co-branded credit card, specially curated for travellers?

- A) Axis Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Punjab National Bank

D) RBL Bank

129) Google partnered with which of the following financial company to offer gold loans?

- A) Aditya Birla Finance Limited
- B) Arka Fincap Limited
- C) Muthoot Finance
- D) Tata Capital

130) Who among the following is the global laureate of the 2024 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award?

- A) Abhinav Bindra
- B) Dr. S. Sridhar
- C) Sister Rosita Milesi
- D) Vellayan Subbiah

131) In October 2024, India and \_\_\_\_\_ signed the Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement, enabling filmmakers from both countries to collaborate on various aspects of film production.

- A) Algeria
- B) Colombia
- C) Nepal
- D) Peru

132) FTSE Russell has announced the inclusion of \_\_\_\_\_ government bonds in the FTSE Emerging Markets Government Bond Index (EMGBI).

- A) Philippines
- B) Kenya
- C) Nepal
- D) India

133) The NITI Aayog has increased the asset monetisation target for 2024-25 (FY25) by Rs 23,000 crore to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Rs 2 trillion
- B) Rs 1.9 trillion
- C) Rs 1.7 trillion
- D) Rs 1.5 trillion

134) Who among the following has once again secured top spot on Forbes' 2024 list of India's 100 richest tycoons?

- A) Gautam Adani
- B) Mukesh Ambani
- C) Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- D) Sundar Pichai

135) Who among the following has returned as the brand ambassador for Garuda Aerospace?

- A) Sumit Nagal
- B) Rahul Dravid
- C) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- D) Dinesh Karthik

136) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and \_\_\_\_\_ signed an agreement to create a future-ready workforce for the Defence and Aerospace sectors.

- A) Space Application Centre
- B) NewSpace India Limited
- C) Dhruva Space Private Limited
- D) Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers

137) \_\_\_\_\_ has launched a new platform to help banks issue stablecoins and other fiat-backed tokens internationally.

- A) Visa
- B) UnionPay
- C) RuPay
- D) Mastercard

138) Global merchandise trade growth for 2025 has been revised down to \_\_\_\_\_ by the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

- A) 3.36%
- B) 3.3%
- C) 3%
- D) 1%

139) Mary Kom and Sunil Chhetri named brand ambassadors of which of the following small finance bank?

- A) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited
- B) Unity Small Finance Bank Limited
- C) Jana Small Finance Bank Limited
- D) AU Small Finance Bank Limited

140) The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the re-appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

- A) Mohsin Naqvi
- B) Rajeshwar Rao
- C) Rajwinder Singh Bhatti

D) Rama Mohan Rao Amara

141) India's first 'Demonstration Facility for Biopolymers was inaugurated in which of the following city?

- A) Ahmedabad
- B) Jodhpur
- C) Pune
- D) Visakhapatnam

142) Which of the following state government has launched India's first integrated state-level Cyber Command and Control Center?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Himachal Pradesh

143) India has unveiled its first memorial named \_\_\_\_\_ in Pune dedicated to the Military Intelligence (MI) personnel who lost their lives in service.

- A) Satark Park
- B) Saraighat War Memorial Park
- C) Khalubar War Memorial
- D) Kargil Memorial Park

144) The Indian Navy has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which of the following insurance company to provide life insurance solutions to the civilian personnel of the Indian Navy?

- A) Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company
- B) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company
- C) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company
- D) SBI General Insurance Company

145) \_\_\_\_\_ has raised its shareholding in the Bank of Maharashtra from 4.05% to 7.10%.

- A) HDFC Bank Limited
- B) Life Insurance Corporation
- C) Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited
- D) Reliance Industries Limited

146) 57% of rural households were identified as "agricultural" in 2021-22, up from 48% in 2016, said a report released by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) NITI Aayog

- B) National Sample Survey Office  
 C) NABARD  
 D) Ministry of Finance

**147) The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) gave nod for setting up a new missiles testing range in which of the following state?**

- A) Andhra Pradesh  
 B) Odisha  
 C) Rajasthan  
 D) West Bengal

**148) \_\_\_\_\_ became the eighth tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh.**

- A) Tamor Pingla sanctuary  
 B) Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary  
 C) Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary  
 D) Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary

**149) \_\_\_\_\_ and Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) have signed an agreement to develop petroleum infrastructure in Nepal.**

- A) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited  
 B) Indian Oil Corporation Limited  
 C) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited  
 D) Oil India Limited

**150) Employment in the Indian renewable energy sector reached an estimated 10.02 lakh in 2023, said a report released by which of the following organization?**

- A) Suzlon Group  
 B) International Renewable Energy Agency  
 C) International Energy Agency  
 D) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited

## ANSWERS

### 1) Correct Answer: C

The new command will be set up in Finland, which shares a border with Russia. This move comes as a response to increased regional tensions following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. The command aims to oversee land force operations in northern Europe, emphasizing NATO's commitment to regional security and deterrence.

### 2) Correct Answer: B

Udhayanidhi Stalin, the son of current Chief Minister M. K. Stalin, has been appointed as the new Deputy Chief Minister. This significant cabinet reshuffle aims to strengthen the DMK party's strategy ahead of upcoming elections. Udhayanidhi's transition from the film industry to a political role continues the legacy of his family, including his grandfather, the late M. Karunanidhi.

