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**1. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Certification Laboratories (NABL).**

**A - Prof. Subbanna Ayyappan**

**B - Dr. Sandeep Shah**

**C - Dr. Vijay Kumar**

**D - Dr. Arvind Kumar**

The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Certification Laboratories (NABL) has appointed Dr. Sandeep Shah as its new Chairman. Dr. Shah has over 35 years of experience and is a Gold Medalist in MD Pathology and Bacteriology from B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad. He founded Neuberg Supratech Reference Laboratories and served as Joint Managing Director of Neuberg Diagnostics.



**2. Which Assamese filmmaker passed away at the age of 51 after battling cancer?**

**A - Rituparna Ghosh**

**B - Jahnu Barua**

**C - Bhaskar Jyoti Das**

**D - Dr. Bhupen Hazarika**

Renowned Assamese filmmaker and screenwriter Bhaskar Jyoti Das died of cancer on December 26. He was 51 years old. Das worked as the co-director and producer of 'Antardhan', and directed documentaries like 'Where is My Home', 'I Don't Want to Be Born Again for Poem', and 'An Unknown Summer'.



**3. Who has been announced as the 'Special Partner' for the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2025?**

**A - State Bank of India (SBI)**

**B - Punjab National Bank (PNB)**

**C - Union Bank of India (UBI)**

**D - HDFC Bank**

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has announced its association as the 'Special Partner' for the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2025. The festival will be held in Mumbai on February 20, 2025 and will honour the rich legacy of Indian cinema. In keeping with PNB's commitment to society and cultural development, this partnership will promote excellence and innovation in cinema.



**4. Which actor has featured in the new brand campaign of Canara HSBC Life Insurance?**

**A - Akshay Kumar**

**B - Ranveer Singh**

**C - Shah Rukh Khan**

**D - Varun Sharma**

Canara HSBC Life Insurance has launched a new brand campaign with actor Varun Sharma as the brand ambassador. The campaign focuses on customized financial solutions for modern individuals and families, aimed at promoting holistic financial planning to deal with life's aspirations and uncertainties.







## 5. Whom did Koneru Humpy defeat to win her second Women's World Rapid Chess Championship title?

A - Tan Zhongyi

B - Ju Wenjun

C - Harika Dronavalli

D - Irene Kharisma Sukandar

Grandmaster Koneru Humpy capped a stellar year for Indian chess by winning the FIDE Women's World Rapid Chess Championship in New York. It was her second rapid title, having previously won in Georgia in 2019. Humpy finished on top with 8.5 points, becoming the second player after China's Ju Wenjun to win the title more than once.



## 6. Whom did Lakshya Sen beat to win the bronze medal at the King Cup International Badminton Open 2024?

A - Hu Zhen'en

B - Loh Kean Yew

C - Alex Lanier

D - Angus Ng Ka Long

Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen on Sunday defeated Alex Lanier 21-17, 21-11 in straight games to finish third at the King Cup International Badminton Open. With this win, he won a prize of around Rs 36 lakh. Lakshya had lost 19-21, 19-21 to China's Hu Zhen'an in a close match in the semi-finals.



## 7. Which Indian cricketer has been nominated for the ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year award for his exceptional performance in 2024?

A - Jasprit Bumrah

B - Suryakumar Yadav

C - Hardik Pandya

D - Arshdeep Singh

Arshdeep Singh has been nominated for the ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year award for 2024. He took 17 wickets in the T20 World Cup, including the wickets of Aiden Markram and Quinton de Kock in the final. Arshdeep achieved the second-highest wicket tally (2024) by Indian fast bowlers.



## 8. Who was the top scorer in Haryana Steelers' victory over Patna Pirates in the Pro Kabaddi League Season 11 final?

A - Vinay

B - Devank

C - Shivam Patare

D - Mohammadreza Shadloo

Haryana Steelers achieved the distinction of becoming champions for the first time in Pro Kabaddi League Season 11. They won the title by defeating Patna Pirates 32-23 in the final, shattering Patna's dream of becoming champions for the fourth time. Haryana's defenders completely stopped Patna's star raiders Devank (5 points) and Ayan (3 points), while Shivam Patare scored the highest 9 points.





**D - 6**



## D - Amazon

A close-up photograph of an NVIDIA GeForce graphics card. The card is white with a green NVIDIA logo and the word "NVIDIA" in black. It is plugged into a blue PCI Express slot on a motherboard. The background shows the intricate circuitry of the motherboard.

## D - 2000



### D - Gangetic swamp region

A black and white photograph of a howler monkey standing on a tree branch, looking to the right. The monkey has a dark body and a lighter, shaggy face. The background is a blurred green forest.







**13. Recently, China has approved the construction of a dam on which river near the Indian border -**

**A - Sutlej River**

**B - Beas River**

**C - Brahmaputra River**

**D - Ina River**

China has recently approved the construction of a new dam on the Brahmaputra River (Yarlung Tsanpo) near the Indian border. The project will be built at an estimated cost of \$137 billion and is being built to boost hydroelectric power generation. The construction of this dam is causing strategic and environmental concerns to India and Bangladesh, as it will give China the possibility of control over the river's water flow.



**14. Who has been appointed as the new CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Jammu and Kashmir Bank (J&K)-**

**A - Amitav Chatterjee**

**B - Abhishek Karni**

**C - M. Hidayatullah**

**D - D.K. Mall**

Amitav Chatterjee has been appointed as the new CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Jammu and Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank). The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved his appointment. Chatterjee, who was currently working as a deputy manager in SBI, has 33 years of banking experience. He will replace Baldev Prakash, who was the old CEO of the bank.



**15. Recently, America has declared which bird as its national bird -**

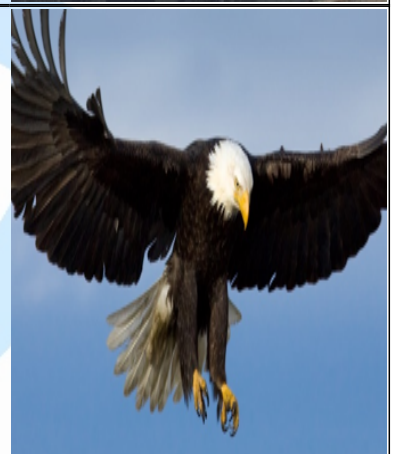
**A - Black Eagle**

**B - Bald Eagle**

**C - Black Swan**

**D - Shop**

America has recently declared the Bald Eagle as its national bird. Although this bird was on the US Great Seal since 1782, it has now been formally recognized as the national bird. This decision was sponsored by the legislators of Minnesota and approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).



**16. Recently, the new Revenue Secretary of the Union Finance Ministry has been appointed -**

**A - Arunish Chawla**

**B - Kalpana Meena**

**C - Vikas Sharma**

**D - Kanishka Kataria**

Arunish Chawla, a 1992 batch senior IAS officer of Bihar cadre, has been appointed as the new Revenue Secretary in the Finance Ministry. He will take over from Ajay Seth. Currently, Chawla is the Secretary of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. Prior to this, he has been Additional Chief Secretary in Bihar, Secretary of Bihar State Planning Board and Project Director of Bihar Disaster Rehabilitation Society.





**17. Which birth anniversary of Sardar Udham Singh was celebrated recently?**

**A - 127th**

**B - 126th**

**C - 125th**

**D - 124th**

Recently, the 125th birth anniversary of Sardar Udham Singh was celebrated in India. Sardar Udham Singh, who was born on 26 December 1899 in Sangrur district of Punjab, was a prominent revolutionary of the Indian freedom struggle. He is particularly known for the assassination of British officer Michael O'Dwyer in retaliation for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. This incident earned him a place in Indian history as a brave martyr.



**18. Maia Sandu sworn in as the President of which country for the second time?**

**A - Norway**

**B - Moldova**

**C - Japan**

**D - Ukraine**

Maia Sandu has recently been sworn in as the President of Moldova for the second time. Her second term began on 24 December 2024. Maia Sandu was first elected to this post in the year 2020 and she is the first female President of Moldova, which became independent in 1991 after the collapse of the Soviet Union.



**19. When was the "Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme" launched?**

**A - 15 September - 2021**

**B - 15 September - 2022**

**C - 15 September - 2023**

**D - 15 September - 2019**

"Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme" was launched on September 15, 2021. This scheme is sponsored by the Government of India, with the main objective of providing holistic healthcare services to the citizens in rural and urban areas of the country. Under this scheme, a variety of healthcare facilities and services will be made accessible to the citizens, including prevention, primary care, and emergency healthcare services.



**20. Recently, RBI has constituted a panel for the use of ethical AI framework in the financial sector, who has been made the chairman of this panel?**

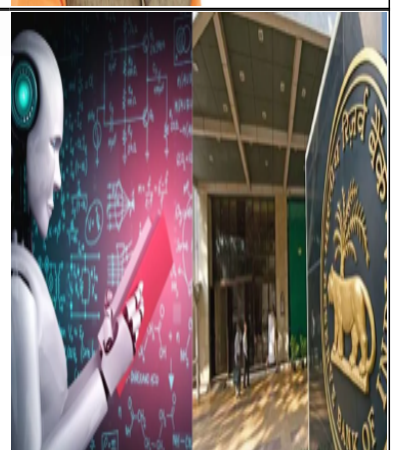
**A - Prof. Pushpak Bhattacharya**

**B - Prof. Romila Thapar**

**C - Prof. Ashwani Gupta**

**D - Prof. Anju Gehlot**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently constituted a special panel for the use of ethical Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the financial sector. This panel will be chaired by Professor Pushpak Bhattacharya of IIT Bombay. The main objective of the panel is to determine guidelines for responsible and ethical use of AI in financial services.







**21. "Ambedkar Samman Yojana" has been launched under the leadership of which politician?**

**A - Amit Shah**

**B - Arvind Kejriwal**

**C - Nitish Kumar**

**D - Bhajanlal Sharma**

A new scheme called "Ambedkar Samman Yojana" has been launched under the leadership of Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal. The main objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance to young students from the Dalit community to pursue higher education abroad. The scheme will cover the tuition fees, travel expenses and other educational expenses of the students.



**22. Which scheme has been initiated by the Central Government recently to empower the Panchayats?**

**A - Vikasit Panchayat Karmayogi Initiative**

**B - Vikasit Bharat - Developed Panchayat**

**C - Samriddh Gaon - Samriddh Bharat**

**D - None of these**

Recently, the Central Government has launched a new initiative called 'Vikasit Panchayat Karmayogi' to empower the Panchayats.



**23. The recently passed Merchant Shipping Bill-2024 will replace the earlier passed Shipping Bill of the following years -**

**A - 1958**

**B - 1959**

**C - 1960**

**D - 1961**

The recently passed Merchant Shipping Bill-2024 has replaced the earlier passed Shipping Bill in the year 1958. The new bill has been brought with the aim of modernizing the Indian shipping sector and making it in line with global standards. It includes various innovative provisions such as improving the registration of shipping companies, simplifying regulatory frameworks, and establishing compatibility with international shipping standards.



**24. Which of the following Indian airports recently launched a waste processing unit under a green initiative?**

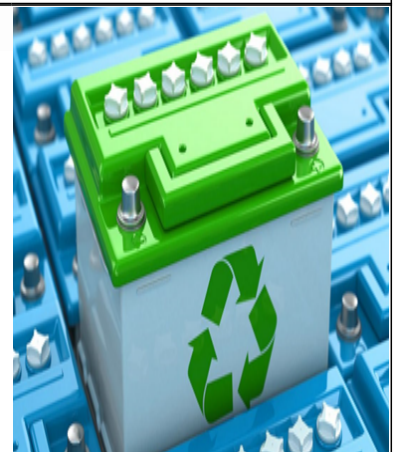
**A - Indore**

**B - Bhopal**

**C - Jaipur**

**D - Delhi**

Recently, Indore airport has launched a new waste processing unit under a green initiative. This step has been taken to promote waste management especially in eco-friendly ways. The launch of this unit will make it possible to effectively recycle and process the waste generated at the airport, which will not only improve cleanliness but will also take an important step towards environmental sustainability.





**25. When is the International Day of Pandemic Preparedness observed?**

A - 21 December

B - 22 December

C - 23 December

**D - 27 December**

International Pandemic Preparedness Day is observed on 27 December, which was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2020. It aims to raise global awareness of the importance of investing in public health systems to prevent, detect and respond to infectious disease outbreaks.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF  
**EPIDEMIC**  
PREPAREDNESS

**26. What is the retirement age of High Court judges?**

A - 60 years

B - 61 years

**C - 62 years**

D - 65 years

President Draupadi Murmu appointed Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Narendra Ji as Chief Justices of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand High Courts respectively on 24 December 2024. The appointment was made on the recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium.



**27. In which state is the country's first digital museum located?**

A - Karnataka

**B - Maharashtra**

C - Uttarakhand

D - Uttar Pradesh

India's first digital museum "Abhay Prabhavana" is located on the banks of Indrayani river in Pune district. It has been built by Ile Firodia Institute of Philosophy with 12 years of hard work at a cost of Rs 400 crore. The museum is spread over 50 acres near the 2200-year-old Pali Jain caves and displays the saga of 24 Jain Tirthankaras.



**28. Where has the Koima fish been discovered?**

A - Western Ghats

**B - Eastern Ghats**

C - Chambal River

D - Indus region

Indian researchers have discovered a new freshwater fish species 'Koima' from eastern India, which was earlier identified under the Nemacheilus genus. It has now been classified in the new genus 'Koima', a rare occurrence. The two species named Koima remadevi and Koima monilis have been named.







## 29. What is the capital of Tonga ?

A - Nuku Alofa

B - Peri-Peri

C - Sinchiang

D - Sumatra

On 24 December 2024, Tonga elected Esai Valu Ake as the new Prime Minister, who will replace former Prime Minister Siaosi. Siaosi resigned after a no-confidence motion in Parliament. Esai Valu will be sworn in in February 2025 and will remain Prime Minister till November 2025. Tonga is a constitutional republic, in which the executive power lies with the elected government.



