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**1. The Apple Man of India, who has recently been awarded the Padma Shri award, is?**

**A - Harimohan Saxena**

**B - Hariman Sharma**

**C - Chandramohan Joshi**

**D - Prakash Chandra**

Shri Hariman Sharma of Himachal Pradesh was awarded the Padma Shri award for revolutionizing Indian agriculture. He developed the HRMN-99 apple variety, which makes apple cultivation possible in tropical and subtropical regions. The variety is low-chill and self-pollinated, and can grow even in 40-45°C temperatures.



**2. Doordarshan News Channel was recently honoured by President Draupadi Murmu for which campaign?**

**A - For election campaign**

**B - For drug prevention**

**C - For girl education**

**D - For road safety**

Doordarshan was awarded in the electronic media category for its campaign on voter awareness and education during the Lok Sabha elections 2024. The honour was given to the "Chunav Ka Parv, Desh Ka Garv" series and other initiatives. President Draupadi Murmu presented the award to Doordarshan Director General Kanchan Prasad on 25 January 2025.



**3. Sambhar Festival is celebrated in which state of the country?**

**A - Rajasthan**

**B - Madhya Pradesh**

**C - Chhattisgarh**

**D - Uttarakhand**

Sambhar Festival, a celebration of culture, adventure and heritage, began on 24 January 2025 at Sambhar Lake in Rajasthan. The five-day festival, organised by the Rajasthan Tourism Department and the district administration, includes exciting activities such as kite flying, camel rides, parasailing, ATV rides, bird watching and lake tours.



**4. Which international organization is planning to ban the use of Forever Chemicals?**

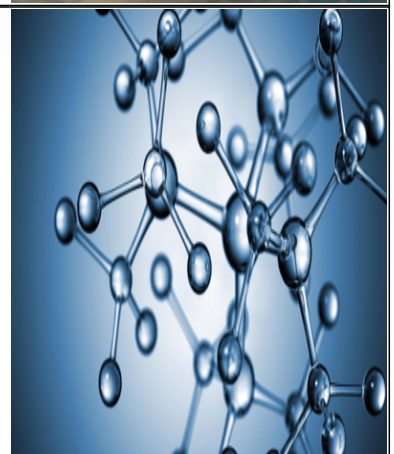
**A - European Union**

**B - UNO**

**C - WHO**

**D - ADB**

The European Union is planning to ban Forever Chemicals (PFAS) in consumer products, but excluding industrial uses. These chemicals do not decompose in the environment and can accumulate in the human body and water. PFAS are used in food packaging, water-resistant coatings, non-stick cookware, asthma inhalers, and electric vehicles.







**5. The main cause of spread of malaria disease is-**

**A - Mosquito bites**

**B - Dog bites**

**C - Rusted iron**

**D - None of the above**

Georgia has been declared malaria free by WHO, while Turkey is no longer the only malaria free certified country in the WHO European Region. Malaria is an infectious disease spread by mosquitoes, caused by the Plasmodium parasite. Its symptoms include fever, fatigue, headache, sweating, vomiting, and anemia.



**6. Who among the following won the first Women's Hockey India League title?**

**A - Delhi SG Pipers**

**B - Bengal Tigers**

**C - Surma Hockey Club**

**D - Odisha Warriors**

Odisha Warriors won the title of the first Women's Hockey India League, defeating JSW Soorma Hockey Club 2-1 in the final. Rutuja Dadaso Pisal scored two crucial goals while Jyoti Rumawat was named Player of the Tournament. The league was held at Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Stadium in Ranchi from January 12, in which Delhi SG Pipers, Odisha Warriors, Bengal Tigers and Surma Hockey Club participated.



**7. Madison, who won the Women's Singles title of Australia Open 2025, is a resident of which country?**

**A - Italy**

**B - Belarus**

**C - Germany**

**D - USA**

Madison Keys won the 2025 Australian Open Women's Singles title, her first Grand Slam, defeating Aryna Sabalenka in the final. The 2025 Australian Open was held in Melbourne from 6 to 26 January. The tournament began in 1905 as the Australasia Open and was renamed the Australian Open in 1969.



**8. In which state was the Chief Minister's Mobile Operation Theatre launched recently?**

**A - Meghalaya**

**B - Manipur**

**C - Nagaland**

**D - Mizoram**

On January 26, Governor La Ganesan launched the Mobile Operation Theatre in Nagaland. It aims to provide healthcare to rural and remote areas. The unit is equipped with advanced technology and can perform keyhole surgery. It has portable ultrasound, X-ray, endoscopy and blood testing equipment. It also provides minimally invasive surgery facilities.





**9. Recently, which temple has been granted a license by the Union Home Ministry under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA)? Under which it has been allowed to receive foreign funds?**

**A - Banke Bihari Temple located in Vrindavan**

**B - Kailadevi (Karauli)**

**C - Ram Mandir (Ayodhya)**

**D - Hanuman Ji Temple (Prayagraj)**

The Union Home Ministry has granted FCRA license to Banke Bihari Temple in Vrindavan, making it eligible to accept foreign funds. After court intervention, a committee was formed to manage the temple, which obtained this license. This license will enable the temple to support religious and cultural activities with foreign contributions.



**10. When is National Geographic Day celebrated?**

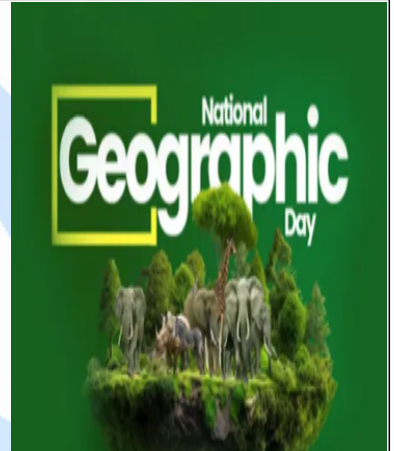
**A - 27 January**

**B - 26 January**

**C - 14 February**

**D - 16 February**

National Geographic Day 2024 is celebrated every year on 27 January to commemorate the founding of the National Geographic Society (27 January, 1888). The Society is known for promoting the knowledge of geography, science and exploration. One of the world's largest non-profit organizations, it is famous for its prestigious magazine, research, conservation efforts and expeditions.



**11. Which Indian women cricketer has been recently selected as ODI Cricketer of the Year by ICC?**

**A - Smriti Mandhana**

**B - Shreyanka Patil**

**C - Shefali Verma**

**D - Mithali Raj**

Smriti Mandhana performed brilliantly in women's ODI cricket in 2024, scoring 747 runs in 13 matches, averaging 57.86 and strike rate 95.15. She scored four centuries, which is a new record in women's ODIs. India won the series 3-0 with consecutive centuries against South Africa. Played a winning century against New Zealand and a century against Australia.



**12. How many new countries joined the Global Plastics Action Partnership (GPAP) at the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2025 Annual Meeting?**

**A - 5**

**B - 7**

**C - 10**

**D - 12**

Seven new countries, including Angola, Bangladesh, Gabon, Guatemala, Kenya, Senegal and Tanzania, joined the Global Plastics Action Partnership (GPAP) at the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2025 Annual Meeting, taking the total number of countries in the initiative to 25. GPAP aims to reduce plastic waste, promote sustainable materials and strengthen recycling systems.







**13. Which of the following is not a peacetime bravery award?**

- A - Kirti Chakra  
B - Vir Chakra  
C - Ashok Chakra  
D - Shaurya Chakra

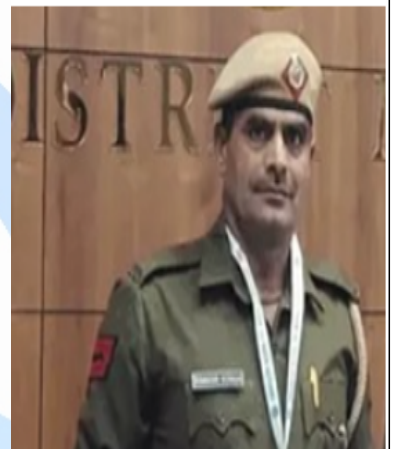
On Republic Day 2025, the President approved several gallantry awards including 2 Kirti Chakras (1 posthumous), 14 Shaurya Chakras (3 posthumous), 66 Sena Medals (7 posthumous), 2 Nao Sena Medals, and 8 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry). Also, 30 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, 5 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals, 57 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals, and other honours were also awarded.



**14. Recently, which Indian's name was recorded in the London Book of World Records for climbing Mount Everest and Mount Lhotse.**

- A - Narendra Kumar  
B - Rakesh Batra  
C - Vishal Sehgal  
D - Rakesh Kadian

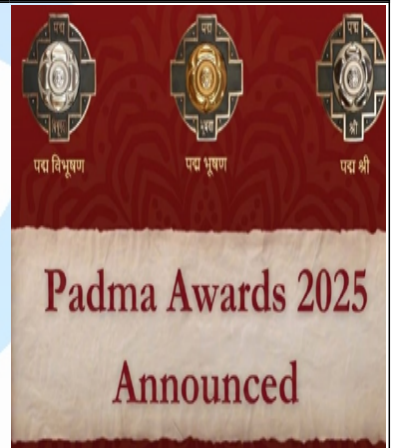
Rakesh Kadian of Nuh District Jail Department of Haryana entered the London Book of World Records by climbing Mount Everest and Mount Lhotse in two days. National and state level athlete Kadian has won 42 gold and 30 silver medals so far, including two golds in the 2024 Haryana Master Athletics.



**15. What is the number of Padma Vibhushan awards in the year 2025?**

- A - 5  
B - 7  
C - 8  
D - 3

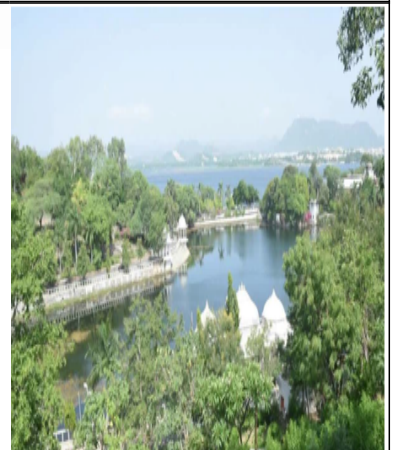
A total of 139 people were honored in the Padma Awards announced in the year 2025, including 7 Padma Vibhushan, 19 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri. These include 23 women, 10 foreigners/NRIs/PIOs/OCIs and 13 posthumously honored personalities. contri



**16. Indore and Udaipur have been awarded which status in UNESCO's Ramsar Convention?**

- A - Smart City  
B - Wetland City  
C - Cultural Heritage City  
D - Green City

Indore and Udaipur have received international status of Wetland City under UNESCO's Ramsar Convention, which have now joined the 31 wetland cities of the world. Indore has excelled in the conservation and cleanliness of water bodies, while Udaipur has revived its lakes with traditional and modern techniques.





**17. Which Indian ambassador has recently been appointed as the new ambassador to Israel?**

**A - Jitendra Pal Singh**

**B - Apala Mishra**

**C - Muskan Jindal**

**D - Tushar Singhla**

The Government of India appointed Jitendra Pal Singh as the next Ambassador of India to Israel on 24 January 2025. Singh, a 2002 batch IFS officer, is currently serving in the office of the External Affairs Minister and has headed the Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran Division. He played a key role as Deputy High Commissioner to Pakistan and gained experience in crisis management in Afghanistan.



**18. Who will lead India in the Asia Mixed Team Championship in badminton?**

**A - Sania Mirza and Kidambi Srikanth**

**B - Lakshya Sen and P.V. Sindhu**

**C - Saina Nehwal and Prakash Padukone**

**D - None of the above**

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has announced the 14-member Indian team for the 4th Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championship to be held in Qingdao, China from 11-19 February 2025. The team will be led by Lakshya Sen and PV Sindhu. India has so far won only one bronze medal in this championship.



**19. Which state government has banned the sale of liquor in 11 religious cities of the state?**

**A - Madhya Pradesh**

**B - Rajasthan**

**C - Gujarat**

**D - Chhattisgarh**

The Madhya Pradesh government decided to ban the sale of liquor in 17 religious cities of the state on January 24, 2025. The decision was taken at a state cabinet meeting in Maheshwar city, where liquor was previously banned for five kilometres along the Narmada river. Under the new decision, the sale of liquor will be completely stopped in the municipalities, municipal councils and panchayats of these 17 cities in the first phase.



**20. Which state has topped Niti Aayog's first Fiscal Health Index 2025?**

**A - Odisha**

**B - Punjab**

**C - Haryana**

**D - West Bengal**

Niti Aayog on 24 January 2025 ranked Odisha at the top in the inaugural edition of its Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025. The report evaluates the fiscal health of 18 major states of India based on the financial year 2022-23. It includes five key sub-indices such as quality of expenditure, revenue mobilization, and debt sustainability.







**21. In which country the Prime Minister is called Taoiseach?**

**A - Ireland**

**B - New Zealand**

**C - Finland**

**D - England**

On 23 January 2025, Micheal Martin was elected for the second time as the Prime Minister (Taoiseach) of the Republic of Ireland. He was previously the Prime Minister from 2020 to 2022. The government was formed after the recent general election, in which no party or coalition received a decisive mandate.



**22. Where was the second meeting of the BIMSTEC Expert Group held on 21 January 2025?**

**A - Dhaka**

**B - New Delhi**

**C - Thimpu**

**D - Bangkok**

The second meeting of the BIMSTEC Expert Group was held in New Delhi on 21 January 2025 with the aim of formulating an action plan to promote cyber security cooperation among member countries. The plan focuses on cyber information exchange, measures to combat cyber crime, security of information infrastructures and cyber incident response.



