

Current affairs on 02 - DEC - 24

Q.1. Where was the All India Conference of Directors General/Inspectors General of Police 2024 held recently?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Bhubaneswar
- (d) Chennai

Q.2. In the recently released Network Readiness Index 2024, India has been placed at what position?

- (a) 32nd
- (b) 18th
- (c) 17th
- (d) 49th

Q.3. Recently, bilateral exercise Agniwarrior 2024 has started between India and which country?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Germany
- (c) France
- (d) None of the above

Q.4. Who has recently been nominated by Donald Trump as Special Envoy for Russia and Ukraine?

- (a) Keith Kellogg
- (b) Mike Waltz
- (c) Susie Wills
- (d) None of the above

Q.5. Recently, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has won which medal for excellence at IITF 2024?

- (a) Silver
- (b) Bronze
- (c) Gold
- (d) None of the above

Q.6. Recently, where has India's first 'Green Hydrogen Fuel Station' been inaugurated?

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Leh
- (d) Jaipur

Q.7. Where has the 'National Postal Exhibition' been organized recently?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Patna
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Bhopal

Q.8. Recently, what is the percentage increase in India's milk production in 2023-24?

- (a) 5.62%
- (b) 4.56%
- (c) 4.29%
- (d) 3.78%

Q.9. Recently, the Ministry of Mines has won which medal for excellence at IITF 2024?

- (a) Bronze
- (b) Gold
- (c) Silver
- (d) None of the above

Q.10. Who will host the 2024 'India International Science Festival'?

- (a) IIT Guwahati
- (b) IIT Kanpur
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) IIT Jaipur

Q.11. Recently, para athlete 'Rinchen Yudo' has won which medal in the World Para Poomse Taekwondo Championship?

- (a) Bronze
- (b) Silver
- (c) Gold
- (d) None of the above

Q.12. Recently which IIT has developed 'untargeted' stealth technology?

- (a) IIT Kanpur
- (b) IIT Mumbai
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) IIT Guwahati

Q.13. Recently 'Masato Kanda' has been elected the 11th president of which bank?

- (a) ADB
- (b) BRICS
- (c) NDB
- (d) None of the above

Q.14. Who has recently been awarded Singapore's 'highest art honour'?

- (a) Manik Kotwal
- (b) Devendra Kumar

- (c) G. Retnam
- (d) None of the above

Q.15. Who has recently been awarded the Rochdale Pioneers Award of ICA (International Cooperative Alliance)?

- (a) U.S. Awasthi
- (b) Ashok Chandra
- (c) Vinod Kumar
- (d) None of the above

Current affairs on 03 - DEC - 24

Q.1. When is Indian Navy Day celebrated?

- (a) 01 December
- (b) 02 December
- (c) 03 December
- (d) 04 December

Q.2. Which ministry has designated snakebite cases and deaths as a 'notifiable disease'?

- (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Science and Technology

Q.3. Recently, India and which country will jointly design electric propulsion systems for the Navy?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Russia
- (c) Singapore
- (d) Britain

Q.4. Recently, International Tourism Mart has been organized at which place?

- (a) Kaziranga National Park
- (b) Kanha National Park
- (c) Jim Corbett National Park
- (d) None of the above

Q.5. Who has recently launched an online digital platform 'Eklavya' for training of officers?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) J Upendra Dwivedi

Q.6. In which country has a bill been passed to ban social media for children?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Germany
- (c) France
- (d) Italy

Q.7. In which country will the Government of India organize the first 'Ashta Lakshmi Mahotsav'?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Mumbai

Q.8. Which film recently won the Golden Peacock Award for the Best Film at the 55th International Film Festival of India?

- (a) Life of Pi
- (b) Parasite

- (c) Toxic
- (d) None of the above

Q.9. Recently, the cultural handicraft heritage of which state "Gharchola" has received the GI tag from the Government of India?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Assam
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Bihar

Q.10. Recently, Steel Authority of India Limited has signed MoU with which company?

- (a) Tata Steel
- (b) L&T
- (c) John Cockerill India Limited
- (d) None of the above

Q.11. Recently 'Amiya Kumar Bagchi' passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Historian
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Singer
- (d) None of the above

Q.12. Which Indian cricketer has recently announced his retirement?

- (a) Siddharth Kaul
- (b) Deepak Chahar
- (c) Virat Kohli
- (d) Bhuvneshwar Kumar

Q.13. Who has recently launched the 'Ease of Doing Business' portal?

- (a) Piyush Goyal
- (b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (c) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (d) Amit Shah

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Surat

Q.14. Who has recently received the "Indian Film Personality of the Year" award?

- (a) Vikrant Massey
- (b) Ranveer Singh
- (c) Akshay Kumar
- (d) None of the above

Q.3. Who has been re-elected to the United Nations Peace Commission recently?

- (a) India
- (b) Italy
- (c) France
- (d) Germany

Q.15. In which country has Union External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar recently inaugurated the new Indian Embassy?

- (a) Canberra
- (b) Rome
- (c) Paris
- (d) Germany

Q.4. Recently, ECI (Election Commission of India) has approved whom to become the Chief Electoral Officer of Delhi?

- (a) R Ellis Vaz
- (b) Dinesh Bhatia
- (c) Ashok Chandra
- (d) None of the above

Current affairs on 04 - DEC - 24

Q.1. When is World Soil Day celebrated?

- (a) 02 December
- (b) 03 December
- (c) 04 December
- (d) 05 December

Q.5. Who has been awarded the 'United Nations Global Excellence Award' recently?

- (a) Dr. Basant Goyal
- (b) Deepak Mehta
- (c) Prabhakar Kumar
- (d) None of the above

Q.2. Recently, Union Sanskrit Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated a painting exhibition titled "Shunyata" in?

Q.6. Notre-Dame Cathedral seen in the news is located in which country?

- (a) India
- (b) France
- (c) Russia
- (d) United Kingdom

Q.7. Where has the 13th 'National Seed Conference' started recently?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Mumbai

Q.8. In which state has the two-day 'Mahabodhi Mahotsav' started recently?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Bihar

Q.9. Which state has recently been declared as the participating state in the famous Hornville Festival?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Assam
- (d) Jharkhand

Q.10. Recently 'Dr Prithvindra Mukherjee' passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Researcher
- (b) Singer
- (c) Journalist
- (d) None of the above

Q.11. Who has recently released Vikram Sampath's book 'Tipu Sultan - The Saga of the Mysore Interregnum'?

- (a) Dharmendra Pradhan

- (b) Ashwini Vaishnav
- (c) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (d) None of the above

Q.12. Who has recently chaired the credit outreach programme in Bihar?

- (a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (b) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) None of the above

Q.13. Who has recently joined as MD and CEO of NSDL (National Securities Depository Limited)?

- (a) Sumit Dharmawardhan
- (b) Keshav Chandra
- (c) Vijay Chandok
- (d) None of the above

Q.14. Recently, the African country Chad has formally terminated the security and defense cooperation agreement with which country?

- (a) Germany
- (b) France
- (c) Spain
- (d) Italy

Q.15. Recently, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has approved 500 new Panchayat Ghar i.e. Gram Parishad in which country?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Assam
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Odisha

Current affairs on 05 - DEC - 24

Q.1. When is International Volunteer Day celebrated?

- (a) 02 December
- (b) 03 December
- (c) 04 December
- (d) 05 December

Q.2. Recently, "Mission Arun Himveer" has been launched by which state government to help agricultural horticultural products?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Bihar

Q.3. Recently which bank has launched Pragati savings account?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) BOB
- (c) Yes Bank
- (d) SBI

Q.4. Recently who has been reappointed as the Director General of WTO (World Trade Organization)?

- (a) Ngozi Okonji-Iweala
- (b) Qu Dongyu
- (c) Abdullah Al Mandous
- (d) None of the above

Q.5. Recently who has become the first Kiwi player to score 9000 runs in the New Zealand cricket team?

- (a) Kane Williamson
- (b) Joe Root
- (c) Daryl Mitchell
- (d) None of the above

Q.6. Recently, whom has Donald Trump nominated as the head of FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)?

- (a) Keith Kellogg
- (b) Tulsi Gabbard
- (c) Kash Patel
- (d) None of the above

Q.7. Recently, which state government will launch an insurance scheme to cover the entire cattle population?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Kerala

Q.8. Recently, who has won the FIPI 2023 award?

- (a) IOCL
- (b) BPCL
- (c) HPCL
- (d) None of the above

Q.9. Which country is the host of UNCCD COP16 recently?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) Kuwait
- (c) Cambodia
- (d) India

Q.10. Recently, in which state, two-day 'Mengong' festival was celebrated?