## 30. Who won the women's singles title of the 86th Senior National Badminton Championship - 2024?

A - Devika Sihag

B - Ritu Takayat

C - Deepika Dhaniya

D - Vijeta Gurjar

M Raghu of Karnataka and Devika Sihag of Haryana won the men's and women's singles titles respectively at the 86th Senior National Badminton Championship 2024. The championship was held in Bengaluru from 20-24 December 2024. Earlier, Karnataka won the title in the men's category and Haryana in the women's category in the 77th Interzonal Badminton Championship.



## 31. What is the theme of the 2025 Republic Day tableau?

A - Emerging India

B - Golden India - Heritage and Development

C - Start Up and Stand Up India

D - World Heritage India

The Union Ministry of Defence has chosen the theme "Golden India, Heritage and Development" for the 2025 Republic Day. The ceremony will be held at Kartavya Path in New Delhi. 15 states - Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh, Bihar, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Goa, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal - have been selected to display their tableaux.



## 32. Which Union Ministry has launched the Rashtraparv website and mobile app?

A - Ministry of Defence

B - Ministry of Home Affairs

C - Ministry of Finance

D - Department of Personnel

The Union Ministry of Defence launched the "Rashtraparv" website and mobile app on the occasion of Good Governance Day on 25 December 2024. The app and website were launched by Defence Secretary Rajesh Singh in New Delhi. The "Rashtraparv" platform will provide information, live streaming, ticket purchase facility, route map and seating arrangement related to major national events like Republic Day, Independence Day, Beating Retreat etc.,





### 33. Who has been appointed as the Governor of Manipur recently-

- A - Arif Mohammad Khan      B - Vishwanath Arlekar  
C - General V.K. Singh      D - **Ajay Kumar Bhalla**

President Draupadi Murmu appointed new governors of 5 states on 24 December 2023. Ajay Kumar Bhalla for Manipur, Arif Mohammad Khan for Bihar, Vishwanath Arlekar for Kerala, General V.K. Singh for Mizoram and Hari Babu Kebhampati for Odisha were appointed as Governors. The Governor is appointed under Article 153 of the Constitution, his tenure is 5 years and it depends on the pleasure of the President.



### 34. The chairman of the 16th Finance Commission (Central) is-

- A - **Arvind Panagariya**      B - Tejasvi Surya  
C - Ram Madhav      D - Shaktikanta Das

The Central Government has released the second installment of the 15th Finance Commission's unallocated grant to the rural local bodies of Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh in the financial year 2024-25. Uttar Pradesh has received a grant of Rs 1598.80 crore and Andhra Pradesh Rs 420.99 crore, which is for all eligible panchayats of the state.



### 35. Which minister of the Government of India has received the Shri Chandrashekharendra Saraswati Award-

- A - Gajendra Singh Shekhawat      B - **S. Jaishankar**  
C - Amit Shah      D - Nitin Gadkari

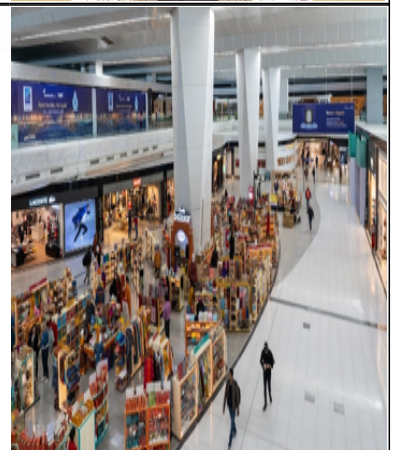
External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was awarded the "Shri Chandrashekharendra Saraswati National Excellence Award" for his contribution to India's foreign policy and global leadership. In his speech, he emphasised India's confident global presence and drew inspiration from Mahaperiyavar's teachings, such as brotherhood and global cooperation.



### 36. 'Udaan Yatri Cafe' has been started from which airport-

- A - Jaipur      B - **Kolkata**  
C - New Delhi      D - Shimla

The Government of India has launched the "Udaan Yatri Cafe" initiative to solve the problem of expensive food and beverages at airports. It was started as a pilot project at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata. The aim of this initiative is to provide snacks and beverages to passengers at affordable rates.







**37. When did the National PESA Act come into force-**

**A - 24 December - 1996**

**B - 24 December - 1997**

**C - 24 December - 1998**

**D - 24 December - 1999**

On National PESA Day 2024, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the State Government of Jharkhand organized a one-day national workshop. Its objective was to spread public awareness about the provisions of the PESA Act-1996 and sensitize tribal communities about their rights. In the workshop, Vivek Bhardwaj and Vinay Kumar explained the importance of the PESA Act, which gives tribal communities rights over the management of water, forest and land.



**38. India's first bio-bitumen national highway has been launched in which state-**

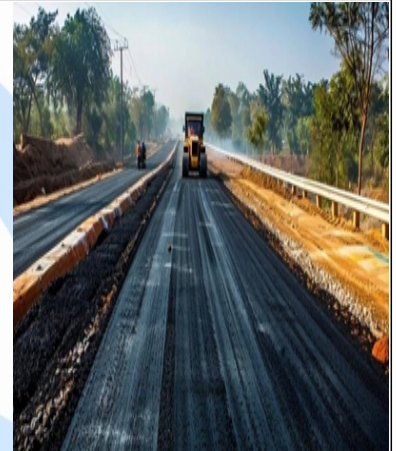
**A - Maharashtra**

**B - Jharkhand**

**C - Rajasthan**

**D - Uttar Pradesh**

India's first bio-bitumen national highway was inaugurated in Nagpur district of Maharashtra. It has been built in a 1 km stretch of the Nagpur-Mansar National Highway Project by adding 15% bio-bitumen, which is obtained from a crop residue called Ligreen. The project has been jointly constructed by Pune-based biotech company Prapt Industries and CRRI.



**39. 'Jagriti App' and 'Jago Grahak Jago' app have been created by the students of which institute-**

**A - IIT Kanpur**

**B - IIT BHU**

**C - IIT Delhi**

**D - IIT Kharagpur**

On the occasion of National Consumer Day, 'Jago Grahak Jago App', 'Jagriti App' and 'Jagriti Dashboard' were launched. These apps have been developed as part of research done by the students of IIT BHU. These apps work on the Airavat AI supercomputer under the National Supercomputing Mission using AI and data analytics.



**40. The new chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission has been appointed-**

**A - V. Ramasubramanian**

**B - C. Sohan Das**

**C - Mehak Arora**

**D - Namit Mehta**

Justice (Retd) V. Ramasubramanian was appointed as the chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) by President Draupadi Murmu on 23 December 2023. The post was vacant since 1 June 2014. Justice Ramasubramanian's judicial career was in the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court, where he delivered 102 landmark judgments.





**41. What is the increase in tree cover as per the 2023 report as compared to the year 2021?**

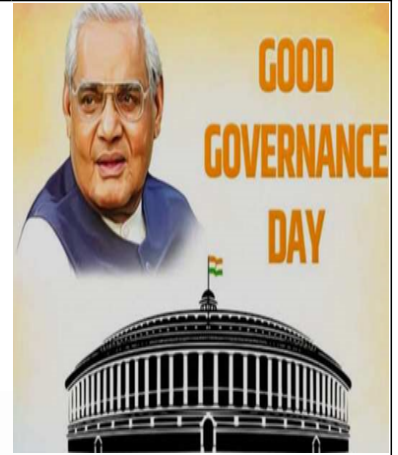
**A - 1445 sq km**

**B - 1600 sq km**

**C - 1700 sq km**

**D - 1590 sq km**

Good Governance Day is celebrated every year on 25 December in India, which is celebrated as the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It was established by the Government of India in 2014 to honour Vajpayee's contributions and to promote accountability in government and awareness among citizens. It is also called "Good Governance Day", and is celebrated as a working day of the government.



**42. Good Governance Day is celebrated on?**

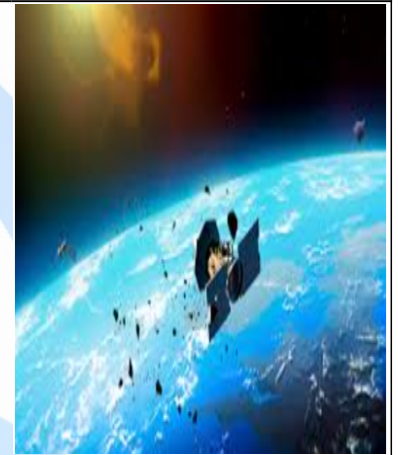
**A - 25 December**

**B - 26 December**

**C - 27 December**

**D - 28 December**

India and Japan have partnered to deal with space debris using laser technology. The two countries are exploring commercial opportunities for debris removal by leveraging the technology of Japan's Orbital Laser and India's Inspaceity. Under this initiative, debris will be vaporized using laser-equipped satellites, ensuring safe paths for spacecraft.



**43. Which state has the highest forest and tree cover in terms of area?**

**A - Madhya Pradesh**

**B - Uttar Pradesh**

**C - Chhattisgarh**

**D - Himachal Pradesh**

Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupendra Yadav released the "India State of Forest Report-2023" on 21 December 2024 at the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. This report is published by the Forest Survey of India on a bi-annual basis, and the 2023 report is the 18th in this series. According to the report, the total forest and tree cover in India is 827,356.95 sq km., which is 25.17% of the total geographical area.



**44. Recently ISRO has signed an agreement to advance human space flight?**

**A - JAXA (Japan)**

**B - ESA (Europe)**

**C - NASA (USA)**

**D - None of these**

ISRO and ESA have signed a historic agreement to enhance cooperation in human space exploration. The agreement aims to promote astronaut training, mission implementation, and joint research experiments. This includes astronaut training, integration of experiments on the ISS from ESA's facilities, human and biomedical experiments, and technology demonstrations. The Axiom-4 mission will include ISRO's Gaganyatri and an astronaut from ESA.



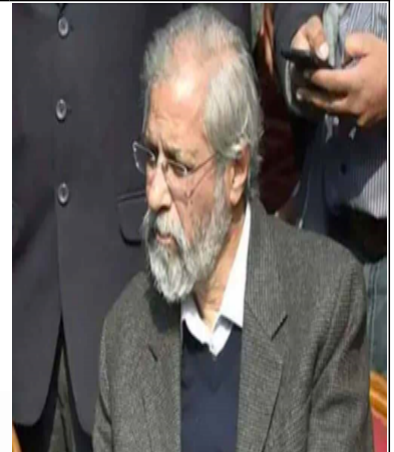




**45. Which Indian jurist was recently appointed as the Chairman of the United Nations Internal Justice Council?**

- A - Justice Madan B. Lokur**                      B - Justice Sohan Deshpande  
C - Justice Ranganathan Goi                  D - Justice C.S. Rao

Former Supreme Court Judge of India, Justice Madan B. Lokur has been appointed as the Chairman of the United Nations Internal Justice Council (IJC). The appointment is effective from 19 December 2024 and will remain valid till 12 November 2028. The IJC is a key advisory body that ensures the impartiality and independence of the UN's judicial system. Justice Lokur's appointment is a matter of pride for India, reflecting his global legal standing.



**46. Where is the Wildlife Institute of India located?**

- A - Bangalore**                                      B - Dehradun  
C - Chennai    D - New Delhi

Union Environment Minister Shri Bhupendra Yadav inaugurated the Advanced Centre for Pashmina Authentication and Next Generation DNA Sequencing Facility at the Wildlife Institute of India. The DNA sequencing facility will provide researchers with in-depth information about genetic diversity and population health, thereby contributing to wildlife conservation.



**47. Recently, the Ministry of Defense has signed a contract with which company for K-9 Vajra-T cannon?**

- A - Larsen & Toubro Ltd.**                      B - Ashok Lee - Land  
C - Flipkart    D - Tata Motors

The Ministry of Defence has signed a Rs 7628.70 crore contract with Larsen & Toubro Ltd to procure 155 mm K9 Vajra-T automated tracked artillery guns for the Indian Army. These state-of-the-art guns are capable of striking from 28 to 38 kilometres and can operate effectively even in high altitude areas along the China border. The deal will boost Indian defence production and create employment opportunities.



**48. Indian women's Under-19 T20 Asia Cup team defeated which team to win the title?**

- A - Bangladesh**                                      B - Pakistan  
C - Sri Lanka    D - Afghanistan

The Indian women's cricket team won the U-19 Asia Cup title by defeating Bangladesh by 41 runs on 22 December. Batting first, the Indian team scored 117 runs in 20 overs, in which Gongadi Trisha scored 52 runs. Bangladesh got a target of 118 runs, but they were all out for 76 runs in 18.3 overs. In Indian bowling, Ayushi Shukla took 3 wickets, while Sonam Yadav and Parunika Sisodia took 2-2 wickets. Farzana Ismin took 4 wickets for Bangladesh.





## 49. National Consumer Day is celebrated on?

- A - 21 December  
B - 22 December  
C - 23 December  
D - 24 December

National Consumer Day is celebrated on 24 December in India, which marks the day of acceptance of the Consumer Protection Act 1986. This Act was implemented to protect the rights of consumers and safeguard their interests. The purpose of this day is to make consumers aware of their rights and duties. Apart from this, World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated on 15 March, which is dedicated to raising awareness of consumer rights and their needs.



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## 50. "ISRO has recently started assembling a Human Rated Launch Vehicle from Satish Dhawan Space Centre. Which launch vehicle is that?"

- A - HLVM-3  
B - HLVM-4  
C - PSLV-C4  
D - GSLV-C6

ISRO began the assembly of Human Rated Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (HLVM3) at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on 18 December 2024. This assembly is crucial for India's first manned space mission, Gaganyaan. The HLVM3 is a three-stage vehicle, with a height of 53 metres and a weight of 640 tonnes, and has the capability to carry up to 10 tonnes of payload.