**23. Which company recently received RBI approval as a cross-border payment aggregator?**

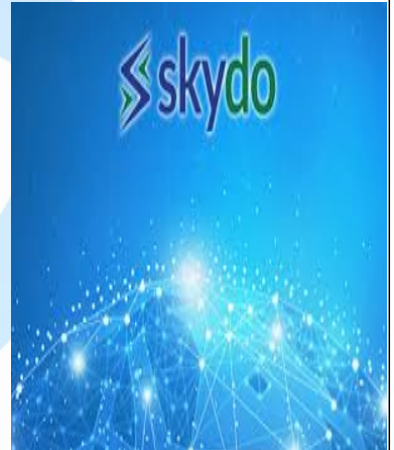
**A - Skydo**

**B - Wing**

**C - Flyway**

**D - Moneydo**

Recently, Bengaluru-based fintech company Skydo has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India as a cross-border payment aggregator. The company facilitates international transactions and mainly serves e-commerce businesses, freelancers, and Indian exporters. Founded in 2022, Skydo serves over 12,000 exporters and manages export payments of over \$250 million annually.



**24. Which is the theme country of the 48th International Kolkata Book Fair?**

**A - USA**

**B - Japan**

**C - Italy**

**D - Germany**

The 48th International Kolkata Book Fair will be held from 28 January to 9 February 2025 in Salt Lake City, Kolkata. It is India's oldest book fair, promoting Bengali culture and intellectual dialogue. Germany is the theme country in 2025, which has been chosen inspired by the Frankfurt Book Fair.





## 25. Where was the GI Tag Samagam 2025 held?

A - New Delhi

B - Lucknow

C - Jaipur

D - Bangalore

The Government of India has set a target of giving Geographical Indication (GI) tag to 10,000 Indian products by 2030. So far 605 products have received GI tag, the first of which was given to Darjeeling tea in 2003. Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced this target at the GI Samagam on 22 January 2025 and talked about forming a committee.



## 26. Disaster risk warning system "Kavacham" was unveiled by which state government?

A - Chhattisgarh

B - Andhra Pradesh

C - Odisha

D - Kerala

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated India's first fully integrated disaster warning system, Kavacham, on 21 January 2025. The system has been developed under the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project and will enable rescue and rehabilitation efforts during climate change-induced weather events.



## 27. When is National Voters' Day celebrated?

A - 21 January

B - 25 January

C - 21 January

D - 6 March

India is celebrating its 15th National Voters' Day (NVD) on 25 January 2025, which celebrates the power and importance of every vote in a democracy. This year's theme is "Vote Jaisa Kuch Nahi, Vote Zaroor Dalenge Hum", which motivates voters to cast their votes. NVD is being celebrated after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, and this year India's voter count is going to reach close to 100 crores.



## 28. The Mannan tribe is mainly found in which state of India?

A - Kerala

B - Tamil Nadu

C - Tripura

D - Rajasthan

Raja Raman Rajamannan of the Mannan community of Kerala will participate in the Republic Day parade of 2025, which will be the first entry of a tribal king in this parade. The Mannan tribe, which mainly lives in Idukki district, has its ancient home in Madurai and their main languages are Tamil and Malayalam.







## 29. What is the main objective of Operation 'Sard Hawa'?

A - Providing training for agricultural development

B - Trade on the border

**C - Preventing undesirable activities on the border**

D - Protecting citizens from cold winds

BSF on the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan launched Operation 'Sard Hawa' in view of Republic Day, which will run till January 29. Its aim is to prevent infiltration and undesirable activities in winter. To increase vigilance on the border, surveillance has been intensified through modern weapons, technical equipment, foot patrolling, vehicles and camels.



## 30. Which organisation has been awarded the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award-2025?

A - ISRO

B - DRDO

**C - INCOIS**

D - NITI Aayog

Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award-2025, which is announced every year on 23 January on Netaji's birth anniversary. INCOIS, established in 1999 in Hyderabad, specializes in early warning of maritime hazards.



## 31. Where was the 6th International Millet Festival organized?

A - Mumbai

B - Kolkata

C - Delhi

**D - Bengaluru**

The 6th International Millet Festival was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka on the theme "Transforming Agri-Food Systems through Agro-Ecology: A Global Perspective". It was attended by experts from more than 10 countries, and was supported by organisations such as GIZ Germany and FIBL Switzerland.



## 32. Thailand does not share its border with which of the following countries?

A - Myanmar

B - Cambodia

C - Laos

**D - Timor**

Thailand has legalized gay marriage from January 23, making it the first country in Southeast Asia and the third in Asia. The new law uses gender neutral words, giving transgenders the right to marry as well.





**33. What is the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of raw jute for marketing season 2025-26?**

A - ₹ 5450 per quintal

B - ₹ 5650 per quintal

C - ₹ 5750 per quintal

D - ₹ 5800 per quintal

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has fixed the minimum support price (MSP) of raw jute at Rs 5,650 per quintal for marketing season 2025-26, Rs 315 more than the 2024-25 season. MSP is the rate at which the government buys crops from farmers, and is one and a half times their cost of production.



**34. When was Meghalaya given full statehood?**

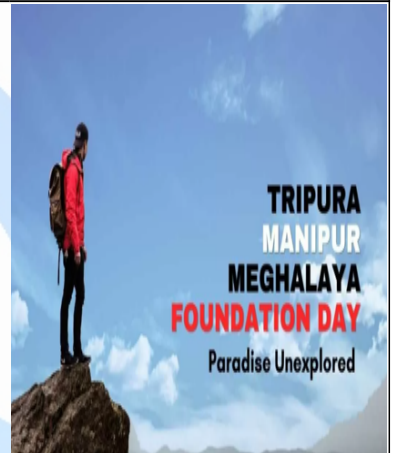
A - Year – 1970

B - Year – 1972

C - Year – 1974

D - Year – 1975

Manipur, Tripura and Meghalaya celebrated their foundation day on 21st January, which signifies the historical, cultural and political significance of these states. Manipur and Tripura were earlier independent princely states which merged with India in 1949 and got full statehood on 21st January 1972. Meghalaya became an autonomous state of Assam in 1970 and got full statehood on 21st January 1972.



**35. Which foundation day will Uttar Pradesh celebrate in the year 2025?**

A - 77th

B - 75th

C - 76th

D - 78th

On 24 January 2025, Uttar Pradesh will celebrate its 76th Foundation Day, with the main theme being “Development and Heritage: Uttar Pradesh on the Path of Progress”. In the Vedic period, it was called Brahmarshi Desh or Madhya Desh, and in the Mughal period it was under administrative governors. In 1947, it was known as the United Province, and on 24 January 1950, it was renamed Uttar Pradesh.



**36. What is the rank of India in the Global Firepower Index 2025?**

A - Fourth

B - Fifth

C - Second

D - Sixth

The Global Firepower Index 2025 ranks India as the fourth most powerful military in the world, after the United States, Russia and China. Bhutan has been ranked 145th. Pakistan has dropped from 9th place in 2024 to 12th. The index evaluates the military strength of 145 countries based on more than 60 parameters, such as manpower, natural resources, finance and geography. India scored 0.1184, while the US scored 0.0744.







**37. Khelo India Winter Games - 2025 will be organized in which two places?**

A - Ladakh and Uttarakhand

B - Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir

C - Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh

D - Assam and Arunachal Pradesh

Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated Khelo India Winter Games 2025 in Ladakh. The first phase will be held in Ladakh from 23-27 January, which includes sports like ice hockey and ice skating. 19 teams will participate in this phase. The second phase will be held in Jammu and Kashmir from 22-25 February, which includes sports like skiing.



**38. When was the 'Hamara Samvidhan - Hamara Samman' campaign started?**

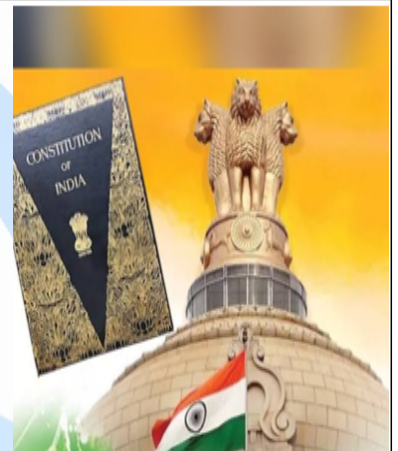
A - 24 January 2024

B - 24 June 2024

C - 24 August 2024

D - 24 October 2024

The 'Hamara Samman' program will be organized during the Maha Kumbh on 24 January 2025 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. The program will be held at Parmarth Triveni Pushp located at Arail Ghat. The campaign was launched by the Vice President at Dr. BR Ambedkar International Center in New Delhi on 24 January 2024. The campaign was launched on the occasion of India's 75th Republic Year and the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution.



**39. Recently, which state launched the Deendayal Upadhyaya Landless Agricultural Laborer Welfare Scheme?**

A - Chhattisgarh

B - Uttar Pradesh

C - Haryana

D - Gujarat

The Chhattisgarh government has launched the 'Deendayal Upadhyaya Bhumiheen Krishi Mazdoor Kalyan Yojana', which aims to improve the economic condition of more than 5.62 lakh landless agricultural laborers and related communities in the state. Under this, each beneficiary will be given financial assistance of Rs 10,000 annually.



भूमिहीन कृषि मजदूर कल्याण योजना

**40. Me-Gong festival is celebrated by-**

A - Garo tribe

B - Khasi tribe

C - Jaintia tribe

D - Bhil tribe

Held in the West Garo Hills of Meghalaya, this festival aims to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of the Garo tribe. It includes performances by international and national artists, traditional games, handloom, and handicraft exhibitions. The theme for the year 2024 is "Resonance of Traditions", which highlights the ancient traditions and modern image of the Garo tribe.





## 41. National Girl Child Day is celebrated on -

A - 24 January

B - 20 January

C - 30 January

D - 6 March

National Girl Child Day is celebrated every year on 24 January in India, which was started by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in 2008. This day is celebrated with the aim of raising awareness on the importance of girls' rights, education, health and nutrition and former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is remembered as Nari Shakti, as she took charge as Prime Minister on this day.



## 42. Donald Trump has ordered the withdrawal of the US from which international organisation?

A - World Health Organization

B - ILO

C - Security Council

D - International Court of Justice

On January 20, 2025, US President Donald Trump signed several executive orders on the first day of his second term, including the withdrawal of the US from the WHO and the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement. Trump accused the WHO of mishandling the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises.



## 43. Where was the 85th All India Presiding Officers Conference held?

A - Patna

B - Jaipur

C - Mumbai

D - Delhi

The 85th All India Presiding Officers Conference was held in Patna, Bihar on 20-21 January 2025. The conference took place on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Constitution, and its theme was "75th Anniversary of the Constitution: Contribution of Parliament and State Legislative Bodies in Strengthening Constitutional Values."



## 44. In which state was the first Olympic Research Conference held?

A - Gujarat

B - Madhya Pradesh

C - Chhattisgarh

D - Rajasthan

India has taken a big step towards hosting the 2036 Olympics. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and experts held a four-day meeting in Gujarat, aimed at developing sustainable sports infrastructure and economic models. The meeting discussed India's Olympic hosting vision, learnings from successful Olympic cities, financing models and eco-friendly practices.







**45. When is Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary celebrated?**

**A - 23 January**

**B - 26 January**

**C - 14 January**

**D - 6 March**

Parakram Diwas will be celebrated on 23 January 2025 on the 128th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The event will be inaugurated by Odisha Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi at Cuttack, Netaji's birthplace. Netaji was born on 23 January 1897 in Cuttack, Odisha. He studied at Presidency College and Scottish Church College, Kolkata.



**Parakram  
Diwas 2025**

**46. Ratnagiri Buddhist site of Jajpur district of Odisha is situated between which rivers?**

**A - Ganga and Yamuna**

**B - Brahmani and Virupa**

**C - Indus and Mahanadi**

**D - Saraswati and Vaitarni**

ASI has found a 1,200-year-old Buddhist monastery at Ratnagiri Buddhist site in Jajpur district of Odisha. The excavation, which began in December 2024, was led by Prajnaprati Pradhan. It found statues of Lord Buddha, pottery, beads, stone pillars, a five-foot-long elephant statue, a giant Buddha head and other remains.



**47. Which ministry is celebrating the 10th anniversary of 'Beti Bachao - Beti Padhao' scheme?**

**A - Ministry of Women and Child Development**

**B - Ministry of Health**

**C - Ministry of Home Affairs**

**D - Ministry of Education**

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme. Special programs will be organized at the state and district level on January 22, January 26 and March 8. The inaugural ceremony was held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi, in which Union Ministers J.P. Nadda, Annapurna Devi and Savitri Thakur participated.



**48. When was BRICS established?**

**A - September 2006**

**B - November 2009**

**C - April 2003**

**D - March 2001**

Recently, Nigeria has become the 9th partner member of BRICS, which was announced by the Brazilian Foreign Ministry. Other partner countries of BRICS are - Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Uganda and Uzbekistan. In the summit held in Kazan, Russia in 2024, 13 countries were given partner status, out of which 9 have formally become members.





**49. Who won the Vijay Hazare Trophy recently -**

**A - Karnataka**

**B - Rajasthan**

**C - Delhi**

**D - Tamil Nadu**

In the final of the 2024-25 Vijay Hazare Trophy, Karnataka won its fifth title by defeating Vidarbha by 36 runs at the Kotambi Stadium in Vadodara on 19 January 2025. Karnataka batted first and scored a strong score of 348/6. Ravichandran Smaran scored 101 runs off 92 balls, Krishnan Sreejith scored 78 runs off 74 balls, and Abhinav Manohar scored 79 runs off 42 balls.



**50. Lake Naivasha is located in which country?**

**A - Kenya**

**B - France**

**C - Italy**

**D - Sudan**

The spread of invasive water hyacinth on Lake Naivasha in Kenya is threatening the livelihood of fishermen, as it is leading to a decline in the number of fish and a decrease in income. The lake is located northwest of Nairobi, Kenya and is fed by the Malewa and Gilgil rivers. The spread of water hyacinth is putting pressure on the ecosystem here, increasing the difficulties of fishermen.