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Assam
- (d) Manipur

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Punjab

Q.11. What is the name of the newly declared district in Uttar Pradesh for the management of the 2025 Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj?

- (a) Sangam Nagar
- (b) Maha Kumbh Mela
- (c) Triveni Nagar
- (d) Mela Puri

Q.15. Recently "Bus Sangwari App" has been launched in which state?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Assam
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Bihar

Q.12. Who recently chaired the 236th meeting of the Central Board of Trustees of EPFO?

- (a) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (b) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) None of the above

Current affairs on 06 - DEC - 24

Q.1. Recently, which international organization has declared West Bengal as the top destination for heritage tourism?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) UNESCO
- (c) UNWTO
- (d) IATA

Q.13. Recently ADB (Asian Development Bank) has signed a loan agreement of \$ 98 million with which country for plant management?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) India
- (c) Japan
- (d) Indonesia

Q.2. Recently, which state will implement 'Raithu Bharosa Yojana'?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Assam

Q.14. Recently, with the help of World Bank, Artificial Intelligence Center will be established in which state of India?

Q.3. Recently, Madhav Tiger Reserve has become the 8th Tiger Reserve of the state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Uttar Pradesh

- (c) Assam
(d) Madhya Pradesh

Q.4. Recently, who has taken over as the President of the International Cricket Council (ICC)?

- (a) Jay Shah
(b) Greg Barclay
(c) Ricky Ponting
(d) None of the above

Q.5. Recently, the 16th conference of the countries involved in the United Nations Treaty to Combat Desertification has started in which country?

- (a) New Delhi
(b) Riyadh
(c) Dubai
(d) Moscow

Q.6. According to a recent report, which country has become the largest source of FDI in India?

- (a) Singapore
(b) America
(c) China
(d) Russia

Q.7. In which state has Khel Mahakumbh 2024 been inaugurated recently?

- (a) Haryana
(b) Gujarat
(c) Uttarakhand
(d) Bihar

Q.8. What kind of infection is Chronic Pulmonary Aspergillosis (CPA), which was in the news recently?

- (a) Viral infection
(b) Bacterial infection
(c) Fungal infection
(d) Parasitic infection

Q.9. Recently, whom has Donald Trump appointed as Senior Advisor on Arab and Middle East Affairs in his Cabinet?

- (a) Keith Kellogg
(b) Tulsi Gabbard
(c) Masad Bulos
(d) None of the above

Q.10. Recently, the World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC) 2024 will be organized in which city?

- (a) New Delhi
(b) Hyderabad
(c) Chennai
(d) Bhopal

Q.11. Recently, the fourth edition of the joint military exercise 'Harimau Shakti' has started between India and which country?

- (a) Malaysia
(b) Singapore
(c) Italy
(d) Nepal

Q.12. Recently who has become the second Indian chess player to achieve 2800 yellow rating?

- (a) Arjun Eriges
(b) Vishwanathan Anand
(c) D Gukesh
(d) None of the above

Q.13. Recently, the first joint table top exercise 'Sinbex' has started between India and which country in Pune?

- (a) Singapore
(b) Japan
(c) Nepal
(d) Cambodia

Q.14. Who has recently won the men's singles title in the Syed Modi International Badminton Tournament?

- (a) Lakshya Sen
(b) Ben Shelton
(c) Hubert Hukaj
(d) None of the above

Q.15. Recently, which state government has increased the retirement age of judicial officers from 60 years to 61 years?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
(b) Kerala
(c) Odisha
(d) Assam

- (c) Namibia
(d) Botswana

Q.2. Who will organize the first visually impaired women's T20 World Cup recently?

- (a) Australia
(b) England
(c) India
(d) None of these

Q.3. What is the name of the innovative water purification technology introduced at the National Zoological Park in Delhi?

- (a) Nano Bubble Technology
(b) Flocculation
(c) Electrodeionization
(d) Ultra Bubble Technology

Q.4. Who will host the International Maritime Conference recently?

- (a) Chennai
(b) Mumbai
(c) Kochi
(d) Surat

Q.5. Recently the 20th Asian Women's Handball Championship has started in which country?

- (a) Bhubaneswar
(b) New Delhi
(c) Bhopal
(d) Gaya

Current affairs on 07 - DEC - 24

Q.1. Recently Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has been elected as the first woman president of which country?

- (a) Cameroon
(b) Malawi

Q.6. Recently, Ratapani Sanctuary has become the 9th tiger reserve of which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Assam
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Q.7. Where was the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit 2024 held?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Bhopal

Q.8. Recently, former cricketer Ian Redpath of which country has passed away?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) Australia
- (c) England
- (d) None of the above

Q.9. Recently, which word has been declared as the Word of the Year by Oxford University?

- (a) Manifest
- (b) Brat
- (c) Brain Rot
- (d) None of the above

Q.10. Recently, which award has been given to the Bihar Pavilion in the 43rd Indian International Trade Fair?

- (a) Gold
- (b) Silver

- (c) Bronze
- (d) None of the above

Q.11. In which country has emergency been imposed recently?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) Italy
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Singapore

Q.12. Who has recently won the Astor Guardian Global Nursing Award 2024?

- (a) Maria Victoria Juan
- (b) H. Richard
- (c) Maria Edward
- (d) None of the above

Q.13. Recently, 'Murdu Fernando' has become the second woman Chief Justice of which country?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Sri Lanka

Q.14. Recently, Asia's first water transport service "Uber Shikara" has been launched in which country?

- (a) Chilika Lake
- (b) Buller Lake
- (c) Dal Lake
- (d) None of the above

Q.15. Recently 'Raj Manchanda' has passed away. Who were they?

- (a) Journalist
(b) Squash player
(c) Writer
(d) None of the above

- (c) Surat
(d) Bengaluru

Current affairs on 09 - DEC - 24

Q.1. Recently, the Central Government has approved the appointment of whom as a Supreme Court Judge?

- (a) Justice Manmohan
(b) Justice S Kumaran
(c) Justice HS Garg
(d) None of the above

Q.5. Recently, with which country India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to set up a Joint Commission?

- (a) Kuwait
(b) Iran
(c) Yemen
(d) Dubai

Q.2. Recently, which state government has launched Phase 1 of 'Indiramma Awas Yojana'?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
(b) Kerala
(c) Tamil Nadu
(d) Telangana

Q.6. Which country has recently won the title of 'Men's Junior Hockey Asia Cup 2024'?

- (a) India
(b) China
(c) Australia
(d) Pakistan

Q.3. Recently, which state government has launched a new farmer service center 'Aashraya'?

- (a) Maharashtra
(b) Bihar
(c) Gujarat
(d) Kerala

Q.7. What is the name of the Public Distribution System (PDS) supply chain optimization tool launched by the Government of India?

- (a) FoodNet
(b) Anna Chakra
(c) GrainFlow
(d) GrainOptimizer

Q.4. Recently, in which country Google has announced to set up "Google Security Engineering Center" in India?

- (a) Hyderabad
(b) Mumbai

Q.8. Which country has recently signed a framework agreement with China on the Belt and Road Initiative?

- (a) Bangladesh
(b) Bhutan
(c) Nepal
(d) Indonesia

Q.9. Who has recently received Britain's prestigious 'Turner' Award?

- (a) Masad Bulos
- (b) Warren Stephens
- (c) Jasleen Kaur
- (d) None of the above

Q.10. Where has NITI Aayog recently launched 'Trade Watch Quarterly'?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) Lucknow

Q.11. Recently, the great tennis player of which country "Neil Fraser" has passed away?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) England
- (c) Australia
- (d) None of the above

Q.12. Recently, where was the 9th edition of the International Conference on Waste Value Technology held?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Ahmedabad
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Lucknow

Q.13. Recently, the King of which country 'King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchu' has come on a two-day visit to India?

- (a) Malaysia

- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Indonesia

Q.14. Recently the government has launched which of the following portals for fair trade and consumer protection?

- (a) E-Map
- (b) E-Seed
- (c) E-Trade
- (d) E-Mohini

Q.15. Recently which space agency's Proba-3 mission has been launched by ISRO?

- (a) ESA
- (b) NASA
- (c) JAXA
- (d) None of the above

Current affairs on 10 - DEC - 24

Q1. Recently 'Shri Shammi Silva' has become the President of Cricket of which country?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Australia
- (c) Zimbabwe
- (d) England

Q2. In which state is 'Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary' located?

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Assam
- (c) Kerala

(d) Tamil Nadu

Q3. Where will the second edition of Krishnaveni Sangeet Nirjanam be held recently?

