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1. Which state's tableau was declared the best tableau of Republic Day **Parade 2025?** 

A - Uttar Pradesh

**B** - Gujarat

C - Kerala

D - Himachal Pradesh

In the results of Republic Day Parade 2025, Jammu and Kashmir Rifles got the award for the best marching contingent in the services, while Delhi Police got the first place among the Central Armed Police Forces. Among the tableaux of states and union territories, "Mahakumbh 2025" of Uttar Pradesh got first place, "14 Devta Ki Puja" of Tripura got second place and "Etikoppaka Bommalu" of Andhra Pradesh got third place.



2. In which state is the International Saraswati Mahotsav-2025 being organized?

A - Haryana

**B** - Punjab

C - Uttar Pradesh

D - Uttarakhand

The seven-day International Saraswati Mahotsav-2025 in Haryana was inaugurated by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on 29 January 2025 at Pehowa Saraswati Tirth, Kurukshetra. The festival will run till 4 February 2025, with seminars, cultural programmes and Saras Mela. The inauguration took place at Adi Badri, believed to be the birthplace of Goddess Saraswati.



3. What is the theme of Leprosy for the year 2025?

A - Eliminate Leprosy, Increase

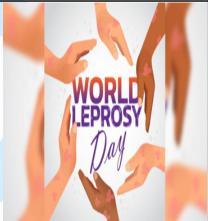
B - Unite, Act, End Leprosy

Communication C - Fight Leprosy, Raise

**Awareness** 

D - Cure Leprosy, New Beginnings

World Leprosy Day is observed annually on the last Sunday of January, and in the year 2025 it was observed on 26 January, while in India it is observed on 30 January. It aims to raise awareness about leprosy, highlight the challenges faced by affected individuals, and inspire collaborative action to eliminate it.



4. For what purpose has the NVS-02 satellite been launched?

A - Weather Forecasting

**B - Satellite Navigation Systems** 

C - Space Science

**D** - Communication Services

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated ISRO on its historic 100th launch. In the 100th launch, GSLV-F15 rocket successfully launched NVS-02 satellite from Sriharikota. This satellite is designed to strengthen India's navigation facilities like GPS. The NVS-02 satellite is part of India's independent regional navigation system NavIC, which covers an area up to 1500 km from the Indian landmass.





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5. Who and when announced the establishment of Critical Mineral Mission?

A - Prime Minister B - Finance Minister

C - Defence Ministe D - Environment Minister

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCM), which aims to promote exploration, mining and recycling of critical minerals. A budget of Rs 34,300 crore has been set for this mission over seven years. Exploration, processing and recovery of minerals will be given priority under the mission.



6. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has announced to make Dibrugarh the second capital of the state by which year?

A - 2025 B - 2026 C - 2027 D - 2028

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced on January 26 that Dibrugarh will become the second capital of Assam by 2027. Under this, Dibrugarh will be converted into a full-fledged city and the construction of a permanent assembly building will begin from January 25, 2026. Assembly sessions will be held in Dibrugarh every year from 2027.



7. Where are the 38th National Games being held?

A - Uttar Pradesh B - Haryana

C - Jharkhand D - Uttarakhand

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 38th National Games in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, which will run from January 28 to February 14, 2025. Athletes from 35 states and union territories will participate in the event. The Tejaswini torch travelled 4000 km from Haldwani to Dehradun, and was brought by badminton player Lakshya Sen.



8. The Eurodrone programme is a joint initiative of which countries?

A - Germany, France, Italy, Spain B - US, Russia, Japan, China

C - India, UK, Israel, Brazil D - Canada, Australia, Russia,

South Korea

India has announced its participation in the Eurodrone programme as an observer country. The programme is being developed in partnership with European countries – Germany, France, Italy and Spain, and is led by Airbus Defence and Space. India's participation will enhance drone technology, defence and military cooperation, as well as boost the indigenous drone industry. Japan had earlier joined the Eurodrone programme as an observer country.





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9. When is the Indian Coast Guard Day celebrated?

A - 1 February E

B - 2 February

C - 3 February

D - 5 February

Indian Coast Guard Day is celebrated every year on 1 February, honoring the responsibilities of the Indian Coast Guard. The Indian Coast Guard was established on 1 February 1977, and is headquartered in New Delhi. Its first Director General was V.A. Kamath, and the current Director General is Rakesh Pal.



10. On which day, Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna discussed the achievements and shortcomings of the court at the closing ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee year of the establishment of the Supreme Court?

A - 25 January, 2025 C - 1 February, 2025 D - 26 January, 2025

On January 28, 2025, Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna discussed the achievements and challenges of 75 years of the Supreme Court at the closing ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee Year of its establishment.



11. Where is the 10th Science-Fiction Film Festival being held?

A - Chandigarh B - Delhi C - Kolkata D - Goa

The 10th Science-Fiction Film Festival is being organized in Goa from 29 January to 1 February 2025, with the aim of promoting scientific thinking and enthusiasm among students. The festival is being organized by Vigyan Parishad Goa in collaboration with Goa Science Council and Goa Department of Science and Technology.



12. Where will the 23rd National Para Athletics Championship 2025 be held?

A - Kerala B - Punjab

C - Tamil Nadu D - Uttar Pradesh

Recently the official logo and mascot of the 23rd National Para Athletics Championship 2025 was unveiled. The championship will be held in Tamil Nadu from 17 to 20 February 2025, in which more than 1,700 para athletes will participate. The aim of the event is to promote the tradition of para athletics in India and give disabled athletes an opportunity to showcase their talent at the national level.





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13. Recently Alexander Lukashenko was elected President of which country?

A - Austria B - Poland C - Belarus D - Chile

Recently Alexander Lukashenko has won the presidential election of Belarus for the seventh time. Lukashenko, who has been President since 1994, is considered close to Russian President Putin. After this victory, he has further strengthened his hold in the politics of Belarus. Belarus is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe, surrounded by Lithuania, Latvia, Russia, Ukraine and Poland.



14. Which portal has been launched recently by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

A - ITRA B - ISPOT C - ISEC D - SEBINET

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched the ISPOT portal, which aims to simplify and streamline the reporting process of technical glitches. This portal will make RCA reporting easier and establish a centralized repository for these incidents.



15. Rajesh Nirvana has been appointed as the Director General of which organization?

A - Central Bureau of Investigation B - Border Security Force (BSF)

C - Bureau of Civil Aviation D - Central Reserve Police Force Security (BCAS) (CRPF)

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed IPS officer Rajesh Nirvana as the Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).



16. Shubhanshu Shukla has received astronaut training from the Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center of which country?

A - Russia B - America C - Japan D - China

India's space exploration had a historic moment when Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla was selected as the pilot for Axiom Mission 4. The mission will launch in 2025, and he will be the first Indian astronaut to visit the ISS. The mission will have four astronauts, including former NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson and astronauts from Poland and Hungary.





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17. Sunita Williams has set the record for the longest spacewalk ever; how long did she do the spacewalk in total?

A - 60 hours 21 minutes

B - 62 hours 6 minutes

C - 58 hours 45 minutes

D - 64 hours 10 minutes

Indian-origin American astronaut Sunita Williams set the record for the longest spacewalk by female astronauts by doing a spacewalk for 62 hours and 6 minutes. Earlier this record was in the name of Peggy Whitson, who did a spacewalk for 60 hours and 21 minutes. Sunita's name is now recorded at fourth place in NASA's all-time list.



#### 18. When was the National Commission for Women (NCW) established?

A - Year 1990 B - Year 1992 C - Year 1995 D - Year 1998

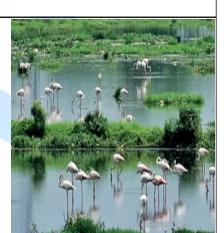
The National Commission for Women (NCW) celebrated its 33rd Foundation Day, with Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar being the chief guest. The theme of this year was "Nari Tu Narayani", inspired by the valor of Ahilyadevi Holkar. Women para athletes were honored at the ceremony.



#### 19. How many countries of the world are included in the Ramsar Convention?

A - 172 B - 110 C - 73 D - 106

India added 4 new wetlands to the Ramsar list, taking the total number to 89. These include Sakkarakottai and Theerthangal Bird Sanctuaries in Tamil Nadu, Khecheopalri Wetland in Sikkim, and Udhwa Lake Bird Sanctuary in Jharkhand. These sites are important for waterfowl breeding and ecological balance.



20. The government has directed banks to allocate what percentage of total loans to priority sectors, such as agriculture and small farmers?

A - At least 20% B - At least 25% C - At least 40% D - At least 60%

According to the Economic Survey 2024-25, the number of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) in India has increased to 7.75 crore, providing loans worth Rs 9.81 lakh crore to farmers. 5.9 crore farmers are benefiting from this scheme. The loan process has become faster and transparent through the Kisan Loan Portal (KRP), and claims worth more than Rs 1 lakh crore have been settled by December 31, 2024.





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21. Who won the Women's Under-19 T20 World Cup title?

A - India

B - Australia

C - Bangladesh

D - New Zealand

The Indian Under-19 women's cricket team won their second consecutive title by defeating South Africa by 9 wickets in the final of the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025. South Africa were all-out for 82 runs, where Gongadi Trisha bowled brilliantly with figures of 3/15. Trisha received the Player of the Tournament award, scoring 309 runs in 7 innings and taking 9 wickets.



22. Recently, the central government has increased the income tax limit to how much?

A - 12 lakh B - 14 lakh C - 15 lakh D - 17 lakh

In the Union Budget 2025, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced income tax exemption measures to provide relief to taxpayers. Now there will be no tax on income up to ₹ 12 lakh. Under the new tax slab, there will be no tax on ₹0 to ₹4 lakh, 5% on ₹4 lakh to ₹8 lakh, 10% on ₹8 lakh to ₹12 lakh, 15% on ₹12 lakh to ₹16 lakh, 20% on ₹16 lakh to ₹20 lakh, 25% on ₹20 lakh to ₹24 lakh, and 30% on more than ₹24 lakh.



23. Recently, which super app has been launched by the Railways for passenger convenience?

A - SwaRail B - Sugamrail
C - Sunder rail D - Surksha rail

The Ministry of Railways on 31 January 2025 launched the 'SwaRail' superapp, which aims to bring various services of Indian Railways on one platform. The app is in beta version and can be downloaded from Google Play Store and Apple App Store. The app includes services such as ticket booking, platform and parcel booking, train and PNR enquiry, food ordering, and filing complaints.