**51. In which state is Palamau Tiger Reserve located?**

**A - Jharkhand**

**B - West Bengal**

**C - Madhya Pradesh**

**D - Chhattisgarh**

The Jharkhand Forest Department has launched a study to revive the dwindling bison (gaur) population in the Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR). Palamu Tiger Reserve is located in Jharkhand's Latehar district and is part of the Betla National Park. It has a total area of 1,014 square kilometres, and the terrain is rugged, with rivers such as the Northern Koel, Auranga and Burha flowing through it.



**52. Where was the 27th International Glass Congress 2025 held?**

**A - Calcutta**

**B - Ahmedabad**

**C - Nagpur**

**D - New Delhi**

The 27th International Glass Congress 2025 was held in Calcutta from 20 to 24 January, inaugurated by Union Science Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh. The event was organized by CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute, in which more than 800 delegates participated. The ICG Glass Congress is a triennial event, which aims to disseminate knowledge and enhance collaboration in the field of glass industry, research and science.







**53. Recently Flamingo Festival 2025 concluded, it was celebrated in which state?**

**A - Andhra Pradesh**

**B - Tamil Nadu**

**C - Rajasthan**

**D - Gujarat**

Flamingo Festival 2025 concluded on January 20, with an emphasis on protecting biodiversity at Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary. The festival attracted tourists, bird watchers and photographers. Ministers Anam Ramanarayana Reddy and Anagani Satya Prasad thanked Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at the closing ceremony.



**54. Recently, to prevent fraud in transactions, RBI has instructed other banks and regulated institutions to make calls from which number series?**

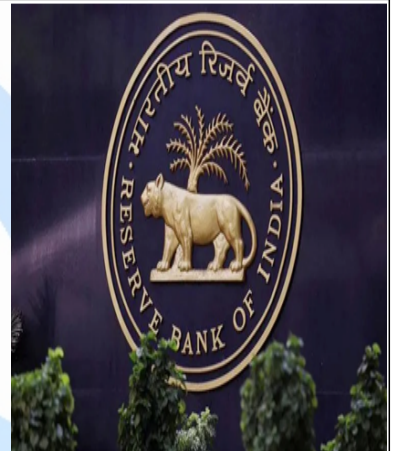
**A - 1600**

**B - 140**

**C - 1800**

**D - 999**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) directed banks and institutions to use '1600xx' number series for transactional calls and '140xx' for promotional calls to combat financial fraud. The initiative aims to enhance the security of digital transactions. Banks will have to monitor and update their customer database, and identify and delete cancelled numbers.



**55. During the 3rd National Mining Ministers Conference, which state won the first place award for outstanding contribution in conducting the highest number of auctions in 2023-24?**

**A - Rajasthan**

**B - Madhya Pradesh**

**C - Maharashtra**

**D - Uttar Pradesh**

The third National Mining Ministers Conference was held on 21 January 2025 at Konark in Odisha, in which the mining of major minerals was discussed. Its objective was to promote self-reliance and sustainable mining in the mineral sector. Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated it.



**56. Entity Locker has been developed under which ministry?**

**A - Ministry of Electronics and IT**

**B - Ministry of Education**

**C - Ministry of Home Affairs**

**D - Ministry of Finance**

The National e-Governance Division of the Ministry of Electronics and IT has developed a secure, cloud-based solution called Entity Locker, which simplifies the storage, sharing and verification of documents for various entities. It facilitates integration with government databases, consent-based secure sharing and legally valid digital signatures.





**57. The Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025 was given for outstanding contributions in which field?**

**A - Medical Sciences**

**B - Environmental Protection**

**C - Quantum Computing**

**D - Agriculture**

Professor Urvashi Sinha was awarded the Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025. She has received this award for her contribution to quantum computing. She is the head of the Quantum Information and Computing Lab at the Raman Research Institute and is leading the National Quantum Mission.



**58. When was the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) established?**

**A - 2001**

**B - 2002**

**C - 2003**

**D - 2006**

The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) has launched the IGICB scheme, which aims to raise awareness and develop expertise in Internet governance. The scheme functions under MeitY and provides an opportunity to participate in global Internet governance in collaboration with i-star organizations such as ICANN.



**59. When was dark oxygen discovered?**

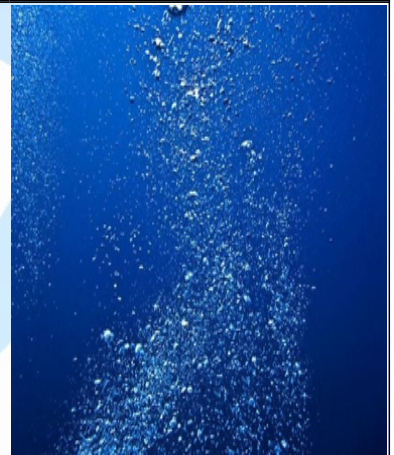
**A - 2024**

**B - 2020**

**C - 2015**

**D - 2011**

Scientists have discovered "dark oxygen", which could change our understanding of life, especially on planets where sunlight does not reach. In July 2024, scientists detected dark oxygen 13,100 feet below the Clarion-Clipperton zone of the Pacific Ocean, where manganese and iron-rich nodules were splitting water without sunlight and producing oxygen.



**60. When was the Namdhari Sikh sect founded?**

**A - 1857**

**B - 1859**

**C - 1863**

**D - 1869**

Kooka Shaheed Diwas was observed in Malerkotla, Punjab on January 17, 2025, which is observed every year to commemorate the martyrdom of 66 Namdhari Sikhs in 1872. The movement began on January 13, 1872, under the leadership of Kuka Hira Singh and Lahna Singh, to ban cow slaughter in Malerkotla.







## 61. Who won the title of Kho-Kho World Cup-2025?

A - India

B - Nepal

C - Pakistan

D - Sri Lanka

Women's Team India won the Kho-Kho World Cup 2025 title, defeating Nepal 78-40 in the final to become champions. India hosted the first edition, which was held from 13 to 19 January 2025 at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in Delhi. The trophy and mascot of this World Cup were Tejas (which symbolizes talent and energy) and Tara (which symbolizes guidance and aspiration).



## 62. Where is the headquarters of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) located?

A - New Delhi

B - Hyderabad

C - Lucknow

D - Chennai

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) recently celebrated its 20th Foundation Day, in which Union Home Minister Amit Shah was the chief guest. He inaugurated various projects of NDRF, such as the Southern Campus of the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), 10th Battalion and Regional Response Center at Supaul, whose total cost is Rs 220 crore.



## 63. Which two important initiatives have been launched recently by the Rubber Board of India?

A - ISNR and INR Connect

B - ISNR and INR Express

C - ISNR and INR Globe

D - INR Connect and Export

Recently the Indian Rubber Board launched two important initiatives "iSNR" (Indian Sustainable Natural Rubber) and "INR Connect" aimed at promoting India's rubber industry globally and boosting domestic production. iSNR aims to bring Indian rubber production in line with European Union Forest Destruction Regulation (EUDR) standards and implement traceability certification, thereby facilitating access to EU markets.



## 64. Recently Bharat Rannbhoomi Darshan was launched by whom?

A - Rajnath Singh

B - Amit Shah

C - Narendra Modi

D - Draupadi Murmu

The Government of India launched the "Bharat Rannbhoomi Darshan" app on 15 January 2025, which aims to transform border areas into tourist centers by connecting the heroic history of the Indian Armed Forces to the citizens. This app will provide a real experience of war zones and information about travel plans to historical battlefields.





**65. Recently, the Central Government has approved the formation of which pay commission?**

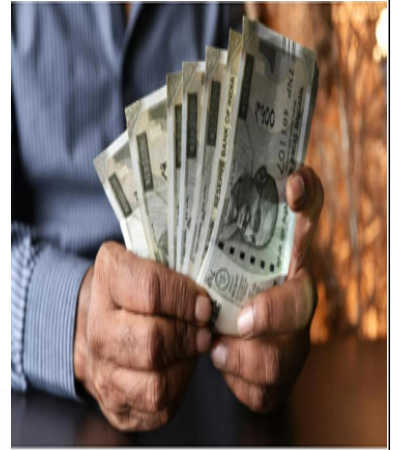
**A - 7th Pay Commission**

**B - 8th Pay Commission**

**C - 9th Pay Commission**

**D - 10th Pay Commission**

The Central Government has recently approved the formation of the 8th Pay Commission. So far 7 Pay Commissions have been constituted, out of which the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission were implemented in 2016. The term of the 7th Commission will be completed in 2026.



**66. When was the International Labour Organisation (ILO) established?**

**A - In 1919**

**B - In 1921**

**C - In 1926**

**D - In 1945**

The International Labour Organization (ILO) released its "World Employment and Outlook Trends-2025" report, which said that the global unemployment rate will remain stable at 5% in 2024 and the economic growth rate will slow down. The labor market has not fully recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic due to the global recession.



**67. Who has been appointed as the new ombudsman for BCCI recently?**

**A - Justice Deepak Gupta**

**B - Justice Younis Khan**

**C - Justice Arun Mishra**

**D - Justice M.M. Shrivastava**

Former Supreme Court judge Justice Arun Mishra has been appointed as the Ombudsman and Ethics Officer of BCCI. His legal and leadership experience makes him well-suited to monitor ethical practices and resolve disputes at BCCI. Justice Mishra served as the youngest president of the Bar Council of India and was the Chief Justice of the Rajasthan and Calcutta High Courts.



**68. Which state government has recently launched a fintech hub with Singapore?**

**A - Uttar Pradesh**

**B - Odisha**

**C - Madhya Pradesh**

**D - Tamil Nadu**

Odisha and Singapore signed a MoU to set up a fintech hub in Bhubaneswar, aimed at promoting insurtech innovation and supporting India's "insurance for all" vision by 2047. The Electronics and IT Department of the Odisha government partnered with Singapore's GFTN to set up the Global Competency Center in Bhubaneswar.







**69. Who was recently sworn in as a Supreme Court Justice by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna?**

**A - Justice Tushar Mehta**

**B - Justice Vinod Chandran**

**C - Justice Deepak Gupta**

**D - Justice U.U. Lalit**

Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna appointed Chief Justice of Patna High Court Vinod Chandran as a judge of the Supreme Court, taking the number of judges in the Supreme Court to 33. Justice Chandran served in the High Court for more than 12 years. Supreme Court judges are appointed by the President of India, and the process takes place after the Chief Justice consults four other senior-most judges.



**70. IMF has projected India's economic growth rate for FY25 as -**

**A - 6.8 %**

**B - 6.5 %**

**C - 7 %**

**D - 8 %**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has lowered India's growth forecast for FY25 to 6.5%, due to global uncertainties, inflation, and investment slowdown. However, a stable growth outlook for FY26 has been maintained. The IMF has cited India's post-pandemic recovery, inflation, investment slowdown and geopolitical risks as the reasons for this revision.



**71. In which year was the National Council of Science Museums established?**

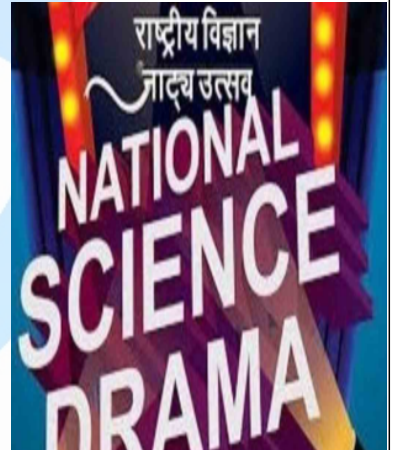
**A - 1978**

**B - 1980**

**C - 1982**

**D - 1986**

The National Science Drama Festival 2024-25 was held on 18 January 2025 at the National Science Centre, Delhi. The event is the flagship event of the National Council of Science Museums, which is attended by over 40,000 students from all 28 states and 8 union territories of India. Students perform educational and entertaining science dramas, covering topics such as AI, climate change, water conservation and medicine.



**72. Who has been appointed as the Director General of CRPF recently?**

**A - Gyanendra Pratap Singh**

**B - Rudra Pratap Singh**

**C - Abhinav Singh**

**D - Ravindra Singh**

On 18 January 2025, the Government of India appointed Gyanendra Pratap Singh, a 1991 batch IPS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre, as the Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Prior to this, he was the Director General of Police of Assam and was involved in the security of the Prime Minister in the Special Protection Group (SPG).





**73. Recently, the first test of hydrogen-powered train is proposed to be conducted on which route?**

**A - Jind - Sonipat Road**

**B - Delhi - Mumbai Industrial Road**

**C - Agra - Lucknow Expressway**

**D - None of the above**

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the world's most powerful hydrogen fuel-powered train engine developed by Indian Railways on the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. This engine generates 1,200 horsepower, which is more than the 500-600 horsepower engines of other countries.



**74. Who inaugurated the second India Mobility Global Expo 2025?**

**A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

**B - External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar**

**C - Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan**

**D - Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the second India Mobility Global Expo 2025 in New Delhi on 17 January 2025. The event showcases India's growing role in global mobility and technological innovations in the automotive sector. The expo is being held at three locations—Bharat Mandapam, Yashobhoomi (Delhi) and Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh)—from January 17-22.



**75. Where is India's space port located?**

**A - Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh)**

**B - Dhanushkoti (Tamil Nadu)**

**C - Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)**

**D - Kutch (Gujarat)**

The Union Cabinet has approved the construction of ISRO's third launch pad, which will come up at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. With a budget of ₹3984.86 crore, the project will be completed in 48 months. The Indian space programme began in 1963 from Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launch Station.



**76. When did the Government of India launch the Startup India initiative?**

**A - January 16, 2016**

**B - January 6, 2015**

**C - July 11, 2014**

**D - November 10, 2019**

Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India launched "Improve Factbook" and "Bharat Startup Challenge" on the 9th Foundation Day of Startup India. "Improve Factbook" is a digital platform that will showcase the social and economic impact of Indian startups.