## 51. Recently, the GST Council meeting was held in Jaisalmer, who chaired it?

- A - Prime Minister  
B - Home Minister  
C - Union Finance Minister  
D - Finance Secretary

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 55th meeting of the GST Council in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, to discuss important issues related to the Goods and Services Tax (GST). The meeting was attended by Chief Ministers, Deputy Chief Ministers and Finance Ministers of several states and Union Territories.



## 52. Recently a virus has spread in Uganda, due to which many people there have been infected. This virus is?

- A - Joy - Joy  
B - Dinga - Dinga  
C - Niyat - Niyat  
D - African - 90

There is news of Dinga-Dinga virus spreading in the African country Uganda, in which more than 300 people have been infected, mostly women and girls. Its maximum effect has been seen in Bundibugyo district. The symptoms of the virus include strong tremors, which look like dancing, and paralysis can also occur if the infection increases. This virus was first identified in 2023, and the Ugandan government is investigating it.







**53. Who is the President of International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)?**

**A - Luciana Rossi**

**B - Amy Jackson**

**C - Adam Hobbs**

**D - Nikhit Zareen**

India has got the opportunity to host the ISSF Junior World Cup Rifle and Shotgun in 2025, which reflects its growing reputation in shooting sports. The event will be the ninth top-level shooting championship in India in the last decade and will add another feather to NRAI's record. It was confirmed by the ISSF on 20 December 2024.



**54. Recently, Indian women's cricket team player Riya Ghosh has scored a record-breaking half-century, in how many balls did she complete it?**

**A - 18 balls**

**B - 20 balls**

**C - 16 balls**

**D - 21 balls**

Indian wicketkeeper-batsman Richa Ghosh created history by scoring the fastest half-century in women's T20 international matches. She completed this record in just 18 balls in the third T20 match against West Indies, and equaled the record of New Zealand's Sophie Devine and Australia's Phoebe Litchfield.



**55. When is National Farmers' Day celebrated?**

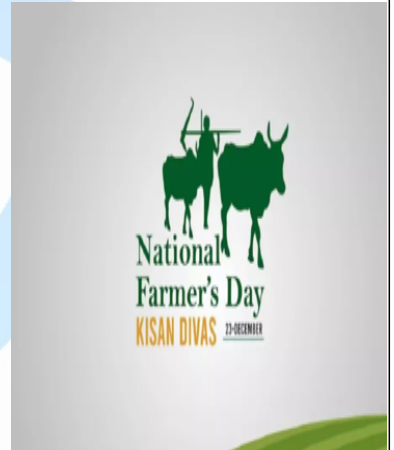
**A - 21 December**

**B - 23 December**

**C - 29 December**

**D - 1 January**

Farmers are the foundation of India's prosperity and their contribution is vital in nation building. Their hard work empowers the country's economy, keeps the rural sector stable and ensures the strength of every household. National Farmers' Day is celebrated on 23 December, which is a celebration of the contribution of the Indian farmer and also the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, the fifth Prime Minister of India.



**56. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently visited Kuwait. Which visit is this of Prime Minister Modi ?**

**A - First**

**B - Second**

**C - Third**

**D - Fourth**

Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi made an official visit to Kuwait on 21-22 December 2024 at the invitation of Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Nahel Al Ahmed Al Sabah. This was his first visit to Kuwait, in which he attended the opening of the 26th Arabian Gulf Cup. During this, Kuwait conferred the "Order of Mubarak Al Kabir" award on him. Prime Minister Modi and the Sheikh agreed to transform India-Kuwait bilateral relations into a strategic partnership.





## 57. National Mathematics Day is celebrated on

A - 22 December

B - 23 December

C - 24 December

D - 25 December

22 December is celebrated every year as National Mathematics Day, which marks the birth anniversary of Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. This day is celebrated with the aim of spreading awareness about the importance of mathematics and the progress made in this field.

National **Mathematics** Day



## 58. How many astronauts did China send to the space station recently?

A - 2

B - 3

C - 4

D - 5

China has achieved a significant breakthrough in space exploration when astronauts Ke Xueze and Song Yingdong conducted a nine-hour spacewalk on the Tiangong space station, breaking the record of 8 hours 56 minutes set by US astronauts in 2001. This was Ke Xueze's second EVA, while it was Song Yingdong's first EVA, making them the first Chinese astronauts born in the 1990s.



## 59. SEBI has extended the trading contract suspension for how many agricultural products till January 31, 2025?

A - 2

B - 6

C - 7

D - 9

SEBI has extended the suspension of trading in derivative contracts of seven agricultural commodities till January 31, 2025, which was earlier scheduled to expire on December 20, 2024. The decision is expected to restart futures trading in some agricultural commodities, including edible oils.



## 60. Where is the 11th meeting of the D-8 Economic Cooperation Organization being held?

A - Istanbul

B - Kabul

C - Islamabad

D - Egypt

The 11th summit of the D-8 (Development 8) Economic Cooperation Organization was held on 19 December 2024 in the New Administrative Capital of Egypt. This new capital, which is being built on the outskirts of Cairo, will become the official capital of Egypt in the future. Egypt assumed the rotating presidency of the D-8 group from Bangladesh at this meeting.







**61. The World Meditation Day declared by the UN is being celebrated in which edition this time?**

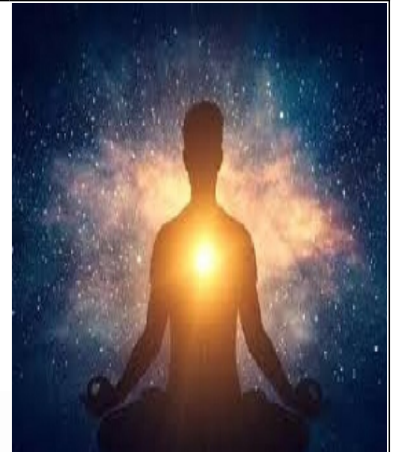
**A - First**

**B - Second**

**C - Third**

**D - Fourth**

The first World Meditation Day will be observed on 21 December 2024, as declared by the United Nations General Assembly under a resolution passed on 29 November 2024. To mark the occasion, a special event was organized by the Permanent Mission of India in New York on 20 December 2024, where Sri Sri Ravi Shankar led a live global meditation session. The initiative was taken by India and co-sponsored at the United Nations General Assembly.



**62. The iconic Malayalam star who passed away recently was:**

**A - Meena Ganesh**

**B - Meena Mohan**

**C - Meena Suresh**

**D - Rekha**

Iconic Malayalam actress and theatre artist Meena Ganesh passed away on 19 December 2024 at the age of 81. She gained fame for her versatile roles in over 100 films and numerous stage productions. Meena was born in 1942 in Palakkad, Kerala. Her acting career began with theatre at the age of 19 and made her film debut in 1976 with the film Manimukuttavan.



**63. Good Governance Week - 2024 is being celebrated?**

**A - Between 6 and 11 December**

**B - Between 19 and 24 December**

**C - Between 1 and 6 December**

**D - Between 3 and 9 December**

The "Administration to the Village" campaign 2024 is being run in 660 districts from 19 to 24 December under the Good Governance Week, aimed at redressing public grievances and improving service delivery. On the first day, 10,54,013 complaints and 1,52,76,268 service applications were resolved in 17,543 camps.



**64. What is the position of Indian men's hockey team in FIH rankings after 2024 Paris Olympics?**

**A - 5th**

**B - 7th**

**C - 9th**

**D - 11th**

Indian men's hockey team has secured 5th position in FIH world rankings after its impressive performance in 2024 Paris Olympics. This is a significant achievement for Indian hockey as the team won two consecutive medals for the first time since 1972. Netherlands (3267 points) is ranked first, England (3139 points) second, and Belgium (3124 points) third in FIH rankings, while India (2955 points) is fourth and Australia (2814 points) is fifth.





**65. Which World Para Athletics Championship will India host in 2025?**

**A - 12th**

**B - 14th**

**C - 16th**

**D - 10th**

India will host the World Para Athletics Championships for the first time in 2025 in New Delhi, which will be held between September-October at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. This will be the second major international event hosted by Delhi, as it will also host the World Boxing Cup Final and the third World Boxing Congress in the same year.



**66. Which Indian bowler has taken the most wickets (in cricket matches) abroad?**

**A - Jasprit Bumrah**

**B - Kapil Dev**

**C - Mohammed Shami**

**D - Anil Kumble**

Jasprit Bumrah took the wicket of Marnus Labuschagne in the third Test match of the Border Gavaskar Trophy in Brisbane on 18 December 2024 to take the record of taking 52 Test wickets in Australia, breaking Kapil Dev's record of 419 wickets. Bumrah took 6 wickets for 76 runs in the first innings and 3 wickets for 16 runs in the second innings.



**67. Which World Boxing Conference will India host in 2025?**

**A - Third**

**B - Fourth**

**C - Fifth**

**D - Sixth**

India will host the World Boxing Cup Final and the third World Boxing Congress organised by the World Boxing Federation for the first time in 2025 in New Delhi. The World Boxing Cup Final awards points to top male and female boxers based on their performance, and the final is held at the end of the year.



**68. Which country has recently announced to make bitcoin a strategic method?**

**A - America**

**B - Israel**

**C - Canada**

**D - India**

US President Donald Trump announced the creation of a US Bitcoin Strategic Reserve, which led to the price of bitcoin reaching \$107,000. The purpose of the strategic reserve is to store vital resources in times of crisis or supply crisis, such as during war or natural disasters. Trump is considering setting up this reserve under the US Treasury's Exchange Stabilization Fund, which may also include bitcoins seized by the government.







**69. Real Madrid has won the FIFA Intercontinental World Cup 2024 by defeating**

**A - Glenn Maxwell**

**B - Pachuca**

**C - Riyadh Ahmed**

**D - Andrew Phillip**

Real Madrid registered a stunning victory in the 2024 FIFA Intercontinental Cup by defeating Pachuca 3-0. The match took place at Lusail Stadium in Qatar, where Kylian Mbappe (37'), Rodrygo (52') and Vinicius Junior (83' - penalty) scored. Real Madrid dominated the match throughout, although Pachuca made some dangerous attacks.



**70. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of SBI Bank?**

**A - Ram Mohan Rao Amara**

**B - Chandrashekhar Rao**

**C - Himmat Singh Bhadana**

**D - Rao Narendra Singh**

Ram Mohan Rao Amara has been appointed as the Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI) for three years. His appointment comes after approval by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), and the post fell vacant after C.S. Shetty became SBI chairman. Amara started his career with SBI in 1991 and was previously the Deputy Managing Director and Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of SBI.



**71. The Indian Army has unveiled an AI incubation center for future warfare in which city?**

**A - Mumbai**

**B - Bangalore**

**C - Jaipur**

**D - New Delhi**

The Indian Army inaugurated the Indian Army AI Incubation Centre (IAAIIIC) in Bengaluru, aimed at improving the operational capabilities of the Army through AI. The centre will develop AI-powered solutions for decision-making, surveillance and autonomous systems, and will work in collaboration with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).



**72. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$42 million loan agreement to strengthen coastal security in which state?**

**A - Maharashtra**

**B - Odisha**

**C - Karnataka**

**D - Tamil Nadu**

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$42 million loan agreement for coastal and riverbank protection in Maharashtra. The project focuses on increasing the participation of women, youth and vulnerable communities in coastal zone management and better preparedness for disasters.





**73. International Human Unity Day is celebrated on -**

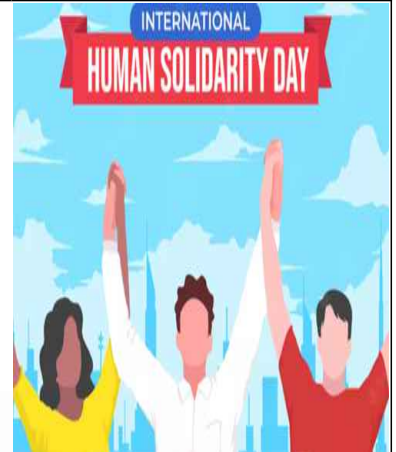
**A - 20 December**

**B - 16 November**

**C - 15 December**

**D - 6 March**

International Human Unity Day is celebrated every year on 20 December, with the aim of celebrating unity in diversity and raising awareness about the importance of human solidarity. This day makes us understand that despite differences, we are all connected to one humanity. The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on 22 December 2005, accepting unity as a universal value and declared 20 December as this day.



**74. Which Indian educationist has been awarded royal honour by Bhutan recently?**

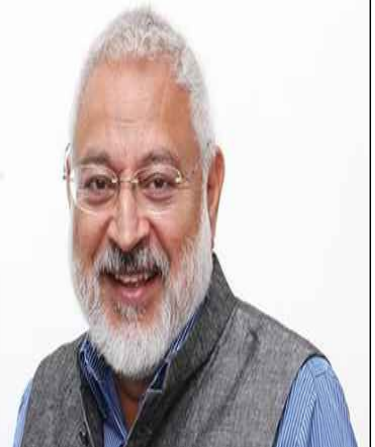
**A - Nishant Singh**

**B - Arun Kapoor**

**C - Mahendra Chand**

**D - Chandra Mohan**

Indian educationist Arun Kapoor was awarded the rare 'Dasho' title and red scarf by Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyal at Bhutan's 117th National Day celebrations. This honour was given to him for his contribution to the field of education in India, Bhutan and Oman. The 'Dasho' title is usually given to Bhutanese officials and non-residents rarely get this honour.



**75. The Government of India has recently organized the Ganges River Dolphin Tagging in which state?**

**A - Assam**

**B - Uttarakhand**

**C - Tamil Nadu**

**D - Kerala**

An important initiative has been launched for the conservation of Ganges River Dolphins in India, under which satellite tagging of dolphins has been done for the first time in Assam. This initiative is being done in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, WII and other organizations. Tagging will help in understanding the migratory patterns, habitat use and range dispersion of dolphins, especially in areas affected by human activities.