24. Who was the chief guest of the first Raisina Middle East Conference

A - Amit Shah B - Narendra Modi C - S. Jaishankar D - Ajit Doval

The first Raisina Middle East Conference was held on 28-29 January 2025 in Abu Dhabi, UAE, with External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar as the chief guest. The aim of the summit was to strengthen India-UAE relations and promote trade, investment and strategic partnership.





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25. Indian-American singer Chandrika Tandon has won the prestigious Grammy Award for which album?

A - Triveni B - Sangam C - Trimurti D - Trilok

Indian-American singer Chandrika Tandon won the Grammy Award in the Best New Age, Ambient or Chant Album category for the album 'Triveni'. This was her second Grammy nomination, and she shares it with Wouter Kellermans and Eru Matsumoto. The album 'Triveni' was released in 2024 and has seven tracks.



26. Which player has recently been awarded the Colonel CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award?

A - Jaspreet Bumrah B - Virat Kohli
C - Sachin Tendulkar D - Rohit Sharma

BCCI honoured Sachin Tendulkar with the Colonel CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award at the 'Naman Awards'. The award is named after India's first Test captain Colonel CK Nayudu. Jaspreet Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana were chosen as the best cricketers, while Sarfaraz Khan and Asha Shobhana received the Best Debut awards.



27. Who announced the Indian Language Book Scheme?

A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Sitharaman

C - Education Minister
Dharmendra Pradhan

D - Home Minister Amit Shah

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the Indian Language Book Scheme in Budget 2025-26 on February 1, 2025. The scheme aims to provide digital books for school and higher education students in Indian languages. It aims to help students understand subjects in their own languages, and is in line with the New Education Policy (NEP 2020).



28. VSHORADS missile system has been developed by which organisation?

A - DRDO B - ISRO C - BARC D - HAL

India has successfully developed its own portable air defence system, the VSHORADS missile system. The system is capable of destroying low-flying targets with pinpoint accuracy and will meet the needs of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force. The VSHORADS missile is a man portable system that can be operated by a single person.





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29. Which country has recently given the mountain the status of a human being?

A - New Zealand B - Australia
C - Canada D - Mexico

On 30 January 2025, the New Zealand Parliament passed a historic law granting Mount Taranaki legal personality, giving the mountain human-like rights. The decision aims to honor the cultural beliefs of the Māori people, correct injustices against them, and promote environmental protection.



30. Which state has recently announced to set up a special industrial park for women entrepreneurs

A - Odisha B - Rajasthan C - Chhattisgarh D - Jharkhand

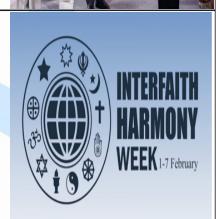
The Odisha government's Subhadra Yojana aims to provide financial assistance, digital literacy and social security to women. Under this scheme, women will be given financial assistance of ₹ 50,000 in five years, as well as incentives to promote digital transactions. The effectiveness of the scheme is being increased through partnership with IIM Sambalpur.



31. World Inter-Religious Cooperation Week is celebrated?

A - 1 to 7 February B - 10 to 17 February C - 1 to 7 March D - 10 to 17 March

The World Week of Inter-Religious Harmony (WIHW) is observed from 1-7 February, with the aim of promoting understanding, dialogue and cooperation among different religious communities. The theme for 2025 is "Solidarity for Peace", which encourages global peace and religious harmony.



32. Indian Navy conducts 'Ekuverin' exercise with the Navy of which country?

A - Sri Lanka

B - Maldives

C - Russia

D - Canada

The 13th edition of the joint India-Maldives military exercise 'Ekuverin' is being held in Maldives from 2-15 February 2025. The exercise was started in 2009 to strengthen military ties between India and Maldives. 'Ekuverin' means 'friend' in the Dhivehi language.





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33. The International Cycling Union (UCI) has completely banned the inhalation of which gas by athletes in cycling to improve performance?

A - Carbon monoxide B - Oxyge C - Carbon dioxide D - Ozone

The International Cycling Union (UCI) has banned the inhalation of carbon monoxide (CO) to improve performance in cycling. Some professional teams used to increase their stamina and hemoglobin levels by inhaling CO, leading to better oxygen transport. However, the use of CO can prove to be hazardous to health, such as headaches, nausea and effects on the heart and brain.



A - Delhi Devils B - Bengal Tigers
C - Mumbai Merciers D - Pune Panthers

Bengal Tigers won the Hockey India League 2024-25 title, defeating Hyderabad Hurricanes 4-3 in the final. The match took place at Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium, Rourkela (Odisha). Bengal Tigers got prize money of Rs 3 crore and Hyderabad Hurricanes got Rs 2 crore. The tournament was held from 28 December 2024 to 1 February 2025.

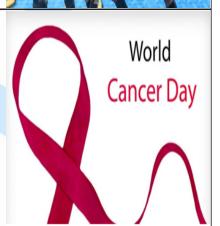




#### 35. When is World Cancer Day celebrated?

A - 15 January B - 4 February
C - 8 March D - 10 December

World Cancer Day is observed every year on 4 February, with the aim of raising awareness about cancer. The theme for 2025 is 'United by Unique', which reflects the importance of individual care and treatment. The day was started by UICC on 4 February 2000. Cancer is caused by uncontrolled cells in the body's organs and is the second leading cause of death.

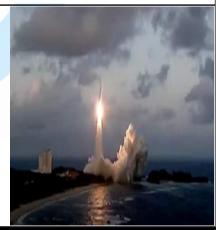


36. Who has recently launched the Michibiki 6 satellite?

A - Japan B - China

C - America D - North Korea

JAXA successfully launched its fifth H-3 rocket, carrying the Michibiki No. 6 satellite. This satellite will strengthen the Japan Positioning System, which is the Japanese version of America's GPS. The launch took place from the Tanegashima Space Center and the satellite was successfully put into orbit.





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37. In which region is the TROPEX 25 joint military exercise held

A - Indian Ocean region

**B** - Bay of Bengal

C - Gulf of Arabian Sea

**D** - Desert of Jaisalmer

TROPEX-25 (Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise 2025) is an important military exercise of India, in which the Indian Navy has a central role. This exercise demonstrates the coordination of the Indian Army, Air Force and Coast Guard and demonstrates power in the Indian Ocean region.



38. Where has the Central Zoo Authority announced the opening of a white tiger breeding center?

A - Rewa B - Jaipur
C - Bharatpur D - Dibrugarh

The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has approved India's first white tiger breeding center in Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh, which will be set up near Mukundpur White Tiger Safari in Govindgarh. The center will carry forward the conservation and breeding program of white tigers, which has historical significance as in 1951 Maharaja Martand Singh Judev discovered the last known wild white tiger 'Mohan' here.



39. Who recently won the Tata Steel Masters Chess title

A - D Gukesh B - R Praggnanandhaa

C - Divya Deshmukh D - Nihal Saran

R Praggnanandhaa won the title on 2 February 2025 by defeating D. Gukesh 2-1 in a thrilling tie-breaker at the Tata Steel Masters Chess Tournament held in the Netherlands. Both players scored 8.5 points in the normal round, after which the tie-breaker was played. In the first game, Gukesh took advantage of Praggnanandhaa's mistake, but in the second game, Praggnanandhaa equalized the score by winning the match with technical accuracy.



40. When was the International Big Cat Alliance launched

A - 9 April 2023 B - 11 April 2023

C - 6 April 2022 D - 10 April 2021

The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) has been established as a treaty-based intergovernmental organization, headquartered in India. The organization works on the conservation of seven big cat species such as tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar and puma.





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41. How many workers of the unorganized sector are registered on the e-Shram portal of the Central Government recently?

A - 20.58 crore B - 25.58 crore C - 30.58 crore D - 35.58 crore

So far 30.58 crore unorganized workers have been registered on the e-Shram portal, in which 1.23 crore new workers joined in 2024. On an average, 33,700 workers are registering every day. This portal was launched on 26 August 2021 by the Ministry of Labor and Employment, with the aim of creating a national database of unorganized workers and providing them the benefits of government schemes.



42. When was the National Manuscript Mission started

A - Year 2021 B - Year 2003 C - Year 2010 D - Year 2009

'Gyan Bharatam Mission' was launched in the Union Budget 2025-26, which aims to preserve and digitize more than one crore ancient manuscripts. A budget of ₹60 crore has been allocated for this, and it will be adjusted with the National Manuscript Mission (NMM).



43. Who has recently been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Belgium

A - Bart De Wever B - Niaz Sheikh
C - Glenn Maxwell D - Joe Burton

Bart De Wever was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Belgium on 3 February 2025, replacing Alexander De Croo. Belgian politics is complex, as it is divided into Dutch-speaking Flanders and French-speaking Walloon communities. No party won a majority in the June 2024 election, and a five-party coalition took seven months to form.



44. What was the total export from India in the year 2023 - 24.

A - 778.21 B - 701.20

C - 600 D - 670.30

India's total exports in 2023-24 reached US\$ 778.21 billion, an increase of 67% compared to 2013-14. This includes merchandise exports of US\$ 437.10 billion and services exports of US\$ 341.11 billion. The United States (17.90%) remained India's largest export destination, followed by UAE, Netherlands and China were the major markets.





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45. Recently, in which state has the opening of the country's first Al University been announced?

A - Gujarat B - Maharashtr C - Tamil Nadu D - Odisha

Maharashtra will establish India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) University, which will promote AI education, research and innovation. A task force has been formed for this, which includes experts from education, industry and government sector. The aim of this university is to encourage AI research, technological innovation, skill development and policy making, making Maharashtra a global AI education and innovation hub.

46. Recently, Avaada Group has signed an agreement with Casale for cooperation on 1500 TPD Green Ammonia Plant in which state of the country?

A - Odisha B - Chhattisgarh C - Tamil Nadu D - Rajasthan

Avaada Group has announced to set up a 1,500 TPD Green Ammonia plant in Gopalpur, Odisha in partnership with Casale. The project will be powered entirely by renewable energy and reduce carbon emissions. Casale will provide green ammonia process license and technical support for this project.