**77. Recently, which state government has announced pension for prisoners jailed during the Emergency?**

- A - Madhya Pradesh                      B - Odisha  
C - Uttar Pradesh                      D - Rajasthan

The Odisha state government has announced a welfare scheme for persons imprisoned during the Emergency of 1975-77. From January 1, 2025, surviving detainees will be given a pension of ₹20,000, medical cover and other benefits. The scheme is to provide dignity and assistance to persons imprisoned under the "Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA)".



**78. Where has a rare insectivorous plant called 'Utricularia' been found recently?**

- A - Keoladeo National Park                      B - Ranthambore Sanctuary  
C - Kuno National Park                      D - Western Ghats

Rare insectivorous plant 'Utricularia' has been found in large numbers in Keoladeo National Park in Rajasthan. This plant maintains environmental balance by hunting small insects and promotes biodiversity. It is also called bladderworts and is found all over the world. The flowers of Utricularia resemble those of snapdragons and orchids, and it catches small creatures with a bladder trap.



**79. Recently, President of India Draupadi Murmu and President of Singapore Tharman unveiled the joint logo on which of their diplomatic anniversary?**

- A - 40th Anniversary                      B - 60th Anniversary  
C - 50th Anniversary                      D - 30th Anniversary

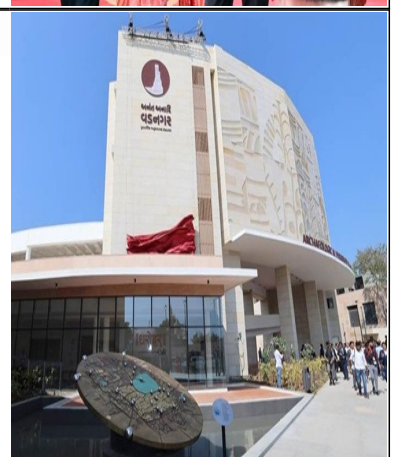
President of India Draupadi Murmu and President of Singapore Tharman Shanmugaratnam unveiled a joint logo on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries, which includes India's national flower lotus and Singapore's orchid. The logo symbolises the enduring friendship and shared values of the two countries.



**80. Where was a world-class archaeological experiential museum inaugurated recently?**

- A - Vadnagar                      B - Gandhinagar  
C - Varanasi                      D - Jaipur

Union Home Minister Amit Shah opened a world-class archaeological museum in Vadnagar that brings alive the 2,500-year-old historical heritage. The museum is spread over 12,500 square meters, includes 9 theme-based galleries and an excavation site showing archaeological remains 16-18 meters deep.





**81. Which Indian company launched India's first private high spectral imaging satellite constellation named "Firefly"?**

**A - Pixel Vidyut**

**B - Reliance Industries**

**C - Tata Group**

**D - Infosys**

The first three satellites of the Firefly constellation were successfully launched from California under SpaceX's Transporter-12 mission. These satellites are Firefly Pixel's flagship hyperspectral imaging (HSI) constellation, which includes high-resolution commercial HSI satellites. HSI satellites perform spectral identification of the Earth by analyzing a wide spectrum of light, providing more specific information.



**82. Recently, which war exercise is going to be conducted by the Indian Army to increase its combat readiness**

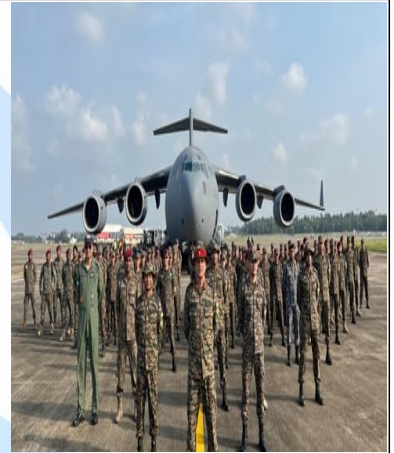
**A - Exercise Shakti**

**B - Exercise Vajra Prahar**

**C - Exercise Devil Strike**

**D - Exercise Vatan**

The Indian Armed Forces will conduct the "Exercise Devil Strike" military exercise from 16 to 19 January 2025. This exercise will be led by the Indian Army and aims to increase combat readiness. It will feature simulation of high-intensity combat operations, using advanced tactics and latest warfare techniques.



**83. Recently, the President of which country has been invited as the chief guest for the Republic Day 2025 celebrations?**

**A - Indonesia**

**B - Japan**

**C - America**

**D - China**

Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto will be the chief guest at the 76th Republic Day celebrations to be held in New Delhi on 26 January 2025. Earlier, Indonesia's first President Sukarno was the chief guest of the first Republic Day celebrations in 1950. French President Emmanuel Macron was the chief guest in 2024.



**84. Which Indian has been recently conferred honorary citizenship by Singapore**

**A - Tarun Das**

**B - Mohan Gupta**

**C - Kushal Jain**

**D - Hansal Mehta**

Singapore honoured former Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Director General Tarun Das with the Honorary Citizen Award for his significant contribution to strengthening India-Singapore relations. Das sent a delegation of Indian industrialists to Singapore in 1993 and established important milestones under the "Look East" policy.







**85. Recently, a disease called “zombie” has been found in which animal**

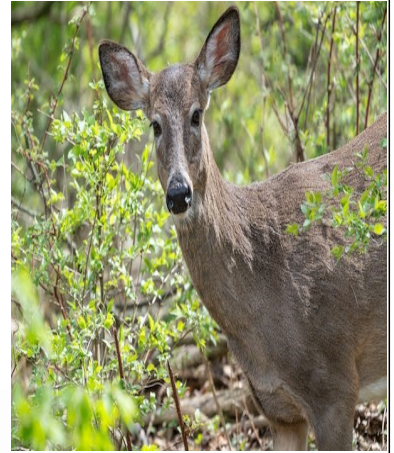
**A - Deer**

**B - Lion**

**C - Fox**

**D - Monkey**

Scientists are concerned about the possibility of zombie deer disease, also called chronic wasting disease (CWD), spreading to humans. It is a fatal neurological disease in deer, moose and reindeer caused by an abnormal protein called prion. It spreads through contact with feces, urine, saliva, meat, or contaminated soil and water of infected animals.



**86. Which airport first launched the Fast Track Immigration- Trusted Traveler Program (FTI-TTP)?**

**A - Mumbai International Airport**

**B - Chennai International Airport**

**C - Indira Gandhi International Airport (Delhi)**

**D - Kolkata International Airport**

Amit Shah launched the 'Fast Track Immigration-Trusted Traveler Program' (FTI-TTP) from Ahmedabad, which ensures a fast, secure and simple immigration process for international travelers. This program is especially beneficial for trusted travelers who travel frequently. It was started from Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi in June 2024.



**87. Who will host Kashi-Tamil Sangamam-3 in Varanasi**

**A - IIT Madras**

**B - Banaras Hindu University (BHU)**

**C - Ambedkar University**

**D - Delhi University**

The third edition of Kashi-Tamil Sangamam will be held from 15 to 24 February 2025. Its aim is to strengthen the historical and cultural ties between Tamil Nadu and Varanasi. IIT Madras is preparing the event, while BHU will host it. Students and teachers will get the opportunity to take 'Amrit Snan' in Maha Kumbh and visit Ram temple in Ayodhya.



**88. Which commission has been reorganized by the government recently**

**A - Environmental Protection Commission**

**B - Atomic Energy Commission**

**C - Finance Commission**

**D - Science and Technology Commission**

The Government of India has reorganized the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). It includes Cabinet Secretary TV Somanathan, Expenditure Secretary Manoj Goel, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Pramod Kumar Mishra and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri.





**89. In which state has Swami Vivekananda Yuva Shakti Mission been launched recently?**

**A - Madhya Pradesh**

**B - Gujarat**

**C - Haryana**

**D - Chhattisgarh**

The Madhya Pradesh government has launched the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Shakti Mission, which aims to inspire youth and make them self-reliant and empowered. This mission will propagate the teachings of Swami Vivekananda, as well as promote the spirit of discipline and patriotism.



**90. In January 2025, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's Spain visit? How many MoUs were signed between India and Spain during Jaishankar's Spain visit?**

**A - Two**

**B - Four**

**C - Five**

**D - Ten**

India and Spain signed two MoUs to strengthen bilateral relations. Dr. S. Jaishankar was on a visit to Spain on 13-14 January 2025, where he met senior leaders of the Spanish government. The relations further strengthened after Pedro Sanchez's visit to India in October 2024, and both countries decided to celebrate 2026 as the year of "Cultural Tourism" and "AI".



**91. When was the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana launched?**

**A - Year 2018**

**B - Year 2015**

**C - Year 2016**

**D - Year 2009**

Odisha has become the 34th state to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. The scheme will be implemented in Odisha in conjunction with the Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana, providing a cover of Rs 5 lakh per family per year, with an additional cover of Rs 5 lakh for female members.



**92. Who recently inaugurated the Z Mode Tunnel or Sonamarg Tunnel?**

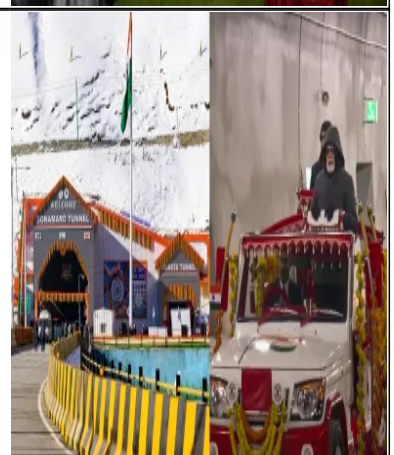
**A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

**B - Home Minister Amit Shah**

**C - External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar**

**D - Chief Minister Omar Abdullah**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 6.5 km long Z-Mode Tunnel in Sonamarg area of Kashmir on 13 January 2025. The tunnel is part of the India-China Border Road Project and is located on the Srinagar-Leh National Highway, connecting Gagangir to Sonamarg. The travel time will be reduced from 2 hours to 15 minutes through this tunnel.







**93. What is the name of the indigenous micro missile system designed to counter the threat of swarm drone attacks?**

- A - Bhargavastra**                      **B - Dronacharya**  
**C - Arjun**                                **D - Chetak**

The indigenous micro missile system Bhargavastra was successfully tested on 12-13 January 2025 at Gopalpur Seaward Firing Range in Odisha. The system has been developed by Economic Explosives Limited to deal with swarm drone attacks. It has a range of 5-6 km and can be deployed on mobile platforms.



**94. Recently, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar released the book on "Rights and Privileges of Parliament". This book is written by whom?**

- A - Dr. Ramachandra Guha**                      **B - Dr. K. S. Chauhan**  
**C - Advocate Tushar Mehta**                      **D - Dr. Upendra Singh**

On 13 January 2025, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar released Dr. K.S. Chauhan's book "Parliament: Powers, Functions & Privileges; A Comparative Constitutional Perspective". The book highlights the functions, privileges and accountability of the government of Parliament. In particular, the importance of dialogue, debate and deliberation to ensure accountability has been discussed.



**95. In which state is the Sabarimala temple located?**

- A - Karnataka**                                      **B - Kerala**  
**C - Maharashtra**                                      **D - Tamil Nadu**

Makaravilaku festival was organized at Sabarimala temple in Kerala on the occasion of Makar Sankranti, which holds special significance for the devotees of Lord Ayyappa. Lakhs of devotees participate in this festival. Devotees follow a strict fast (Mandalam Vratam) for 41 days, which includes satvik life and celibacy.



**96. The first chairman of the National Turmeric Board is-**

- A - Palle Ganga Reddy**                                      **B - Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy**  
**C - Dhiru Bhai Patel**                                      **D - Nilesh Mishra**

On January 14, 2025, Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the National Turmeric Board. Its headquarters will be in Nizamabad, Telangana and Palle Ganga Reddy has been made the first chairman. The board aims to promote turmeric production, marketing and export in India. It will include representatives from Maharashtra, Telangana and Meghalaya, as well as members from the Ministry of AYUSH and the Department of Agriculture.





**97. 'Gaan-Ngai' cultural event is celebrated in which state?**

**A - Manipur**

**B - Meghalaya**

**C - Tripura**

**D - Tamil Nadu**

Gaan-Ngai festival, which is the major cultural and religious post-harvest festival of the Zeliangrong community, was celebrated with great pomp in Manipur on January 12, 2025. It lasts for five days and focuses on peace, prosperity and community welfare. "Gaan-Ngai" means "winter festival", which marks the end of agricultural activities.



**98. When was the Indian Meteorological Department established?**

**A - 1875**

**B - 1882**

**C - 1992**

**D - 1906**

On January 15, 2025, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) will complete 150 years of its establishment. It was established on January 15, 1875, and is responsible for weather forecasting, warnings and other weather-related activities under the Ministry of Earth Sciences. IMD has made significant contributions in monitoring weather patterns, disaster management, agriculture and national development.



**99. Panchet Observatory is set up in which state?**

**A - West Bengal**

**B - Uttar Pradesh**

**C - Uttarakhand**

**D - Tamil Nadu**

The Panchet Observatory has been set up by the S. N. Bose Centre for Basic Sciences atop the Panchet Hill in Purulia district of West Bengal. It will aid in observing celestial bodies and studying transient astronomical phenomena. The observatory aims to train students in telescope operation and data recording while promoting collaboration in astronomical research.



**100. Mount Ibu volcano is located in which country?**

**A - Italy**

**B - Malaysia**

**C - Indonesia**

**D - Japan**

Recently, Indonesia's Mount Ibu volcano erupted, spewing hot lava and smoke up to a height of 4 kilometers. Located on Halmahera Island, it is one of Indonesia's most active volcanoes, with lava flows up to 2 kilometers. In 2024, Mount Ibu had more than 2,000 eruptions.