**76. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released the work of which Tamil poet "Kalvarisaiyil Bharathiar Padaipugal"?**

**A - Subramaniam Bharathi**

**B - S. S. Rajamouli**

**C - Ravindra R.**

**D - D. Padital**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the complete works of Tamil poet Subramaniam Bharathi on his birth anniversary, "Kalvarisaiyil Bharathiar Padaipugal". Bharathi was born on 11 December 1882 in Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu. He was famous by the name of Bharathiar, Mahakavi and Bharathi. He was the editor of the Tamil weekly "India" and "Bala" English newspaper and participated in the Congress session chaired by Gopal Krishna Gokhale in 1905.







## 77. The main cause of malaria spread is -

- A - Impure water                      B - Running  
C - Touching with another            D - Mosquito bites

According to the World Malaria Report-2024, there were 263 million cases of malaria and 597,000 deaths in 2023. 95% of the cases and 96% of the deaths occurred in 29 countries, including Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Uganda, and Mozambique. Malaria deaths in South-East Asia have decreased by 82.9%, with India and Indonesia accounting for 88% of deaths in the region.



## 78. Which state of the country is going to implement the Uniform Civil Code after independence?

- A - Uttar Pradesh                      B - Jharkhand  
C - Uttarakhand                        D - West Bengal

Uttarakhand will become the first state in India to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) from January 2025. The move will fulfil a promise made by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in the 2022 assembly elections. The UCC aims to eliminate inequality in matters such as marriage, divorce, succession and adoption on the basis of religion and caste, although tribal communities have been excluded from it.



## 79. Which foundation day of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions was celebrated recently?

- A - 16th                                      B - 20th  
C - 21st                                      D - 48th

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan called for active contribution from minority educational institutions in the implementation of NEP 2020 on the 20th Foundation Day of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions. He explained the importance of the rights of minorities enshrined in the Indian Constitution and emphasized the need for positive change through education.



## 80. The Union Health Ministry has urged the MPs to run the TB elimination campaign for how many days?

- A - 100 days                                B - 50 days  
C - 150 days                                D - 200 days

Union Health Minister Shri Prataprao Jadhav and Smt. Anupriya Patel sensitized the MPs about the 100-day intensive TB elimination campaign. They appealed to the MPs to increase TB screening services in their constituencies, spread awareness and dispel misconceptions. Shri Jadhav underlined the role of Panchayats and TB Champions and informed that India has reduced TB mortality rate from 28% to 22% and treatment coverage has increased to 32%.





**81. When did the United Nations General Assembly institute the International Migrants Day?**

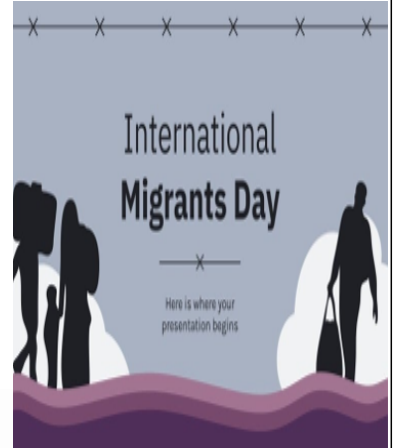
**A - 4 December - 2000**

**B - 6 November - 2001**

**C - 1 April - 2000**

**D - 5 March - 2005**

International Migrants Day is observed on 18 December, which aims to protect the rights of migrants, recognize their contributions and raise awareness of migration issues. The day marks the anniversary of the Convention for the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families in 1990.



**82. Under what name has the naval exercise between India and Sri Lanka started?**

**A - SLINEX - 2024**

**B - BLINEX - 2024**

**C - SENSEX - 2024**

**D - BREXIT – 2024**

Sri Lanka-India naval exercise SLINEX 2024 is being held from 17-20 December in Visakhapatnam. The exercise is conducted in two phases: harbour phase (17-18 December) and sea phase (19-20 December). It will showcase the capabilities of India's indigenous naval ships and aircraft, practicing surface and air strikes, weapons firing, seamanship and half deck flying operations.



**83. Recently, the wrath of cyclone 'Fio' was seen in which country?**

**A - France**

**B - Germany**

**C - Italy**

**D - Japan**

Cyclone CHIDO caused heavy loss of life and property in the French island group Mayotte. It was a category-4 tropical storm, with a speed of more than 220 km per hour and was the most powerful storm to hit the French islands in the last 90 years. Mayotte is located off the east coast of Africa in the Indian Ocean and is part of the Comoros Islands.



**84. 'Golan Heights', which was in the news recently, is related to which country?**

**A - Israel**

**B - America**

**C - India**

**D - Japan**

Israel has approved a new settlement expansion plan in the Golan Heights, allocating \$11.13 million. The plan aims to promote public service, infrastructure and population growth in the region. The Golan Heights was captured by Israel in the 1967 war and annexed in 1981, but most of the international community does not consider it part of Israel.



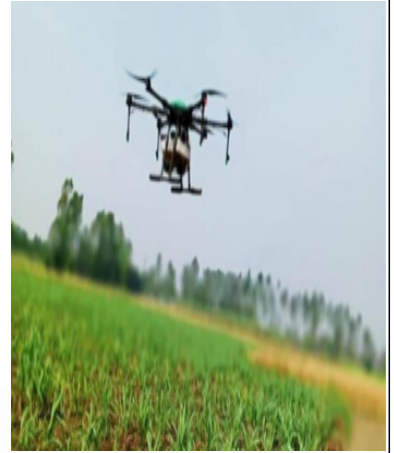




**85. Namo Didi Drone Yojana has been launched by the Central Government. This scheme is run by which department?**

- A - Department of Finance Ministry B - Ministry of Home Affairs  
C - Ministry of Textiles D - Department of Rural Development - and Department of Fertilizers

The Central Government has approved the 'Namo Drone Didi' scheme to provide drones to women self-help groups (SHGs), under which a budget of Rs 1261 crore has been kept from 2023-24 to 2025-26.



**86. Who was the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia who recently visited India?**

- A - William Tundo B - Novak Sis  
C - Alan Simonyan D - Nathan Bracken

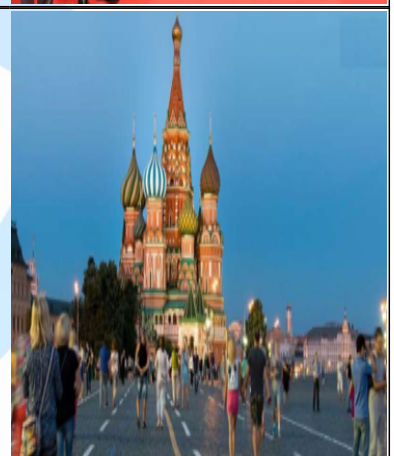
Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla held a bilateral meeting with Armenia's National Assembly Speaker Alan Simonyan at Parliament House, in which trade, economic investment and other issues were discussed. Birla mentioned India's stable government and high growth rate. He spoke of increasing political and trade relations between India and Armenia and expressed the need for continued cooperation on multilateral forums.



**87. Which country has recently offered visa-free travel for Indians?**

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

As a result of bilateral talks between India and Russia, India may get visa-free travel facility to Russia in the spring of 2025. This is aimed at easing visa restrictions and boosting tourism. Currently Indians need a visa to visit Russia, but the upcoming agreement will simplify travel procedures. Russia already provides visa-free travel to citizens of China and Iran.



**88. Recently, the Government of India has launched a suit keeping in mind the safety of the health of farmers - which is that indigenous suit?**

- A - Kisan Kavach B - Kisan Mitra  
C - Kisan Suraksha D - Kisan Saathi

India has introduced an anti-pesticide suit called "Kisan Kavach" for the safety of farmers, which was jointly developed by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Sepio Health Private Limited. This suit is designed to protect farmers from health problems caused by pesticides. "Kisan Kavach" is washable and reusable, costing Rs 4000 and can last up to a year.





**89. Who recommended the establishment of Railway Board in 1905 through a committee?**

- A - Sir Thomas Roe
- C - William Banker

- B - Sir Thomas Robertson**
- D - Robert Maxwell

The Railway (Amendment) Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha, which aims to repeal the Indian Railway Board Act 1905 and integrate its provisions into the Railway Act 1989. Under this bill, the central government will get the right to determine the structure, number of members, service conditions and qualifications of the Railway Board.



**90. Who is heading the 'One Nation-One Election' committee?**

- A - Ram Nath Kovind**
- C - Vasundhara Raje

- B - Ramdas Athawale
- D - Sunil Baisla**

The panel headed by former Indian President Ram Nath Kovind has recommended "One Nation - One Election", in which elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies will be held simultaneously. However, the issue of a candidate contesting from multiple constituencies for the same post is still under consideration.

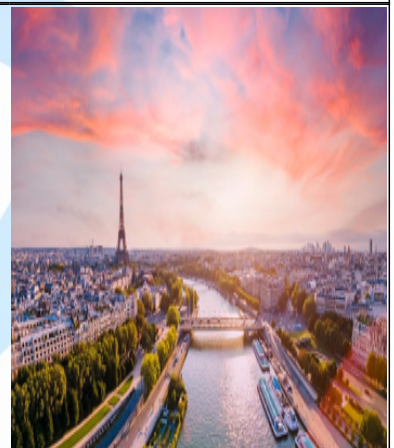


**91. The 'Paris Agreement' was signed to limit the rise in global temperatures?**

- A - 12 December-2015**
- C - 17 December-2017

- B - 16 December-2016
- D - 6 December-2006

On December 12, 2015, the Paris Agreement was reviewed on the occasion of its completion of 9 years. The goal of the Paris Agreement was to mitigate climate change and limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius, but global emissions have increased by 8% and the temperature is expected to exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius in 2024.



**92. India is striving to become a global leader in steel production. The global steel is?**

- A - Grey Steel
- C - Brown Steel

- B - Blue Steel
- D - Green Steel**

India unveiled its first "Green Steel Classification System" towards decarbonisation of steel sector and transition to a low carbon economy. Union Minister Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy released it in New Delhi. This framework will make India a global leader in green steel production and play a key role in achieving environmental development goals.







**93. Britain has joined the Indo-Pacific block, which European country is doing so?**

**A - First**

**B - Second**

**C - Third**

**D - Fourth**

The UK became the first European country to join the CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Pacific Partnership) on December 15, 2024. The move is part of the UK's post-Brexit strategy, which aims to boost the country's economy and gain new trade opportunities in the Indo-Pacific region.



**94. Which hypersonic missile system has been built by America recently?**

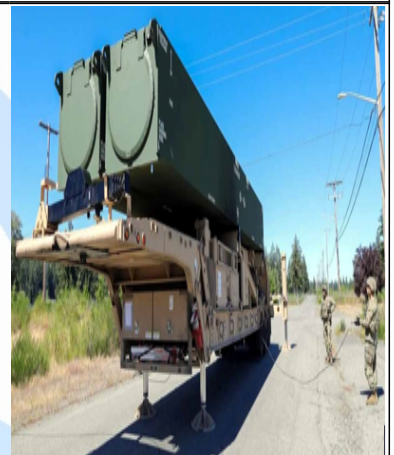
**A - Dark Local**

**B - TRUMP-THRILL**

**C - Dark Eagle**

**D - Missile NOVAC**

The US military has successfully tested its Long Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHA) called 'Dark Eagle'. In this test conducted at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, the missile traveled at a speed of 3800 miles per hour, which is five times the speed of sound. This test is an important milestone in the field of hypersonic technology and is expected to be made operational by 2025.



**95. Where has India launched its first diabetes biobank?**

**A - Kolkata**

**B - Chennai**

**C - Dibrugarh**

**D - Patna**

India's first diabetes biobank has been set up in Chennai, developed in collaboration with ICMR and MDRF. This biobank will collect biological samples and promote scientific research to study diabetes, its causes and related disorders. It aims to research the unique pattern of diabetes in India and identify new biomarkers that will help in early diagnosis and personalised treatment.



**96. Recently, which scheme has been launched by the Central Government to promote art and culture?**

**A - Financial Assistance Scheme**

**B - Har Ghar Kala-Sanskriti Yojana**

**C - Deep Prajwalit Yojana**

**D - Sumrit Yojana**

The Ministry of Culture has launched the "Financial Assistance" scheme to promote art and culture, which aims to provide financial assistance to cultural organizations. The scheme is divided into eight parts, with no provision for state-wise allocation of funds and grants are given directly to approved organizations.

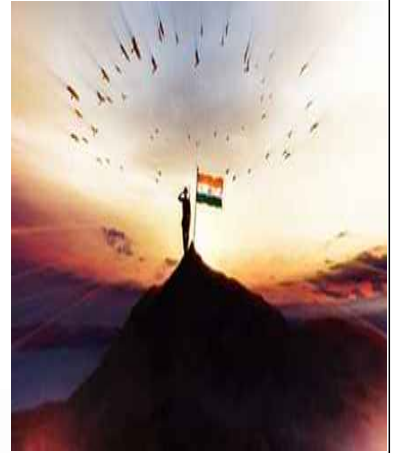




## 97. When is Vijay Diwas celebrated?

- A - 15 August  
B - 26 January  
C - 16 December  
D - 2 October

Vijay Diwas is celebrated on 16 December, dedicated to India's decisive victory in the Indo-Pak War of 1971. The war led to a humanitarian crisis in East Pakistan (present-day Bangladesh), resulting in the surrender of 93,000 Pakistani soldiers and Bangladesh becoming an independent nation. On this day, Pakistan's Lieutenant General A.A.K. Niazi signed the surrender instrument in Dhaka.



## 98. How much net profit did Public Sector Banks (PSBs) earn in 2023-24?

- A - ₹1.1 lakh crore  
B - ₹1.41 lakh crore  
C - ₹1 lakh crore  
D - ₹85,520 crore

In 2023-24, India's Public Sector Banks (PSBs) achieved a historic financial milestone. This year, these banks earned the highest ever net profit of ₹1.41 lakh crore, a clear indication of the reforms undertaken in the sector and the stability of the banking system. This net profit was made possible as a result of PSBs improving their operations, increasing asset quality and sound risk management strategies.