A - Andhra Pradesh

B - Karnataka

C - Telangana

D - Uttar Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh government launched the 'Mana Mitra' WhatsApp governance initiative, which will enable citizens to easily access 161 government services. It was launched by IT Minister Nara Lokesh in Amaravati. This service has been developed in collaboration with Meta and Andhra Pradesh has become the first state in the world to do so.

48. International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2025 was observed on?

A - 6 February B - 7 February C - 8 January D - 5 February

The International Day of Zero Tolerance against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) was observed on 6 February 2025. This non-medical practice is a violation of human rights and is mainly practiced in 30 countries in Africa and the Middle East, but has also been seen in other regions due to migrant communities.









International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation



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49. "Watershed Yatra" has been launched under which scheme?

B - Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai A - MNREGA

Yojana (WDC-PMKSY 2.0)

D - Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima C - National Water Mission Yoiana

Union Rural Development Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched "Watershed Yatra", an initiative to spread awareness and manage water resources under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (WDC-PMKSY 2.0). The Yatra will cover 805 projects and will last for 60 to 90 days.



50. Which country recently withdrew from the United Nations Human **Rights Council (UNHRC)?** 

A - France B - Russia C - China D - America

US President Donald Trump decided to withdraw the US from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), alleging that it is biased against Israel and spreading anti-Semitic propaganda. The US also stopped UNHRC aid for Palestinian refugees. The Trump administration directed a review of US participation in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), while the US and Israel had withdrawn from UNESCO in 2019.



51. The book Ik Hor Ashwatthama belongs to which language?

A - Dogri **B** - Sanskrit D - Hindi C - Punjabi

Shri Chaman Arora was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 for his book "Ik Hor Ashwatthama" in Dogri language. It is a short story compilation. He will be awarded an amount of ₹1,00,000 and an engraved copper plaque. The honor will be given to his family member or nominee in New Delhi on 8 March 2025.



52. Who recently inaugurated the NIELIT Centre of Excellence in Chip Design?

**B** - Minister of Electronics and A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi **Information Technology Ashwini** Vaishnay

C - Secretary, Ministry of **Electronics and Information** Technology, Shri S. Krishnan

**D** - Director General of NIELIT

Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Shri S. Krishnan inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Chip Design and VLSI Research of NIELIT in Noida.





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53. What is the US mission Blue Ghost?

A - Lander, spacecraft

**B** - Trademark

C - International treaty

D - None of the above

The Blue Ghost lander is an advanced spacecraft developed by Firefly Aerospace, aimed at delivering scientific payloads to the Moon and advancing research. It is part of NASA's Artemis mission and Lunar Surface Operations Program, which aim to establish a long-term human presence on the Moon.



54. Where was the 15th International Meeting of World Pharmacopoeias held?

A - New Delhi B - Jaipur C - Prayagraj D - Bhopal

The 15th International Meeting of World Pharmacopoeias was held from 5-7 February 2025 in New Delhi, attended by global pharmaceutical leaders, regulatory authorities and industry stakeholders. It aimed to improve pharmaceutical standards and enhance public health. The meeting was organised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and hosted by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission.



55. Recently, which ministry has launched a special campaign for Shatavari – Better Health

A - Ministry of AYUSH

**B** - Ministry of Finance

C - Ministry of Home Affairs

**D** - Ministry of External Affairs

The Ministry of AYUSH launched the "Shatavari – Better Health Ke Liye" campaign, aimed at raising awareness on the medicinal benefits of asparagus. It was inaugurated by Minister of State for AYUSH Prataprao Jadhav, in which senior officials were present. The initiative is to empower women's health and traditional medicine.



56. Recently K Balasubramaniam has been appointed as the head of which bank?

A - Citibank India B - Indian Overseas

C - HDFC D - SBI

Citibank has appointed K Balasubramaniam as the India Sub-Cluster and Banking Head, who will replace Ashu Khullar. His appointment is subject to RBI approval. He will report to Amol Gupte, while Khullar will now be the co-head of Global Asset Management (GAM). Under Khullar's leadership (2019-2025), Citibank India reached the top position in investment banking.





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57. Where was the 15th International Meeting of the World Pharmacopoeias held recently?

A - New Delhi B - Chennai C - Hyderabad D - Lucknow

The 15th International Meeting of the World Pharmacopoeias was held in New Delhi from 5-7 February 2025, organized by WHO and hosted by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission. The aim of the meeting was to improve drug standards, ensure quality and promote regulatory convergence.



58. Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso have recently separated themselves from which regional block?

A - European Union

B - South Asian Association for

Regional Cooperation

C - ECOWAS D - African Union

Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso formally announced their separation from ECOWAS due to the conditions of restoration of diplomatic rule. The military in these countries took power in 2023, 2022 and 2020 respectively, which worsened their relations with ECOWAS. ECOWAS was established in 1975, headquartered in Abuja, Nigeria.



59. Who organised the Green School Awards Ceremony-2025?

A - Ministry of Science and B - Ministry of Environment, Technology Forest and Climate Change

C - Centre for Science and D - Ministry of Education

PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Namchi, Sikkim was declared the only green school in the Northeast at the Green School Awards Ceremony 2025 organised by the Centre for Science and Environment. The ceremony aims to encourage young environmentalists.



60. The natural inland mangrove site of which village in Gujarat has been declared the state's first biodiversity heritage site?

A - Guneri village of Kutch district

B - Viramgam village of Ahmedabad district

C - Mandvi village of Surat district

D - Dabhoi village of Vadodara district

The inland mangrove site of Guneri village in Kutch district of Gujarat has been declared the state's first biodiversity heritage site. Spread over 32.78 hectares, the area was notified on the recommendation of the Gujarat Biodiversity Board, which will be managed by the local Biodiversity Management Committee.





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61. Recently, the Reserve Bank has cut the repo rate by how much percent?

A - 0.50% B - 0.25% C - 1% D - 0.75%

RBI cut the repo rate by 0.25% to 6.25%, which is the first time in five years. The last cut was of 0.40% in May 2020, while the last change was in February 2023. The repo rate is the interest rate at which the RBI lends short-term loans to banks and governments, which is determined by the Monetary Policy Committee.



62. What is India's current position in the Logistics Performance Index?

A - 38th rank B - 42nd rank C - 52nd rank D - 140th rank

India is empowering the logistics sector under PM Gati Shakti and National Logistics Policy. India is currently ranked 38th in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) and aims to reach the top 25 by 2030. The sector is expected to reach \$484.43 billion by 2029, while the government plans to reduce logistics costs from 13-14% of GDP to single digits.



63. What has food delivery company Zomato changed its name to recently?

A - Foodish B - Eternal
C - Bhojan thali D - vyanjana

Zomato has changed its name to "Eternal", which will be effective from February 6, 2025. This rebranding has been done to integrate the company's diverse businesses and reflect long-term strategy. However, the Zomato brand for food delivery will remain.



64. Recently, Bank.in and Fin.in domains have been prescribed for Indian banks and non-financial institutions for cyber security of digital banking. Who has prescribed this domain?

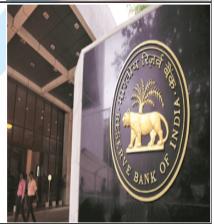
A - By RBI

**B** - By the Union Finance Ministry

C - By PMO

D - None of the above

RBI issued 'Bank.in' and 'Fin.in' domains to enhance digital banking security, which will ensure the authenticity of the websites of banks and NBFCs. 'Bank.in' registration will start from April 2025, while 'Fin.in' will be implemented in a phased manner.





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65. India aims to achieve how much non-fossil fuel based energy capacity by 2030?

A - 200 GW B - 300 GW C - 500 GW D - 1000 GW

India has achieved a historic milestone by crossing 100 GW of installed solar power capacity, reflecting its commitment to a clean and green future. This was announced by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi. Solar panels, solar parks and rooftop solar projects contributed significantly to this, including the PM Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme.



66. When will the 15th edition of Aero India be held?

A - 10 to 14 February B - 14 to 18 February C - 16 to 18 February D - 11 to 14 February

Aero India is Asia's largest air show, organized by the Ministry of Defence, Department of Defence Production and Defence Exhibition Organisation in Bengaluru. This biennial show brings together global aerospace and defence experts on one platform to discuss cutting-edge technologies, defence solutions and international collaborations.



67. Where is BIMSTEC Youth Summit 2025 being organized

A - Gandhinagar, (Gujarat) B - Jaipur, (Rajasthan)

C - Lucknow, (Uttar Pradesh) D - Bhopal, (Madhya Pradesh)

BIMSTEC Youth Summit 2025 will be held from 7 to 11 February 2025 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, which will be inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya on 8 February. The aim of this summit is to promote cooperation, innovation and regional development among the youth of BIMSTEC countries—Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.



68. Which country has recently announced its exit from China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

A - Pakistan B - Sri Lanka C - Panama D - Djibouti

Panama announced its exit from China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which marks a major change in its foreign policy. This decision of President José Raul Mulino makes the US-China tension clear, especially regarding the Panama Canal. Panama joined the BRI in 2017, under which China invested in projects such as the fourth bridge on the canal, metro line and high-speed rail.





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69. Which cities did Philemon Yang visit during his visit to India?

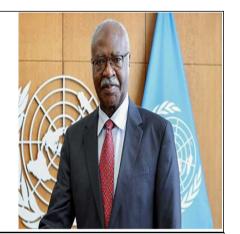
A - New Delhi and Bengaluru

**B** - Jaipur and Udaipur

C - Lucknow and Varanasi

D - Gurgaon and Dehradun

Philemon Yang, President of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly, was on an official visit to India from 4-7 February 2025. This was his first visit to India, as he was elected President of the General Assembly on 24 June 2024.



70. Which state is hosting the world's largest Jhumar festival

A - Assam

**B** - Tripura

C - Nagaland

D - Uttarakhand

Assam will host the world's largest Jhumar dance performance on 24 February 2025, with more than 7,500 dancers attempting to create a Guinness World Record. The event will be held under the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment Summit (25-26 February), with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the chief guest.



71. Which day has been declared as International Arabian Leopard Day by the UN General Assembly?

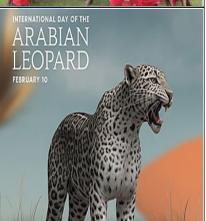
A - 10 February

B - 11 march

C - 12 April

D - 14 May

The United Nations General Assembly declared 10 February as "International Arabian Leopard Day" under resolution 77/295, to be observed for the first time in 2024. It aims to raise awareness towards the conservation of the endangered Arabian leopard. The Arabian leopard is mainly found in Saudi Arabia, Oman, UAE, Yemen, Jordan and Israel.