- (a) Vijayawada
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Thiruvananthapuram
- (d) Bhopal

Q4. Recently in which state 16000 houses will be built under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Bihar

Q5. Recently which country has been awarded the 2024 ISSA Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific region?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Nepal
- (c) India
- (d) Sri Lanka

Q6. Recently, the World Bank has approved a loan of \$ 188.28 million for the backward districts of which state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Bihar

Q.7. Which country has been chosen to chair the 68th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)?

- (a) China
- (b) Russia
- (c) India
- (d) Australia

Q.8. Recently 'Sunil Mehta' has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to which country?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) Japan
- (c) Norway
- (d) Fiji

Q.9. Recently the World Weightlifting Championship 2024 has started in which country?

- (a) Bahrain
- (b) Japan
- (c) Russia
- (d) China

Q.10. Recently the third edition of the 'Pustakayan' book fair organized by the Sahitya Akademi has started?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Surat
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) Lucknow

Q.11. Recently which country has become the theme country of the 30th Kolkata International Film Festival?

- (a) France

- (b) Italy
(c) Spain
(d) Germany

Q.12. Recently who has been appointed as the Executive Chairman of Raymond Lifestyle Limited?

- (a) Jitendra Singh Bhati
(b) Deepak Agarwal
(c) Gautam Hari Singhania
(d) None of the above

Q.13. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will recently go on an official visit to which country?

- (a) Malaysia
(b) France
(c) Italy
(d) Russia

Q.14. Recently who has unveiled the Anna Chakra and Scan Portal?

- (a) Prahlad Joshi
(b) Piyush Goyal
(c) Amit Shah
(d) Narendra Modi

Q.15. Recently who will receive the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize?

- (a) Masad Bulos
(b) Jasleen Kaur
(c) Veronica Bachelet
(d) None of the above

Q.1. When is UNICEF Day celebrated?

- (a) 08 December
(b) 09 December
(c) 10 December
(d) 11 December

Q.2. Recently, Rimalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) Burkina Faso
(b) Ghana
(c) Kenya
(d) Nigeria

Q.3. Recently, HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation) has launched 'Uphaar Milk Program' to combat malnutrition in which country?

- (a) Rajasthan
(b) Bihar
(c) Jharkhand
(d) Chhattisgarh

Q.4. Recently, which IIT has built India's first Hyperloop test track?

- (a) IIT Madras
(b) IIT Delhi
(c) IIT Guwahati
(d) IIT Kanpur

Q.5. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of 'EuroGrip Tires' recently?

- (a) Rohit Sharma
(b) Akshay Kumar

- (c) MS Dhoni
(d) Virat Kohli

Q.6. Where will the Rajasthan Global Investment Summit be held in Rajasthan?

- (a) Jaipur
(b) Bikaner
(c) Jodhpur
(d) None of the above

Q.7. Who has been appointed as the new head of NASA by Donald Trump recently?

- (a) Massad Bulos
(b) Warren Stephens
(c) Jared Isaacman
(d) None of the above

Q.8. Recently, the 100-day TB eradication campaign has started in which city?

- (a) Panchkula
(b) Surat
(c) Bhopal
(d) Lucknow

Q.9. The Little Gull Bird recently seen in Delhi-NCR is native to which region?

- (a) South America
(b) Eurasia
(c) Antarctica
(d) Australia

Q.10. Recently, in which city will the Junior Women's Asia Hockey Cup 2024 be organized?

- (a) Muscat
(b) Jakarta
(c) New Delhi
(d) None of the above

Q.11. INS Tushil, which was in the news recently, is a frigate of which class?

- (a) Shivalik class frigate
(b) Godavari class frigate
(c) Hunter class frigate
(d) Krivak-III class frigate

Q.12. Who has recently launched PM e-Vidya DTH channel?

- (a) Dharmendra Pradhan
(b) Amit Shah
(c) Piyush Goyal
(d) Rajnath Singh

Q.13. Recently, the historic Notre-Dame Church of which country has been reopened to the public after almost 5 years?

- (a) Finland
(b) France
(c) Italy
(d) Germany

Q.14. Recently which state government will launch maize flour called "Himbhog"?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
(b) Rajasthan
(c) Himachal Pradesh
(d) None of the above

Q.15. Recently who has been appointed as the coach of the Under-20 and Under-17 women's football team?

- (a) Joachim Alexandersson
- (b) S Parmesh
- (c) Kemi Bednock
- (d) None of the above

Q.4. Recently, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has inaugurated the '6th Regional Industry Conference' in which state?

- (a) Jabalpur
- (b) Narmadapuram
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) None of the above

Current affairs on 12 - DEC - 24

Q.1. When is Universal Health Coverage Day celebrated?

- (a) 09 December
- (b) 10 December
- (c) 11 December
- (d) 12 December

Q.5. Recently, who has won the PSU Transformation Award for innovation?

- (a) BPCL
- (b) HPCL
- (c) SECI
- (d) None of the above

Q.2. Recently, the highest number of mobile malware attacks have been detected in which country?

- (a) Australia
- (b) America
- (c) India
- (d) None of the above

Q.6. Recently the President of which country has resigned?

- (a) Syria
- (b) South Korea
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bhutan

Q.3. Recently, the Central Government has signed a loan agreement of \$ 50 million with ADB (Asian Development Bank) for water conservation in which state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Bihar

Q.7. Recently John Mahama has won the presidential election of which country?

- (a) Sudan
- (b) Ghana
- (c) Peru
- (d) None of the above

Q.8. Recently OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) has estimated India's GDP to be what percentage in FY 25?

- (a) 6.8

- (b) 6.9
(c) 6.4
(d) 6.6

Q.9. Recently which country has won the Under-19 Asia Cup for the second consecutive time?

- (a) Sri Lanka
(b) India
(c) Bangladesh
(d) Australia

Q.10. In which country has the Urjaveer scheme been started recently?

- (a) Vijayawada
(b) Jaipur
(c) New Delhi
(d) None of the above

Q.11. Recently, the sex ratio in the country has increased from 918 to what?

- (a) 925
(b) 930
(c) 980
(d) 928

Q.12. Recently an educational seminar was organized on the topic "India Nepal Buddhist Cultural Heritage"?

- (a) Lumbini
(b) Kaushambi
(c) Kathmandu
(d) None of the above

Q.13. Where was the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024 organized?

- (a) Jaisalmer
(b) Jaipur
(c) Udaipur
(d) Jodhpur

Q.14. Recently, which airline has been declared the best airline in the 'Air Help' 2024 ranking?

- (a) United Airlines
(b) Qatar Airways
(c) Brussels Airlines
(d) None of the above

Q.15. Recently SEBI has imposed a fine of how many lakh rupees on Reliance Securities?

- (a) 09 lakh
(b) 10 lakh
(c) 06 lakh
(d) 08 lakh

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Q.1. Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM Poshan) Yojana is an initiative of which ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(b) Ministry of Education
(c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(d) Ministry of Agriculture

Q.2. Where has the workshop on Obstructive Sleep Apnea Awareness been organized recently?

- (a) AIIMS Patna

- (b) AIIMS Delhi
(c) AIIMS Rishikesh
(d) AIIMS Mumbai

Q.3. Which organization has launched an AI model called Gencast for weather forecasting?

- (a) Microsoft
(b) World Bank
(c) Google
(d) World Meteorological Organization

Q.4. At which place did Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveil the statue of Sardar Patel recently?

- (a) Jodhpur
(b) Surat
(c) Bhopal
(d) Jaipur

Q.5. Recently, IBBI (Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India) hosted the International Conference on Insolvency Resolution at which place?

- (a) Bengaluru
(b) New Delhi
(c) Mumbai
(d) Kerala

Q.6. Who has recently won the 'Guwahati Masters 2024' badminton singles title?

- (a) Satish Karunakaran
(b) Tanisha Cresto
(c) Zhuzhuan Chen
(d) None of the above

Q.7. Which Indian temple has been selected by UNESCO for the 2023 Special Award for its conservation?

- (a) Abathsahayeshwara Temple
(b) Mahabodhi Temple
(c) Vrindavan Chandrodaya Mandir
(d) Kamakhya Temple

Q.8. Recently, former Chief Minister of which state MDR Ramachandran has passed away?

- (a) Mizoram
(b) Puducherry
(c) Goa
(d) Tamil Nadu

Q.9. Recently, Abhay Kumar has been appointed as the Ambassador of India to which country?

- (a) Italy
(b) Georgia
(c) Spain
(d) France

Q.10. Recently, Prime Minister Modi has launched "Bima Sakhi Yojana" in which country?

- (a) Panipat
(b) New Delhi
(c) Jaipur
(d) Surat

Q.11. Recently, India has sent 2200 metric tonnes of rice to which country?