## 99. Mikheil Kavelashvili has been elected as the new President of Georgia as an MP of which party?

- A - Georgian Unity Party  
B - Georgian Dream Party  
C - Georgian National Movement  
D - Georgian Social Democratic Party

Former footballer Mikheil Kavelashvili has been elected as the new President of Georgia. He was elected unopposed by the 300-member electoral college, with 224 members voting in his favour. This election took place under constitutional changes, due to which the system of direct election of the President has been abolished.



## 100. India has launched which system which is a significant step towards decarbonisation of the steel sector?

- A - Green Energy System  
B - Green Steel Classification System  
C - Green Manufacturing System  
D - Green Industrial System

India has launched its first "Taxonomy of Green Steel" towards decarbonisation of the steel sector. Union Steel and Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy inaugurated it in New Delhi. Under this system, India will have to invest Rs 10 lakh crore for a production capacity of 120 million tonnes, and aims to produce only green steel from 2030.







**101. Which project has been launched by Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)?**

A - Ayushman Bharat

B - Charak

C - Swachh Bharat

D - Ujjwala

Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) has launched the 'Charak' project, which aims to provide free treatment for critical illnesses to economically weaker sections. The initiative will benefit residents of Singrauli and Sonbhadra districts whose annual family income is less than Rs 8 lakh. The project includes treatment for cancer, TB, HIV, heart disease, organ transplant, burn injuries and neurological problems.



NORTHERN COALFIELDS LIMITED  
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**102. World-renowned tabla player Ustad Zakir Hussain died at what age?**

A - 70 years

B - 71 years

C - 72 years

D - 73 years

World-renowned tabla player and Padma Vibhushan Ustad Zakir Hussain died at the age of 73 from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in Mumbai in 1951, and was the son of tabla legend Ustad Alla Rakha. He started performing at the age of only seven and received rigorous training from his father. Zakir Hussain took Indian classical music to new heights and worked with renowned musicians like Pandit Ravi Shankar and Ustad Amjad Ali Khan.



**103. Which Union Minister inaugurated this conference?**

A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi

B - Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar

C - Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal

D - Union Minister Nitin Gadkari

The first India Maritime Heritage Conference (IMHC 2024) was organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on 11-12 December, which was inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal. The conference aimed to highlight India's maritime past and establish the country as a global maritime power.



**104. Which judge has been recommended for appointment as permanent judge of Delhi High Court?**

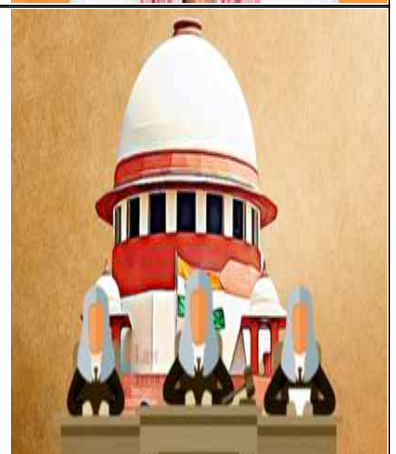
A - Justice Ramchandra Dattatraya Hudder

B - Justice Shalinder Kaur

C - Justice Harpreet Singh Brar

D - Justice Venkatesh Naik Thavaranaik

The Supreme Court Collegium, headed by Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna, has recommended the appointment of seven additional judges as permanent judges for the Delhi, Karnataka and Punjab and Haryana High Courts. The decision was taken on December 12, 2024.





**105. Who has announced to build India's own space station by 2035?**

**A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

**B - Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh**

**C - Defense Minister Rajnath Singh**

**D - Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu**

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announced to build India's own "Indian Space Station" by 2035, which will make India one of the leading countries in space. Additionally, India aims to send an Indian astronaut to the moon by 2040. The Gaganyaan mission, India's first human space mission, will take place in late 2024 or early 2026.



**106. Who was the chairman of the Supreme Court Collegium that recommended the appointment of judges on 12 December 2024?**

**A - Justice B.R. Gavai**

**B - Justice Sanjiv Khanna**

**C - Justice Surya Kant**

**D - Justice Abhay S. Oka**

The Supreme Court Collegium, headed by CJI Sanjiv Khanna, has recommended the appointment of seven additional judges as permanent judges for the Delhi, Karnataka and Punjab and Haryana High Courts.



**107. When will Minority Rights Day 2024 be celebrated in India?**

**A - 15 August 2024**

**B - 18 December 2024**

**C - 10 November 2024**

**D - 22 December 2024**

Minority Rights Day in India is celebrated every year on 18 December to promote and protect the rights of minority communities. The aim of 2024 will be to raise awareness on the challenges faced by minorities and emphasize on inclusive development. The theme of the day will be announced soon, which may focus on empowering minorities.

International  
Minority Rights Day

18<sup>th</sup> December



**108. Who has been appointed by YES Bank as Executive Director (Whole-Time Director)?**

**A - Rana Kapoor**

**B - Manish Jain**

**C - Basim Hussain**

**D - Arun Kumar**

YES Bank announced that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Manish Jain as Executive Director (Whole-Time Director). His appointment will be for a period of three years from December 11, 2024 to December 10, 2027. Jain, who joins YES Bank from September 2023, has 30 years of banking experience, including 23 years spent at Standard Chartered Bank.







**109. Which credit card has BOBCARD launched for women?**

A - Diva Credit Card

B - Tiara Credit Card

C - She Power Card

D - Women's Empowerment Card

BOBCARD has launched TIARA Credit Card for women, designed to meet their lifestyle and financial needs. The card is powered by RuPay network and offers exclusive benefits and rewards across travel, dining, health, entertainment and fashion. The joining and annual fees of the card are ₹2,499 + GST, which can be waived off on meeting spending targets.



**110. The Pakistani all-rounder recently retired from international cricket. What is his name?**

A - Shahid Afridi

B - Mohammad Hafeez

C - Imad Wasim

D - Fakhar Zaman

Pakistan all-rounder Imad Wasim announced his retirement from international cricket, ending his nine-year career. 35-year-old Imad made his T20 debut against Zimbabwe in 2015 and played 130 international matches for Pakistan, including 554 runs and 73 wickets in 75 T20s. He played a key role in the 2017 Champions Trophy win.



**111. What has Max Life Insurance changed its name to?**

A - Max Life Insurance

B - Max Life Insurance Company Limited

C - Max Life Health Insurance

D - Max Group Insurance

Max Life Insurance has changed its name to Axis Max Life Insurance. The change comes after Axis Bank increased its stake in Max Life to 19.99%, while Max Financial Services' stake came down to 81%. It was finalised after corporate and regulatory approvals on 12 December 2024. Under the new brand identity, the logo includes the letter 'A' of Axis and the colour burgundy, symbolising trust and modernity.



**112. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of France?**

A - Emmanuel Macron

B - Francois Bayrou

C - Michel Barnier

D - Jonathan Livingstone

French President Emmanuel Macron has appointed Francois Bayrou as the new Prime Minister. The decision was taken due to the resignation of former Prime Minister Michel Barnier after a no-confidence motion. 73-year-old Bayrou, a key partner of Macron's centrist coalition, has been active in French politics for decades.





## 113. When is National Energy Conservation Day celebrated?

A - 12 December

B - 14 December

C - 16 December

D - 20 December

National Energy Conservation Day 2024 will be celebrated on 14 December, which aims to spread awareness about the importance of energy savings and energy-efficient practices. The day reminds individuals, industries and governments to come together to address energy challenges. The day was established to combat climate change and ensure energy security.



## 114. What was the theme of the 10th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC 2024)?

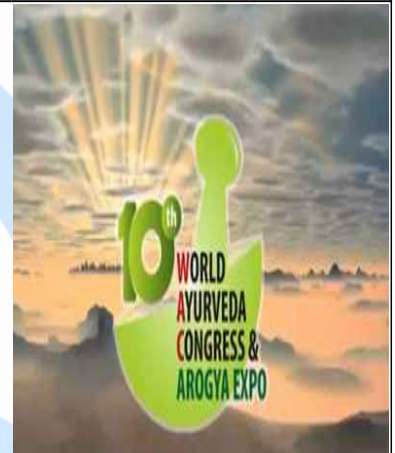
A - Ayurveda and Modern Medicine

B - Digital Health: An Ayurvedic Approach

C - Technological Innovations in Ayurveda

D - Ayurveda and Traditional Medicines

The 10th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC 2024) and Arogya Expo was inaugurated in Dehradun, with the main theme "Digital Health: An Ayurvedic Approach". The event was attended by the Union AYUSH Minister and the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.



## 115. Elon Musk has created history by touching the figure of how many billion dollars.

A - 400

B - 500

C - 100

D - 300

Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, has become the first person to earn a net worth of more than \$400 billion. This feat was achieved by SpaceX's \$1.25 billion insider share sale, taking the company's valuation to \$350 billion. Musk owns 42% of SpaceX shares. Tesla's shares also rose by 65%, and his AI project xAI became worth \$50 billion.



## 116. How many T20 matches did Shaheen Shah Afridi play to complete 100 wickets?

A - 65

B - 71

C - 74

D - 80

Shaheen Shah Afridi has created history by becoming the youngest cricketer to take 100 wickets in all three formats of Tests, ODIs and T20Is at the age of just 24 years and 248 days. He achieved the feat during the first T20I against South Africa and became the first Pakistani bowler to do so. Afridi reached 100 T20I wickets in 74 matches, the second fastest for Pakistan after Haris Rauf.







**117. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of TransUnion CIBIL?**

A - Rajesh Kumar

B - V. Anantaraman

C - Bhavesh Jain

D - Todd Skinner

TransUnion CIBIL has appointed Bhavesh Jain as its new Managing Director and CEO. He will replace Rajesh Kumar, who resigned after holding the position for five years. Jain, who has been the company's Chief Revenue Officer for the last five years, has decades of experience in financial services. His appointment underlines the company's focus on financial inclusion and digital transformation in India.



**118. "Bangla Bina Ab Nahi Thuggega" was declared the national slogan of which country?**

A - India

B - Sri Lanka

C - Bangladesh

D - Pakistan

In 2023, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka declared "Bangla Bina" as the national slogan of the country, which means "Without Bangla". The move was aimed at strengthening trade ties between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and promoting bilateral cooperation. However, the slogan also sparked controversy, as critics considered it to be questioning the country's identity and relations with Bangladesh.



**119. Who has recently been named Time Person of the Year 2024?**

A - Donald Trump

B - Nelson Modly

C - Charles Lindbergh

D - Barack Obama

Time Person of the Year is a prestigious award given annually by Time magazine to the person, group, or idea that has had the most profound impact on global events that year. The honor has been given since 1927, and was previously called "Man of the Year". In 1999 it was changed to "Person of the Year" with the aim of making it inclusive.



**120. 18-year-old Indian chess player D. Gukesh defeated which player to win the 18th World Chess Championship?**

A - Magnus Carlsen

B - Ding Liren

C - Viswanathan Anand

D - Levon Aronian

18-year-old Indian chess player D. Gukesh has become the new World Chess Champion after defeating China's Ding Liren in the final. Gukesh is the second Indian to win this prestigious title after Viswanathan Anand. The 18th World Chess Championship was held in Singapore, in which 14 games were played. Gukesh won 3 games, Ding Liren won 2 and 9 games were drawn.





**121. Which country has won the 2024 Asian Women's Handball Championship?**

**A - South Korea**

**B - China**

**C - Japan**

**D - Kazakhstan**

The Indian women's handball team finished sixth in the Asian Women's Handball Championship (AWHC) 2024, their best performance so far. India defeated China 41-30 in the 5th/6th place playoff. Japan won the title by defeating South Korea in a thrilling final. India hosted the AWHC for the first time at the Indira Gandhi Arena.



**122. National Horse Day is celebrated on which day?**

**A - 1 January**

**B - 15 November**

**C - 14 November**

**D - 13 December**

National Horse Day is celebrated every year on December 13, a day to honor the historical, cultural and economic contributions of horses. The day officially started being celebrated in 2004. Horses contribute about \$9.2 billion to the US economy and play a vital role in agricultural work, transportation and equestrianism.



**123. With a return to India in December 2024, who has been appointed as India's doubles badminton coach?**

**A - Vimal Kumar**

**B - Gopichand Pullela**

**C - Morten Frost**

**D - Tan Kim Her**

Malaysian badminton coach Tan Kim Her is set to return as India's doubles badminton coach, and the Indian Sports Ministry has approved his appointment till the Asian Games 2026. This will be his second stint in the Indian badminton setup, having previously been from 2015 to 2019.



**124. Who did the International Cricket Council (ICC) announce as the "Players of the Month" for November 2024?**

**A - Haris Rauf and Danny Wyatt-Hodge**

**B - Virat Kohli and Alex Hales**

**C - Babar Azam and Sophie Ecclestone**

**D - Rohit Sharma and Lisa Sthalekar**

The International Cricket Council (ICC) honored Pakistan's Haris Rauf and England's Danny Wyatt-Hodge as the "Players of the Month" for November 2024. Haris Rauf helped Pakistan win an ODI series in Australia for the first time. He took 18 wickets in 6 ODIs and 3 T20Is in November, with 13 wickets coming in ODIs.







**125. Who has been given the charge of Additional Revenue Secretary by the government?**

**A - Sanjay Malhotra**

**B - Ajay Seth**

**C - Shaktikanta Das**

**D - Nirmala Sitharaman**

The government has given the charge of Additional Revenue Secretary to Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth. This change happened after Sanjay Malhotra became RBI Governor. Ajay Seth, a 1987 batch IAS officer of Karnataka cadre, will hold both the roles until permanent appointment.