72. Recently declared Madhav National Park has been declared a Tiger Reserve, in which state is it located?

A - Madhya Pradesh

**B** - Tamil Nadu

C - Chhattisgarh

D - Odisha

Madhav National Park became the 9th Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh, which will promote wildlife conservation in the Chambal region. There is a plan to expand it to 1,600 square km in the next five years and develop a tiger safari in 100 hectares, which will entail an investment of Rs 20 crore.





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73. Where will the three-day International Bird Festival be organized from 16 to 18 February?

A - Varanasi B - Ayodhya C - Haridwar D - Prayagraj

A three-day International Bird Festival will be organized from 16 to 18 February to promote environmental conservation and biodiversity in Maha Kumbh 2025. Its objective is to make people aware of rare species of birds and raise awareness towards their conservation. In this festival, devotees and nature lovers will be able to see more than 200 migratory and local birds, including rare species like Indian Skimmer, Flamingo and Siberian Crane.



74. What is the outlay of Skill India program from the year 2022-23 to 2025-26?

A - Rs 5,000 crore B - Rs 8,800 crore C - Rs 10,000 crore D - Rs 12,500 crore

The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation and restructuring of the Skill India program till 2026. The total outlay of this scheme is Rs 8,800 crore, which will be implemented from 2022-23 to 2025-26. It includes Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 (PMKVY 4.0), Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (PMNAPS) and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) scheme.



75. Dabhota green hydrogen plant is being set up in collaboration with whom?

A - NTPC B - Oil India Limited

C - Reliance Industries D - Tata Power

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu laid the foundation stone of North India's first 1 MW green hydrogen plant at Dabhota in Solan district. It will be set up in collaboration with Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL) and Oil India Limited at a cost of Rs 9.04 crore.



76. Which country ranks first in the Henley Passport Index 2025 category?

A - Singapore B - Japan

C - USA D - South Korea

The Henley Passport Index 2025 ranks passports of 199 countries based on visa-free or visa-on-arrival access. This ranking is based on IATA data and reflects global mobility. Singapore ranked first with visa-free access to 193 destinations, while Japan and South Korea ranked second with 190 destinations.





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77. Where is the joint military exercise Cyclone 2025 being organized between India and Egypt recently?

A - Madhya Pradesh B - Rajasthan C - Chhattisgarh D - Haryana

A 14-day joint exercise 'Cyclone 2025' started at Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan to enhance military cooperation between India and Egypt. Its aim is to strengthen the interoperability of special forces and develop military skills such as counter-terrorism operations, reconnaissance, raids, sniping, surveillance and combat free fall.



78. Recently, American President Trump changed the name of Gulf of Mexico to what?

A - Gulf of America Day B - Gulf of Peace C - Gulf of Honor D - Gulf of War

US President Donald Trump on February 9 changed the name of Gulf of Mexico to "Gulf of America" and declared it "Gulf of America Day". The decision was taken under an executive order, indicating a strengthening of US sovereignty. During his inauguration on January 20, Trump directed the Department of Homeland Security to complete the process in 30 days and signed the order while flying on Air Force One.



79. Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Lebanon recently?

A - Nawaz Sharif B - Nawaf Salam
C - Shahid Afridi D - Ahsan Sharif

After two years of political deadlock in Lebanon, a new government was formed under the leadership of Prime Minister Nawaf Salam. President Joseph Aoun issued an order to form the government on 8 February 2025 and accepted the resignation of acting Prime Minister Najib Mikat.

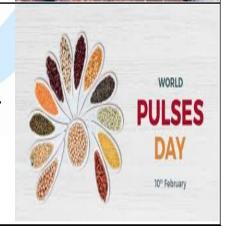


80. When is World Pulses Day observed?

A - 10 February B - 11 February

C - 6 February D - 11 March

World Pulses Day is observed every year on 10 February to highlight the importance of pulses as a sustainable and nutritious food source. The day emphasizes the nutritional, food security and environmental benefits of pulses. The day, supported by the United Nations, promotes the role of pulses in hunger eradication, human health improvement and soil fertility.





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81. Where was the joint training exercise named 'Winged Raiders' held recently?

A - Eastern Command B - Central Command C - Northern Command D - Western Command

The Indian Army and Air Force conducted a joint training exercise named 'Winged Raiders' in the Eastern Command, which focused exclusively on air operations. It was aimed at strengthening interservice synergy and interoperability, allowing both forces to make efficient use of each other's weapon systems.



82. Recently the Union Cabinet approved the creation of which new railway zone under the Indian Railways?

A - South Coast Railway Zone B - East Coast Railway Zone

C - West Coast Railway Zone D - North Coast Railway Zone

The Union Cabinet approved the formation of the 18th zone of Indian Railways, South Coast Railway (SCoR). The zone has been created under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 and has been established by merging parts of East Coast Railway (ECoR) and South Central Railway (SCR).



83. Whose birth anniversary will be celebrated on 12 February 2025?

A - Guru Nanak Dev B - Guru Ravidas
C - Guru Govind Singh D - Sant Surdas

Guru Ravidas Jayanti will be celebrated on 12 February 2025, as he was born on Magh Purnima. This year Purnima Tithi will be from 6:55 pm on 11 February to 7:22 pm on 12 February. Guru Ravidas was a great saint, philosopher, poet and social reformer of the Bhakti movement. He was born in Banaras and belonged to the leather working community.



84. Which tennis player from Switzerland recently won the Mumbai Open 2025 tennis tournament?

A - Aryna Sabalenka B - Jil Teichmann
C - Ons Jabeur D - Simona Halep

Jil Teichmann of Switzerland won the Mumbai Open 2025 tennis title, defeating Mananchaya Sawangkaew of Thailand in the final. The tournament was held from 3-9 February 2025 at the Cricket Club of India, Mumbai. The Mumbai Open is the only WTA event held in India. First held in 2017, the tournament was won by Aryna Sabalenka.





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85. Lymphatic filariasis is primarily caused by?

A - Bacteria B - Virus

C - Parasitic worm D - Fungus

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda launched the National Public Drug Distribution Campaign for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis. It will be implemented in 111 districts of 13 states where more than 17.5 crore people will be given free medicines to eliminate the disease before the 2030 SDG target.



86. Which of the following commodities is not included in the 10 new commodities included in e-NAM?

A - Dried basil leaves B - Coffee

C - Asafoetida D - Dragon fruit

The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India has decided to expand the scope of trade under e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) so that farmers and traders can get more benefits of the digital trading platform. The Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI) has prepared tradable parameters for 10 additional agricultural commodities, which will increase the number of commodities listed on e-NAM to 231.



A - President Draupadi Murmu B -

**B - Prime Minister Narendra Modi** 

C - Home Minister Amit Shah

D - Health Minister Jagat Prakash

Nadda

President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated a two-day International Conference on "Innovations in Unani Medicine for Integrated Health Solutions – The Way Forward" in New Delhi on 11 February 2025.



88. When is International Women and Girls in Science Day celebrated?

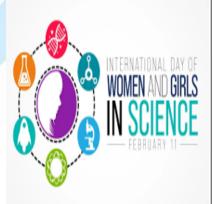
A - 11 February

**B - 12 February** 

C - 10 March

D - 10 April

International Day of Women and Girls in Science (IDWGS) is celebrated every year on 11 February to encourage women's participation in STEM and promote gender equality. The United Nations declared this day in 2015, but women's participation in science and technical fields is still limited.





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89. Where was the Para Asia Cup 2025 held?

A - Thailand B - Malaysia

C - Japan D - South Korea

India topped the 2025 Para Archery Asia Cup by winning a total of 12 medals including 6 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze. Sarita in Women's Compound Open and Shyam Sundar Swami in Men's Compound Open won gold medals. Pooja won the silver medal in Women's Recurve Open. Rakesh Kumar in Men's Compound Open, Harvinder Singh in Men's Recurve Open, and Adil Mohammad Nazir Ansari in Men's W1 won bronze medals.



90. The 'Ugbaad' climate-resilient agriculture project has been launched by which organization?

**B** - Food and Agriculture

**Organization of the United Nations** A - World Bank

(FAO)

C - International Monetary Fund **D** - United Nations Development (IMF)

Programme (UNDP)

FAO launched a seven-year climate-resilient agriculture project called "Ugbaad" in Somalia with an investment of \$95 million. It aims to tackle climate change, strengthen agri-food systems and empower vulnerable communities.



91. When was the National Research Institute for Integrated Pest Management (ICAR-NRIIPM) established?

A - 1988 B - 1990 C - 1992 D - 1995

ICAR-NRIIPM, which functions under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, is celebrating its 37th Foundation Day on 12 February 2025. Established in 1988 in New Delhi, the institute is a pioneer in plant protection and environmentally friendly pest management. It aims to protect crops from pests and promote sustainable pest control methods.

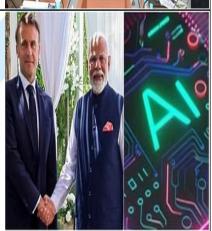


92. Which country hosted the 3rd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Al Action Summit, in February 2025?

A - France B-US

D - Uruguay C - Japan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi co-chaired the 'Al Action Summit' with French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris on 11 February 2025. India and France co-hosted this third international summit, which discussed AI. France announced that the next AI summit will be held in India. The meeting was attended by leaders from several countries including the US, China, Canada and CEOs of top companies like Google, Microsoft.





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93. After how many years is the Asia Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum meeting held?

A - 3 years B - 4 years C - 5 years D - 6 years

India is hosting the 14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum meeting in New Delhi on 12-14 February 2025. The meeting is held every three years, and was last held in Tainan, Taiwan in 2019. The forum aims to provide a platform to researchers, scientists and policy makers in the fisheries and aquaculture sector.



94. Where was the 2025 Annual Conference of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) held recently?

A - New Delhi B - Kanpur C - Jaipur D - Madras

India is hosting the IIAS-DARPG India Conference 2025 for the first time, which is being held in New Delhi from 10-14 February 2025. Experts from more than 55 countries will discuss public administration, governance reform and the role of technology in it. During this, the Annual General Assembly meeting of IIAS will also be held. This conference is being jointly organized by DARPG and IIAS of the Government of India.