**101. Recently, which anti-tank guided missile has been successfully tested by DRDO company?**

**A - Nag MK-2**

**B - Agni - 2**

**C - Trishul - 2**

**D - Prithvi MK-2**

The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully tested the third generation anti-tank guided missile Nag MK-2 and its carrier version-2 at Pokhran Field Range in Rajasthan. The Nag MK-2, indigenously developed by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), has a range of 4-7 km.



**102. Who has recently been sworn in as the President of Venezuela?**

**A - Nicolas Maduro**

**B - Brian Khandu**

**C - Dan Bravo**

**D - Caius John**

Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro was sworn in for his third six-year term on January 13, 2025, after the controversial July 2024 elections. Opposition leader Edmundo Gonzalez accused Maduro of election fraud and declared himself the rightful winner. Maduro, a former bus driver, became president after the death of Hugo Chavez in 2013.



**103. Who recently became the President of Croatia?**

**A - Jovan Nokovic**

**B - Zoran Milanovich**

**C - Henry Fayol**

**D - Taylor Siwach**

Zoran Milanovic has recently been re-elected as the President of Croatia. He was first made President in 2020. His re-election has shown the confidence of the countrymen in his leadership. Croatia is a country of historical and cultural importance in Europe, whose capital is Zagreb. It shares borders with Montenegro, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia.



**104. When is Indian Army Day celebrated?**

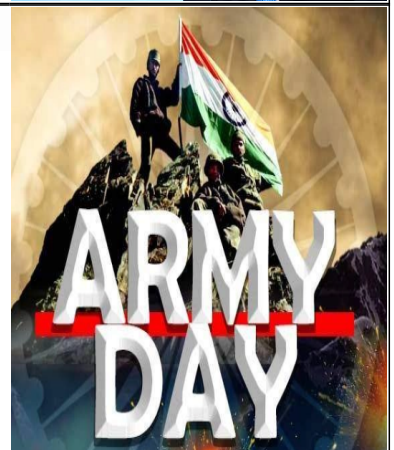
**A - 15 January**

**B - 14 January**

**C - 17 April**

**D - 11 March**

Indian Army Day is celebrated every year on 15 January, which marks the establishment of the Indian Army and the handing over of the command of the Army to the Indian leadership. The day is an occasion to pay tribute to the heroes of the army and honour their bravery. This year, the 77th Army Day will be celebrated under the theme "Samartha Bharat, Saksham Sena", with the Army showcasing its state-of-the-art equipment and war strategies.





**105. Who has been named the best javelin thrower of 2024 by the American magazine Track and Fields News?**

**A - Neeraj Chopra**

**B - Arshad Nadeem**

**C - Navdeep Singh**

**D - Sundar Gurjar**

Neeraj Chopra, the gold medalist of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, has been named the best javelin thrower of 2024 by the American magazine "Track and Field News". He overtook Anderson Peters of Grenada to take the first place. However, Neeraj won the silver medal at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics, while the gold medal went to Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan.



**106. By which method was the garbage dump of Prayagraj Mahakumbh converted into a forest area?**

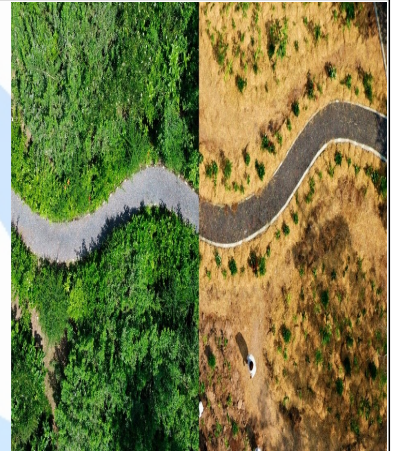
**A - Miyawaki method**

**B - Recycling method**

**C - Recycling method**

**D - None of the above**

As part of the Maha Kumbh 2025 event in Prayagraj, an area of 56,000 square metres has been converted into a dense forest using the Miyawaki method over the last two years. The method, developed by botanist Akira Miyawaki in the 1970s, ensures rapid growth of trees and shrubs by planting them close to each other.



**107. India has recently agreed on a mining partnership with which country?**

**A - Indonesia**

**B - Mongolia**

**C - Uganda**

**D - Czechoslovakia**

India plans to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mongolia for cooperation in mineralogy and exploration. The initiative aims to diversify supply chains of minerals such as copper and coking coal and strengthen resource security. India is dependent on imports to meet the growing demand for copper and coking coal, which are essential for power generation, construction and steel industries.



**108. Which country recently launched the first certificate course in Hindi in the country on the occasion of World Hindi Day?**

**A - Sri Lanka**

**B - Bangladesh**

**C - Afghanistan**

**D - Pakistan**

Sri Lanka launched the first Hindi certificate course on the occasion of World Hindi Day on January 10, 2025. The course will be run in collaboration with Sri Lanka Open University and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center (SVCC). The course was inaugurated by India's High Commissioner Santosh Jha and Sri Lanka's Education Minister Dr. Madhura Seneviratne.







**109. National River Traffic and Navigation System was unveiled by -**

**A - Sarbananda Sonowal**

**B - Amit Shah**

**C - Anurag Thakur**

**D - Piyush Goyal**

On January 11, 2025, Sarbananda Sonowal launched the National River Traffic and Navigation System (NRT & NS) at the Inland Waterways Development Council (IWDC) meeting in Kaziranga, Assam. The meeting announced an investment of ₹50,000 crore over the next five years and projects worth ₹1,400 crore in 21 states.



**110. Project - 75 is related to ?**

**A - Submarine**

**B - Missile**

**C - Air Defence System**

**D - Cannon**

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders handed over the last submarine of the Scorpene class INS Vagsheer to the Indian Navy. It is named after the Indian Ocean predator sand fish and is capable of launching a deadly attack on the enemy with torpedoes, anti-ship missiles and advanced stealth technologies.



**111. Where is the 21st edition of the "Third Eye Asian Film Festival" being held -**

**A - Mumbai**

**B - Delhi**

**C - Jaipur**

**D - Guwahati**

The Third Eye Asian Film Festival is being held in Mumbai from January 10 to 16, with 61 films coming from various countries such as China, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Tunisia and Bhutan. The films are being screened in Andheri, Sion and Thane. During the festival, Javed Akhtar was honoured with the Asian Cinema Culture Award for his incomparable contribution to cinema.



**112. Recently, the new President of Lebanon has been elected -**

**A - Joseph Aoun**

**B - Biju George Joseph**

**C - Hadia Sultan**

**D - Glenn Maxwell**

The Lebanese Parliament recently elected Army Commander Joseph Aoun as President. He got a majority in two rounds, 71 votes in the first round and 99 votes in the second round. Lebanon is located on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea in Western Asia, and is bordered by Israel, Syria and the Mediterranean Sea.





## 113. When is National Youth Day celebrated?

A - 12 January

B - 14 January

C - 11 March

D - 6 April

Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, 12 January, is celebrated as National Youth Day. In 1984 it was declared National Youth Day, and in 1999 it was decided to celebrate it as International Youth Day. The purpose of this day is to inspire youth to get involved in social issues, express their opinions and develop understanding on public issues.



## 114. Which has been the hottest year on Earth so far?

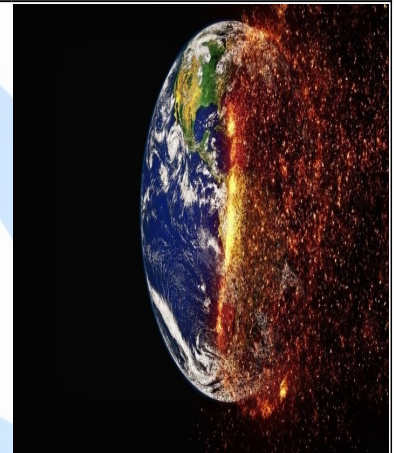
A - Year – 2024

B - Year – 2023

C - Year – 2021

D - Year – 2019

2024 was considered a landmark year for climate change, when the global average temperature crossed the 1.5°C threshold from pre-industrial levels for the first time. The average temperature this year was 15.1°C, the hottest year on record. The temperature on July 22 was 17.16°C. Sea surface temperature also reached 20.87°C.



## 115. Which eminent playback singer died recently?

A - P. Jayachandran

B - Shankar Desai

C - S. Sridev

D - Premchand

Legendary playback singer of Indian music P. Jayachandran, popularly known as 'Bhava Gayakan', died at the age of 80. He gave his voice to more than 16,000 songs in six decades and expressed emotions like love, devotion, separation deeply. His music career started in 1965 with the film 'Kunjali Marakkar'.



## 116. Where was the '5G Use Case Test Lab' inaugurated recently?

A - Lucknow

B - Hyderabad

C - Ranchi

D - Delhi

Union Coal and Mines Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated the '5G Use Case Test Lab' at CMPDI located in Ranchi. This lab is dedicated to promoting digital transformation in the coal sector and testing 5G technology based applications. It aims to enable smart mining, predictive maintenance and real-time monitoring.







**117. Which state has recently launched Parth Yojana?**

- A - Uttar Pradesh      B - Madhya Pradesh  
C - Rajasthan      D - Punjab

The Madhya Pradesh government has launched "Parth Yojana" to recruit youth in police, army and paramilitary. Its objective is to provide training for physical and written examination and increase employment opportunities. Under the scheme, preparation for physical test, general knowledge, mathematics, English, personality development and interview will be done.



**118. Where is Punatsangchu-II Hydroelectric Project located?**

- A - Nepal      B - Bhutan  
C - Bangladesh      D - Myanmar

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) commissioned two units of Punatsangchu-II Hydroelectric Project located in Bhutan. The project is being developed under bilateral agreement of India and Bhutan, with a capacity of 1200 MW in Phase-I and 1020 MW in Phase-II.



**119. The only state in India where completely organic farming is done?**

- A - Sikkim      B - Manipur  
C - Uttarakhand      D - Uttar Pradesh

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal launched the 8th edition of National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), along with unveiling Organic Promotion Portal and Tracenet 2.0. Organic Promotion Portal will provide visibility and ease of operations to organic stakeholders, while Tracenet 2.0 will ensure transparency and compliance for organic products.



**120. Kumbhvani channel was inaugurated by whom?**

- A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi      B - Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath  
C - Union Minister Amit Shah      D - President Draupadi Murmu

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the special Kumbhvani channel of Akashvani for Mahakumbh 2025 in Prayagraj. The channel will be broadcast from January 10 to February 26, 2025, from 5:55 am to 10:05 pm, on FM 103.5 MHz. It is aimed at devotees who could not participate in Kumbh.





**121. Which state has recently linked its forest ecosystem to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?**

**A - Chhattisgarh**

**B - Mizoram**

**C - Rajasthan**

**D - Delhi**

Chhattisgarh has become the first state in India to link its forest ecosystem to Green GDP. The initiative highlights the economic and ecological values of forests, the importance of biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation. Green GDP is a modified version of traditional GDP that incorporates the environmental costs of economic activities, such as natural resource depletion, environmental degradation and pollution.



**122. When was the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited established?**

**A - 1986**

**B - 1987**

**C - 1988**

**D - 1989**

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) has received 'Excellent' rating for the fourth consecutive year, given under the performance appraisal system organized by the Government of India. IREDA received this honor for its high efficiency, efficient implementation of projects and contribution to the renewable energy sector.



**123. Recently, in which state "Gunotsav-2025" has been launched to improve the quality of education?**

**A - Assam**

**B - Tripura**

**C - Meghalaya**

**D - Manipur**

The Assam government launched the first phase of the "Gunotsav 2025" program on 6 January 2025. It aims to evaluate and improve the quality of education across the state. The initiative will be implemented in three phases, with a target of reaching 14.11 lakh students and 16,056 schools.



**124. In which country is the outbreak of "Tularemia or Rabbit Fever" infection being seen?**

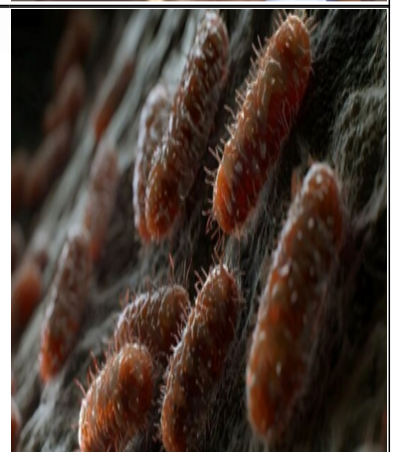
**A - America**

**B - Uganda**

**C - China**

**D - Iran**

Tularemia, also known as rabbit fever, is a rare but dangerous disease caused by *Francisella tularensis* bacteria. It is mainly found in rabbits, hares and rodents and spreads to humans through contact with infected animals, tick bites, polluted water or dust. Its symptoms include fever, skin lesions, respiratory problems, eye irritation, sore throat and mouth ulcers.







**125. What is the ranking of India according to the Henley Passport Index 2025?**

- A - 80  
C - 89  
B - 85  
D - 91

According to the Henley Passport Index 2025, India's passport has dropped from 80th position to 85th, and Indian passport holders can travel visa-free to 57 countries. Singapore has retained the status of the most powerful passport, while the US passport has dropped from 7th to 9th position. Afghanistan's passport is the weakest.



**126. Recently, India has signed an agreement with the US for which anti-submarine will be produced for the Indian Navy?**

- A - Warfare Sonobuoy  
C - Chetak 3D  
B - Warfare Fighter  
D - Ujjwal

India and the US have jointly decided to build anti-submarine warfare sonobuoys, which will increase the strength of India's navy. This decision has been taken in view of the increasing threat of Chinese warships and submarines in the Indian Ocean. Sonobuoy is a special device that can be released into the sea and it catches the sound of submarines and sends accurate information.