**126. US President-elect Donald Trump has nominated Harmeet Kaur Dhillon for which post?**

**A - Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights**

**B - US Vice President**

**C - US Defense Secretary**

**D - US Secretary of State**

Harmeet Kaur Dhillon, an Indian-American lawyer, has been nominated by US President-elect Donald Trump as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights in the Department of Justice. This nomination reflects her legal career and her recognition in civil rights advocacy. Dhillon has participated in several major cases on civil liberties and freedom of speech.



**127. S. M. Krishna, former Karnataka Chief Minister and influential leader, passed away at the age of 92. He was honoured with which title?**

**A - "Maker of Karnataka"**

**B - "Architect of Brand Bengaluru"**

**C - "Father of Silicon City"**

**D - "IT Pitamah of Karnataka"**

S.M. Krishna, former Karnataka Chief Minister and prominent politician, passed away at the age of 92. He was born on 1 May 1932 in Maddur taluk of Mandya district. He entered politics in the 1960s and later joined the Congress. He became the Chief Minister of Karnataka in 1999, where he played a key role in making Bengaluru the "Silicon City" and the IT hub of India.



**128. Bharti was honoured as the "Emerging Woman Leader in Banking Sector 2024" by which group?**

**A - Forbes Women**

**B - Women We Admire**

**C - Women of Influence**

**D - Banking Leaders Summit**

Bharathi Kolli, a 43-year-old woman hailing from Vijayanagaram, Andhra Pradesh, has been honoured as the Emerging Woman Leader in Banking Sector 2024 by the "Women We Admire" group. She is currently the Director of Data Management Office of New York-based Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC).





## 129. INS Tushil inducted into which Navy?

A - Indian Navy

B - Russian Navy

C - US Navy

D - Chinese Navy

INS Tushil, a Russian-built guided missile frigate, was inducted into the Indian Navy. It is an important milestone in India-Russia naval cooperation and strengthens India's maritime power in the Indian Ocean. The warship is a result of the deal for four stealth frigates signed between India and Russia in 2016.



## 130. When is International Universal Health Coverage Day celebrated?

A - 10 December

B - 11 December

C - 12 December

D - 13 December

International Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day is celebrated every year on 12 December, with the aim of sharing the stories of millions of people waiting for healthcare and appealing to governments to invest more in health. The day is celebrated as the anniversary of the adoption of UHC as a global priority by the United Nations in 2012.



## 131. Who has been appointed as interim Prime Minister by rebel groups in Syria?

A - Bashar al-Assad

B - Mohammed al-Bashir

C - Geir Pedersen

D - Hayat Tahrir al-Shams

Rebel groups in Syria have appointed Mohammed al-Bashir as interim Prime Minister. Al-Bashir, who was involved in the coup of Bashar al-Assad, will remain in office until March 1 and elections will be held after that. His cabinet will be small so that the country's functioning remains smooth.



## 132. Who has been appointed as the Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) recently?

A - Anil Kumar Gupta

B - Suresh Chandra

C - Ramesh Kumar Singh

D - Nilabhra Sengupta

Shri Nilabhra Sengupta, a 1997 batch officer of Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE), has taken over as the Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL). He obtained his B.E. degree in Electronics & Telecommunication from Jadavpur University in 1996 and joined IRSSE in 1998.







**133. CitiusTech has been awarded the AWS Partner Award in which category in 2024?**

**A - Education and Research**

**B - Industry Partner of the Year - Healthcare and Life Sciences**

**C - Excellence in Cloud Innovation**

**D - Excellence in Financial Services**

CitiusTech has been awarded the Geography and Global AWS Partner Award in 2024. It was declared the winner in the "Industry Partner of the Year - Healthcare and Life Sciences" category.



**134. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Burkina Faso?**

**A - Om Prakash Meena**

**B - Vijay Gokhale**

**C - Ravi Kumar Mandal**

**D - Atul Goyal**

Om Prakash Meena has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Burkina Faso. He will take charge soon, the Ministry of External Affairs said. India and Burkina Faso have cordial relations. Burkina Faso opened its embassy in New Delhi in 1996 and India re-opened an embassy in Ouagadougou in 2019.



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**135. What is the title of the first book of Lieutenant General Kanwaljit Singh Dhillon which won the Crossword Books Award?**

**A - The Balakot Strikes**

**B - Kitne Ghazi Aaye Kitne Ghazi Gaye**

**C - The Kashmir Chronicles: The Untold Stories**

**D - Behind Enemy Lines: Balakot Dhoom Dhoom Ho Gaya**

Lieutenant General (Retd) KJS Dhillon's book "Kitne Ghazi Aaye Kitne Ghazi Gaye: My Life Story" won the "Crossword Book" award.



**136. M.D.R. Ramachandran, who died recently, was the Chief Minister of which state/union territory?**

**A - Tamil Nadu**

**B - Lakshadweep**

**C - Puducherry**

**D - Kerala**

Former Puducherry Chief Minister M.D.R. Ramachandran was born on 7 May 1934 and passed away recently. He started his political journey with the Indian National Congress and became an MLA at the age of 39. He was a minister from 1969 to 1977.





**137. Who was declared as the President-elect of Ghana in the recently held presidential election, succeeding Vice President Bawumia after he conceded the election?**

**A - Nana Akufo-Addo**

**B - John Dramani Mahama**

**C - Jerry Rawlings**

**D - Kwame Nkrumah**

Former Ghanaian President John Dramani Mahama has won the presidential election defeating Vice President Mahamudu Bawumia. Mahama blamed Bawumia's policies as the main reason for Ghana's economic crisis. Mahama got 53% of the votes in the election, while Bawumia got 45.16%.



**138. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister by the Burkina Faso junta?**

**A - Dr. Ali Njarro**

**B - Rimatalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedrago**

**C - Major John David Oubreifo**

**D - Brigadier General Paul Digi**

Burkina Faso's ruling military junta appointed Communications Minister Rimatalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedrago as the new prime minister a day after dissolving the government. The announcement was made by junta leader Ibrahim Traore on state television on Saturday.



**139. Who was honored as the NDTV Indian of the Year 2024 for Energy Transition?**

**A - Vijay Murugesh Nirani**

**B - Prof. Annapurna Subramaniam**

**C - Hitesh Doshi**

**D - Gautam Hari Singhania**

Vijay Murugesh Nirani, founder of TruAlt Bioenergy, was awarded the NDTV Indian of the Year 2024 – Energy Transition award. The award was presented by former SEBI chairman UK Sinha for Nirani's contribution to renewable energy and promoting a sustainable energy future. In his acceptance speech, Nirani dedicated the honour to the country's policymakers and farmers.



**140. Who became the first Indian to win the FIA Formula 2 Constructors World Championship in 2024, securing five podiums and the first F2 pole position for India?**

**A - Narain Karthikeyan**

**B - Kush Maini**

**C - Arjun Maini**

**D - Jahan Daruwala**

Indian driver Kush Maini has created history by winning the Formula-2 Constructors Race in Abu Dhabi. He has become the first Indian to win the FIA Constructors World Championship. Kush performed brilliantly this season, winning a race in Hungary and achieving a total of five podium finishes.







**141. Who has been appointed as the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), effective from December 11, 2024?**

- A - Raghuram Rajan  
C - Shaktikanta Das

- B - Duvvuri Subba Rao  
D - Sanjay Malhotra

Sanjay Malhotra, a 1990 batch IAS officer of Rajasthan cadre and present Revenue Secretary, has been appointed as the 26th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He will replace Shaktikanta Das, whose term ends on December 10, 2024. Malhotra has three decades of experience in sectors such as finance, taxation, energy, IT and mining.

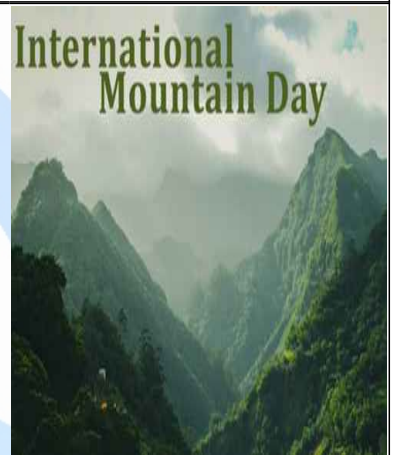


**142. When is International Mountain Day celebrated?**

- A - 10 December  
C - 12 December

- B - 11 December  
D - 13 December

International Mountain Day is celebrated every year on 11 December to raise awareness about the conservation of mountains and their importance. It is part of Goal 15 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Mountains are the source of the world's major rivers and play an important role in the water cycle.



**143. Which English news channel won the 'Best News Channel (English)' award at the ITA Awards 2024?**

- A - NDTV  
C - CNN-News18

- B - India Today  
D - Republic TV

Aaj Tak and India Today maintained their lead by performing brilliantly at the Indian Television Academy (ITA) Awards 2024. Union Minister Piyush Goyal gave the 'Best Hindi News Channel' award to Aaj Tak and 'Best News Channel English' award to India Today. Aaj Tak's Managing Editor Anjana Om Kashyap received the 'Best Anchor Chat Show' honor for her show 'Halla Bol'.



**144. Who has been appointed as the head coach of India's women's Under-20 and Under-17 national football teams?**

- A - Thomas Dennerby  
C - Sven-Goran Eriksson

- B - Igor Stimac  
D - Joachim Alexandersson

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed Sweden's Joachim Alexandersson as the head coach of India's women's Under-20 and Under-17 national teams. 48-year-old Alexandersson, a former Sweden international and experienced defender, will begin his tenure in Bengaluru from December 10.





## 145. When is Human Rights Day celebrated?

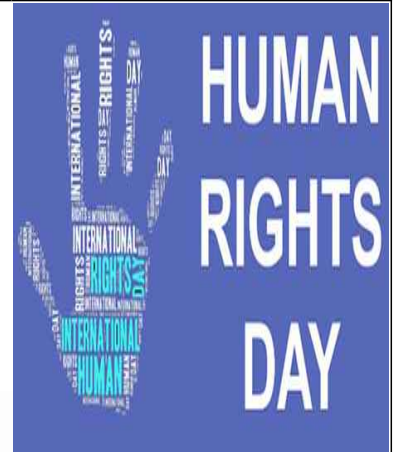
A - 10 December

B - 15 August

C - 26 January

D - 1 May

International Human Rights Day is celebrated every year on 10 December, commemorating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations in 1948. It aims to spread awareness of human rights and encourage their protection. In 1950, the United Nations called upon all countries to celebrate this day. In India, the Human Rights Law came into force in 1993 and the National Human Rights Commission was established in the same year.



## 146. Who has been appointed as the Acting Secretary of BCCI?

A - Debjit Saikia

B - Jay Shah

C - Anurag Thakur

D - Sourav Ganguly

Former Assam cricketer Debjit Saikia has been appointed as the Acting Secretary of BCCI after Jay Shah became the ICC President. The appointment has been made by BCCI President Roger Binny on a temporary basis and will be limited till the appointment of a permanent secretary. Jay Shah took over as ICC President on 1 December 2024, giving global recognition to Indian cricket.



## 147. Which date has been declared as World Meditation Day by the United Nations General Assembly?

A - 25 December

B - 22 December

C - 21 December

D - 24 December

The United Nations General Assembly declared 21 December as World Meditation Day, which was passed unanimously by the 193-member General Assembly. The proposal was introduced in collaboration with Liechtenstein, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Mexico and Andorra, including India. India played a key role by reiterating its resolve to promote human welfare under the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.



## 148. In October 2024, which country took the lead in global gold purchases by buying 27 tonnes of gold?

A - Turkey

B - Poland

C - India

D - China

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) bought 27 tonnes of gold in October 2024, taking India's total gold reserves to 882 tonnes, of which 510 tonnes are stored domestically. Central banks globally bought a total of 60 tonnes of gold in October, with India contributing the most. It was followed by Turkey with 17 tonnes and Poland with 8 tonnes.







**149. Which company won which two awards for Innovative Product Development and Technology Adoption at the 3rd PSU Transformation Awards 2024?**

A - Cochin Shipyard Limited  
C - Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

B - Hindustan Shipyard Limited  
D - Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers

Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) received two major awards at the '3rd PSU Transformation Awards' held in New Delhi on 5 December 2024. This honour reflects HSL's commitment to innovation and excellence in shipbuilding.



**150. Which country gave 2,200 metric tonnes of rice to Myanmar as part of humanitarian aid?**

A - Thailand  
C - India

B - Japan  
D - China

India has provided 2,200 metric tonnes of rice to Myanmar as part of its humanitarian assistance. The initiative is part of India's 'Act East' and 'Neighborhood First' policies, which aim to assist neighboring countries and strengthen regional cooperation. Myanmar is currently facing serious challenges posed by landmines.



**151. Which country won the U19 Asia Cup final by defeating India by 59 runs?**

A - Bangladesh  
C - Sri Lanka

B - Pakistan  
D - Afghanistan

Bangladesh won the title by defeating India by 59 runs in the final of the Under-19 Asia Cup 2024 played in Dubai. India won the toss and invited Bangladesh to bat, who scored 198 runs in 49.1 overs. Mohammad Rizan scored 47, Mohammad Shabbab scored 40 and Mohammad Farid scored 39 runs.



**152. Who was elected unopposed as Maharashtra Assembly Speaker after MVA did not file nomination?**

A - Ajit Pawar  
C - Rahul Narvekar

B - Devendra Fadnavis  
D - Eknath Shinde

Rahul Narvekar has been elected unopposed Speaker in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly. Pro tem Speaker Kalidas Kolambkar took this decision. Narvekar, elected from Colaba assembly seat in Mumbai, had filed nomination alone for the post of Speaker. He took many important decisions in favor of Shiv Sena and NCP while being the Speaker for two and a half years in the 14th Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra.





**153. When is International Civil Aviation Day celebrated?**

**A - 7 December**

**B - 10 December**

**C - 11 December**

**D - 5 December**

International Civil Aviation Day is celebrated every year on 7 December. It was established in 1994 by ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and was officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in 1996. Its main objective is to spread awareness about the global importance of civil aviation and its contribution.