### 3) Correct Answer: B

Gulveer Singh achieved a remarkable milestone by setting a new national record with a time of 13:11.82 during the World Athletics Continental Tour's Yogibo Athletics Challenge Cup held in Niigata, Japan. This victory highlights the rising standards of Indian athletes in middle-distance running and showcases India's growing competitiveness on the global stage.

### 4) Correct Answer: B

Alexander Dunn from the Georgia Institute of Technology has been honored with the prestigious 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize. This award recognizes exceptional contributions by young mathematicians in areas related to the work of the legendary Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, highlighting Dunn's significant research in number theory.

### 5) Correct Answer: B

Keki N. Daruwala was not only a celebrated poet but also a former IPS officer. His profound literary works earned him the Sahitya Akademi Award, and he was known for blending socio-political themes with personal reflections. His passing marks a significant loss to Indian literature, but his works continue to inspire many.

### 6) Correct Answer: B

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has climbed to 24th place in the latest ranking of global "megahub" airports, up from its previous 25th position, according to international aviation analytics firm OAG. This ranking identifies airports with the highest ratio of scheduled international connections relative to the destinations they serve.

### 7) Correct Answer: D

Paisabazaar has partnered with YES BANK to unveil their co-branded credit card - YES BANK Paisabazaar PaisaSave Credit Card. The PaisaSave Credit Card is designed to reward frequent shoppers by offering substantial cashback on everyday purchases, both online and offline.

**8) Correct Answer: C**

EaseMyTrip.com has announced the launch of ScanMyTrip.com, the country's first marketplace to offer travel services on the ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) Network. This innovative platform aims to empower OTAs (Online Travel Agencies), MSMEs, travel agents, and homestays by enabling them to list their services—flights, hotels, and homestays—on the ONDC network.

**9) Correct Answer: A**

Ace Indian javelin throw athlete Neeraj Chopra finished in second position in Brussels with a best throw of 87.86m at the Diamond League Final. Neeraj missed out on the top spot by just 1cm margin. Anderson Peters, who won and finished at the top, hurled the spear to a distance of 87.87m to finish at numero uno position.

**10) Correct Answer: D**

Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) launched Saarthi, a reference application designed to assist businesses in creating their own customised buyer-side apps, co-developed with Bhashini. As a reference tool, Saarthi supports network participants in building buyer apps with multilingual features.

**11) Correct Answer: B**

India's chess masters have created history by winning team gold medals in both men's and women's competitions at the 45th International Chess Federation (FIDE) Chess Olympiad in Budapest. India also walked away with four individual gold medals as the tournament wrapped up in the Hungarian capital.

**12) Correct Answer: D**

Union Finance Smt. Minister Nirmala Sitharaman officially launched the new pension scheme for minors, named "NPS Vatsalya," from New Delhi. 4 Districts from Maharashtra Mumbai, Pune, Nanded and Nagpur participated in this national launch event, virtually through video conference.

**13) Correct Answer: A**

The government has approved a joint venture between NPCIL and NTPC to build four 700 MWe nuclear power plants at Mahi Banswara in Rajasthan. The Department of Atomic Energy handed over the document approving the joint venture 'Anushakti Vidyut Nigam Limited (ASHVINI)' to top officials of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

**14) Correct Answer: B**

Senior IPS officers Alok Ranjan and Amit Garg were appointed as the chiefs of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) and Hyderabad-based Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) respectively, according to an official order.

**15) Correct Answer: B**

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has received the prestigious 2024 @UN Inter-Agency Task Force Award for achievements in advancing multi-sectoral action on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and mental health among others, Union Health Minister J P Nadda announced.

**16) Correct Answer: D**

India has overtaken Japan to secure the position of the third-largest power in the Asia Power Index, according to a statement released by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. This achievement marks a significant shift in the geopolitical landscape of the Asia-Pacific region.

**17) Correct Answer: B**

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 41st edition of Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on September 24, 2024. The three-day meeting served as a vital forum for ICG Commanders to engage in meaningful discussions on strategic, operational & administrative matters in the backdrop of the evolving geopolitical landscapes and complexities of maritime security.

**18) Correct Answer: B**

Renowned Bollywood producer Vinod Bachchan was honored with the prestigious Global Prestige Award at the House of Lords, UK Parliament, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Indian film industry. His

films have not only entertained millions but have also promoted Indian culture and traditions on the world stage.

**19) Correct Answer: B**

Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal inaugurated Computer Security Incident Response Team – POWER (CSIRT–POWER) facility at Northern Regional Power Committee, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi.

**20) Correct Answer: B**

Justice BV Nagarathna was appointed as the Chairperson of the Supreme Court Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee following the retirement of Justice Hima Kohli, who was earlier heading the Committee.

**21) Correct Answer: A**

The Mankidia community becomes the sixth PVTG to gain habitat rights over forests in Odisha. These tribes are designated as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) in Odisha. They live in Odisha's Mayurbhanj, Deogarh, and Balasore districts (Northern Plateau Zone).

**22) Correct Answer: B**

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, organized the International WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Conference on the sidelines of the 8th India Water Week held between 17th-19th September 2024, in New Delhi.

**23) Correct Answer: C**

In the 14th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2024, Hockey Punjab clinched the title after defeating Uttar Pradesh Hockey 3-3 (4-3 SO) in the final at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar.

**24) Correct Answer: B**

Nadi Utsav 2024 was held at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) in New Delhi. The 5th edition of the festival was celebrated under the theme 'Rivers in Reverse: Making of a Lifeline', focusing on the components of a river and its surrounding culture.