**127. What is the maximum medical expense provided under the cashless treatment scheme for road accident victims?**

- A - Rs 1 lakh  
C - Rs 2 lakh  
B - Rs 1.5 lakh  
D - Rs 5 lakh

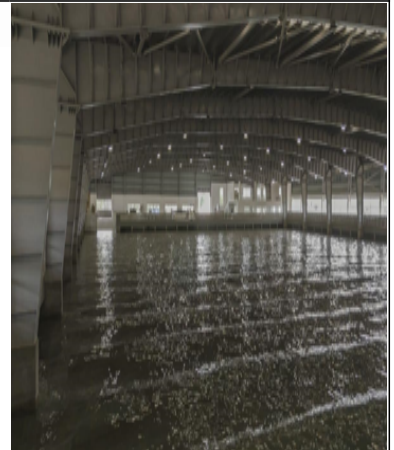
Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced a cashless treatment scheme for road accident victims, which will cover medical expenses up to Rs 1.5 lakh for 7 days after the accident. The accident has to be reported to the police within 24 hours. In hit-and-run cases, the family of the deceased will get a compensation of Rs 2 lakh.



**128. Which institute recently launched Asia's largest shallow Wave Basin Research Facility?**

- A - IIT Delhi  
C - IIT Kanpur  
B - IIT Madras  
D - IIT Guwahati

IIT Madras has launched Asia's largest and state-of-the-art shallow Wave Basin Research Facility, developed to give new direction to technical and research needs in coastal and marine engineering. The facility is located at the Thaiyur campus and will help in solving complex problems related to ports, waterways and coastal structures.





**129. World Hindi Day is celebrated on -**

**A - 10 January**

**B - 11 January**

**C - 12 January**

**D - 14 January**

World Hindi Day (WHD) is celebrated on 10 January to promote the Hindi language around the world, which is being organized every year since 2006. This day commemorates the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference in Nagpur in 1975 and the first speech of Hindi in the United Nations General Assembly in 1949.



**130. Anahat Singh, who was in the news recently, is related to which sport?**

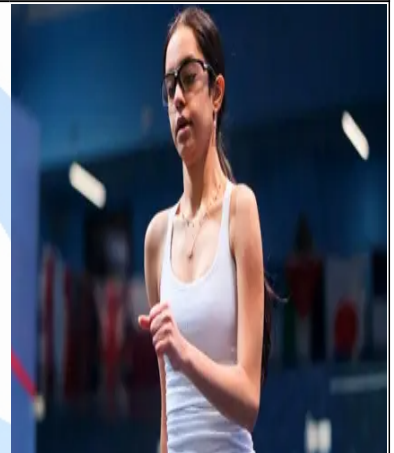
**A - Women Squash Players**

**B - Swimming**

**C - Women Hockey Players**

**D - High Jumping**

Indian squash player Anahat Singh won her third title in the women's under-17 category of the British Junior Open 2025 by defeating Malika Elkaraksi of Egypt 3-2. Earlier, she also won titles in the under-11 category in 2019 and under-15 category in 2023. In 2024, Anahat set a record of winning nine PSA tournament titles and made it to the top-100 in the Indian women's PSA rankings.



**131. Who inaugurated Indusfood 2025?**

**A - Narendra Modi**

**B - Chirag Paswan**

**C - Smriti Irani**

**D - Ramdas Athawale**

Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Shri Chirag Paswan inaugurated the 8th edition of Indusfood 2025 in Greater Noida. It is Asia's leading food and beverage trade exhibition, which will see the participation of 2300 exhibitors from over 30 countries.



**132. Which country has recently become the 10th member of BRICS?**

**A - Myanmar**

**B - Malaysia**

**C - Thailand**

**D - Indonesia**

Indonesia has now officially become a full member of BRICS, announced by Brazil. BRICS leaders supported its membership at the 2023 Johannesburg summit. This strengthened BRICS' presence in Southeast Asia. Brazil welcomed Indonesia, underlining its objective of global governance reform and increasing cooperation among the Global South.







### 133. What is the motto of Rural India Festival, 2025?

- A - Gaon Badhe, To Desh Badhe      B - Administration Gaon Ke Ore  
C - Gaon-Gaon      D - Desh Tari

The event, held from January 4 to 9 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on the theme "Developed India - Building a Resilient Rural India for 2047", was aimed at promoting entrepreneurship, cultural heritage and development of rural India. The initiative was supported by the Ministry of Finance and NABARD.



### 134. Who is Jake Sullivan who recently visited India?

- A - National Security Advisor to the US President      B - US Defense Minister  
C - Secretary of State to the US      D - None of the following  
Secretary of State

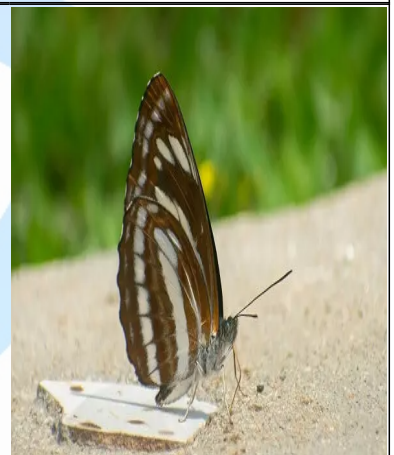
United States National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan announced that the US will lift sanctions on some Indian entities to enhance cooperation in India's civil nuclear program. These sanctions were imposed after the 1998 Pokhran nuclear tests. Jake Sullivan attended the third meeting of the ICET initiative with Indian National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in New Delhi on 5-6 January 2025.



### 135. Recently, the "Banded Royal Butterfly" has been found in which wildlife sanctuary?

- A - Ranthambore Sanctuary      B - Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary  
C - Dholpur Karauli Wildlife Sanctuary      D - Keoladeo National Wildlife Sanctuary

A rare species called "Banded Royal Butterfly" or "Rachna Jalindra Indra" has been seen for the first time in Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary of Tripura. It is a butterfly of the Lycaenidae family, which was described by Thomas Horsfield in 1829. It is protected under Schedule-II of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.



### 136. Who has been recently elected as the President of the Athletics Federation of India?

- A - Bahadur Singh Sagoo      B - Adile Sumariwala  
C - Bajrang Punia      D - Sali Bhalik

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI), established in 1946, is the apex body managing athletics in India. It is affiliated with World Athletics, Asian Athletics Federation and Indian Olympic Association. More than 32 units are functioning under AFI, which organize national championships, team selection, training and preparation for international competitions.





**137. In which state was India's first coastal and wader bird census conducted recently?**

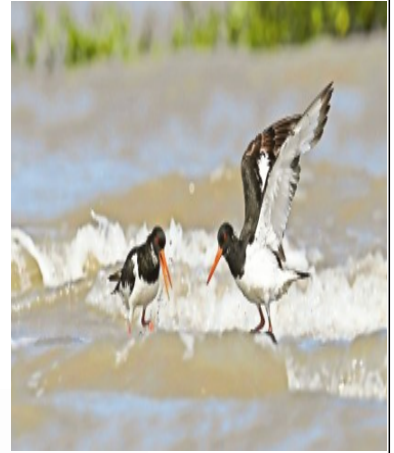
**A - Gujarat**

**B - Haryana**

**C - Punjab**

**D - Rajasthan**

India's first coastal and wader bird census was held in Jamnagar, Gujarat on 3-5 January 2025. Its aim was to collect data on bird populations and habitats in the coastal areas of the state. More than 100 bird observers participated in the event, which includes more than 300 bird species found in Jamnagar's Marine National Park and Sanctuary, including the rare Crab Plover and Great Knot. This census will collect important data for bird conservation.



**138. Who has been appointed the new Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)?**

**A - V. Narayanan**

**B - K. Sivan**

**C - Dr. Radhakrishnan**

**D - G. Madhavan**

V. Narayanan will be the new Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). He will take charge on January 14 and will also take over as the Secretary of the Department of Space. Narayanan has nearly 40 years of experience in rocket and spacecraft propulsion. He joined ISRO in 1984 and made significant contributions to the Vikram Sarabhai Center and Liquid Propulsion Systems Center (LPSC).



**139. Recently, in which state has the country's first organic fisheries cluster been launched by the Central Government?**

**A - Sikkim**

**B - Mizoram**

**C - Tamil Nadu**

**D - Chhattisgarh**

Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh launched the country's first organic fisheries cluster in Soreng district of Sikkim. It aims to promote chemical-free, organic and antibiotic-free fish farming, which will reduce environmental pollution and protect aquatic ecosystems.



**140. When was the Polavaram project given the status of a national project?**

**A - In the year - 2014**

**B - In the year - 2015**

**C - In the year - 2016**

**D - In the year - 2017**

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has ordered IIT Hyderabad to prepare a report to assess the impact on Telangana from the construction of Polavaram project. Telangana suffered heavy losses due to the floods in Bhadrachalam in 2022. Polavaram project, which is being constructed on the Godavari river in Andhra Pradesh, is a multi-purpose irrigation project.







## 141. Where will Aero India 2025 be held

A - Bengaluru

B - New Delhi

C - Mumbai

D - Jaipur

Aero India 2025 will be held at Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru from February 10 to 14. It is Asia's largest biennial air show, and will be its 15th edition. The event is organised by the Defence Exhibition Organisation, Department of Defence Production and the Union Ministry of Defence.



## 142. When is the Bureau of Indian Standards Day celebrated

A - 1 January

B - 2 January

C - 4 January

D - 6 January

Recently, the 78th Foundation Day of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) was celebrated in New Delhi. This day is celebrated every year on 6 January, and on this occasion Union Minister Shri Prahlad Joshi emphasized the importance of quality and self-reliance. The purpose of the Foundation Day was to provide quality products to consumers and inspire Indian industries to make products in line with global standards.



## 143. Recently, Jammu has been made which division of Railways?

A - 65th

B - 69th

C - 71st

D - 73rd

On January 6, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Jammu Railway Division, which is the 69th division of the Northern Railway zone. It aims to enhance connectivity in northern India and encourage socio-economic development. The Jammu Railway Division covers a network of 742.1 route kilometers, including Pathankot to Jammu, Udhampur, Srinagar, Baramulla and other major sections.



## 144. Recently, Home Minister Amit Shah has launched which portal for police assistance-

A - BHARATPOL

B - BHARATPETROL

C - BHARAT RAKSHA

D - BHARAT KAVACH

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah will launch the BHARATPOL portal developed by the CBI in New Delhi on 7 January 2025. This portal will help India deal with transnational crimes and simplify international police assistance in real time. The CBI, which acts as the National Central Bureau (NCB) of INTERPOL, will make communication faster and effective through this portal.





**145. Recently, two red pandas were brought from the Netherlands to the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in Darjeeling, India. What were they named?**

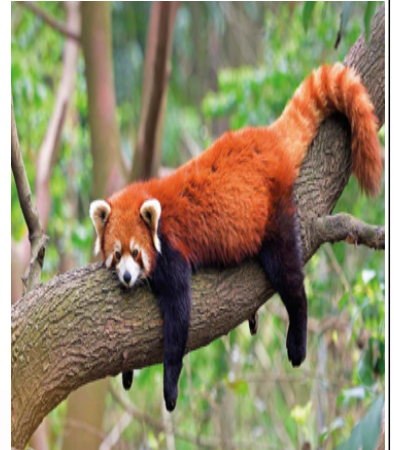
**A - Vishal and Koshi**

**B - Ravi and Shivani**

**C - Himalaya and Parvati**

**D - Himanshi and Himanshu**

On the occasion of Christmas 2024, two red pandas, 'Vishal' and 'Koshi', were brought from the Rotterdam Zoo in the Netherlands to the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PMZP) in Darjeeling. These are the red pandas brought from a foreign country after a decade. PMZP, which was established in 1958, operates the most successful protected breeding program for red pandas in India.



**146. Who has been elected unopposed as the new secretary of BCCI recently?**

**A - Devjit Saikia**

**B - Prabhtej Singh**

**C - Sourav Ganguly**

**D - Sachin Tendulkar**

Devjit Saikia, former Assam cricketer, is going to be appointed as the new secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and Prabhtej Singh Bhatia, the representative of Chhattisgarh State Cricket Association, as the new treasurer. Both had applied alone and will be elected unopposed at the BCCI Special General Meeting (SGM) held in Mumbai on January 12, 2025.



**147. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Delhi Waqf Board recently?**

**A - Azimul Haque**

**B - Inzamam-ul-Haq**

**C - Usman Khawaja**

**D - Irfan Pathan**

Lieutenant Governor (L-G) V.K. Saxena approved the appointment of IAS officer Azimul Haque as CEO of Delhi Waqf Board. However, the L-G accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government of not following legal procedures and delaying the appointment by a month. Under the Delhi Waqf Act, 1995, the board had to send a panel of two names to the state government but only one name was sent, thereby violating the procedure.



**148. Lionel Messi will be honored with which award at the White House on 5 January 2025?**

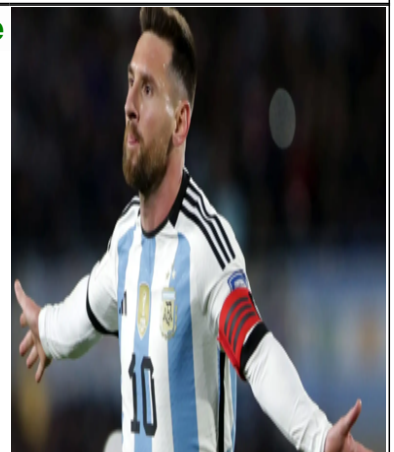
**A - The Golden Boot Award**

**B - The Presidential Medal of Freedom**

**C - FIFA Player of the Year**

**D - The Ballon d'Or**

Lionel Messi, Argentina's football captain, will receive "The Presidential Medal of Freedom" from US President Joe Biden at the White House on 5 January 2025. He is the first male football player to receive this honor. The award has been given to him for his exceptional contribution to the field of football.