**154. What is the name of the channel launched for Indian Sign Language by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan?**

**A - ISL e-Vidya DTH Channel**

**B - PM e-Vidya DTH Channel**

**C - Indian Sign Language DTH Channel**

**D - Indian Sign Language e-Vidya DTH Channel**

Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched PM e-Vidya DTH Channel No. 31 for Indian Sign Language (ISL) in New Delhi. Union Skill Development Minister Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State for Education Shri Sanjay Kumar and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.



**155. Which organisation won the 3rd PSU Transformation Award for "Innovative Product Development" for its FDRE supply model for Discoms?**

**A - National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)**

**B - Power Grid Corporation of India**

**C - Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)**

**D - Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency**

Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) Ltd., under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India has received the 3rd PSU Transformation Award in the "Innovative Product Development" category.



**156. Which country has been elected to chair the 68th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) for the first time?**

**A - China**

**B - Japan**

**C - Australia**

**D - India**

India has been elected to chair the 68th session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) for the first time. India's Permanent Representative to Vienna, Ambassador Shambhu S Kumaran officially assumed the presidency of this important UN forum. The CND monitors global trends related to drugs and helps member countries formulate balanced drug policies.







**157. Who has assumed charge as the President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)?**

A - Jay Shah

B - Sourav Ganguly

C - Imran Khwaja

D - Shammi Silva

Sri Lanka's Shammi Silva took over as the President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), replacing India's Jay Shah. Shah had served three terms and now becomes the President of the ICC. This is not the first role in the ACC for Silva, he has previously been the chairman of the organization's finance and marketing committee.



**158. Who was the winner of the Jury Choice category of the National Young Authors Fair (NYAF) 2024-25 in India?**

A - Jonathan Fernandes

B - Rianna Sachdeva

C - Angelina Sharma

D - Riya Muthuvel

Rianna Sachdeva won the award in the Jury Choice category at the National Young Authors Fair (NYAF) 2024-25 for her book Chasing the Impossible. Her book was recognised as one of the top books in the competition. NYAF, which is the world's largest book-writing competition for school students, aims to promote creativity, innovation and literacy among young students of India.

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**159. Who won the prestigious Turner Prize 2024?**

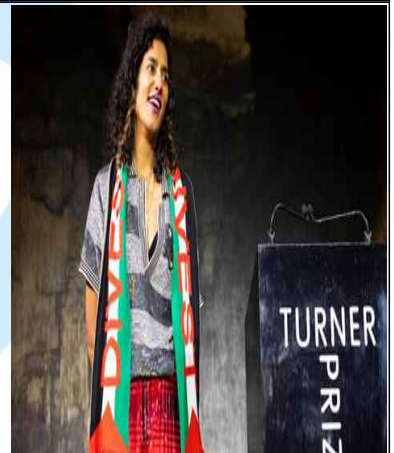
A - Jasleen Kaur

B - Anish Kapoor

C - Sunidhi Chauhan

D - Zadie Smith

Indian Sikh artist Jasleen Kaur has received the prestigious Turner Prize 2024 for her exhibition \*Alter Altar\*, which was held at Tate Britain. Kaur's works consider community, cultural heritage and anti-colonial struggles, combining sculpture, sound and music.



**160. Who will be awarded the Indira Gandhi Peace, Disarmament and Development Prize for 2024?**

A - Barack Obama

B - Michelle Bachelet

C - Angela Merkel

D - Kofi Annan

Former Chilean President Veronica Michelle Bachelet Jeria will be awarded the 2024 Indira Gandhi Prize for "Peace, Disarmament and Development". The decision was taken by a jury headed by Shivshankar Menon. Bachelet has been a leading voice for human rights, peace and equality and as Chile's president, she promoted peace and democracy.





**161. Which indigenous UAV, delivered by Adani Defence, is equipped with NATO's STANAG 4671 certification and offers 36 hours of endurance?**

**A - Rustom-III**

**B - Heron TP**

**C - Maha Ghatak II**

**D - Drishti-10 Starliner**

Adani Group company Adani Defence and Aerospace has handed over the second Drishti-10 Starliner surveillance drone to the Indian Navy. With the help of this drone, the Indian Navy will increase its maritime surveillance capabilities and help reduce the risk of pirates.



**162. Which festival inaugurated by the Prime Minister on December 6 showcased the arts, crafts and traditions of Northeast India?**

**A - National Art Festival**

**B - Bharat Crafts Festival**

**C - Northeast Heritage Festival**

**D - Ashtalakshmi Festival**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the three-day 'Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav' at Pragati Maidan in Delhi on Friday, which will showcase the cultural, crafts and economic heritage of the Northeast.



**163. When is Armed Forces Flag Day celebrated?**

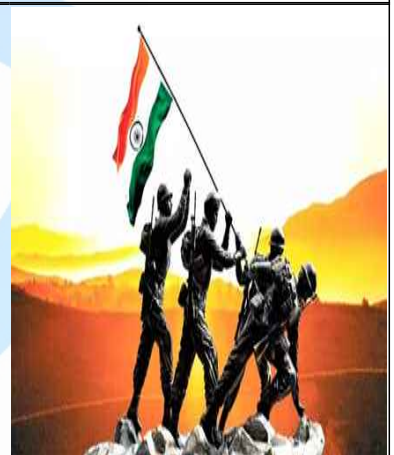
**A - 1 December**

**B - 4 December**

**C - 7 December**

**D - 7 November**

Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated every year on 7 December, which was established on 28 August 1949 by a committee headed by the Defence Minister. Its main objective is to make citizens aware of the welfare of the armed forces personnel and their families.



**164. Which country is the theme country in the 30th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) 2024?**

**A - Germany**

**B - Japan**

**C - France**

**D - Italy**

The 30th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) began on December 4, 2024, with France chosen as the theme country. The festival will specially showcase the rich cultural and cinematic heritage of France. A total of around 180 films from 29 countries will be screened at the festival, including 21 French films.







**165. Who won the ISSA Good Practice Award for Asia-Pacific 2024**

**A - India**

**B - Australia**

**C - China**

**D - Japan**

India has been awarded the 2024 International Social Security Association (ISSA) Good Practice Award. The award was given to the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) at the Regional Social Security Forum held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia for five key aspects:



**166. After being defeated in a no-confidence motion in December 2024, who became the shortest-serving Prime Minister in the history of the French Fifth Republic?**

**A - Emmanuel Macron**

**B - Michel Barnier**

**C - Marine Le Pen**

**D - Jean-Luc Melenchon**

French Prime Minister Michel Barnier's government fell on Wednesday after a no-confidence motion was passed in Parliament. The motion received 331 votes in favour, while it needed 288 votes to pass. Now, Barnier and his entire cabinet will have to submit their resignation to President Macron.



**167. Who is going to take oath as the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra in the new Mahayuti government in December 2024?**

**A - Ajit Pawar**

**B - Devendra Fadnavis**

**C - Eknath Shinde**

**D - Uday Samant**

Former Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has finally decided that he will take over the post of Deputy Chief Minister in the new government. Sources in the Shiv Sena Shinde faction have given this information. After this announcement, the BJP has elected Devendra Fadnavis as the leader of the legislative party, and he will be the next Chief Minister of the state.



**168. Which title did India win in the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2024 after beating Pakistan 5-3 in the final in December 2024?**

**A - Third**

**B - Fourth**

**C - Fifth**

**D - Sixth**

India won a record fifth title in the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2024 after beating Pakistan 5-3. In the final played in Muscat, Oman, the Indian team made a brilliant comeback after trailing 1-3 and equalised 3-3. Arijeet Singh Hundal scored three goals, including the decisive one, and ensured India's victory.





## 169. When is World Soil Day celebrated?

A - 8 October

B - 5 December

C - 15 January

D - 1 February

World Soil Day is celebrated every year on 5 December to understand the importance of soil and raise awareness to protect its quality. The theme for 2024 is 'Caring for Soil: Measure, Monitor, Manage', which emphasizes on sustainable soil management for soil quality and food security.



## 170. The Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) is organizing its 63rd Annual Conference from 05 to 07 December 2024 at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM), where.

A - Bangalore

B - Mumbai

C - Gurgaon

D - Visakhapatnam

The Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) is holding its 63rd Annual Conference from 5 to 7 December at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM), Bengaluru. The conference deals with military and civil aerospace medicine, as well as the human aspects of the space flight programme.



## 171. Maria Victoria Juan won the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024 | In which year was the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award launched, this award is to recognize the important role of nurses in healthcare.

A - 1978

B - 1999

C - 2005

D - 2021

The Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award was launched in 2021, which recognizes the extraordinary contributions of nurses to healthcare. This year, nurse Maria Victoria Juan received this award for her contribution to the Philippines Army Health Services and the Armed Forces.



## 172. What was the theme of World Soil Day 2024?

A - Soils: Where food begins

B - Save soil to save humanity

C - Soil is the beginning of life

D - Caring for soil: measurement, monitoring, management

World Soil Day, celebrated on 5 December, gives the message of understanding the importance of soil and saving its quality. The theme for 2024 is 'Caring for soil: measurement, monitoring, management', which highlights the importance of soil data and sustainable management.







**173. Which of the following days is celebrated as International Volunteer Day?**

**A - December 5**

**B - December 7**

**C - May 10**

**D - July 30**

International Volunteer Day, celebrated on December 5, was recognised by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985. It aims to recognise the contributions of volunteers and highlight the importance of their work in society. The day inspires governments, organisations and citizens to work together on social, economic and environmental issues.



**174. Which edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival was inaugurated by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in 2024?**

**A - 28th**

**B - 29th**

**C - 30th**

**D - 31st**

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee recently inaugurated a festival running from December 4 to 11, inviting international filmmakers to collaborate. The inaugural ceremony was attended by several prominent personalities, including actor Shatrughan Sinha, cricketer Sourav Ganguly and singer Madhabi Mukherjee.



**175. The FIFAe World Cup 2024 featuring e-football is set to be held in which city?**

**A - London**

**B - Tokyo**

**C - Riyadh**

**D - Seoul**

India is all set to make its debut at the FIFA World Cup 2024, which will be held from December 9 to 12 at the SEF Arena, Boulevard Riyadh City in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The competition will take place on both console and mobile platforms.



**176. In which country, President Yoon Suk-yol declared martial law, which was later overturned by the Parliament and Cabinet?**

**A - Japan**

**B - South Korea**

**C - China**

**D - Thailand**

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yol has declared martial law in the country, which he described as a necessary step to protect the country from North Korean communist forces. In a late night address to the nation, he said that this step has been taken to eliminate anti-national elements and he had no other option.





**177. Which country will host the Blind Women's T20 World Cup in 2025?**

**A - Nepal**

**B - India**

**C - Pakistan**

**D - Sri Lanka**

India will host the Blind Women's T20 World Cup in 2025, but recently a rumour spread in the Pakistani media that India has been stripped of the hosting rights. Pakistani media reported that India has decided not to travel to Pakistan, thereby cancelling the hosting rights.



**178. How many people were conferred the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities by the President of India in 2024?**

**A - 13**

**B - 23**

**C - 33**

**D - 43**

President Draupadi Murmu conferred the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities to 33 exemplary individuals and institutions on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024 in New Delhi. The ceremony was organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.



**179. Which state was awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its traditional handicraft 'Gharchola', known for its intricate designs and cultural motifs?**

**A - Rajasthan**

**B - Gujarat**

**C - Punjab**

**D - Maharashtra**

Gujarat's traditional handicraft Gharchola has been granted the GI (Geographical Indication) tag. It is especially famous for its intricate designs and cultural motifs. With this tag, Gharchola has joined the 27 GI-certified products of Gujarat. Getting the GI tag will increase the market value of Gharchola, protect its authenticity and provide more economic support and recognition to local artisans.



**180. Where has 'Nano Bubble Technology' been launched for cleaning and purification of water to promote the health of aquatic organisms?**

**A - National Zoological Park, Delhi**

**B - Gir National Park, Gujarat**

**C - Kaziranga National Park, Assam**

**D - DJim Corbett National Park, Uttarakhand**

Union Minister of State for Forest, Environment and Climate Change Kirti Vardhan Singh launched 'Nano Bubble Technology' at the National Zoological Park in Delhi. This technology will help in cleaning dirty pond water, controlling algae and improving water quality.







**181. In which country Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah became the first woman president after winning the eighth presidential election with 57% of the votes?**

A - South Africa

B - Zimbabwe

C - Botswana

D - Namibia

For the first time in Namibia, a woman has assumed the presidency. 72-year-old Nandi-Ndaitwah, who was previously the vice president, has now become the country's first woman president. Nandi-Ndaitwah, belonging to the SWAPO party, won with 57% of the vote, while her rival Panduleni Itula of the IPC party got only 26% of the vote.



**182. When is Indian Navy Day celebrated?**

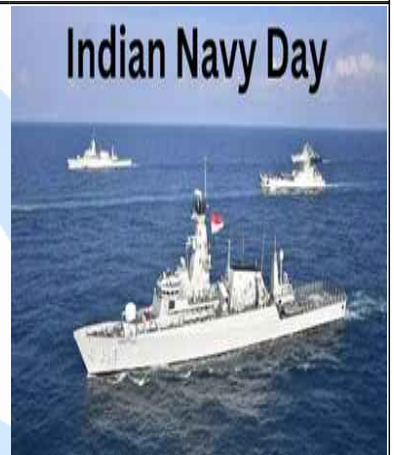
A - 8 October

B - 4 December

C - 15 January

D - 1 February

The Indian Navy plays an important role in protecting the country's maritime borders and promoting international cooperation. Every year 'Indian Navy Day' is celebrated on 4 December, which honors the success of 'Operation Trident' in the 1971 Indo-Pak War. In this operation, the Indian Navy attacked the Karachi naval base and sank three Pakistani ships.