**25) Correct Answer: B**

Azerbaijan, the host of this year's climate change conference, COP29, has proposed to launch a new

climate fund for developing countries. The fund can be financed through "voluntary" contributions from fossil-fuel producing countries and companies, according to Azerbaijan.

**26) Correct Answer: A**

In a major push to transform India's dairy cooperative sector, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah unveiled 'White Revolution 2.0', a comprehensive initiative aimed at empowering women farmers and creating job opportunities.

**27) Correct Answer: C**

A new species of glyptosternine catfish, *Exostoma sentiyonoae*, has been discovered from the Dzuleke River, a tributary of the Barak River in Nagaland. The discovery was detailed in the scientific journal *Zootaxa* (Vol. 5447), in an article authored by Bungdon Shangningam from the Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata, and Professor and Dean of Sciences, Kohima Science College, Limatemjen.

**28) Correct Answer: A**

The Global Aerospace Summit in Abu Dhabi addressed sustainability, youth participation, and innovation in the aerospace, space, and defense domains. Key issues include developments in aerospace technology, investment methods, and the incorporation of upcoming technologies such as AI and hydrogen-powered aircraft were addressed.

**29) Correct Answer: A**

The World Health Organization (WHO) congratulated the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for becoming the first country in the world to be officially verified as having eliminated leprosy. This significant milestone marks a new era in global public health efforts, an official release stated.

**30) Correct Answer: B**

World Maritime Day is celebrated annually on the last Thursday of September, and in 2024, it falls on September 26. The day serves as a reminder of the sea's importance to the global economy, cultural exchange, and environmental health. The theme for World Maritime Day 2024 is "Navigating the Future: Safety First!".



**31) Correct Answer: C**

Kerala has been ranked first in the State Food Safety Index 2024 for the second consecutive year by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Tamil Nadu secured second place, with Jammu and Kashmir in third. The event was organised by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

**32) Correct Answer: C**

Indian wrestler Sangram Singh became the first Indian male wrestler to win an MMA (mixed martial arts) fight at the Gama International Fighting Championship Tbilisi in Georgia. Commonwealth heavyweight wrestling champion Sangram won in a 90-second match against the Pakistani opponent, Ali Raza Nasir.

**33) Correct Answer: B**

Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Prataprao Jadhav launched the second edition of Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0 at a hybrid event held at Lady Hardinge Medical College in New Delhi. He also virtually inaugurated Tobacco Cessation Centres in medical institutions across India.

**34) Correct Answer: C**

The Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) has partnered with Bharat Electronics Limited (Bel) to enhance India's Space Situational Awareness. This collaboration focuses on tracking space objects, developing new tools, and building skills in SSA.

**35) Correct Answer: D**

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha laid the foundation stone of Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded water supply improvement facility for 12 towns in the state. The ADB has sanctioned Rs 530 crore for water supply improvement in 12 civic bodies of the northeastern state, out of which Rs 330 crore has already been released.

**36) Correct Answer: C**

NICDC Logistics Data Services Ltd. (NLDSL) recently announced the launch of Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) Hackathon 2.0, a competitive event aimed at fostering innovation and developing digital solutions to tackle pressing challenges in the logistics industry.

**37) Correct Answer: A**

Amid the increasing number of train accidents across the country, Indian Railways has established a 'Rail Rakshak Dal' in the North Western Railway (NWR) zone for the first time as part of a pilot project. The 'Rail Rakshak Dal' is designed to promptly reach accident sites and conduct rescue operations.

**38) Correct Answer: A**

MakeMyTrip announced a partnership with ten international airlines and ICICI Bank, offering up to 20% discounts on business class fares. ICICI Bank cardholders can avail an additional Rs 10,000 off. The offers were available from September 27 to October 2 during the Business Class Fest.

**39) Correct Answer: D**

Gulveer Singh, a 26-year-old Indian athlete, won the gold medal in the men's 5,000 meters race at the World Athletics Continental Tour in Japan. He set a new national record with a time of 13 minutes and 11.82 seconds.

**40) Correct Answer: A**

The first edition of Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav was inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Nilayam, Secunderabad. In collaboration with the Ministry of Development of North-East Region and the Ministry of Culture, Rashtrapati Nilayam hosted the Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav from September 29 to October 6, 2024.

**41) Correct Answer: A**

International Translation Day is celebrated annually on September 30. This date was officially recognised by the United Nations General Assembly on May 24, 2017. The theme for International Translation Day 2024 is "Translation, an Art Worth Protecting: Moral and Material Rights for Indigenous Languages."

**42) Correct Answer: D**

Sony Group Corporation and Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE) has announced that SPE Chairman and CEO Tony Vinciguerra will step down from his role as SPE CEO, and that Ravi Ahuja, SPE's current Chairman of Global Television Studios and President and COO, will



assume leadership of SPE as President and CEO, effective January 2, 2025.

**43) Correct Answer: B**

IL&FS Group announced the appointment of Nand Kishore as its new Chairman and Managing Director effective October 1. He has been appointed as the CMD of IL&FS with effect from October 1 by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the statement said. Former bureaucrat CS Rajan was serving as the company's Chairman.

**44) Correct Answer: D**

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has launched 'Cruise Bharat Mission' from the Mumbai port, aimed at boosting the potential of cruise tourism in the country and doubling of cruise passenger traffic by 2029. It will be implemented in three phases, beginning October 1, the release said, adding that it will continue till March 31, 2029, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways said.

**45) Correct Answer: B**

Rwanda is grappling with its first Marburg virus outbreak, with 36 cases and 11 deaths. The virus, closely related to Ebola, has a high fatality rate. Human-to-human transmission occurs through direct contact with bodily fluids.