- (a) Bhutan
(b) Maldives
(c) Myanmar

(d) Nepal

Q.12. Recently, who has been appointed as the new Governor of RBI?

- (a) Sanjay Malhotra
- (b) Ashok Chandra
- (c) Arvind Sahni
- (d) None of the above

Q.13. Foreign Secretary Vikram Mistry recently went on an official visit to which country?

- (a) Finland
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Italy
- (d) France

Q.14. Recently, who has won the 'Crossword Books Award'?

- (a) Sudiptasena Gupta
- (b) Tarun Chugh
- (c) K.J.S. Dhillon
- (d) None of the above

Q.15. Who has been appointed as the Acting Secretary of BCCI recently?

- (a) Devjit Saikia
- (b) Roger Binny
- (c) Rahul Dravid
- (d) None of the above

Q.1. Recently, which country has developed the world's first carbon-14 diamond battery?

- (a) China
- (b) Russia
- (c) United Kingdom
- (d) France

Q.2. Who has recently launched the "Amrit Gyan Kosh" portal to strengthen Indian governance training?

- (a) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- (d) None of these

Q.3. Recently, which country has unveiled the world's largest gold brick?

- (a) Sudan
- (b) Dubai
- (c) Austria
- (d) None of these

Q.4. Recently, the Odisha Masters 2024 badminton tournament has started in which city?

- (a) Cuttack
- (b) Bhubaneswar
- (c) Puri
- (d) Bhopal

Q.5. The fourth edition of the India Internet Governance Forum has started in which city recently?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) New Delhi

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(d) Mumbai

Q.6. DPIIT has recently signed an agreement with which company to invest and guide Indian startups?

- (a) Flipkart
- (b) Amazon
- (c) Google
- (d) None of the above

Q.7. Which word has Merriam Webster recently declared as the word of the year for 2024?

- (a) Brain rot
- (b) BRAT
- (c) Polarization
- (d) None of the above

Q.8. Consumer Confidence Survey is released bi-monthly by which institution?

- (a) RBI
- (b) NITI Aayog
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) NABARD

Q.9. INS Tushil, which was recently inducted into the Indian Navy, has been built in collaboration with which country?

- (a) Italy
- (b) Russia
- (c) France
- (d) Germany

Q.10. Recently, Industrial Engineering and Manufacturing Expo-2024 will start at which place?

- (a) Indore
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Surat
- (d) New Delhi

Q.11. Who has won the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix recently?

- (a) Max Verstappen
- (b) Lewis Hamilton
- (c) Lando Norris
- (d) None of the above

Q.12. Who has been recognized as the emerging star woman leader in the banking sector recently?

- (a) Bharti Kohli
- (b) Alka Tiwari
- (c) Puneet Seth
- (d) None of the above

Q.13. Who has recently become the 2024 WTA Player of the Year?

- (a) Lulu Sun
- (b) Aryna Sabalenka
- (c) Emma Navarro
- (d) None of the above

Q.14. Who has been awarded the Jesse Daniel Award 2023 recently?

- (a) Sudiptasena Gupta
- (b) Tarun Chugh
- (c) Shaji N Karun
- (d) None of the above

Q.15. Who has been appointed as the MD of Amul recently?

- (a) Jayen Mehta
- (b) Devjit Saikia
- (c) Rahul Agarwal
- (d) None of the above

- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Maldives
- (d) Bangladesh

Q.5. Recently who will host the Khelo India Winter Games in 2025?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Indore
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Ladakh

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Q.1. Recently the 22nd Divya Kala Mela was organized in which city?

- (a) Jaipur
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Indore
- (d) Kolkata

Q.6. Recently Purushottam Upadhyay passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Singer
- (b) Writer
- (c) Journalist
- (d) None of the above

Q.2. Recently who has been chosen as 'Person of the Year' by the prestigious Time magazine?

- (a) Benjamin Netanyahu
- (b) Donald Trump
- (c) Vladimir Putin
- (d) Kim Jong Yong

Q.7. Recently, Gujarat Giants have appointed whom as their bowling coach?

- (a) Javagal Srinath
- (b) Nikhil Chopra
- (c) Praveen Tambe
- (d) None of the above

Q.3. Recently who has become the youngest world chess champion?

- (a) R Praggnanandhaa
- (b) Ding Liren
- (c) D Gukesh
- (d) None of the above

Q.8. Recently who will be honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Directors Guild of America Awards?

- (a) Ang Lee
- (b) Robert Downey
- (c) Vin Diesel
- (d) None of the above

Q.4. Recently, Rajendra Meghwar has become the first Hindu police officer of which country?

- (a) Pakistan

Q.9. Recently who has become the first female cricketer to score 4 ODI centuries in a calendar year?

- (a) Alice Perry
- (b) Beth Muni
- (c) Smriti Mandhana
- (d) None of the above

Q.10. Who has topped India in the recently released QS World University Rankings?

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Kharagpur
- (c) IIT Mumbai
- (d) IIT Guwahati

Q.11. What is the name of the chatbot launched by the Prime Minister to assist devotees during the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025?

- (a) Prayagraj Bot
- (b) Kumbh Sahayak
- (c) MelaBot
- (d) Sangam

Q.12. Who has recently been selected as the ICC Players of the Month for November 2024?

- (a) Danny Wyatt Hodge
- (b) Haris Rauf
- (c) Both of the above
- (d) None of the above

Q.13. Which position has India secured in the Asian Women's Handball Championship 2024 recently?

- (a) Third

- (b) First
- (c) Fifth
- (d) Sixth

Q.14. Who has recently been awarded an honorary doctorate in music and culture?

- (a) Sudipta Sen Gupta
- (b) Tarun Chugh
- (c) Sanjay Tandon
- (d) None of the above

Q.15. Who has recently released the book 'The Secret of Dalai Lama's Happiness'?

- (a) Dr. Dinesh Shahra
- (b) Devjit Saikia
- (c) Nilabhra Sen Gupta
- (d) None of the above

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Q.1. When is Minority Rights Day celebrated in India?

- (a) 15 December
- (b) 16 December
- (c) 17 December
- (d) 18 December

Q.2. Recently the play-off tournament of FIFA Football Women's World Cup 2027 will be held in which country?

- (a) Argentina
- (b) Brazil
- (c) Portugal
- (d) None of the above

Q.3. Recently which country will host the 2034 Men's FIFA World Cup?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) Spain
- (c) Germany
- (d) Brazil

Q.4. Recently President Draupadi Murmu has conferred the honorary rank of 'General of the Indian Army' to the Army Chief of which country?

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Maldives

Q.5. Recently the 9th Defense Dialogue between India and which country was held in New Delhi?

- (a) Malaysia
- (b) Japan
- (c) France
- (d) Thailand

Q.6. Who has recently unveiled the revolutionary quantum chip "Willow"?

- (a) Google
- (b) Intel
- (c) Meta
- (d) Tesla

Q.7. Recently BMW Group has signed an agreement with whom to transform the educational landscape in rural India?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Meta
- (c) UNICEF
- (d) Tesla

Q.8. Who has recently been appointed as the new Executive Director of Yes Bank?

- (a) Manish Jain
- (b) Rajiv Sinha
- (c) Alok Mandal
- (d) Ajit Sinha

Q.9. By which date will India establish its own space station?

- (a) 2032
- (b) 2050
- (c) 2030
- (d) 2035

Q10. Recently 'François Bayrou' has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) France
- (b) Italy
- (c) Spain
- (d) Germany

Q11. Recently the 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo was organized in which country recently?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Dehradun
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) Surat

Q.12. Who chaired the 4th 'National Conference of Chief Secretaries' of India in 2024?

- (a) Defence Minister of India
- (b) Home Minister of India
- (c) Prime Minister of India
- (d) President of India

Q.13. Recently, Prime Minister Modi has launched major development projects worth ₹5700 crore in which city of UP recently?

- (a) Ayodhya
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Varanasi
- (d) Prayagraj

Q.14. Who has been appointed as the Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra recently?

- (a) Sudiptsen Gupta
- (b) Tarun Chugh
- (c) Ashwini Bhide
- (d) None of the above

Q.15. Who has recently written the book 'New India Modi Vision and Development'?

- (a) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- (b) Dr. Dinesh Shahra
- (c) Nilabhra Sengupta
- (d) None of the above

Q.1. When is International Migrants Day celebrated?

- (a) 15 December
- (b) 16 December
- (c) 17 December
- (d) 18 December

Q.2. Recently, which country's player 'Mohammad Aamir' has retired from international cricket?