**183. Which word was named the Oxford Word of the Year 2024?**

A - Screen fatigue

B - Digital burnout

C - Too much information

D - Brain rot

Oxford University Press has declared "brain rot" as the Word of the Year 2024. It is defined as "mental or intellectual deterioration, especially a condition caused by the consumption of trivial or excessive online content". According to Oxford, the use of the word has increased by 230% from 2023 to 2024, indicating its growing importance.



**184. Who won the bronze medal for India in eFootball at the 2024 Asian eSports Games in Bangkok?**

A - Asgard Azizi

B - TXRO

C - Pawan Kampelli

D - Mr. Tomboy

Pawan Kampelli has achieved a historic feat for India by winning the bronze medal in the eFootball category at the 2024 Asian eSports Games held in Bangkok. Pawan, popularly known as 'Mr. Tomboy', defeated the top players in Asia with his excellent skills and determination.





## 185. When is World Disability Day celebrated?

A - 2 December

B - 4 December

C - 3 December

D - 6 December

World Disability Day is celebrated every year on 3 December, with the aim of spreading awareness about the rights, dignity and improvement of the lives of persons with disabilities. This day was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 1992.



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WITH DISABILITIES

3 DECEMBER

## 186. When is World Computer Literacy Day celebrated?

A - 1 December

B - 2 December

C - 3 December

D - 4 December

Computer Literacy Day is celebrated every year on 2 December to promote computer education and literacy. The theme for 2024 is "The Big Three Computing Advances", which recognizes the major technological advancements that revolutionized the computer world after ENIAC.

World Computer Literacy Day



## 187. Where will the World Maritime Conference 2024 be held?

A - Chennai

B - Mumbai

C - New Delhi

D - Kolkata

Chennai will host the World Maritime Conference on 4-6 December 2024 after 15 years. Director General of Shipping Shyam Jagannathan will be the chief guest at this important event, and more than 300 global delegates will attend it. The main focus of the conference will be on the future development and challenges of the maritime sector.



## 188. Where will the fourth edition of the Red Sea Film Festival 2024 be held?

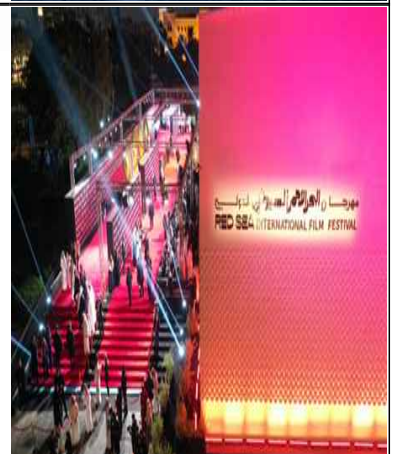
A - Jeddah

B - Dubai

C - Cairo

D - Riyadh

Bollywood veterans Aamir Khan and Kareena Kapoor Khan will attend the fourth edition of the Red Sea Film Festival 2024 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The festival will run from 5 to 14 December 2024. This year's Red Sea Film Festival will feature several notable films, including director Reema Kagti's film "Superboys of Malegaon".



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**189. Which of the following Central Armed Police Forces celebrated its 60th Raising Day in December 2024?**

- A - Central Reserve Police Force      B - Border Security Force  
C - Sashastra Seema Bal              D - Indo-Tibetan Border Police

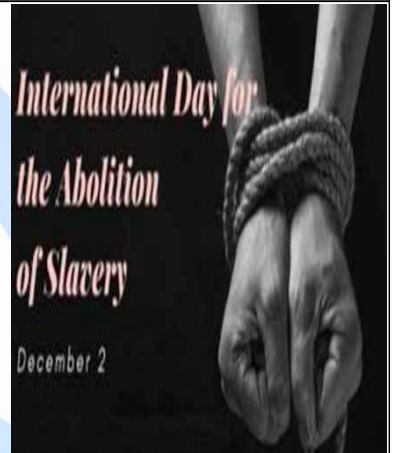
The Border Security Force (BSF) celebrated its 60th Raising Day on 30 November and 1 December 2024 in Chandigarh. On 30 November, 'Badakhana' and cultural programmes were organised, which were attended by the jawans, their families and retired personnel. On 1 December, BSF Additional Director General Satish S Khandare paid tribute to the martyred jawans and extended wishes on Raising Day.



**190. Which of the following organisations has adopted 02 December as International Day for the Abolition of Slavery?**

- A - World Labour Organization      B - United Nations General Assembly  
C - World Bank                      D - International Red Cross Society

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed every year on 2 December, with the aim of eliminating all forms of slavery worldwide. It was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1986.



**191. Who was sworn in as the 48th Chief Justice of Sri Lanka on December 2, 2024?**

- A - Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya      B - Justice Shirani Tilakawardena  
C - Justice Murdu Fernando          D - Justice Priyantha Jayawardena

On December 2, 2024, Justice Murdu Nirupa Bindushini Fernando was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Sri Lanka, making her the second woman judge to hold the position. Her appointment follows the retirement of Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya and was approved by the Constitutional Council.



**192. President Draupadi Murmu will present the National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. In which category will Amar Jain be awarded the National Award?**

- A - Best Person with Disabilities-2024      B - Best Institution for Disability Services  
C - Excellence in Disability Research      D - Disability Empowerment Leader

President Draupadi Murmu will present the National Empowerment Award for Persons with Disabilities on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3. This year a total of 22 individuals and 11 institutions will be awarded this honor.





**193. Who is the second Indian to achieve 2800 Elo rating in classical chess, joining the elite club of top-rated players?**

A - P. Hari Krishna

B - Nihal Sarin

C - D. Gukesh

**D - Arjun Erigaisi**

Arjun Erigaisi has set another milestone in Indian chess by creating history by achieving 2800 Elo rating in classical chess. He is only the second Indian to achieve this prestigious rating, the first being Vishwanathan Anand.



**194. When will International Day for the Abolition of Slavery 2024 be celebrated?**

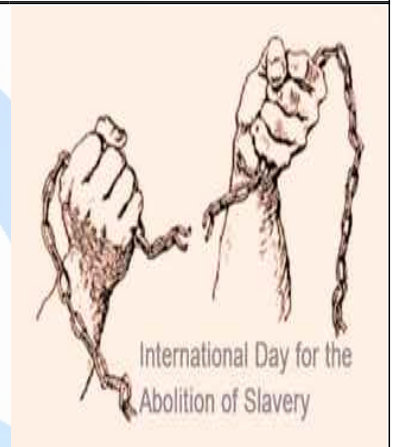
A - 1 January 2024

B - 23 March 2024

**C - 2 December 2024**

D - 30 June 2024

The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed on 2 December, calling for global action against modern slavery, human trafficking, forced labor, and other exploitation. The day began on 2 December 1949, when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the "Convention on the Suppression of Trafficking in Persons and the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others".



**195. Who has been nominated by US President-elect Donald Trump to lead the FBI?**

A - Christopher Ray

B - James Comey

C - Robert Mueller

**D - Kash Patel**

Donald Trump on Sunday announced the appointment of Kashyap 'Kash' Patel as the next director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Trump praised Kash Patel's abilities and contributions on his social media platform "Truth Social" and said that Kash Patel is a brilliant lawyer, investigator and "America First" warrior.



**196. Who was honoured with the UN Global Excellence Award on November 27, 2024 for his contribution to healthcare and philanthropy?**

A - Dr. Sakshi Pandey

B - Dr. Hirakrat Sarkar

C - Dr. Sauransh Sethi

**D - Dr. Basant Goel**

On November 27, 2024, Dr. Basant Goel received the UN Global Excellence Award in Dubai and a doctorate from the United States of America International University for his contribution to healthcare and philanthropy. His actions during the COVID-19 pandemic received global recognition, and he was honoured with the World Book of Records.







## 197. What was the theme of World AIDS Day 2024?

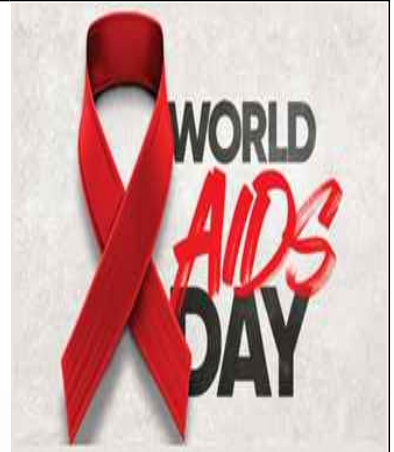
A - Bridges of Understanding

B - Harmony in Medicine: Let's Come Together

C - Let Communities Lead: The Path to Healing

D - Take the Right Path: My Health, My Right

World AIDS Day, which is observed every year on December 1, began in 1988. It aims to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, strengthen collective efforts and show solidarity to those affected. The theme for 2024 is "The Path to Right Rights: My Health, My Right!", which underlines the importance of human rights.



## 198. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)?

A - Suresh Sethi

B - Vijay Chandok

C - Umesh Chandra

D - Nilesh Shah

Vijay Chandok has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and CEO of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL). He has nearly 30 years of leadership experience, with expertise in corporate finance, risk management and relationship management. He started his career with ICICI Bank in 1993 and later held important positions in ICICI Securities and the bank.



## 199. At the Indian Petroleum Industry Awards 2023, which company won several awards including 'Oil Marketing Company of the Year' and 'Digitally Advanced Company of the Year'?

A - Indian Oil Corporation

B - Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

C - Reliance Industries Limited

D - Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) won several awards for its leadership and innovation in the energy sector at the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) Awards 2023.



## 200. Who has been reappointed as the Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) for a second term starting September 1, 2025?

A - Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

B - Amina Mohammed

C - Kristalina Georgieva

D - Ursula von der Leyen

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) has reappointed Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala as Director-General for four years, a decision taken by consensus in the General Council. Her second term will begin on September 1, which will strengthen her leadership at the WTO. Okonjo-Iweala took several initiatives to improve global trade, supply chains and reduce trade barriers in her first term.





**201. National Pollution Control Day is observed on which day?**

- A - 1 December  
B - 2 December  
C - 5 December  
D - 10 December

National Pollution Control Day is observed every year on 2 December, which commemorates the Bhopal Gas Tragedy that occurred in 1984. The day aims to raise awareness about pollution and its effects on environmental and human health. The Bhopal Gas Tragedy affected thousands of people due to the leakage of methyl isocyanate gas, and the incident highlighted the need for stringent pollution control laws in India.



**202. When is World AIDS Day celebrated?**

- A - 1 December  
B - 20 November  
C - 15 January  
D - 5 October

World AIDS Day is celebrated every year on 1 December, which symbolizes understanding the seriousness of HIV/AIDS and solidarity in the fight against it. The day highlights stories of peace, courage and hope and gives us the message to stand with people affected by HIV.



**203. Who was the renowned economic historian and scholar known for works such as "Private Investment in India 1900-1939" and "The Political Economy of Underdevelopment", who died at the age of 83?**

- A - Amartya Sen  
B - Amiya Kumar Bagchi  
C - Prabhat Patnaik  
D - Ashok Mitra

Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi, who died on 28 November 2024, was one of the leading economists of contemporary times. He worked in mathematical economics and game theory, but later focused on the colonial history of the Indian economy. His major works are "Private Investment in India 1900-1939" and "Deindustrialization in the Indian Economy in the Colonial Period".



**204. Who was identified as the world's oldest person by Guinness World Records in April 2024 and died at the age of 112?**

- A - Walter Bruning  
B - Jiroemon Kimura  
C - John Tinniswood  
D - Robert Marchand

The world's oldest man, John Tinniswood, died on November 25, 2024 in Southport, England, at the age of 112. He held the record of the oldest living person after the death of Venezuela's Juan Vicente Perez in April 2024. Tinniswood was born on August 26, 1912, and attributed his long life to 'God's grace' and a moderate lifestyle.



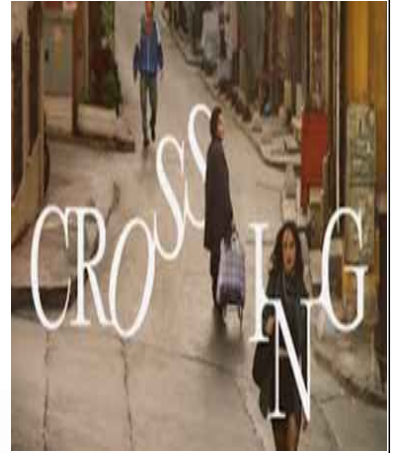




**205. Which film won the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024?**

- A - Shades of Tomorrow      B - The Silent Path  
C - The Last Dance      D - Crossing

The Swedish film Crossing won the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa. The award was given to the film for its promotion of peace, non-violence and human rights. Crossing is the story of an elderly woman who travels from Georgia to Istanbul to find her niece and reflects on gender issues, equality and relationships that span generations.



**206. Who was honoured with the Indian Film Personality Award at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024?**

- A - Vikrant Massey      B - Ayushmann Khurrana  
C - Rajkummar Rao      D - Ranveer Singh

Actor Vikrant Massey was honoured with the Best Indian Film Personality of the Year Award at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI). The honour was presented to him by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Sanjay Jaju, which recognises Massey's exceptional contribution to Indian cinema.



**207. Which country has been re-elected to the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission for the term 2025-2026?**

- A - India      B - Brazil  
C - Argentina      D - Algeria

India has been re-elected to the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission for the term 2025-2026. India, which is a major contributor and founding member of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission, has expressed its commitment to continue its participation. The Peacebuilding Commission is an intergovernmental advisory body that supports peace efforts in conflict-affected countries and plays an important role in the global agenda for peace.



**208. A film titled "Toxic" has won the Golden Peacock Award for Best Feature Film at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024. Which is the origin country of this film?**

- A - Latvia      B - Lithuania  
C - Sweden      D - Denmark

Lithuanian film Toxic won the Golden Peacock Award at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI). The film is a story of 13-year-old girls who are pushed to physical and emotional limits at a modelling school. The closing ceremony took place on November 28 in Goa, where over 200 films from 75 countries were screened.