**46) Correct Answer: C**

Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, launched 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' app during a Press Conference of Ministry of Communications and Ministry of DoNER, held at National Media Centre, New Delhi.

**47) Correct Answer: C**

Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi chaired a meeting of the Country Programme Advisory Committee (CPAC) to review the implementation of the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2023-2027 with representatives of the United Nations World Food Programme (UN WFP) and members from concerned Ministries/Departments.

**48) Correct Answer: D**

SBI General Insurance has launched its latest offering, the 'SBIG Health Super Top-Up' policy. According to the company, health insurance top-up plan is designed as an economical and affordable option supplementing over and above the basic health insurance policy.

**49) Correct Answer: B**

Private lender Axis Bank Ltd, and Mastercard, a global technology company in the payments industry, announced their collaboration to launch MyBiz, a premium business credit card designed exclusively for sole proprietors and small business owners.

**50) Correct Answer: A**

Team India won the bronze medal in the first edition of the Asia Pacific Padel Cup which was held at Bali, Indonesia. The tournament was won by Indonesia who beat Philippines in a thrilling gold medal match by 2-3. Padel, a cross between tennis and squash, is a racquet sport for doubles played on an enclosed court smaller than a tennis court.

**51) Correct Answer: D**

Scientists have detected the gases carbon dioxide and hydrogen peroxide on Pluto's largest moon, 'Charon', which they said could help understand how icy bodies originated and evolved in the outer Solar System. Charon is the largest of the five known moons of Pluto and has been studied since it was discovered in 1978.

**52) Correct Answer: A**

The Conference on Maritime Decarbonization in India, co-hosted by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and the Asian Development Bank was held in New Delhi. The event brought together over two hundred delegates to discuss the future of green shipping and port operations.

**53) Correct Answer: B**

The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme, announced by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during her Budget speech on July 23, was launched on October 3. The PM Internship Scheme aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in the top 500 companies over the next five years.

**54) Correct Answer: C**

Nine captive-bred pygmy hogs were released in the Manas National Park of Assam, by the Pygmy Hog Conservation Programme (PHCP). The pygmy hog (*Porcula salvania*) is the world's smallest and rarest wild pig, most threatened by extinction.

**55) Correct Answer: D**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated several projects in Maharashtra, worth over Rs 11,200 crore, via video conferencing. During the virtual event, he highlighted the importance of these developments in boosting urban infrastructure and enhancing the ease of living in the state.

**56) Correct Answer: A**

World Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on October 5. The role of a teacher holds profound importance in our lives, and they play a very important role in shaping our careers, right from our childhood. The theme for World Teacher's Day 2024 is "Valuing Teacher Voices: Towards a New Social Contract for Education".

**57) Correct Answer: C**

The central government has announced plans to collect Rs 20,000 crore through the issuance of 'Sovereign Green Bonds' in the second half of the financial year 2024-25 (October-March), Finance Ministry said in a press release. The green bonds will be issued in four tranches, each valued at ₹5,000 crore.

**58) Correct Answer: B**

Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness lauded India for being a strong advocate for the Global South, highlighting its role in providing development pathways for countries like Jamaica. During his official visit to India, PM Holness termed the trip a success and praised India's contributions to technological and skills development.

**59) Correct Answer: C**

Ravindra Jadeja has etched his name into cricket history, becoming one of only 11 players to achieve the remarkable double of over 3,000 runs and 300 wickets in Test cricket. Among left-arm spinners, Jadeja is the third to claim over 300 Test wickets, following the paths of Daniel Vettori, who concluded his career with 362 wickets, and Rangana Herath, who tops the list with 433 scalps.

**60) Correct Answer: B**

Foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) in India from January to June stood at nearly 4.78 million, with Bangladesh and the US being the top two source countries, according to official data issued by the Ministry of Tourism. The FTAs in June 2024 were 7,06,045 as compared to 6,48,008 in June 2023 and 7,26,446 in June 2019 registering a growth of nine per cent.

**61) Correct Answer: C**

The 8th edition of India Kazakhstan Joint Exercise KAZIND was held at Surya Foreign Training Node, Auli, Uttarakhand from 30th September to 13th October 2024. The KAZIND joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan is based on the theme of conducting Joint Subconventional Operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations Mandate.

**62) Correct Answer: D**

The government has introduced the Jal Hi AMRIT scheme in its first 100 days, aiming to promote efficient water management, the Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal said. Under AMRUT 2.0, the union minister highlighted that, as part of the 100-day achievements, 68 projects worth Rs 3,020 crore and 41 projects worth Rs 3,805 crore, totalling Rs 6,825 crore, will be implemented across 13 states.

**63) Correct Answer: C**

The number of persons employed in manufacturing industries rose 7.5 per cent in 2022-23 to 1.85 crore from 1.72 crore in the previous year, says Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

**64) Correct Answer: A**

Adani Green Energy and Adani Energy Solutions have joined the Utilities for Net Zero Alliance, a joint statement said. Utilities for Net Zero Alliance (UNEZA) was established at COP28 with the adoption of the UAE Declaration of Action.

**65) Correct Answer: C**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has granted nod to Singapore-based TIGA Investments' proposal to acquire a stake in Dream11's parent company Dream

Sports Inc. The deal was cleared by CCI under the green channel route.