**149. 'Jallikattu' is organised in which state?**

**A - Tamil Nadu**

**B - Kerala**

**C - Karnataka**

**D - Gujarat**

Jallikattu was organised at Thachankurichi village in Pudukottai district of Tamil Nadu on 4 January 2025, which marks the beginning of Pongal festival and the Jallikattu season. More than 600 bulls and 350 participants took part in the event. The event began in the presence of District Collector M. Aruna.



**150. Where will the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conference 2025 be organized?**

**A - New Delhi**

**B - Bhubaneswar**

**C - Jaipur**

**D - Chandigarh**

Bhubaneswar will host the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention from January 8-10, 2025, which will be attended by Indian diaspora from over 50 countries. This is the first time Bhubaneswar is hosting this convention. The chief guest of the convention will be President of Trinidad and Tobago Christine Carla Kangaloo, who will address virtually on January 9.



**151. Which organization has recently introduced a centralized pension payment system in all its regional offices?**

**A - Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)**

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

**C - Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**

**D - None of these**

The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has introduced the Centralized Pension Payment System (CPPS), which will benefit 68 lakh pensioners. In this system, pensioners can withdraw their pension from any bank, and the pension amount will be deposited directly into their account.



**152. Which country will host the Kho-Kho World Cup 2025?**

**A - India**

**B - Pakistan**

**C - Bangladesh**

**D - Sri Lanka**

The trophy and mascot for the Kho-Kho World Cup 2025 have been unveiled. This World Cup will be held in India for the first time, in which 41 teams from 24 countries will participate. The trophy has been named Tejas and Tara, which symbolize talent-energy and guidance-aspiration respectively.





**153. Where has the new campus of Indian Institute of Handloom Technology been inaugurated recently?**

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

The new campus of Indian Institute of Handloom Technology at Phulia in Nadia district of West Bengal was inaugurated by Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh. The campus cost Rs 75.95 crore and will cater to the educational needs of students from West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Sikkim. Increase in number of seats:



**154. Who recently chaired the Island Development Agency (IDA)?**

- A - Prime Minister - Narendra Modi      B - Defence Minister - Rajnath Singh  
C - External Affairs Minister - S. Jaishankar      D - Home Minister - Amit Shah

The 7th meeting of the Island Development Agency (IDA) was held in New Delhi, which was chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The meeting was attended by Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands D.K. Joshi, Administrator of Lakshadweep Praful Patel, and Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla.



**155. In which state is India's first 'Generation Beta' child born?**

- A - Mizoram                                  B - Himachal Pradesh  
C - Bihar                                      D - Uttar Pradesh

India welcomed a new era with the beginning of Generation Beta in 2025. Born on January 1 in Aizawl, Mizoram, Frankie Remruatdika Jadeng, son of Ramjirbhavi and Jedi Remruatsanga, was identified as India's first Generation Beta child. His family hails from Khatla East area of Aizawl. Generation Beta refers to children born between 2025 and 2039.



**156. The Government of India has proposed to revise the GDP base year to which working year?**

- A - 2022-23                                  B - 2023-24  
C - 2014-15                                  D - 2015-16

The Government of India plans to change the base year for calculating GDP from 2011-12 to 2022-23. This revision will better reflect the economic scenario and structural changes. For this, a 26-member advisory committee has been formed, which will be headed by Biswanath Goldar.







**157. Which bank has recently announced the launch of "Har Ghar Lakhpati" scheme?**

- A - RBI  
C - ICICI  
B - SBI  
D - HDFC

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched two new schemes, "Har Ghar Lakhpati" and "SBI Patrons". 'Har Ghar Lakhpati' is a pre-defined recurring deposit scheme, which helps customers save up to ₹ 1 lakh or its multiples and makes it easier to achieve financial goals. The "SBI Patrons" scheme is specially designed for senior citizens aged 80 years and above, offering additional interest rates.



**158. Which Indian writer was recently announced to receive the Padmapani Achievement Award at the International Film Festival (AIFF) 2025?**

- A - Sai Paranjape  
C - Subhadra Chandran  
B - Fatima Begum  
D - Sushila Sharma

Indian cinema's leading director and writer Sai Paranjape will be honored with the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award at the Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival (AIFF) 2025. She will be given this award for her famous films Sparsh, Chashme Badoor, Katha and Sagh and for her contribution to the parallel cinema movement.



**159. For whom has the One Nation - One Subscription Scheme been brought by the government?**

- A - For students  
C - For the elderly  
B - For women  
D - Related to ecology

The Central Government launched the "One Nation One Subscription" (ONOS) scheme on January 1, 2025. It aims to provide easy access to high quality education and research material to students and researchers. Under this scheme, students from tier-2 and tier-3 cities will also be able to take advantage.



**160. Where was the 31st National Children's Science Congress launched?**

- A - Ajmer  
C - Jaipur  
B - Bhopal  
D - Chennai

The 31st National Children's Science Congress was inaugurated in Bhopal on 3 January 2025. It was inaugurated by Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav. The event will run till 6 January 2025, in which more than 700 child scientists, teachers and mentors are participating. The main theme of this year is "Understanding ecosystem for health and well-being".





**161. National Bird Day is celebrated on?**

- A - January 1  
C - January 3

- B - January 2  
D - January 5

National Bird Day, which is of American origin, is celebrated every year on January 5. It aims to spread awareness about the importance of birds in the ecosystem, conservation of bird species affected by habitat destruction, food crisis and climate change. India's Environment Minister on the occasion stressed on the conservation of wetlands, as these are important ecosystems for the habitat and food of birds.

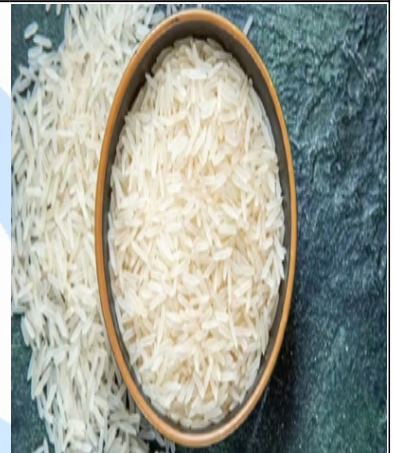


**162. Recently, India has signed an agreement with which country on non-basmati rice trade?**

- A - India and Indonesia  
C - India and China

- B - India and Japan  
D - India and Nepal

The Union Cabinet approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Indonesia, under which India will supply one million metric tonnes of non-basmati white rice to Indonesia annually. The agreement will be for four years and will be automatically extended for another four years.

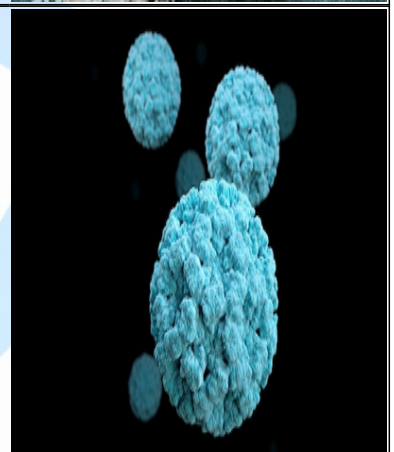


**163. In which country were cases of infection called norovirus first found?**

- A - USA  
C - China

- B - India  
D - Nepal

Recently, more than 90 cases of norovirus have been confirmed in the United States, and some cases have also been reported in Kerala, India. Norovirus, called the 'winter vomiting bug', is a highly contagious virus that spreads through contaminated food, water and surfaces. It causes diarrhea like rotavirus and can affect any age group.

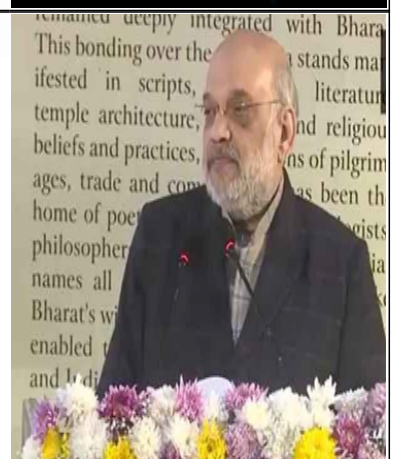


**164. Who recently released the book titled "Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Through the Ages"?**

- A - Rajnath Singh  
C - Amit Shah

- B - Narendra Modi  
D - Omar Abdullah

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah released the book "Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Through the Ages: A Visual Narrative of Continuities and Linkages" in New Delhi. Many dignitaries including Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and ICHR Chairman Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar were present on the occasion.







**165. When was the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) established?**

**A - 1958**

**B - 1959**

**C - 1963**

**D - 1965**

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) celebrated its 67th Foundation Day on January 2, 2025. Established in 1958, DRDO is now a network of 52 laboratories and 5 young scientist laboratories, engaged in the development of missiles, aircraft, combat vehicles, and other defence technologies.



**166. Who has recently been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of UIDAI?**

**A - Bhuvnesh Kumar**

**B - Rajat Goyal**

**C - Mani Singhal**

**D - Himanshu Kaushik**

Bhuvnesh Kumar has been appointed as the CEO of UIDAI, replacing Amit Agarwal. UIDAI was established in 2009 and got statutory status by the Aadhaar Act in 2016. The authority functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The main function of UIDAI is to manage all stages of Aadhaar enrolment, authentication, and life cycle, as well as develop policy, process, and certification.



**167. Who has recently become the new Governor of Bihar?**

**A - Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar**

**B - Arif Mohammad Khan**

**C - Kalraj Mishra**

**D - Satyapal Malik**

Arif Mohammad Khan took oath as the 42nd Governor of Bihar, replacing Rajendra Arlekar. The oath ceremony was conducted by Chief Justice of Patna High Court K. Vinod Chandran at Raj Bhavan in Patna. During Mr Khan's previous tenure, there was a dispute with the state government over the appointment of Vice Chancellors of universities.



**168. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has designed a project called VISTAAR to bring a digital initiative in agriculture?**

**A - IIT Madras**

**B - IIT Kanpur**

**C - IIT Bombay**

**D - IIT Delhi**

IIT Madras in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched Project VISTAAR, which aims to digitally empower India's agricultural extension system. The project will provide high-quality advisory services to farmers on crop production, marketing, value addition and supply chain management.





## 169. World Braille Day is celebrated on?

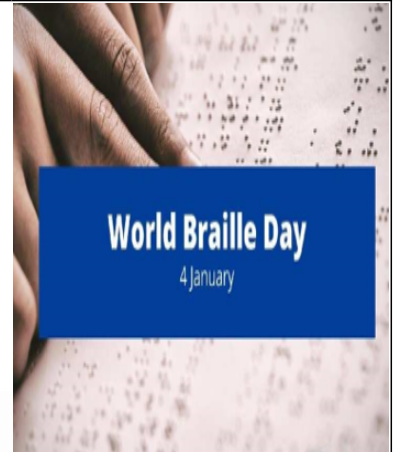
A - 1 January

B - 2 January

C - 3 January

D - 4 January

World Braille Day is celebrated on 4 January to raise awareness about the importance of Braille for the rights of blind and partially sighted people. The day is being celebrated since 2019. Braille is a tactile system in which letters, numbers and other symbols are represented by six dots.



## 170. India's first surgical robot is called?

A - SSI Mantra

B - SST Mantra

C - R&B Mantra

D - MNC Mantra

Recently, the first surgical robot manufactured in India was installed at Noble Hospital and Research Centre, Pune, which was used for robotic right extended hemicolectomy surgery on a patient suffering from colon carcinoma. This robot is designed by SSI Mantra, having a modular design with more than 5 arms and unique optics with 3D, HD immersive headset.



## 171. Which Indian chess player has recently won the bronze medal in the World Blitz Championship in the women's category?

A - R. Vaishali

B - D. Ravina

C - Himashi

D - Swati Matwal

Indian chess player R. Vaishali won the bronze medal in the women's category at the 2024 FIDE World Blitz Championship. The competition was held in New York on 30-31 December. Vaishali defeated China's Zhu Jiner in the quarter-finals, but lost to Ju Wenjun in the semi-finals, who won the gold medal.



## 172. Recently, how many schemes have been approved by the Central Government for improving the livelihood of farmers?

A - 5

B - 7

C - 9

D - 11

The Government of India has announced various schemes for agriculture and related sectors. A budget of Rs 2817 crore has been set under the Digital Agriculture Mission, which aims to create farmer registry, market database, digital land maps and weather monitoring systems. Rs 3979 crore has been allocated for crop science for food and nutrition security, which will focus on agricultural research and crop improvement.







**173. Who has recently taken over the responsibility of the Western Command of the Indian Air Force?**

**A - Air Marshal Jitendra Mishra**

**B - Air Marshal Deepak Singh**

**C - Air Marshal Naveen Bharnagr**

**D - Air Marshal Lakhan Singh**

Force (IAF), replacing Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha, who retired after 39 years of service. Air Marshal Mishra's educational background includes Air Force Test Pilot School, Air Command and Staff College (USA), Royal College of Defence Study (U.K), and National Defence Academy (Pune). He has flown over 3000 hours after being commissioned as a fighter pilot in 1986.



**174. Which country has recently announced the imposition of new tourist tax?**

**A - Russia**

**B - Japan**

**C - America**

**D - India**

Russia has introduced a new tourist tax from January 1, 2025, which has been introduced with the aim of strengthening regional tourism infrastructure. Initially this tax will be 1% of the cost of accommodation, which will increase to 3% by 2027. This fee will be applicable to hotels and other accommodations, and will eventually be paid by tourists.



**175. Which of the following players is not in the category of Major Dhyanchand Khel Ratna award winners?**

**A - Manu Bhaker**

**B - Harmanpreet Singh**

**C - D Gukesh**

**D - Neeraj Chopra**

The Government of India announced the recipients of the 2024 Major Dhyanchand Khel Ratna Award, honouring Manu Bhaker, Harmanpreet Singh, Praveen Kumar and D Gukesh for their exceptional sporting performance. Manu Bhaker created history by winning two medals in the same Games edition at the Paris 2024 Olympics.