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) None of these

Q.3. Recently, which country has revoked India's Most Favoured Nation status?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Germany
- (c) Italy
- (d) Switzerland

Q.4. Recently, the President of which country has come to India on a two-day visit?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Maldives
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Nepal

Q.5. Recently, how many Indian women have been included in Forbes' list of 100 most powerful women?

- (a) Three
- (b) Four
- (c) Five
- (d) Six

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Q.6. Recently, Asia's first geology museum has been prepared in which country?

- (a) India
- (b) Japan
- (c) China
- (d) Singapore

Q.7. Where has the 23rd National Athletics Championship 2024 for the blind started recently?

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Surat
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Nadiad

Q.8. Recently, the World Bank has approved a loan of \$ 325.10 million for which state to increase the income of farmers?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Rajasthan

Q.9. Where has the 29th International Kerala Film Festival started recently?

- (a) Kozhikode
- (b) Wayanad
- (c) Thiruvananthapuram
- (d) Kochi

Q.10. Recently, the President of which country has been removed after impeachment?

- (a) South Korea

- (b) Japan
- (c) Ukraine
- (d) Paris

Q.11. Who tops the list of 25 richest families in the world recently released by Bloomberg?

- (a) Al-Nahyan
- (b) Al Thani
- (c) Walton
- (d) None of the above

Q.12. Recently, the three-day 'World Hindu Economic Forum' has been inaugurated in which?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Pune
- (c) Nagpur
- (d) None of the above

Q.13. Recently, the world famous 'Surajkund Mela 2025' will be organized in which?

- (a) Ayodhya
- (b) Prayagraj
- (c) Varanasi
- (d) Faridabad

Q.14. Recently, the 21st livestock census has been started in which state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Punjab

Q.15. Francois Bayrou has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) France
- (b) Ireland
- (c) Cyprus
- (d) Denmark

- (b) Ukraine
- (c) Serbia
- (d) Bulgaria

Q.5. With whom has Defense Minister Rajnath Singh recently signed an agreement for 12 Sukhoi-30 aircraft?

- (a) Reliance Defence
- (b) Cochin Shipyard
- (c) HAL
- (d) None of the above

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Q.1. When is Goa Liberation Day celebrated?

- (a) 16 December
- (b) 17 December
- (c) 18 December
- (d) 19 December

Q.6. Recently the third financial dialogue between India and which country has been held at GIFT City in Gujarat?

- (a) UK
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) China
- (d) Singapore

Q.2. Recently, which country's player 'Imad Wasim' has again retired from international cricket?

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) None of these

Q.3. Who has recently won the Women's Junior Asia Hockey Cup 2024 title?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Japan
- (c) China
- (d) India

Q.7. Who will launch 'Fit India Cycling Tuesday' recently?

- (a) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (d) None of the above

Q.4. Recently, Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar has inaugurated the embassy of which country in New Delhi?

- (a) Moldova

Q.8. The Union Home Minister has recently awarded the prestigious President's insignia to the police of which state?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Haryana

(d) Punjab

Q.9. RBI has recently decided to increase the limit of agricultural loan without collateral from Rs 160000 to how much?

- (a) 250000
- (b) 180000
- (c) 200000
- (d) 350000

Q.10. Mikhail Kavelashvili was elected the new President of which country?

- (a) Estonia
- (b) Georgia
- (c) Bulgaria
- (d) Croatia

Q.11. Who has recently unveiled "Gencast" for weather forecasting?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Meta
- (c) Google
- (d) None of the above

Q.12. Who has recently been elected Honorary Fellow of the 'International Diabetes Federation'?

- (a) Dr. Mohan
- (b) Sanjay Murthy
- (c) Punit Goenka
- (d) Ajit Bansal

Q.13. Recently Zakir Hussain passed away, who was he?

- (a) Journalist
- (b) Singer
- (c) Tabla player
- (d) None of the above

Q.14. India's first diabetes biobank has been established in which city?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Hyderabad

Q.15. Who has recently unveiled the 'Green Steel Classification for India'?

- (a) HD Kumaraswamy
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Piyush Goyal

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Q.1. When is International Human Solidarity Day celebrated?

- (a) 17 December
- (b) 18 December
- (c) 19 December
- (d) 20 December

Q.2. Recently, which country has successfully tested the "Dark Eagle" anti-missile system?

- (a) Israel
- (b) Russia
- (c) USA

(d) Germany

Q.3. Recently, the 'Desert Night' war exercise has started in the Arabian Sea between India, France and which country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Singapore
- (c) China
- (d) UAE

Q.4. Recently, which country has joined ISA (International Solar Alliance) as the 105th member?

- (a) Moldova
- (b) Syria
- (c) Armenia
- (d) Spain

Q.5. Recently, Mount Semeru volcano of which country has erupted?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) Japan
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) China

Q.6. Recently which country has become the 12th member of the Trans-Pacific Trade Agreement?

- (a) Britain
- (b) Singapore
- (c) China
- (d) Russia

Q.7. Recently India's first air cargo hub will be built in which country?

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Noida
- (c) Surat
- (d) Mumbai

Q.8. Recently, the Indian Navy has launched the 'Sampark-4.0' initiative in which country?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Goa
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Rajasthan

Q.9. Recently who has been appointed as the Country Manager of Google India?

- (a) Deepti Agarwal
- (b) Praveena Rai
- (c) Preeti Lobana
- (d) None of the above

Q.10. Recently who has unveiled India's first yoga policy, which will become the 'Global Yoga Center'?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Haryana

Q.11. Recently, the book 'Many Ramayana's Many Lessons' written by whom will be published?

- (a) Anand Neelkanthan
- (b) Sanjay Murthy
- (c) Punit Goenka
- (d) None of the above

Q.12. What is the name of the scheme launched by the government to facilitate loan assessment for farmers through e-NWR?

- (a) Warehouse Loan Guarantee Scheme
- (b) Kisan Empowerment Scheme
- (c) Loan Guarantee Scheme
- (d) e-Kisan Loan Scheme

Q.13. Where was Gujarat's first Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Testing (OSAT) plant opened?

- (a) Rajkot
- (b) Surat
- (c) Vadodara
- (d) Ahmedabad

Q.14. Who has recently won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2024?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Mumbai

Q.15. Recently Padma Shri award winner Jodhiya Amma has passed away. Who was she?

- (a) Baiga painter
- (b) Writer
- (c) Sculptor
- (d) Journalist

Q.1. What is the name of India's first anti-insecticide bodysuit launched by the Ministry of Science and Technology?

- (a) Kisan Rakshak
- (b) Kisan Kavach
- (c) Agro Shield
- (d) None of these

Q.2. Recently, which country has offered visa-free travel for Indians till 2025?

- (a) Israel
- (b) Russia
- (c) Japan
- (d) Malaysia

Q.3. Recently, which country has implemented a 'code of conduct' on online safety for the first time?

- (a) Japan
- (b) China
- (c) Britain
- (d) Singapore

Q.4. The new survey vessel 'INS Nirdeshak' has recently been inducted into the Indian Navy at which place?

- (a) Visakhapatnam
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Kochi
- (d) Kolkata

Q.5. Recently, Argentine President 'Javier Mille' has been granted citizenship of which country?

- (a) Canada

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- (b) France
(c) Italy
(d) Germany

Q.6. Who has recently become the world's third largest smartphone exporter?

- (a) India
(b) America
(c) China
(d) Japan

Q.7. Where has the 10th International Forest Festival started recently?

- (a) Kolkata
(b) Mumbai
(c) Bhopal
(d) None of the above

Q.8. Which Indian temple won the 'Sword of Honour' award for security excellence?

- (a) Ram Mandir, Ayodhya
(b) Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Varanasi
(c) Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple, Mathura
(d) Maa Vindhyavasini Temple, Mirzapur

Q.9. Which novel has recently been selected for the 34th Vyas Samman?

- (a) Deepti Agarwal
(b) Suryabala
(c) Praveena Rai
(d) None of the above

Q.10. Recently in which city Uber has launched bike taxi service "Moto Woman" for women?

- (a) Bengaluru
(b) New Delhi
(c) Mumbai
(d) Bhopal

Q.11. National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval has recently visited which country?

- (a) Argentina
(b) China
(c) Poland
(d) Russia

Q.12. Who has been awarded the 'Jamshedji Tata Award' recently?

- (a) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
(b) Sanjay Murthy
(c) Anand Neelakantan
(d) None of the above

Q.13. Nat Cyber Brunt, who recently scored the fastest century in ICC Women's Test Cricket, is a player of which country?

- (a) Australia
(b) Africa
(c) New Zealand
(d) England

Q.14. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has participated in the National Day of Bhutan?