**66) Correct Answer: B**

The Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) announced in a notification that the interest rates for various Small Savings Schemes will remain unchanged for the third quarter of FY 2024-25, from October 1 to December 31, 2024, consistent with the rates set for the second quarter.

**67) Correct Answer: C**

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) and the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to increase public awareness about social welfare schemes. The agreement aims to enhance access to legal and welfare support for marginalized communities across India.

**68) Correct Answer: A**

Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath unveiled the logo for Maha Kumbh-2025 in Prayagraj. It embodies the continuous flow of self-awareness and public welfare, serving as an inspirational emblem for Mahakumbh 2025. The logo also incorporates key religious sites along the banks of Sangamnagari and represents various traditions of Sanatana Dharma.

**69) Correct Answer: D**

The central government appointed Ram Singh, Saugata Bhattacharya and Nagesh Kumar as the new external members to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) monetary policy committee. They will replace Mumbai professor Ashima Goyal, IIM-Ahmedabad professor Jayanth Varma and New Delhi senior adviser Shashanka Bhide.

**70) Correct Answer: D**

Shri Indra Sena Reddy Nallu, Governor of Tripura was sworn in to take additional charge as the Governor of Mizoram at the Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan in Aizawl. He will hold the office "during the absence on leave" of the incumbent Governor Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati.

**71) Correct Answer: B**

World Post Day, celebrated annually on October 9, highlights the significant role of the postal system in daily life, global communication, and economic development.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), established in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland.

**72) Correct Answer: D**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment and Amazon signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi. The MoU aims to enable job seekers across India to view work opportunities and also help Amazon India and its staffing agencies post job openings and source candidates from the NCS portal.

**73) Correct Answer: A**

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare became an affiliated member of the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF). The IMDRF, which was established in 2011, is a group of global medical device regulators whose aim is to speed up the adoption of international medical device regulatory harmonisation and convergence.

**74) Correct Answer: C**

John Hopfield and Geoffrey Hinton were awarded the Nobel Prize in physics for discoveries and inventions that formed the building blocks of machine learning. Hopfield's research is carried out at Princeton University and Hinton works at the University of Toronto.

**75) Correct Answer: D**

REC Ltd has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Rajasthan where the former will provide Rs 50,000 crore annually to finance projects across power and non-power infrastructure up to 2030. The total value of the MoU is Rs 3 lakh crore.

**76) Correct Answer: B**

Iran fired more than 180 ballistic missiles, including its hypersonic medium-range Fattah-2, in a major offensive aimed at overwhelming Israel's air defences on 01 October. Used for the first time, the Fattah-2, the successor to Fattah-1, adds more bang to Iran's existing military capabilities.

**77) Correct Answer: C**

The Kargil Campus, University of Ladakh observed "National Wildlife Week" from 2nd to 8th October 2024. The Event was jointly organised by Department of

Environmental Science and Biodiversity Research Center, Kargil Campus, University of Ladakh, in collaboration with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Kargil Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife Protection Ladakh.

**78) Correct Answer: C**

World Cotton Day, observed on October 7 each year, emphasises cotton's importance in generating jobs and supporting economies, especially in less developed countries. The official theme of 2024 World Cotton Day is 'Cotton for Good'.

**79) Correct Answer: B**

The Himachal Pradesh government launched an initiative 'Sankalp' which aims to tackle drug trafficking and support rehabilitation efforts. The state's Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched the initiative during a program organised by Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan.

**80) Correct Answer: B**

Odisha has recorded presence of rare melanistic leopard, popularly known as black panther, in three forest divisions as it released findings of the first All Odisha Leopard Estimation-2024 results conducted across 47 forest divisions across the state.

**81) Correct Answer: B**

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Military College of Telecommunications Engineering (MCTE) have formalized their partnership to foster innovation and drive technological advancements for defence applications.

**82) Correct Answer: B**

The Ministry of Finance has released new guidelines for handling delayed tax refund claims and loss carry forward applications. The new guidelines issued on 01 October increase the limit of tax refund claim amount in condonation of delay cases which will help taxpayers who missed filing any ITR though had a tax refund due to him/her.

**83) Correct Answer: A**

Noel Tata, half-brother of the late Ratan Tata, has been unanimously elected as the chairman of Tata Trusts following the passing of the legendary industrialist Ratan N Tata. Noel Tata is already a key trustee of the Sir

Dorabji Tata Trust and the Sir Ratan Tata Trust. He will now lead the trusts that hold a controlling stake in Tata Sons, the primary holding company of the Tata Group.

**84) Correct Answer: A**

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted three flight tests of the 4th Generation Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.

**85) Correct Answer: C**

Ustad Allaiddin Khan Festival was held in Maihar, Madhya Pradesh. The three-day Ustad Allaiddin Khan festival was organized jointly by the Madhya Pradesh Culture Department, Ustad Allaiddin Khan Music and Art Academy and Maihar District Administration.

**86) Correct Answer: B**

The Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai has granted the GI tag to eight products from the Assam region, including traditional food items and several unique varieties of rice beer. The application for Geographical Indication tags for three variants of rice beer was filed by the Bodo Traditional Brewers Association.

**87) Correct Answer: C**

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has embarked on a comprehensive digital transformation initiative to modernize its existing supply chain management system, known as the 'Depot Online System'. This ambitious project involves the implementation of a new, microservices-based integrated supply chain management system named ANNA DARPAN.

**88) Correct Answer: A**

With the ongoing standoff with China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), the Indian Army has opened a new artillery firing range in Arunachal's Tawang sector, making it the first in a high-altitude area. Arunachal Pradesh falls under the Eastern Command of the Indian Army.