95. Recently, researchers from which country have discovered mechanisms in the human brain that help in recognizing the emotionality of others?

A - China B - Israel
C - America D - India

Researchers at the University of Haifa have discovered the role of the brain's medial prefrontal cortex (mPFC), which controls emotional recognition and social behavior. This study, which was published in Current Biology, may be helpful in the treatment of disorders like autism. Experiments conducted on mice showed that mPFC neurons respond differently to stressed and calm mice.



96. Which country has recently developed a hybrid quantum supercomputer?

A - Japan B - China
C - South Korea D - Israel

Japanese engineers have developed the world's first hybrid quantum supercomputer called Reimei, which has been integrated into the Fugaku supercomputer. This 20-qubit capacity computer uses trapped-ion qubits, while most quantum computers are based on superconducting qubits.





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97. Sarojini Naidu was appointed the first woman governor of which state?

A - Bihar B - Andhra Pradesh C - West Bengal D - Uttar Pradesh

Sarojini Naidu was born on 13 February 1879 in Hyderabad. She was active in the freedom struggle and became the first Indian woman president of the Indian National Congress in 1925. She was arrested in 1930 for participating in the Salt Satyagraha, and was also involved in the Quit India Movement.



98. When was the Social Development Commission established?

A - 1940 B - 1942 C - 1945 D - 1946

India participated in the 63rd Session of CSocD held in New York from 10-14 February 2025, where it was represented by Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Smt. Savitri Thakur. The objective of this session was to promote inclusive social policies and strengthen global welfare.



99. What is the rank of India in the Corruption Perception Index 2024?

A - 90 B - 95 C - 96 D - 100

Transparency International released the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for 2024 with a focus on "corruption hinders the fight against climate change". India is ranked 96th among 180 countries with a score of 38, up from 39 in 2023 and 40 in 2022. India's ranking was 93rd in 2023 and 85th in 2022. Among neighbouring countries, Pakistan was ranked 135th, Sri Lanka 121st, Bangladesh 149th and China 76th.



THE CPI USES A SCALE FROM **0 to 100** 

100 is **very clean** and 0 is **highly corrupt** 

100. When is World Radio Day celebrated?

A - 10 February B - 12 February C - 13 February D - 14 February

World Radio Day is celebrated every year on 13 February, with the aim of promoting education, information and freedom of expression. The theme for 2025 is "Radio and Climate Change: A Powerful Tool for Climate Action". Commercially introduced in the 1920s, radio became popular by the 1950s. UNESCO recognized it in 2011, and the United Nations made it an international event in 2013.





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101. 25T Bollard Pull Tug Ashwa has been built by which company?

A - Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

**B** - Cochin Shipyard Limited

C - Titagarh Rail Systems Limited D - Hindustan Shipyard Limited The third 25T Bollard Pull Tug 'Ashwa' (Yard 337) was inducted at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam. The tug is part of the six 25T BP tug construction contract signed with Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata in November 2021. It is based on indigenous design and built as per Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) rules.



102. Which player recently won the Indian Snooker Championship?

A - Pankaj Advani

**B** - Aditya Mehta

C - Geet Sethi

D - Sourav Kothari

Pankaj Advani won his 36th national and 10th men's snooker title by winning the Indian Snooker Championship 2024. He defeated Brijesh Damani in the final. This tournament is India's only selection event for the Asian and World Championships. Advani is India's top snooker and billiards player. He won the first national billiards title in 2003 and has won 17 gold medals in the World Billiards Championship.



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104. The National Safai Karamchari Commission comes under which Ministry of the Government of India

A - Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

**B** - Home Ministry

C - Ministry of Panchayati Raj

**D** - Ministry of Personnel

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended the term of the National Safai Karamchari Commission till 31 March 2028. It was established in 1994 under the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993.





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105. Recently, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has introduced the new Income Tax Bill 2025, which will replace which Income Tax Bill

A - Income Tax Act 1959

**B - Income Tax Act 1961** 

C - Income Tax Act 1965

D - Income Tax Act 1971

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Income Tax Bill, 2025 in the Lok Sabha on 13 February 2025, which has been brought to replace the Income Tax Act, 1961. This bill focuses on simplifying tax laws, increasing transparency and reducing tax disputes. Despite opposition from the opposition, it was introduced by voice vote and sent to the Select Committee.



106. In which state of India is the Thaipusam festival organized?

A - Tamil Nadu

B - Karnataka

C - Jharkhand

D - Chhattisgarh

On 11 February 2025, the Thaipusam festival was celebrated in Tamil Nadu, which is the main festival of the Tamil Hindu community. In this, Lord Murugan is worshipped, who is considered to be Kartikeya, the son of Shiva and Parvati. This festival falls on the first full moon of the "Thai" month of the Tamil calendar and symbolizes the victory of Lord Murugan over the demon Surapadman.



107. Recently, which fighter plane has President Donald Trump offered to give to India?

A - F-22 Raptor

**B-F-35** 

C - MiG-29

D - Rafale

Recently, President Donald Trump offered India the F-35 fighter aircraft. It is an advanced multi-role fighter aircraft developed by Lockheed Martin, equipped with stealth technology and does not get caught on radar. There are three versions of the F-35—F-35A (normal takeoff and landing), F-35B (short takeoff and vertical landing), and F-35C (aircraft carrier based).



108. What is the rank of India in the Logistics Performance Index Report 2023?

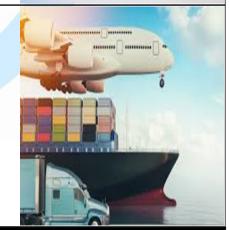
A - 38th

B - 39th

C - 40th

D - 41st

India ranked 38th in the Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2023 released by the World Bank, improving by six places. India ranked 22nd in the international shipment category, and the "turnaround time" of ports was recorded at 0.9 days. India's logistics market is emerging as a global logistics hub with 8.8% annual growth, while its logistics cost is 13-14% of GDP.





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109. Who among the following has been appointed as the ambassador of ICC Champions Trophy 2025?

A - Shikhar Dhawan B - Yuvraj Singh C - Shahid Afridi D - Chris Gayle

ICC has appointed former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan as the ambassador of Champions Trophy 2025. Along with him, Sarfaraz Ahmed of Pakistan, Shane Watson of Australia and Shane Watson of New Zealand have also been made ambassadors. The tournament will be held in Pakistan and UAE from 19 February to 9 March 2025. This will be the 9th edition of the Champions Trophy, in which 8 teams will participate.

110. National Statistical System Training Academy (NSSTA) celebrated which of its foundation days recently?

A - 15th B - 16th C - 17th D - 18th

National Statistical System Training Academy (NSSTA) celebrated its 17th foundation day in Greater Noida with the theme "Empowering Governance through Statistical Excellence". Its objective is to train statisticians and officers in advanced methodologies and support policy making. NSSTA, established in January 2009, functions under the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation.



A - Girraj 400 B - Matsya 6000 C - Naitik 200 D - Cheetah 100

The National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai is developing India's first manned submarine 'Matsya 6000' under the Ministry of Earth Sciences. It is being prepared under the Deep Ocean Mission and is likely to be completed by 2026. This submarine will be equipped with scientific sensors and will be able to carry three people to a depth of 6000 meters.



A - China B - India

C - Japan D - South Africa

Two bird fossils from the Jurassic era (about 149 million years ago) have been discovered in China's Fujian province, the study of which has been published in the journal "Nature". This discovery challenges the existing beliefs related to bird evolution and shows that birds had diversified by the end of the Jurassic era.











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113. Under which Article of the Constitution was President's rule imposed in Manipur?

A - Article 352 B - Article 356 C - Article 370 D - Article 377

President's rule has been imposed in Manipur under Article 356 due to political instability and failure of constitutional mechanism after the resignation of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. The administration had become weak due to ethnic violence and law and order problems in the state.



114. Jotham Napat has become the Prime Minister of which country?

A - Vanuatu B - Tuvalu C - Nauru D - Tonga

Jotham Napat has become the new Prime Minister of Vanuatu and has formed a coalition government, which includes five major political parties. He is the President of the Vanuatu Leaders Party. Vanuatu is an island country located in the South Pacific Ocean, consisting of 83 islands, of which 65 are inhabited.



115. Where was the 24th Divya Kala Mela inaugurated?

A - Srinagar B - Gulshan Ground, Jammu

C - New Delhi D - Dehradun

Recently, the 24th Divya Kala Mela was inaugurated by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha and Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar at Gulshan Ground in Jammu. The fair will run from 14 to 24 February 2025 and will showcase the products and skills of Divyang artisans and entrepreneurs.



116. Which state topped the Status of Devolution to Panchayats in States Report- 2024?

A - Tamil Nadu

B - Maharashtra

C - Kerala

D - Karnataka

Union Minister S.P. Singh Baghel released the report "Status of Devolution to Panchayats in States: An Indicative Evidence-Based Ranking, 2024" in New Delhi, which provides ranking to states and union territories on the status of devolution to panchayats. The report evaluates six dimensions of panchayats, including framework, functions, finances, functionaries, capacity building and accountability.





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117. Platform 'MITRA' has been launched by whom?

A - Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

B - Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

C - Ministry of Finance D - NABARD

SEBI launched a platform called MITRA (Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant) that helps investors track and retrieve inactive mutual fund folios. If a folio has no transactions for the last 10 years but has unit balance, it will be considered inactive. CAMS and KFin Technologies have been directed to manage this platform.



118. Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025 was given by which organization?

A - NITI Aayog

B - United Nations Development
Programme (UNDP)

C - UN Global Compact Network D - Ministry of Environment and Forests

India's largest integrated power company, NTPC Limited has been awarded the Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025 in the Water Sustainability category. The award was given at the UN Global Compact Network India ceremony held in Chennai on February 13.



119. Where did the World Government Summit 2025 begin?

A - Dubai B - Singapore C - Hanoi D - New Delhi

The World Government Summit (WGS) 2025 was held in Dubai on 11-13 February on the theme "Building Future Governments", in which Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav represented India. He shared India's commitment to green growth and climate resilience, especially on India's capacity building in clean technology, electric vehicles and climate-resilient infrastructure.



120. Which country has recently approved the construction of a deep sea research center in the South China Sea?

A - India

C - America

B - China

D - Japan

China has approved the construction of a deep-sea research station called the "Deep-Sea Space Station" in the South China Sea, which will be located at a depth of 2,000 metres. The project will be operational by 2030, and will have six scientists conducting research for a month. The station aims to study cold seep ecosystems, methane flow, ecological changes and tectonic activities.