- (a) Assam
(b) Madhya Pradesh

- (c) Goa
(d) Kerala

Q.15. Sanjay Ram Marathe has passed away recently, who was he?

- (a) Classical singer
(b) Writer
(c) Director
(d) Journalist

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Q.1. Which country is the host of the 12th Para Athletics World Championship in 2025?

- (a) Myanmar
(b) Russia
(c) India
(d) China

Q.2. Who has recently been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 for Hindi?

- (a) Kamala Tripathi
(b) Arun Kumar
(c) Arundhati Roy
(d) Gagan Gill

Q.3. Recently, which country has decided to study laser-equipped satellites to deal with space debris in collaboration with Indian startups?

- (a) America
(b) Japan
(c) China
(d) Maldives

Q.4. Who has recently won the title of 'Miss India USA 2024'?

- (a) Caitlin Sandra Neil
(b) Ketaki Raut
(c) Shaliga Bhatnagar
(d) None of the above

Q.5. Recently, astronauts of which country have set the record for the longest space journey (9 hours)?

- (a) America
(b) China
(c) Russia
(d) Britain

Q.6. Recently, in which country the Indian Army has unveiled an AI incubation center for future warfare?

- (a) Bengaluru
(b) Chennai
(c) Delhi
(d) Surat

Q.7. Recently, Shankar Sharma has been appointed as the ambassador of which country to India?

- (a) Sri Lanka
(b) Myanmar
(c) Nepal
(d) Bhutan

Q.8. Recently who has been awarded the National Tansen Samman 2023?

- (a) Pandit Swapan Choudhary
(b) Ravindra Joshi

- (c) Mrinal Garg
(d) None of the above

Q.9. Recently who has been appointed as the Managing Director of SBI?

- (a) Arun Kumar Sahu
(b) Mayank Joshi
(c) Ram Mohan Rao Amara
(d) None of the above

Q.10. Who has recently been made the brand ambassador for Kho-Kho World Cup 2025?

- (a) Salman Khan
(b) Abhishek Bachchan
(c) Akshay Kumar
(d) Deepika Padukone

Q.11. Which country has recently conferred royal honour on Indian educationist Arun Kapoor?

- (a) Myanmar
(b) Nepal
(c) Bhutan
(d) Maldives

Q.12. Who has recently been honoured with UNEP's Life Time Achievement Award 2024?

- (a) Madhav Gadgil
(b) Sanjay Murthy
(c) Anand Neelkantan
(d) None of the above

Q.13. Who has recently received the 'highest honour' of the US Navy?

- (a) Robert Downey
(b) Tom Cruise
(c) Brad Pitt
(d) None of the above

Q.14. Recently, 'Masali village' of which state has become the country's first border village to run on solar energy?

- (a) Bihar
(b) Gujarat
(c) Goa
(d) Madhya Pradesh

Q.15. What is the rank of India in the recent Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2024?

- (a) 37th
(b) 38th
(c) 39th
(d) 42nd

Current affairs on 24 - DEC - 24

Q.1. When is National Consumer Rights Day celebrated?

- (a) 21 December
(b) 22 December
(c) 23 December
(d) 24 December

Q.2. Where will India's largest AI city be built on 200 acres?

- (a) New Delhi
(b) Assam

(c) Hyderabad
(d) Bengaluru

Q.3. Recently, India has partnered with which country to establish the National Museum of the Age of India?

(a) America
(b) China
(c) France
(d) None of the above

Q.4. Recently, where is the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship 2024 being organized?

(a) Doha
(b) Mumbai
(c) Dubai
(d) Kuwait

Q.5. Where was the 24th BIMSTEC meeting held recently?

(a) Sri Lanka
(b) Thailand
(c) Nepal
(d) Bhutan

Q.6. Where has NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) recently announced to set up a nuclear power project?

(a) Bihar
(b) Rajasthan
(c) Odisha
(d) Gujarat

Q.7. Recently Micromax has partnered with which country's storage chip company?

(a) Japan
(b) Taiwan
(c) China
(d) Malaysia

Q.8. Who has recently become the first person to reach a net worth of \$500 billion?

(a) Bernard Arnault
(b) Jeff Bezos
(c) Elon Musk
(d) None of these

Q.9. Recently Meena Ganesh passed away. Who was she?

(a) Actress
(b) Journalist
(c) Writer
(d) None of these

Q.10. Recently the Indian women's team has scored its highest score in T20I cricket history against which team?

(a) West Indies
(b) England
(c) Australia
(d) None of these

Q.11. What is the rank of India in the Network Readiness Index 2024?

(a) 35th
(b) 42nd

(c) 49th

(d) 54th

Q.12. Recently, the Asian Roll Ball Championship is being organized in which state?

(a) Bihar

(b) Assam

(c) Goa

(d) Haryana

Q.13. In the recently released 'World Hockey Ranking', the Indian men's team has been ranked at what position?

(a) First

(b) Seventh

(c) Ninth

(d) Fifth

Q.14. Who has recently written the book 'Bring It On: The Incredible Story of My Life'?

(a) Deepa Malik

(b) Mrinal Garg

(c) Ravindra Joshi

(d) None of the above

Q.15. Recently, the 'Banglar Bari' housing scheme has been launched in which state?

(a) West Bengal

(b) Maharashtra

(c) Andhra Pradesh

(d) Assam

Current affairs on 25 - DEC - 24

Q.1. When is Good Governance Day (India) celebrated?

(a) 22 December

(b) 23 December

(c) 24 December

(d) 25 December

Q.2. Recently the 55th GST Council meeting was concluded in which country?

(a) New Delhi

(b) Bengaluru

(c) Jaisalmer

(d) None of these

Q.3. Recently which country will host the World Boxing Congress in 2025?

(a) Japan

(b) India

(c) China

(d) Russia

Q.4. Recently, which position has India achieved in the World Economic Forum's Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024?

(a) 35th

(b) 36th

(c) 39th

(d) 32nd

Q.5. Recently which country has become the third largest pharma market globally?

(a) Japan

(b) China

(c) America

(d) India

Q.6. Recently, which state has been sanctioned a loan of 42 million dollars from ADB (Asian Development Bank) to restore and stabilize its coastline?

(a) Maharashtra

(b) Gujarat

(c) Kerala

(d) Odisha

Q.7. Where was the 11th summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization of the Developing Eight (D-8) held recently?

(a) Japan

(b) China

(c) Egypt

(d) Singapore

Q.8. Recently, who has been appointed as the Chairman of the United Nations Internal Justice Council?

(a) Madan Lokur

(b) Mrinal Garg

(c) Ravindra Joshi

(d) None of the above

Q.9. Recently, the 72nd Plenary Session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) was held at which place?

(a) Itanagar

(b) Dispur

(c) Agartala

(d) None of the above

Q.10. Recently, which state government has launched "Sanjeevani Yojana" for citizens above 60 years of age?

(a) Delhi

(b) Telangana

(c) Punjab

(d) Kerala

Q.11. Recently, the World Bank has approved how many million dollars for the development of Amaravati?

(a) 600

(b) 900

(c) 500

(d) 800

Q.12. Which organization released the 'India State of Forest Report 2023 (ISFR 2023)?'

(a) Central Pollution Control Board

(b) Botanical Survey of India

(c) Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education

(d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Q.13. Recently, Tata Power has signed an agreement with which bank to extend the PM Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme?

(a) SBI Bank

(b) BOB Bank

(c) HDFC Bank

(d) Canara Bank

Q.14. Recently who has become the top tourist destination of Uttar Pradesh in 2024?

- (a) Varanasi
- (b) Prayagraj
- (c) Agra
- (d) Ayodhya

- (a) Japan
- (b) Britain
- (c) France
- (d) Singapore

Q.15. Recently, Uttar Pradesh has signed a MoU with which state government for the implementation of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Q.4. Who has recently released the Forest Status Report 2023?

- (a) Bhupendra Yadav
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) Ajit Doval

Q.5. Recently, which airport has become India's first airport to connect 150 destinations?

- (a) Mumbai Airport
- (b) Delhi Airport
- (c) Bengaluru Airport
- (d) None of the above

Current affairs on 26 - DEC - 24

Q.1. Which country is the host of ISSF Junior World Cup 2025?

- (a) India
- (b) Australia
- (c) United States
- (d) China

Q.6. Which organization launched Jagriti App and Jagriti Dashboard to protect consumers from dark patterns?

- (a) Central Consumer Protection Authority
- (b) National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India
- (c) Department of Consumer Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs

Q.2. Recently, Prime Minister Modi has received the highest honor of which country?