**89) Correct Answer: C**

Bank of Baroda signed cricketer legend Sachin Tendulkar as the bank's Global Brand Ambassador. The bank also announced the launch of the 'bob

Masterstroke Savings Account', an exclusive savings bank account designed especially for clients desiring premium services.

**90) Correct Answer: C**

India's private sector lender ICICI Bank announced that it has partnered with PhonePe to offer instant credit on UPI to its pre-approved customers on the app of the digital payments company. The partnership enables millions of pre-approved customers of ICICI Bank to activate short term credit line instantly on the PhonePe app, and use it for UPI transactions in a seamless and secure manner.

**91) Correct Answer: B**

A group of researchers from the state and outside has discovered a new species of damselfly from Manjadinnavila in Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala. Named Agasthyamalai Bambootail (Agasthyamala Mulavalan in Malayalam), the damselfly is a rare species belonging to the group of bambootails.

**92) Correct Answer: B**

The three-day long Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2024 (IPRD-2024) was conducted from 03 – 05 October in New Delhi. The conference witnessed intensive deliberations in several sub-topics under the overarching theme of "Resource-Geopolitics and Security in the Indo-Pacific".

**93) Correct Answer: C**

India's National Space Commission has officially approved the Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LUPEX), marking the country's fifth lunar mission. A collaborative effort between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Japan's Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), LUPEX aims to investigate the presence of water and other valuable resources in the Moon's south polar regions.

**94) Correct Answer: C**

The Second Army Commanders' Conference for the year 2024 will be organised in a hybrid mode, with the first Phase held on 10-11 October 2024 in a forward location at Gangtok. In the second phase, the senior hierarchy of Indian Army will congregate at Delhi on 28-29 October 2024.

**95) Correct Answer: C**

The Nobel prize in literature has been awarded to 53-year-old South Korean novelist Han Kang for her "intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life". Her works include The Vegetarian, The White Book, Human Acts and Greek Lessons.

**96) Correct Answer: B**

India will host the first Kho Kho World Cup next year, featuring 16 men's and women's teams from 24 countries across six continents. The event, announced by the Kho Kho Federation of India, aims to elevate Kho Kho's global presence and work towards its inclusion in the 2032 Olympics.

**97) Correct Answer: C**

The James Webb Space Telescope recently made a groundbreaking discovery, detecting solid carbon dioxide and hydrogen peroxide on the frozen surface of Charon, Pluto's largest moon. This marks the first time when carbon dioxide is observed on Charon, a spherical body approximately 750 miles in diameter.

**98) Correct Answer: D**

The International Day of Older Persons is celebrated on October 1 every year. It is a day to recognize the contributions of older people to society and to raise awareness of the issues they face. The theme for the International Day of Older Persons 2024 is "Ageing with dignity: The importance of strengthening care and support systems for Older Persons Worldwide"

**99) Correct Answer: A**

Co-districts, a pioneering initiative by the Assam govt within the existing districts, will serve as a paradigm for other states to emulate in their quest to bring administration closer to the populace, chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said.

**100) Correct Answer: A**

The second edition of Navika Sagar Parikrama — circumnavigating the globe in a sail boat by two women officers, Lieutenant Commander Dilna K. and Lieutenant Commander Roopa A. — was flagged off at Ocean Sailing Node, INS Mandovi in Goa by Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi.

**101) Correct Answer: C**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024 programme on the occasion of 155th Gandhi Jayanti in New Delhi on 02 October. The event marked the completion of 10 years of the launch of one of the most significant mass movements for cleanliness, the Swachh Bharat Mission.

**102) Correct Answer: D**

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla led a parliamentary delegation to the 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in Geneva held 13-17 October 2024. The IPU has 180 member parliaments and 15 associate members. Members include parliaments from large countries like China, India, and Indonesia, as well as smaller countries like Cabo Verde, San Marino, and Palau.

**103) Correct Answer: D**

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with one half to David Baker "for computational protein design" and the other half jointly to Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper "for protein structure prediction."

**104) Correct Answer: D**

The government has assigned the additional charge of CMD Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) to Ajit Kumar Saxena, a regulatory filing said. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL), under the Ministry of Steel, is a steel manufacturing company. It owns and operates a 7.5 million tonne plant at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.

**105) Correct Answer: C**

Ratan Naval Tata, the Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, passed away at the Breach Candy Hospital following age-related health conditions on 09 October. In 2008, Tata received the Padma Vibhushan, the second-highest civilian honour in India, after receiving the Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian honour in 2000.

**106) Correct Answer: C**

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal convened the 6th ministerial level meeting of the U.S.-India Commercial Dialogue (Commercial Dialogue) in Washington, D.C. on October 3, 2024.

**107) Correct Answer: A**

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is partnering with private lender Axis Bank to provide a USD 500 million loan aimed at developing a blue finance market and scaling up green project financing in India. Blue loans are financing instruments designated for investments in areas such as water and wastewater management.

**108) Correct Answer: C**

The government has given L Satya Srinivas, Additional Secretary in Department of Commerce, the additional charge of CEO of public procurement portal GeM. The additional charge was given as the last CEO of the Government e Marketplace (GeM) P K Singh has been appointed as secretary in the renewable energy ministry.

**109) Correct Answer: D**

Achieving laurels for the country, Pritpal Kaur, Superintendent of Police of Phek district in Nagaland, has been selected as the '2024 IACP 40 Under 40' awardee by the prestigious US-based International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

**110) Correct Answer: B**

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin was presented with the Asia HRD Lifetime Achievement award. The award recognises and honours individuals or organisations with extraordinary influence, who have contributed to the advancement in the field of human development and have impacted society.