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121. Where was the fourth edition of the Global Hindu Buddhist Initiative for Dialogue Conflict Resolution and Environmental Awareness held?

A - Thailand B - Bangladesh C - Sri Lanka D - Afghanistan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the fourth edition of Samvad – the global Hindu-Buddhist initiative for conflict prevention and environmental consciousness on 14 February 2025. The dialogue is being held in Bangkok and Ayutthaya, Thailand from 14-17 February 2025.



122. Who recently inaugurated the Aadi Mahotsav-2025?

A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi

B - Vice President Shri Jagdeep

Dhankhar

C - President Smt. Draupadi
Murmu

D - Home Minister Amit Shah

President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the Aadi Mahotsav-2025, which will be held from February 16 to 24 at the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi. The festival is a celebration of tribal heritage, culture, art, crafts, food and trade. Tribal artists from various states performed traditional dances at the opening ceremony.



123. When was the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) established?

A - 1985 B - 1990 C - 1995 D - 2000

SIDBI and France's AFD signed a \$100 million credit facility agreement that will provide affordable financing to Indian MSMEs. The funds will be available for investments in energy-efficient technologies, renewable energy and climate-friendly business practices.



124. Where is Mount Etna volcano located?

A - On the Italian island of Sicily B - On the island of Hawaii

C - In Japan D - In Indonesia

Recently, Europe's highest and active volcano, Mount Etna, experienced a powerful eruption at an altitude of 3,050 metres near the Bocca Nuova crater on the Italian island of Sicily. After the eruption, the aviation colour code was changed from orange to red, making flights in the area dangerous.





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125. The 'Dharma Guardian' military exercise is conducted between which two countries?

A - Japan and the US B - India and Russia C - India and Japan D - India and France

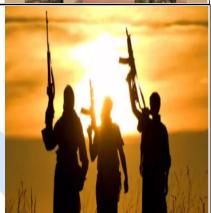
The sixth edition of the joint military exercise 'Dharma Guardian' between India and Japan will take place from February 25 to March 9, 2025 at Mount Fuji in Japan. The aim of this exercise is to enhance coordination between the two armies, practice combat and counterterrorism operations and promote mutual cooperation.



126. Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai led the Indian delegation at the fourth ministerial conference on which subject?

A - Combatting terrorism B - No money for terror
C - International security D - Cyber security

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai led the Indian delegation at the fourth ministerial conference on 'No Money for Terror'. The conference was held in Munich, Germany in 2025, attended by over 200 high-level officials and experts. It aimed to promote international cooperation in curbing the financing of terrorism and organized crime.



127. When was the first Einstein ring discovered?

A - Year 1987 B - Year 1988 C - Year 1989 D - Year 1999

The Euclid telescope of the European Space Agency (ESA) has discovered a rare Einstein ring 590 million light years away from Earth. This ring is formed by the distortion of light around dark matter and a group of galaxies, which arises due to gravitational lensing. The first Einstein ring was discovered in 1987, and these rings are extremely rare.



128. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a Dokra artwork to the President of which country?

A - To the President of France

B - To the President of the United States

C - To the President of Japan D - To the President of Canada Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a traditional Dokra artwork of musicians playing Indian instruments to French President Emmanuel Macron, made of gold metal and decorated with stones. Also, he presented a silver hand-engraved table mirror with floral and peacock motifs to the First Lady of France Brigitte Macron.





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129. In which year was the neutrino first discovered?

A - 2011 B - 2010 C - 2013 D - 2014

Scientists under the KM3NeT project have discovered highly energetic neutrino particles in the Mediterranean Sea near Sicily (Italy). These particles are 10,000 times more energetic than the particles produced by the Geneva-based Large Hadron Collider. Scientists have identified 12 supermassive black holes as the origin point of these particles.



130. Where was the 8th Indian Ocean Conference held?

A - Oman B - Qatar C - Singapore D - Dubai

The 8th Indian Ocean Conference was held in Muscat on 16-17 February in collaboration with the India Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman. This conference, which started in Singapore in 2016, aims to promote regional cooperation and strengthen maritime partnerships under the SAGAR principle.



131. According to the Gregorian calendar, when is Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's birth anniversary celebrated?

A - 15 February B - 26 January C - 19 February D - 6 June

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti is celebrated every year on 19 February, while in Maharashtra there is a tradition of celebrating it according to the Hindu calendar. He was born on 19 February 1630 in Shivneri Fort. He established Hindavi Swarajya and laid the foundation of the Maratha Empire by fighting against the Mughals, Adilshahi and Qutubshahi.



132. Manu Bhaker received the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year Award 2024 for excellence in which sport?

A - Badminton B - Shooting
C - Tennis D - Cricket

Olympian Manu Bhaker was awarded the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year Award 2024. The award was launched by BBC India in 2020, aimed at promoting the achievements of Indian women sportspersons. Manu Bhaker was born on 18 February 2002 in Haryana and is a 10m air pistol shooter. She won gold at the 2018 ISSF World Cup and Asian Games.





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133. Who was recently appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)?

A - Rajiv Kumar B - Gyanesh Kumar

C - Vivek Joshi D - Sukhbir Singh Sandhu

Current Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC). He is the first CEC to be appointed under the new law, and his term will last till January 26, 2029. He was appointed after Rajiv Kumar retired. A meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Modi, which included Home Minister Amit Shah, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi.



134. When was the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) established?

A - Year 1940 B - Year 1944 C - Year 1945 D - Year 1949

Charanjot Singh Nanda has been appointed as the 73rd President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). He started his career as a chartered accountant in 1991 and has been a member of the Central Council of ICAI since 2004. He has been the chairman of several important committees including the Internal Audit Standards Board and the Management Accounting Committee.



135. When was the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana started?

A - Year 2015

C - Year 2017

B - Year 2016

D - Year 2015

The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) completed 9 years on 18 February 2025. Launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in 2016, this scheme is a comprehensive scheme replacing the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme. It aims to provide insurance protection to farmers on crop losses due to natural disasters, keep their income stable and ensure agricultural credit flow.



136. In which state of India is Fagli festival celebrated?

A - Himachal Pradesh B - Uttarakhand

C - Uttar Pradesh D - Rajasthan

The traditional 'Fagli' festival was celebrated in Yangpa village of Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh, which is famous in Shimla, Kinnaur and Kullu districts. It marks the arrival of spring from winter in February or March and is also called 'Faguli' or 'Faag' due to being in the month of Phalgun.





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137. Recently, Meta has launched the world's longest under sea cable system under which name?

A - Project Waterworth **B** - Project Underwater

C - New Info Mentors **D** - Project Depth

Meta launched a 50,000 km long under-sea cable system 'Project Waterworth' that will connect several countries including the US, India, Brazil and South Africa. The cable will be laid at a depth of 7,000 metres and advanced burial methods will be used for safety in shallow coastal waters.



138. Recently, the Central Government has approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Act till when?

A - Year 2025-26 B - Year 2026-27 C - Year 2027-28 D - Year 2028-29

The Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme, which was launched in 2018, has been approved by the Central Government to continue till 2025-26. Its objective is to provide the benefit of Minimum Support Price (MSP) to the farmers. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is operating this scheme, which is applicable across the country. Under PM-AASHA, the government will buy 100% of tur, urad and lentils.



139. The 'Waste Recycling and Climate Change 2025' conference was organized by whom?

(CPCB)

A - Central Pollution Control Board B - Recycling and Environment Industries Association of India (REIAI)

D - Ministry of Environment and C - NITI Aayog **Forests** 

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 'Waste Recycling' and Climate Change 2025' conference, organised by REIAI. India generates 62 million tonnes of waste every year, with plastic, electronic and hazardous waste growing rapidly.



140. Under which article has the Finance Commission been established in India?

A - Article 270 B - Article 280 C - Article 275 D - Article 243

The Central Government released unrestricted grants under the 15th Finance Commission to Punjab (225 crores), Chhattisgarh (244 crores) and Uttarakhand (93 crores) in 2024-25. This grant is given to local bodies to spend according to their needs and is used in rural development under 29 subjects of the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution.





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141. Who has recently been appointed as the new MD of SBI cards?

A - Salil Deshmukh

**B - Salila Pandey** 

C - Sarita Singh

D - Mohan Yadav

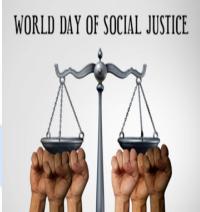
SBI Cards appointed Salila Pandey as the new MD and CEO, who will take over from April 1, 2025. She will replace Abhijit Chakraborty, who is retiring on March 31, 2025. Currently, she is the Chief General Manager at SBI and has held various senior positions at SBI Singapore, Delhi, and California.



142. When is World Social Justice Day observed?

A - 20 February B - 22 February C - 18 February D - 21 February

World Social Justice Day is observed every year on 20 February to promote fairness, equality and inclusion. It originated from the 1995 Copenhagen Summit and was officially recognised by the UNGA in 2007, first observed in 2009. The theme for 2025 is "Strengthening just transitions, for a sustainable future", which focuses on tackling climate change, economic recovery and social inequality.



143. In which state was President's rule imposed by the Central Government in February 2025?

A - Manipur B - Meghalaya

C - Tripura D - Delhi

President's rule was imposed in Manipur on 13 February 2025 under Article 356, following the resignation of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on 9 February. President Draupadi Murmu took the decision citing failure of constitutional mechanism on the report of Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, thereby suspending the Manipur Assembly.



144. Who won the men's singles title of the 2025 Delhi Open ATP Challenger tennis tournament?

A - Kirian Jacquet B - Hassi Dohit
C - Mitchell Starc D - Galen Muscat

France's Kirian Jacquet won the title by defeating Billy Harris of Great Britain 6-4, 6-2 in the 2025 Delhi Open ATP Challenger final. It was his second consecutive title after the Chennai Open. The Delhi Open, a \$1,00,000 ATP 75 Challenger tournament, took place in New Delhi from 10-16 February 2025.





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145. India's first open air art wall museum has been inaugurated in which city?

A - New Delhi B - Bengaluru
C - Chennai D - Jaipur

India's first "Open Air Art Wall Museum" was inaugurated at Mausam Bhawan, New Delhi on 18 February 2025 to commemorate the 150th year of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD). It is the headquarters building of IMD, established on 15 January 1875. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched "Mission Mausam" on 14 January 2025, the 150th Foundation Day of IMD.