- (a) Bahrain
- (b) Kuwait
- (c) Qatar
- (d) Dubai

Q.7. Recently, Foreign Secretary Vikram Mistry has gone on an official visit to which country?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Maldives
- (c) Egypt

Q.3. Recently, which country has honored the 'Shri Ram Mandir Project' with the 'Sword of Honor'?

(d) Mauritius

Q.8. Where has the third season of the World Tennis League concluded recently?

- (a) Beijing
- (b) Tokyo
- (c) Abu Dhabi
- (d) None of the above

Q.9. Recently, who has launched India's first anti-pesticide bodysuit 'Kisan Kavach'?

- (a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (b) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (d) Jitendra Singh

Q.10. Recently, 'Times Internet' has launched a premium metal credit card in collaboration with which bank?

- (a) SBI Bank
- (b) Yes Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank

Q.11. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Telangana Film Development Corporation recently?

- (a) Dil Raju
- (b) Mrinal Garg
- (c) Ravindra Joshi
- (d) None of the above

Q.12. Who has recently won the men's 50m rifle 3 position title?

- (a) Kiran Ankush Jadhav
- (b) Swapnil Kusane
- (c) Aishwarya Pratap Singh Jadhav
- (d) None of the above

Q.13. Recently, India has signed a loan agreement of \$350 million with which bank under the SMILE program?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) Asian Development Bank
- (c) NDB
- (d) None of the above

Q.14. Who has been recently honoured with the Medical Excellence Award at the UK House of Commons?

- (a) Phillip Noyce
- (b) Urmila Choudhary
- (c) Ravindra Kumaran
- (d) None of the above

Q.15. Who has been honoured by King Charles III recently?

- (a) Emma Thomas
- (b) Christopher Nolan
- (c) Both of the above
- (d) None of the above

Current affairs on 27 - DEC - 24

Q.1. NITI Aayog has launched the Youth Co:Lab initiative in collaboration with which international organization?

- (a) World Bank
(b) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
(c) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
(d) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Q.2. Which country has recently won the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 Asia Cup?

- (a) Bangladesh
(b) Sri Lanka
(c) India
(d) Japan

Q.3. Recently the Central Government has approved 47 ethanol projects for loan subsidy in which state?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
(b) Bihar
(c) Odisha
(d) Uttar Pradesh

Q.4. Who has recently been appointed as CFO (Chief Financial Officer) by Oil India Limited?

- (a) Abhijit Majumdar
(b) Amit Goyal
(c) Piyush Srivastava
(d) None of the above

Q.5. Recently, India's first bio-bitumen national highway has been inaugurated in which country?

- (a) Hyderabad
(b) Nagpur
(c) Kanpur
(d) Bengaluru

Q.6. Recently, who has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Asia Pacific Vascular Society?

- (a) Dr. Vishakha Tripathi
(b) Suma Shirur
(c) Maria Corina
(d) None of the above

Q.7. Recently, whose book 'The Unyielding Judge: Life and Legacy of Justice A.N. Grover' has been released?

- (a) Ivanka Grover
(b) Nitán Grover
(c) Justice A.N. Grover
(d) None of the above

Q.8. Recently, which Gulf country has officially reopened its embassy in Syria after 13 years?

- (a) Bahrain
(b) Kuwait
(c) Dubai
(d) Qatar

Q.9. Who won the gold medal in the Senior National Shooting Championship 2024 in Bhopal?

- (a) Dhanush Srikanth
(b) Sahu Tushar Mane
(c) Rudraksh Balasaheb Patil
(d) Yash Vardhan

Q.10. Recently 'Shyam Benegal' has passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Filmmaker
(b) Journalist

- (c) Writer
(d) None of the above

Q.11. Recently Dr. Ambedkar Scholarship has been started for Dalit students in which state?

- (a) Delhi
(b) Kerala
(c) Assam
(d) Bihar

Q.12. Recently, which state of India has been included in the popular global destinations for the year 2025 by the American newspaper Wall Street Journal?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
(b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Maharashtra
(d) Goa

Q.13. Recently, who has won the title of Next Gen ATP Finals Tennis Tournament 2024?

- (a) John McEnroe
(b) Lerner TN
(c) Joao Fonseca
(d) None of the above

Q.14. Who has recently become the new chairman of NHRC (National Human Rights Commission)?

- (a) Ravindra Kumaran
(b) Pratik Chaudhary
(c) V. Ram Subramaniam
(d) None of the above

Q.15. Who has recently been appointed as the White House Senior Policy Advisor on Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

- (a) Sriram Krishnan
(b) Scott Bessant
(c) Mike Walts
(d) None of the above

Current affairs on 28 - DEC - 24

Q1. When is International Cello Day celebrated

- (a) 25 December
(b) 28 December
(c) 29 December
(d) 27 December

Q2. The book 'Ente Jeevitham Niraye' written by whom among the following was launched?

- (a) Bob Budward
(b) Gauri Grover
(c) Dr. K. Thomas Mathew
(d) None of the above

Q3. Recently, Justice GS Sandhwalia has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the High Court of which of the following states?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
(b) Maharashtra
(c) Bihar
(d) Uttar Pradesh

Q4. Tennis star Daniil Savelev of which of the following countries has been banned for 2 years due to doping?

- (a) Germany
(b) Russia
(c) Spain
(d) France

Q5. Recently, woman Prime Minister Kristen Frostadotti of which country has taken charge?

- (a) Finland
(b) Spain
(c) Norway
(d) Iceland

Q6. Recently, the country's first digital museum made of Jaisalmer stones has been opened in which of the following?

- (a) Maharashtra
(b) Gujarat
(c) Haryana
(d) Punjab

Q7. Recently, Indian businessman Ravi Pillai has received the highest award of which of the following countries?

- (a) Indonesia
(b) Bahrain
(c) Sri Lanka
(d) Japan

Q8. Recently, General VK Singh has been appointed as the Governor of which of the following states?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
(b) Odisha
(c) Assam

- (d) Mizoram

Q9. Who among the following has been appointed as a member of the Bahrain International Commercial Court?

- (a) Sanjay Kaul
(b) Amit Goyal
(c) Abhijit Majumdar
(d) None of the above

Q10. In which of the following will the National Science Drama Festival be organized?

- (a) Hyderabad
(b) Surat
(c) Delhi
(d) Bengaluru

Q11. Which of the following banks has done the first gold forward deal from Gujarat GIFT City?

- (a) HDFC Bank
(b) Yes Bank
(c) ICICI Bank
(d) Bank of Baroda

Q12. Which country has ranked first in the recently released 'Network Readiness Index'?

- (a) Singapore
(b) Japan
(c) Finland
(d) America

Q13. In which of the following, a 100-day TB eradication campaign has been launched?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Assam
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Haryana

- (a) Bronze
- (b) Gold
- (c) Silver
- (d) None of the above

Q14. Who among the following has received the 'Shri Chandrashekharendra Saraswati Award' for leadership?

- (a) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- (b) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (c) Dr. S.Jaishankar
- (d) None of the above

Q.3. In which country has Atal Yuva Mahakumbh and Atal Health Fair been inaugurated recently?

- (a) Gorakhpur
- (b) Agra
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Prayagraj

Q15. Which of the following countries has extended visa exemption for citizens of India and China till 2026?

- (a) Maldives
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Thailand
- (d) Malaysia

Q.4. Recently Amitav Chatterjee has been appointed as the new Managing Director of which bank?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir Bank
- (b) Punjab Bank
- (c) Bandhan Bank
- (d) Yes Bank

Current affairs on 30 - DEC - 24

Q.1. Kaveri engine was developed by which organisation?

- (a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- (b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- (d) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

Q.2. Which medal has Martina Devi Maibam won in the recent Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship?

Q.5. Recently "Bald Eagle" has been made the national bird of which country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) USA
- (c) China
- (d) Russia

Q.6. Recently, India has achieved what percentage reduction in malaria cases?

- (a) 97 %
- (b) 85 %
- (c) 82 %
- (d) 88 %

Q.7. Recently, which state has become the 5th state to provide 100% piped water supply to rural households?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Odisha

Q.8. Recently, ICC has imposed a fine of 20% of the match fee on which Indian player?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Ravindra Jadeja
- (c) Hardik Pandya
- (d) None of the above

Q.9. Recently 'MT Vasudevan Nair' has passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Director
- (b) Writer
- (c) Journalist
- (d) Singer

Q.10. Who has been appointed as Revenue Secretary in the Finance Ministry recently?

- (a) Arunish Chawla
- (b) Sanjay Murthy
- (c) Punit Goenka
- (d) None of the above

Q.11. Who topped the recently released 'ICC Test All Rounder Ranking'?