**111) Correct Answer: C**

The Indian Navy marked a significant milestone with the launch of Samarthak, the first vessel under the two Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV) project being constructed by L&T Shipyard at Kattupalli. This event highlights India's progress in indigenous shipbuilding, aligning with the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.

**112) Correct Answer: B**

The Indian Coast Guard's additional director general S Paramesh has been appointed as the new chief of the maritime force by the centre. With over three decades of distinguished service, he has held various prestigious ashore and afloat appointments.

**113) Correct Answer: B**



Sri Lanka's rising batting sensation Kamindu Mendis was crowned as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for September, announced the International Cricket Council (ICC). Mendis played in four Tests during the month, scoring 451 runs at an average of 90.20.

**114) Correct Answer: A**

Omar Abdullah took oath as first Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on October 16. The oath of office to Abdullah was administered by J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. Along with the new CM, five new ministers also took oath.

**115) Correct Answer: C**

Partha Pratim Sengupta, former Indian Overseas Bank managing director, is all set to take over as the managing director and chief executive officer of Bandhan Bank. The Reserve Bank of India has granted prior approval for his appointment for a period of three years with effect from the date of taking charge.

**116) Correct Answer: B**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of various development projects in Maharashtra worth over Rs 7600 crore through video conference. Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the upgradation of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport, Nagpur. The total estimated cost of the project is around Rs 7000 crore.

**117) Correct Answer: C**

The Global Hunger Index (GHI) has ranked India 105th, which places it under the "serious" category of the analysis. India is among 42 countries that fall within the "serious" category, alongside Pakistan and Afghanistan, with other South Asian neighbours.

**118) Correct Answer: C**

The 2024 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Nihon Hidankyo on October 11, 2024, in Oslo, Norway. This Japanese organisation, composed of atomic bomb survivors (hibakusha), was recognised for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.

**119) Correct Answer: D**

On October 6, 2024, the upper stage of India's PSLV-C37 re-entered Earth's atmosphere, marking the end of its nearly eight-year journey in space. This event highlights

India's commitment to responsible space practices and debris mitigation.

**120) Correct Answer: C**

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has handed over the first AL-31FP Aero Engine, manufactured under the 240 engine contract, to the Indian Air Force at Koraput in Odisha. The contract for 240 AL-31FP Aero Engines for Su-30MKI aircraft was signed on 09 September 2024.

**121) Correct Answer: B**

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan announced many initiatives and lay the groundwork for 500 kilometers of freshly paved roads in Madhya Pradesh. The Awas Sakhi Mobile App, launched as part of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, aims to improve rural infrastructure, employment, and housing. In addition, the Gram Sadak Survey & Planning Tool was established to enhance rural connection.

**122) Correct Answer: D**

The Department of Atomic Energy's (DAE) Secretary and Atomic Energy Commission Chairman, Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, formally inaugurated the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory at Hanle, Ladakh, on October 4, 2024. The inauguration ceremony took place during the DAE's 75th anniversary celebrations.

**123) Correct Answer: C**

Nagaland government has signed Wales as one of the Country Partners for the upcoming 25th Edition of the Hornbill Festival. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, who is on an official visit to Wales, announced the signing of the agreement with the Welsh Government, the British Council, and Wales Arts International representatives in Cardiff.

**124) Correct Answer: D**

The World Bank along with the Asian Development Bank in principle has committed to fund USD 1600 million (Rs 13,600 crore) for Amaravati capital city phase-I development and will start releasing the amount from January next year, a senior official of the Andhra Pradesh government has said.

**125) Correct Answer: D**

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences on October 14, awarded the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel for 2024 to three US-based economists — Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A Robinson — “for studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity”.

**126) Correct Answer: D**

Indian Navy’s frontline stealth frigate, INS Talwar, arrived at Simon’s Town, South Africa, on 06 Oct 24 to participate in the eighth edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multinational maritime exercise among Indian, Brazilian, and South African Navy scheduled from 06 to 18 October 2024.

**127) Correct Answer: C**

The Reserve Bank of India has granted a white label ATM license for the first time after a decade to Electronic Payment and Services (EPS), a privately owned ATM outsourcing company, creating a pitch for faster expansion of the country's ATM network supporting the cash economy even as the digital modes of payment are expanding at a rapid pace.

**128) Correct Answer: B**

MakeMyTrip ICICI Bank Signature Credit Card is a travel credit card that lets you earn higher reward points on your transactions at MakeMyTrip. Additionally, you can also avail benefits like bonus reward points after achieving the spending milestones, Airtel roaming pack, fuel surcharge waiver and more via this card.

**129) Correct Answer: C**

Google announced new partnerships to enhance its financial services on Google Pay at the 10th edition of its flagship Google for India event. The tech giant has teamed up with Aditya Birla Finance to offer personal loans and with Muthoot Finance to provide gold-backed loans.

**130) Correct Answer: C**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees presented its annual Nansen Award to a Brazilian nun who has dedicated herself to helping migrants for decades. The UN refugee agency lauded Sister Rosita Milesi for her work as a “lawyer, social

worker and movement builder” helping internally displaced and stateless people over 40 years.