146. Recently, which state is going to launch the Drugs Control Department initiative?

A - Kerala B - Tamil Nadu
C - Chhattisgarh D - Uttar Pradesh

The Kerala Drugs Control Department has launched the 'nPROUD' initiative, which will scientifically dispose of expired and unused medicines at the domestic level. The pilot project will start in Kozhikode and Ulliyeri Panchayat, then it will be implemented across the state.



147. When was the foundation day of Arunachal Pradesh celebrated?

A - 19 February
C - 21 February
D - 22 February

Foundation Day of Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh was celebrated on 20 February. Mizoram became the 23rd state of India on 20 February 1987, its capital is Aizawl, and the main languages are Mizo and English. Arunachal Pradesh, formerly called NEFA, became the 24th state of India on this day in 1987, its capital is Itanagar and the state language is English.



Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day

148. When was the 22nd Foundation Day of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes celebrated?

A - 18 February
C - 20 February
D - 21 February

The 22nd Foundation Day of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was celebrated on 19 February. This constitutional body was established on 19 February 2004 under the 89th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003 and has powers under Article 338-A. The Commission consists of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and three members appointed by the President.





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149. Where was the first General Assembly of the International Organization of Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA) held?

A - India B - France C - Singapore D - Japan

India was elected Vice-Chairman at the first General Assembly of IALA held in Singapore (18-21 February 2025). Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, T.K. Ramachandran led the delegation. The event marks the transformation of IALA from an NGO to an IGO.



150. Where was the first All India Conference of Transgenders held recently?

A - Varanasi B - Ujjain C - Ajmer D - Jaipur

The first All India Conference of Transgender Community was held in Ajmer, Rajasthan, which was organized by Gaddipati Saloni Nayak in memory of her guru Anita Bai. The aim of this ten-day conference was to strengthen the social and cultural identity of the transgender community.



151. Which organization has recently launched 'One Man Office' online service?

A - By LIC B - By NABARD C - By NBFC D - By SBI

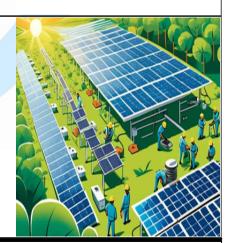
Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) on 17 February 2025 launched the 'One Man Office' (OMO) digital initiative, which aims to realize 'insurance for all' by 2047. It will simplify policy sales, customer service and business management by providing 24×7 digital services to agents.



152. In which city of India has the country's first vertical bi-facial and plant been set up?

A - New Delhi B - Jaipur
C - Bhopal D - Gurugram

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) inaugurated the country's first vertical bi-facial solar plant at Okhla Vihar Metro Station. Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated this 50 kW capacity plant and a 1 MW rooftop solar installation at Khyber Pass Metro Depot.





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153. Where was the 2nd All India State Water Ministers Conference held?

A - Udaipur B - Jaipur C - Bengaluru D - New Delhi

The 2nd All India State Water Ministers Conference was held on 18-19 February 2025 in Udaipur, Rajasthan. It aimed to strengthen water security strategy under the theme "India@2047 - A Water Secure Nation". 30 ministers including Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil and Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma and more than 300 delegates participated in the conference.



154. Which state topped the list of most bird species in India in Bird Census 2025?

A - West Bengal B - Uttarakhand C - Assam D - Maharashtra

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 2025, held from February 14-17, recorded 1068 bird species in India. West Bengal topped the list for the third time in a row with 543 species. The state uploaded 1909 checklists, with Darjeeling recording the highest number of 252 species and South 24 Parganas submitting the highest number of 513 checklists.



155. Which is the second country in the world to introduce Electronic Personnel License (EPL) for pilots in the civil aviation sector?

A - China B - India
C - America D - Canada

India became the second country in the world after China to introduce Electronic Personnel License (EPL) for pilots. This was announced by Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu in New Delhi on 20 February 2025. 'Udaan Bhawan' located at Safdarjung Airport in New Delhi houses the headquarters of civil aviation regulatory bodies like DGCA, BCAS, AAIB and AERA.



156. Who inaugurated the first edition of Seoul Leadership Summit 2025?

A - Prime Minister - Narendra Modi B - Home Minister - Amit Shah

C - Finance Minister - Nirmala
Sitharaman

D - None of the following

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Seoul Leadership Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 21 February 2025. The two-day summit (21-22 February) was organised to promote leadership dialogue. Bhutanese Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay delivered the keynote address.





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157. Who was the first Chief Economic Adviser of the Union Finance Ministry?

A - J. J. Anjaria B - Sunil Mehta
C - Shuchi Tyagi D - Rahul Prakash

The tenure of V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) of the Government of India was extended by two years to 31 March 2027. He was appointed in January 2022 in place of K. V.

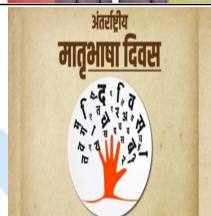
Subramaniam. The CEA heads the economic division of the Ministry of Finance and monitors domestic and international economic trends.



158. When is International Mother Language Day celebrated?

A - 21 February B - 23 February C - 20 February D - 15 February

International Mother Language Day is celebrated every year on 21 February to promote linguistic preservation and multilingual education. The theme for 2025 is "Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day" as its 25th anniversary is being celebrated.

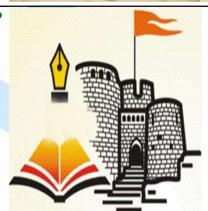


159. Where is the 98th All India Marathi Sahitya Sammelan being held?

A - Nagpur B - Jaipur

C - Delhi D - Ahmedabad

The 98th All India Marathi Sahitya Sammelan was held on 21-23 February 2025 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. After 71 years, the conference took place in Delhi, showcasing the rich tradition of the Marathi language.



160. Ali Ai Ligang festival is celebrated by which tribe?

A - Bodo B - Missing
C - Meena D - Bhil

The Missing tribe of Assam recently celebrated the Ali Ai Ligang festival in Shankarpur, Jorhat, which marks the first sowing of crops. This festival is celebrated every year on the first Wednesday of the month of 'Ginmur Polo' in February-March. Ali Ai Ligang reflects the faith of the Missing tribe towards agriculture and nature.





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161. Which Indian woman has been included in Time Magazine's "Women of the Year" 2025 list -

A - Dr. Purnima Devi Burman B - Nirmala Devi C - Amrita Devi Vishnoi D - Sushmita Sen

Wildlife biologist Dr. Purnima Devi Burman of Assam has been included in the Time Magazine "Women of the Year" 2025 list. She is one of the 13 prominent women from around the world who have contributed to solving problems related to women. Dr. Burman has been recognized for the conservation of Hargila (Greater Adjutant Stork) and its wetland habitat.



162. What was the original name of Swami Dayanand Saraswati?

A - Mool Shankar B - Satya Prakash C - Ramchandra D - Saraswati

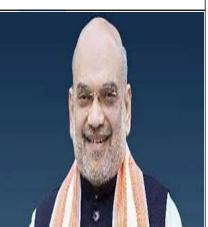
Swami Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti was celebrated on 23 February, which is an occasion to honor his social reforms and revival of Vedic traditions. He was born on 12 February 1824 in Tankara, Gujarat. In 1875, he founded the Arya Samaj and gave the message of 'return to the Vedas'.



163. Where was the 27th meeting of the Western Regional Council held recently?

A - Pune B - Jaipur C - Ahmedabad D - Mumbai

Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 27th meeting of the Western Zonal Council in Pune on 22 February 2025, which was attended by the Chief Ministers and officials of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. Regional councils are advisory bodies formed to discuss mutual issues between the states and the Center, which were formed in 1956.



164. When did the Askot-Arakot Yatra Abhiyan start?

A - Year 1973 B - Year 1974 C - Year 1975 D - Year 1977

This journey, held from Askot to Arakot in Uttarakhand, takes place every 10 years, which started on 25 May 1974. It is organized by educationist Shekhar Pathak's organization 'Pahad'. Its objective is to study the social, economic and environmental condition of Uttarakhand. The journey completed 50 years in 2024 and was organized for the sixth time.





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165. In which city of India will the 'International Art Exhibition' be organized?

A - Delhi B - Gwalior C - Hyderabad D - Patna

Srishti Art Gallery in Hyderabad and Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad together present the international art exhibition "Topographies of Tents, Terracotta and Time". The exhibition will showcase works of national and international artists exploring themes such as identity, displacement and transformation.



166. Where has India's first wildlife biobank been opened?

A - Darjeeling B - Dehradun
C - Jaisalmer D - Bangalore

India established the country's first zoo-based biobank at the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZP) in Darjeeling, which will preserve DNA, cells and tissues of endangered species cryogenically at -196°C. It is being operated in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology and will be helpful in future species revival and research.



167. Which state in India has the highest number of vultures -

A - Madhya Pradesh B - Himachal Pradesh

C - Gujarat D - Chhattisgarh

12,981 vultures were recorded in the first phase of the 2025 Vulture Census in Madhya Pradesh, which is more than the 2022 count of 10,845. This census was conducted by the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department on 17-19 February 2025. The first vulture census was conducted in 2016, when there were 6,999 vultures in the state.



168. Which country has been elected as the Chair of the Bay of Bengal Programme Intergovernmental Organization in the year 2025?

A - India B - Bangladesh C - Myanmar D - Thailand

India assumed the Chair of the Bay of Bengal (BOB) Programme Intergovernmental Organization from Bangladesh. Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, India assumed the position at the 13th Governing Council Meeting held on 20-22 February 2025 in Male, Maldives. The organization was established in 2003 and is headquartered in Chennai, India.





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169. Which is the first airport in India which has recently been awarded the Best Security Award by the National Security Council?

A - Manohar International Airport B - Sanganer International Airport

C - Gwalior Airport D - Chennai Airport

Manohar International Airport (GOX), operated by GMR Goa International Airport Limited (GGIAL), became the first airport in India to be awarded the Golden Trophy under the Service Sector at the NSCI Safety Awards 2024. The award was presented in Mumbai in January 2025.