**176. Recently, on which day Lokpal Day has been declared?**

**A - 16 January**

**B - 18 January**

**C - 20 January**

**D - 22 January**

'Lokpal Day' will be celebrated in India on 16 January 2025, which is the 11th anniversary of the establishment of the Indian Lokpal. This day is celebrated under the notification issued on 16 January 2014. Lokpal was constituted under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act 2013 to investigate corruption against public officials.





**177. Recently, which powerful submarine has India inducted into the Indian Navy?**

**A - Surat**

**B - Nilgiri**

**C - Vagsheer**

**D - None of the above**

The Indian Navy will induct two indigenously built warships, Surat and Nilgiri, and a diesel electric submarine, Vagsheer, at a ceremony at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on 15 January 2025. These equipment have been manufactured by Mazagon Dock Limited. Surat and Nilgiri warships are capable of operating several helicopters.



**178. Which is NASA's first mission - named after a living researcher?**

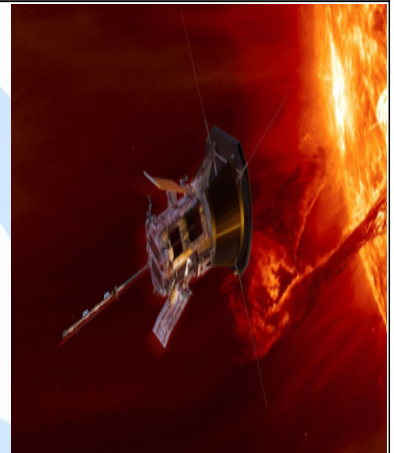
**A - Parker Solar Probe**

**B - Chandrayaan-2**

**C - Chandrayaan-3**

**D - None of the above**

NASA's Parker Solar Probe set a historic record by flying very close to the Sun, reaching speeds of 430,000 mph and enduring temperatures of 982°C. Launched in 2018, it is the first NASA mission named after a living scientist, Eugene Newman Parker. It aims to explore a 3.8 million mile radius of the Sun's corona and study the processes that drive the Sun's heating, the source of the solar wind, and the energetic particles.



**179. According to the recent report, India's defense exports have crossed what figure?**

**A - 21000 crore**

**B - 40,000 crore**

**C - 50000 crore**

**D - None of these**

India's defence exports have seen an unprecedented growth from Rs 2000 crore to Rs 21000 crore in the last decade. On 29 December 2024, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh set



**180. Which team has recently won the Santosh Trophy?**

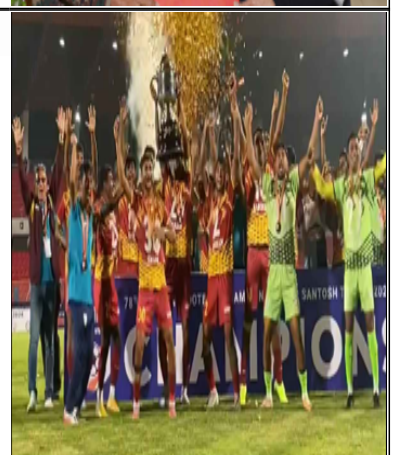
**A - West Bengal**

**B - Kerala**

**C - Tamil Nadu**

**D - Maharashtra**

In the final of the 78th edition of the Santosh Trophy, West Bengal defeated Kerala on 31 December 2024 to win its 33rd title. This was Bengal's 47th final, while Kerala reached the final for the 16th time. Bengal received a prize of Rs 5 lakh and Kerala Rs 3 lakh, while the 'Player of the Championship' award went to Robbie Hansda of Bengal.







**181. According to the recent report, how many cubic meters of groundwater recharge has been increased in the country?**

- A - 16 billion cubic metres      B - 19 billion cubic metres  
C - 15 billion cubic metres      D - 6 billion cubic metres

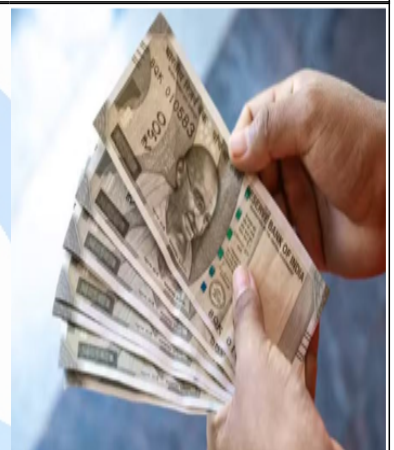
The Union Jal Shakti Ministry released its Dynamic Groundwater Resources Assessment Report 2024 on December 31, 2024, which showed that groundwater recharge has increased by 15 billion cubic metres and groundwater extraction has decreased by 3 billion cubic metres between 2011 and 2024.



**182. Who controls the interest rate on post office savings accounts?**

- A - Union Finance Ministry      B - RBI  
C - PMO      D - DoPT

The Union Finance Ministry has not changed the interest rates on National Small Savings Schemes for the last quarter of the financial year 2024-25 (1 January to 31 March 2025). These schemes are made available to the public through post offices and Public Provident Fund, and investment in them is 100% safe, as it is guaranteed by the Government of India.



**183. Recently, in which state India's first glass bridge over the sea has been inaugurated?**

- A - Karnataka      B - Tamil Nadu  
C - Maharashtra      D - Chhattisgarh

On 31 December 2024, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated India's first glass bridge in Kanyakumari. The bridge connects the Vivekananda Rock Memorial and the 133 feet high Tiruvallur statue. The bridge is 77 meters long, 10 meters wide and 133 feet above sea level, and will provide a walking experience to tourists.



**184. Which country has recently successfully tested the supersonic missile UAV-122 from the Bayraktar Akinci drone?**

- A - Turkey      B - Iran  
C - Pakistan      D - Bangladesh

Turkey successfully tested the supersonic missile UAV-122 from its indigenous Bayraktar Akinci drone, a symbol of Turkey's growing military capability and self-reliance. This drone, developed by the Baykar company, is a long-term unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV) that can carry out air-to-ground and air-to-air attacks.





## 185. Where is Bhilai Steel Plant located?

A - Chhattisgarh

B - Odisha

C - Jharkhand

D - Andhra Pradesh

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been given the status of "Great Place to Work" from January 2025 to January 2026. This is the second time the company has received this certification, the first time it was from December 2023 to December 2024.



## 186. Tamu Losar Festival is celebrated in which of the following countries?

A - India

B - Nepal

C - Bhutan

D - Tibet

Tamu Losar Festival was recently celebrated in Nepal, which is celebrated by the Gurung community. The festival was celebrated with great pomp in Gurung populated districts of Nepal, such as Lamjung, Gorkha, Tanahun, Syangja, Manang and Parvat. Tamu Losar is the New Year for the Gurung community and is celebrated in the Nepali month of Push (December-January).



## 187. Who has recently won the National Men's handball Championship title?

A - Haryana

B - Kerala

C - Punjab

D - Chhattisgarh

Kerala won its first title by defeating Chandigarh 34-31 in the Senior National Men's Handball Championship. The final took place in Changanassery, Kerala, where Kerala defeated Services in the semi-finals. Chandigarh made it to the final by defeating Indian Railways. Devendra of Kerala received the Best Player and Rahul the Best Goalkeeper awards.



## 188. When was SAIL established?

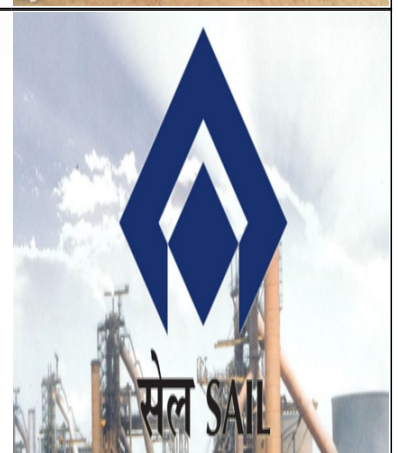
A - 1954

B - 1955

C - 1956

D - 1957

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been awarded the "Great Place to Work" status for the period January 2025 to January 2026 by the "Great Place to Work Institute, India". This is the second time SAIL has received this honour. The recognition recognises SAIL's improvements in human resource management, workplace culture, employee assistance programmes and healthcare services.







**189. Recently, the second census of fishing cats has been completed by the Wildlife Institute of India. In which wildlife sanctuary has it been completed?**

**A - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary**

**B - Simlipal**

**C - Kaziranga**

**D - Ranthambore Wildlife**

The second census of fishing cats is being conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India in Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary under India's first fishing cat colouring project. Its objective is to study the behavior, habitat, food habits and area use of fishing cats. The number of fishing cats was 115 in 2018, but now it has increased significantly.



**190. China has recently introduced the prototype of the world's fastest high-speed train. The train is -**

**A - CR450**

**B - MT-200**

**C - CH-126**

**D - DTX-100**

China introduced the prototype of CR 450, the world's fastest high-speed train, with test speeds reaching 450 km/h. It is faster than the CR 400 fursing trains and is a significant step in rail technology, improving speed, energy efficiency, safety and passenger comfort. The CR 450 has a maximum commercial speed of 400 km/h, and it has been developed after 200,000 km of tests.



**191. Who has been appointed the new CEO of DBS Bank India?**

**A - Rajat Sharma**

**B - Rajat Verma**

**C - Ashok Sharma**

**D - Naveen Singhal**

Rajat Verma has been appointed as the new CEO of DBS Bank India from March 1, 2025, taking over after Surojit Shome retires. Under Shome's leadership, DBS India has seen significant transformations, such as the launch of 'Digibank'. Verma has led DBS since joining DBS in June 2023 and the bank has been awarded the "Best Bank for Sustainable Finance India" award in 2024.



**192. Which mission has ISRO recently launched for space docking?**

**A - SpaDex**

**B - LUNER**

**C - AARAMBH**

**D - PSLV-C25**

ISRO successfully launched the SpaDeX mission on December 30, 2024, demonstrating autonomous docking and undocking capabilities. The mission was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Center on a PSLV-C60 rocket and placed two small spacecraft SDX01 and SDX02 in low Earth orbit. The mission made India a global player in this field after Russia, the US and China.





## 193. Global Family Day is celebrated on?

A - 1 January

B - 1 February

C - 1 March

D - 1 April

Global Family Day is celebrated on 1 January, which is a symbol of peace and sharing. This day was celebrated for the first time in 2000 and since then every year 1 January is celebrated as Global Family Day. It aims to unite people around the world as one family and promote peace, cooperation and mutual understanding.



## 194. Which former US President died recently?

A - Jimmy Carter

B - Barack Obama

C - Donald Trump

D - None of the following

Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States, died at the age of 100. Carter was famous for his moral values, humanitarian work and peace efforts. His presidency (1977-1981) was surrounded by challenges such as economic recession, inflation and the Iran hostage crisis, but he established peace between Israel and Egypt through the Camp David Accords in 1978, which was one of his greatest achievements.



## 195. Recently, RBI has introduced which facility in RTGS and NEFT for transferring money?

A - Name Check Facility

B - C.R. Facility

C - Scan (Finger) Facility

D - None of the following

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the introduction of name check facility for RTGS and NEFT transactions, aimed at reducing fraud and errors. This facility will be similar to services like UPI and IMPS, in which the sender will get an opportunity to confirm the name of the beneficiary before the transaction.



## 196. Recently, the Indian Army has unveiled the statue of which great warrior in Pangong Tso?

A - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

B - Shaheed Bhagat Singh

C - Lala Lajpat Rai

D - Khudiram Bose

The Indian Army unveiled a 14,300 feet high statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Pangong Tso, Ladakh, which is a significant step towards strengthening the strategic and cultural presence near the India-China border.







**197. Recently, Malayalam writer Vasudevan Nair passed away, he belonged to which state?**

**A - Tamil Nadu**

**B - Karnataka**

**C - Kerala**

**D - Maharashtra**

Malayalam literature and cinema's great writer and filmmaker, M.T. Vasudevan Nair passed away recently. In honor of his contribution, the Kerala government has declared two days of state mourning. Born in 1934 in Palakkad district of Kerala, Nair won a prize in a short story competition during his college days.



**198. Who is the youngest woman in the world to climb the seven highest peaks of the seven continents of the Earth?**

**A - Kanya Karthikeyan**

**B - Usha Sharma**

**C - Himani Chaudhary**

**D - Nisha Sharma**

17-year-old Kanya Karthikeyan, a student of Navy Children School, Mumbai, has become the youngest woman in the world to climb the highest peaks of seven continents. On December 24, 2024, she climbed Vinson Massif in Antarctica with her father, completing her challenge. She also conquered peaks like Mount Everest, Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Elbrus, Mount Kosciuszko, Mount Aconcagua and Mount Denali.



**199. Which Indian bowler has recently become the fastest Indian bowler to complete his 200 wickets in a Test match?**

**A - Mohammed Siraj**

**B - Jasprit Bumrah**

**C - Ravindra Jadeja**

**D - Hardik Pandya**

Jasprit Bumrah achieved the record of becoming the fastest Indian bowler to complete 200 wickets in Test cricket during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Melbourne. He achieved this feat in just 44 Test matches, breaking the record of Mohammed Shami. Bumrah completed 200 wickets on the 8484th ball and took wickets at an average of 19.56, which is an extraordinary achievement.



**200. 'Surya Kiran' joint military exercise is being conducted between which two countries?**

**A - India - Nepal**

**B - India - Sri Lanka**

**C - India - America**

**D - India - Japan**

A contingent of 334 personnel of the Indian Army has left for Nepal to participate in the 18th edition of the battalion level joint military exercise "Surya Kiran". The exercise will be held in Saljhandi, Nepal from 31 December 2024 to 13 January 2025. The Indian Army will be led by a battalion of 11 Gorkha Rifles, while the Nepali Army will be represented by the Jung Battalion.