**131) Correct Answer: B**

India and Columbia have signed the audio-visual co-production agreement which will enable Indian and Colombian film producers to utilise a platform for collaboration on various facets of film-making, according to the Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

**132) Correct Answer: D**

Global index provider FTSE Russell said it would include India's sovereign bonds in its Emerging Markets Government Bond Index (EMGBI) starting September 2025, following index inclusion by JP Morgan and Bloomberg Index Services, potentially drawing billions of dollars into local bonds.

**133) Correct Answer: B**

The NITI Aayog has increased the asset monetisation target for 2024-25 (FY25) by Rs 23,000 crore to Rs 1.9 trillion, moving closer to the overall Rs 6 trillion target set under the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) for a four-year period.

**134) Correct Answer: B**

Mukesh Ambani, the chairman and managing director of Reliance Industries, retained the top spot on 2024 Forbes’ list of 100 richest Indian tycoons. This year India’s top 100 wealthiest cross a trillion dollar in collective net worth for the first time ever, Forbes noted.

**135) Correct Answer: C**

Indian Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni has invested an undisclosed sum in Chennai-based Garuda Aerospace, an Indian drone startup. He has also joined the startup as a brand ambassador. With over 300 drones and 500 pilots operating in 26 cities, Garuda Aerospace drone manufacturing facilities were recently launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**136) Correct Answer: D**

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) signed an agreement to create a future-ready workforce for the Defence and Aerospace sectors. The MoU was exchanged between the Chairman of AICTE, Prof. T.G. Sitharam, and the President of SIDM, Rajinder Singh

Bhatia, in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

**137) Correct Answer: A**

Visa Inc. has launched a new platform to help banks issue stablecoins and other fiat-backed tokens internationally. The Visa Tokenized Asset Platform (VTAP) will go live next year. VTAP will enable banks to “mint, burn and transfer” tokens, providing a robust infrastructure for financial institutions looking to leverage the benefits of blockchain technology, said a statement.

**138) Correct Answer: C**

The World Trade Organization (WTO) slightly revised upwards its 2024 global goods trade growth forecast to 2.7% from the previous estimate of 2.6% but slashed it to 3% for 2025 from 3.3% earlier. In its Global Trade Outlook, WTO cautioned that rising geopolitical tensions and increased economic policy uncertainty continue to pose substantial downside risks to the forecast.

**139) Correct Answer: A**

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank (Utkarsh SFB), a provider of banking and financial services has announced onboarding boxer Mary Kom and footballer Sunil Chhetri as its brand ambassadors. Utkarsh SFB along with Mary Kom and Sunil Chhetri will focus on a series of initiatives like financial literacy campaigns, product launches, branch inaugurations, and social media campaigns for inclusion and resilience.

**140) Correct Answer: B**

The government has extended the term of RBI Deputy Governor M. Rajeshwar Rao for a period of one year, according to sources. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the re-appointment of Mr. Rao for a period of one year with effect from October 9, 2024 or until further orders.

**141) Correct Answer: C**

On October 13, 2024, India's first 'Demonstration Facility for Biopolymers' showcasing Praj Industries Limited's (Praj's) indigenously developed integrated polylactic acid (PLA) technology was inaugurated at the hands of Dr Jitendra Singh, minister of state (independent charge), ministry of science and technology at Jejuri near Pune, Maharashtra.

**142) Correct Answer: C**

The Maharashtra government has launched India's first integrated state-level Cyber Command and Control Center, equipped with world-class technology and expertise. The facility, located at Mahape in Navi Mumbai, was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis.

**143) Correct Answer: A**

India's first memorial park dedicated to fallen Military Intelligence (MI) heroes has come up in Pune, paying tribute to 40 personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Named Satark Heroes Park, the memorial displays details about the covert, complex, and vital role played by the Military Intelligence in national security.

**144) Correct Answer: B**

Indian Navy entered into an MoU with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company for offering diverse product portfolio including term insurance to naval civilians at affordable premiums with various options. This will help in providing instant financial relief in case of the death of the incumbent or any other eventuality as covered under insurance policy, the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

**145) Correct Answer: B**

State-owned Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has notified the exchanges that its shareholding in Pune-based Bank of Maharashtra has increased from 4.05 per cent to 7.10 per cent, following the allotment of 259.6 million shares of the state-owned bank during its qualified institutional placement (QIP) process.

**146) Correct Answer: C**

The All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey for 2021-22, released by the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD), found that 57% of rural households in the country — including households in semi-urban centres with a population of less than 50,000 — were “agricultural”.

**147) Correct Answer: A**

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, recently gave its approval for the establishment of a new missile testing range in the Nagayalanka area of Andhra Pradesh's Krishna district.

This will allow the defence researchers in the country to test a large number of tactical missile systems.

**148) Correct Answer: B**

Madhya Pradesh's Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary near state capital Bhopal will soon be notified as the state's eighth tiger reserve, people familiar with the matter said. In 2019, the Kamal Nath government took steps to issue the notification of the tiger reserve but it was not approved by the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government that came to power in March 2020.

**149) Correct Answer: B**

Marking a key milestone in the India-Nepal energy partnership, the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) signed a business-to-business (B2B) framework agreement with

the Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC). The collaboration, signed in the presence of Pankaj Jain, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, will enhance energy security and optimise petroleum logistics, particularly for the hilly terrains.

**150) Correct Answer: B**

In a significant milestone for India's renewable energy sector, the total number of jobs reached an estimated 10.02 lakh in 2023, according to the 2024 Annual Review by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). The report, developed in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), highlights India's growing leadership in clean energy and its focus on creating green jobs that drive economic growth.