170. When is the Central Excise Day observed?

A - 24 February B - 25 February C - 21 February D - 16 February

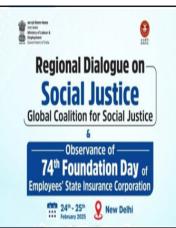
Central Excise Day is celebrated on 24 February in India, with the aim of honoring the contribution of the Central Excise Department and making taxpayers aware of the tax system. This day is celebrated on the anniversary of the Central Excise and Salt Act-1944.



171. When was the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) established?

A - 1952 B - 1965 C - 1971 D - 1983

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the two-day regional dialogue on the Foundation Day of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). The event was attended by Shri Gilbert F Houngbo, Director General, International Labour Organisation (ILO) as the keynote speaker.



172. By what other name is the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) known?

A - Agricultural Institute

**B** - Kushinagar Institute

C - Pusa Institute

D - Magadh Institute

Union Minister of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the "Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela-2025". The fair was organized from 22nd to 24th February 2025 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. The theme of this year was "Unnat Krishi - Vikasit Bharat".





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173. Nayanamritam 2.0 is an initiative of which state government?

A - Maharashtra

**B** - Kerala

C - Raiasthan

D - Chhattisgarh

The Kerala government has launched an Al-assisted chronic eye disease screening programme 'Nayanamritham' 2.0. Through this initiative, people across the state will get access to advanced eye screening. Nayanamritham 2.0 aims to detect serious eye diseases at an early stage, and is the world's first government Al-powered eye screening programme, launched in collaboration with Remidio Health Tech Company.



174. According to a recent report, which country's companies raised the most money through initial public offerings (IPOs) in 2024?

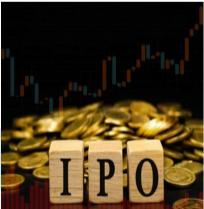
A - America

B - India

C - Japan

D - China

According to the Indus Valley Report 2025, India has emerged as the global leader in terms of IPOs in 2024, with Indian companies raising \$19.5 billion, representing 23% of global IPO funding. The report has been prepared by Bloom Benchers Advisors Pvt Ltd. A total of 268 IPOs came up in India in 2024, of which 90 were listed on the main board and 178 on the small and medium enterprises (SME) segment.



175. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurate the Global Investor Summit?

A - Jaipur

**B** - Indore

C - Bhopal

D - New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Investors Summit 2025 in Bhopal, announcing 18 new industrial policies. The summit aims to transform Madhya Pradesh into an industrial and investment hub. The summit was attended by leading industrialists and global investors, and highlighted India's role in the global supply chain, especially in the aerospace sector.



176. The military exercise 'Dharma Guardian' is conducted between which countries?

A - India and Nepal

**B** - India and America

C - India and Sri Lanka

D - India and Japan

A contingent of Indian Army has left for Japan to participate in the 6th edition of "Dharma Guardian" military exercise held at East Fuji Exercise Area, Japan. This annual exercise is held between India and Japan and is held alternately in both the countries.





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177. Who won the men's singles title of the Uganda International Challenge 2025 Badminton Championship?

A - Manraj Singh

B - Ishika Jaiswal

C - Lauren Lam

D - Amaan Mohammed

Indian badminton players performed brilliantly by winning three titles in the Uganda International Challenge 2025 Badminton Championship. The championship was held from 19-23 February 2025 at the Lugogo Indoor Arena in Kampala, the capital of Uganda. India won titles in men's singles, mixed doubles and men's doubles.



178. Who among the following launched Financial Literacy Week?

A - Reserve Bank of India

**B** - Ministry of Panchayati Raj

C - Ministry of Home Affairs

**D** - Ministry of Finance

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) organized Financial Literacy Week from 24-28 February 2025 with the theme "Financial Literacy Women Prosperity". It aims to empower women financially and make them aware of financial risks. Under this initiative, banks have been directed to display RBI posters on their websites, ATMs, mobile apps and branches.



179. The winner of the ISL Winners Shield qualifies for which tournament?

A - Olympic Games

**B - FIFA World Cup** 

C - AFC Champions League – 2

D - None of the above

Mohun Bagan Super Giants won their second Indian Super League (ISL) Winners Shield title by defeating Odisha FC 1-0. The match took place at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan Stadium in Kolkata. Mohun Bagan became the first team to win the title for the second time in a row and qualified for the AFC Champions League.



180. Where is Mount Dukono volcano located?

A - South Africa

**B** - Indonesia

C - Philippines

D - Guatemala

The Dukono volcano in Indonesia's North Maluku province recently erupted, after which an orange level volcano alert was issued. Under this, flying of aircraft below 5 km has been banned. Mount Dukono is located on Halmahera Island and has been continuously active since 1933. It is one of the 127 active volcanoes in Indonesia.



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181. National Dhanvantri Ayurveda Award is given by which ministry?

A - Ministry of Health

**B** - Ministry of AYUSH

C - Ministry of Home Affairs

D - Ministry of Science and

Technology

The Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, honored three eminent physicians with the National Dhanvantri Ayurveda Award for the year 2025. Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, presented these awards at a ceremony held in Mumbai.



#### 182. Where is the headquarters of the Professional Squash Association located?

A - England B - USA C - India D - China

Indian squash player Saurav Ghosal made his international retirement comeback successful by winning the 2025 Sydney Classic squash title. He won his 11th PSA title by defeating Abdel Rahman Nasser of Egypt in the final. The tournament was held in Sydney, Australia from 19-23 February 2025 and had a prize money of \$6000.



#### 183. Where was the first Conference for UN Women Peacekeepers held?

A - New Delhi B - Shanghai C - London D - Tokyo

The first Conference for UN Women Peacekeepers was held in New Delhi on 24-25 February 2025, with 35 countries participating. It was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence and the Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK) of the Indian Army.



#### 184. Where was the first international conference on carbon market 'Prakriti' held?

A - Bangalore B - New Delhi
C - Bhopal D - Jaipur

The first international conference on carbon market "Prakriti" was held in New Delhi on 24-25 February 2025, where policymakers, industry experts and researchers discussed the functioning and development strategies of the Indian carbon market. The event was organised by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and inaugurated by Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.





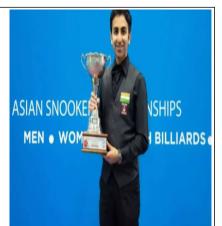
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185. Who has won the men's title in the 14th Asian Snooker Championship?

A - Shaheen Shahi B - Amir Sarkosh C - Neeraj Chopra D - Pankaj Advani

India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani won the 2025 Asian Snooker Championship title defeating Amir Sarkosh of Iran 4-1. The championship was held in Doha, Qatar from 15-21 February 2025, in which Advani won his 14th Asian title. In the semi-finals, he defeated Chang Bhu Kid of Hong Kong China.



186. From when to when is Saras Aajeevika Mela - 2025 being organized ?

A - 21 February to 10 March
C - 26 February to 9 March
D - 27 February to 6 March

Saras Aajeevika Mela - 2025 is being organized from 21 February to 10 March at Shilp Haat in Noida, which aims to empower rural artisans and craftsmen. This fair is taking forward the 'Vocal for Local' and 'Developed India 2047' vision. Its fifth edition has been organized by the Ministry of Rural Development, with the theme "Development of the Built Capacity of Lakhpati Didi".



187. Mayadhar Raut was the great Acharya of which classical dance?

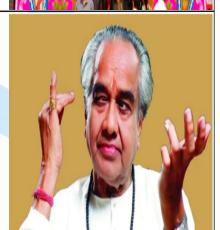
A - Kathak

B - Kuchipudi

C - Odissi

D - Bharatnatyam

Odissi dancer Mayadhar Raut died on 22 February 2025 in Delhi at the age of 92. Born on 6 July 1933 in Odisha, he started training in Gotipua dance at the age of 7 and is considered the father of Odissi dance. He played an important role in the revival of Odissi by establishing 'Kala Vikas Kendra' in 1952 and 'Jayantika Sangh' in 1959.



188. When is Veer Savarkar's death anniversary celebrated?

A - 16 August

**B - 26 January** 

C - 26 February

D - 6 March

Veer Savarkar, i.e. Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, was born on 28 May 1883 in Bhagur village of Nashik. His mother died when he was only 9 years old. Playing an active role in the freedom struggle, he formed a secret society called 'Mitra Mela' and in 1905 burnt foreign clothes in protest against the partition of Bengal.





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189. Who recently received Britain's prestigious "Knighthood" honor?

A - Gautam Adani

**B** - Aman Gupta

C - Sudha Murthy

D - Sunil Bharti Mittal

Bharti Enterprises founder and chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal recently received the insignia of "Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire" (KBE). This honor was given by British High Commissioner Lindy Cameron on behalf of King Charles-III in New Delhi.



190. Who has recently become the new Chancellor of Germany?

A - Friedrich Merz

B - Benjamin Roosa

C - Nicholas Gale

D - Bin Franklin

Friedrich Merz won Germany's federal elections with the CDU-CSU alliance and is going to become the next Chancellor. 69-year-old Merz will be the oldest chancellor since 1949, which signals the return of conservative leadership. His political journey began with the European Parliament in 1989, reached the Bundestag in 1994 and took over the leadership of the CDU in 2022.



191. Which state government has launched an accident insurance scheme called Shiksha Sanjeevani Bima Yojana for school children?

A - Uttar Pradesh

**B** - Rajasthan

C - Madhya Pradesh

D - Haryana

The Rajasthan government has launched the Shiksha Sanjeevani Bima Yojana for school children, a first of its kind initiative in the state. The scheme will provide personal accident insurance coverage to students enrolled in government schools and their parents. Initially, it will be implemented in schools in the Udaipur division.



192. Where is the Integrated Test Range located in India, where missile tests take place?

A - Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)

B - Kurukshetra (Haryana)

C - Chandipur (Odisha)

D - Nagpur (Maharashtra)

The Indian Navy, in collaboration with DRDO, successfully test fired the indigenous Naval Anti-Ship Missile - Short Range (NASM-SR) from Chandipur in Odisha on 25 February 2025. It is the country's first indigenous air-launched anti-ship missile, capable of hitting targets while flying above the sea waves.





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193. What is the duration of the SPHEREx space telescope?

A - 2 years

B - 3 years

C - 5 years

D - 9 years

NASA will launch the SPHEREx space telescope from SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, which aims to uncover the mysteries of the origin of the universe. It will survey the space in optical and near-infrared light and collect data of 100 million stars and 450 billion galaxies. The mission will last for two years and prepare a 3D map of the universe in 102 different colors.