- (a) Jasprit Bumrah
- (b) Jose Hazlewood
- (c) Ravindra Jadeja

(d) Virat Kohli

Q.12. Who chaired the 45th edition of the PRAGATI meeting in New Delhi?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) S Jaishankar

Q.13. Which country has recently become the largest recipient of remittances in 2024?

- (a) Mexico
- (b) India
- (c) Russia
- (d) China

Q.14. Recently 'Manika Jain' has been appointed as India's Ambassador to which country?

- (a) Iceland
- (b) Norway
- (c) Moldova
- (d) Australia

Q.15. Where has the torch rally of the 38th 'National Games' started recently?

- (a) Haldwani
- (b) Nagpur
- (c) Surat
- (d) Mumbai

Current affairs on 31 - DEC - 24

Q.1. How many medals has India won in the recent Asian Youth and Senior Weightlifting Championship?

- (a) 33
- (b) 12
- (c) 25
- (d) 30

Q.2. Kanha, Pench and Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserves are located in which state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Q.3. Where has Hero Future Energies recently launched a 29 MW solar project?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Odisha

Q.4. Who recently chaired the review meeting of the Indian Seeds Cooperative Society Limited (BBSSL)?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Shivraj Singh Chauhan

Q.5. The President of which country has recently dissolved the Parliament?

- (a) France

- (b) Germany
- (c) Spain
- (d) Russia

Q.6. President Draupadi Murmu has recently awarded the Prime Minister National Bal Puraskar to how many children?

- (a) 17
- (b) 20
- (c) 18
- (d) 12

Q.7. Where was the Divyang Cricket Championship Trophy organized recently?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) India
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Nepal

Q.8. How many people have taken oath as Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court?

- (a) Guhanathan Narendra
- (b) V Raghavan
- (c) Amit Sirohi
- (d) None of the above

Q.9. Where was the 20th 'Tsunami Memorial Day' celebrated recently?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Puducherry
- (d) Gujarat

Q.10. Whom has MCC announced to honor with the membership of the club recently?

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- (d) Virat Kohli

Q.11. The United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) mission was established to maintain peace between which forces?

- (a) Israel and Syria
- (b) India and Pakistan
- (c) Russia and Ukraine
- (d) Iran and Israel

Q.12. Recently, the sacrifice and bravery of Sahibzadas of 'Guru Govind Singh' will be included in the curriculum of which state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Gujarat

Q.13. Recently, which country is building the world's largest hydroelectric dam?

- (a) Russia
- (b) America
- (c) Saudi Arabia
- (d) China

Q.14. Recently, which ministry has launched the 'Rashtraparv' website and app?

- (a) Ministry of Health

- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Defence
- (d) Ministry of Transport

Q.15. Where will the King Cup International Open 2024 be held recently?

- (a) Shenzhen
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Manila
- (d) London

ANSWERS :

Current affairs on 02 - DEC - 24

1. C
(c) Bhubaneswar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the All India Conference of Directors General/Inspectors General of Police 2024 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The three-day conference focused on national security issues such as terrorism, insurgency, coastal security, new criminal laws and narcotics. President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service was awarded. The conference serves as a platform for police professionals to discuss crime control, law and order and internal security threats. It included yoga sessions, business sessions and thematic food tables for informal discussions. This was the 59th conference, continuing the tradition started in 2014.

2. D
(d) 49th

India has been ranked 49th in the Network Readiness Stock 2024 published by Oxford University's Portulance Institute and Saïd Business School. Last year it was ranked 60th and this year it has improved

its rank to 11th position. The US has topped the Network Readiness Stock for the third consecutive year, followed by Singapore. The Network Readiness Stock ranks 133 industries (countries) based on their citizens' access to and use of information and communication technology (ITC).

3. A

(a) Singapore

Bilateral military exercise "Agni Warrior 2024" between India and Singapore was held at Deolali Field Firing Range in Maharashtra. It aims to strengthen interaction between artillery units of the two countries. The exercise involves joint fire power planning and execution using new generation equipment. It aims to enhance mutual understanding and interoperability of procedures and exercises between the two armies.

4. A

(a) Keith Kellogg

In a bold move signaling a renewed commitment to resolving the Ukraine crisis, President-elect Donald Trump has appointed retired Lt. Gen. Keith Kellogg as special envoy for Ukraine and Russia. This key appointment, announced by Trump as he prepares for his second term, underscores his intention to take decisive steps to address one of the most significant geopolitical challenges of the last two years. Kellogg's nomination signals a strategy focused on dialogue and peace, yet the exact outlines of Trump's plan remain unclear.

5. B

(b) Bronze

Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) was awarded Bronze Medal under Empowered India category for outstanding performance at 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF-2024) held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Dr Bijay Kumar Behera, Economic Adviser, MoPR received the prestigious

award during the award distribution ceremony organized by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO).

6. C

(c) Leh

India has recently inaugurated its first green hydrogen fueling station in Leh, Ladakh, a milestone in the green mobility sector. The project was completed by Amara Raja Infra for NTPC Limited, with the aim to promote emission-free transportation in the region.

7. B

(b) Patna

The Postal Department is going to organize a three-day Bihar Stamp Exhibition at Gyan Bhawan in Patna. On the occasion of the Bihar Stamp Exhibition, a special cover on folk singer Padma Bhushan Sharda Sinha will be released. This will be the first special copperplate issued by the Postal Department within just a month of the death of an artist in the 150-year history of the Indian Postal Department.

8. D

(d) 3.78%

According to the Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2024 report, India's milk production is projected to grow by 3.78% to reach 239.30 million tonnes in 2023-24, retaining its position as the world's largest milk producer. This growth is attributed to improved productivity of dairy cattle and increased per capita milk availability.

9. B

(b) Gold

The pavilion of the Ministry of Mines won the Gold Award at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2024 for excellence in display. It showcased contributions to a developed India by 2047, attracting over 80,000 visitors. The ministry donated 70,000 copper strips and 775 copper rods to the Ram Mandir.

Sustainability was promoted with recycling machines by Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre (JNARDDC), providing vouchers. Women empowerment was highlighted, with SHGs earning over ₹10 lakh in 14 days, emphasising economic development at the grassroots level.

10. A

(a) IIT Guwahati

For the first time, the prestigious India International Science Festival will be organised in the Northeast region of the country. Indian Institute of Technology - Guwahati will host the 10th India International Science Festival 2024. India International Science Festival is the largest science event in the country, involving the general public and the scientific community.

11. A

(a) Bronze

Rinchen Yudol, a renowned Para Taekwondo athlete from Ladakh, has etched her name in Indian sports history by winning a bronze medal in the first World Para Poomse Taekwondo Championship held in Bahrain. Her achievement is also significant as she has become the first woman from the Union Territory of Ladakh to win a medal in this prestigious competition.

12. A

(a) IIT Kanpur

High technology collaboration between indigenous defence industry and academia has started yielding results. The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K) announced a breakthrough in stealth technology that will make combat systems like tanks and fighter aircraft invisible or nearly invisible to enemy radars. Named the "Meta-Material Surface Cloaking System" (MSCS), it has been nicknamed Anlakshya by its inventors from IIT-K. It is of major interest to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in the development of the

Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) – a "stealth fighter" that is being engineered to be nearly invisible to enemy air defence radars.

13. A

(a) ADB

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said its Board of Governors has unanimously elected Masato Kanda as the 11th President of ADB. Mr Kanda (59) is currently serving as a special adviser to the Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Japan. He will replace Masatsugu Asakawa on February 24, 2025. Mr Asakawa will step down on February 23 next year.

14. C

(c) G. Retnam

Two veteran artists were awarded Singapore's highest arts honour, the Cultural Medallion. Classical musician Ghanavenothan Retnam and painter Siu Hock Meng were honoured for their contributions to Indian music and visual arts respectively.

15. A

(a) U.S. Awasthi

IFFCO Managing Director Dr U S Awasthi has been conferred with the prestigious Rochdale Pioneers Award by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) for his exceptional contribution to the development of cooperatives in India. The award also recognises IFFCO's principles and his efforts to promote the Indian cooperative model globally.

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1. D

(d) 04 December

Indian Navy Day is celebrated every year on 4 December to commemorate the successful attack of the Indian Navy on the Karachi port. During the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971, the Indian Navy conducted

Operation Trident against the Pakistani port city of Karachi. During Operation Trident, anti-ship missiles were used for the first time in the region. India celebrates Navy Day every year on 4 December to commemorate this event.

2. B

(b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

The Ministry of Health has designated snakebite cases and deaths as a notified disease to improve surveillance and response. Notified diseases are legally required to be reported to authorities for better surveillance and outbreak prevention. The responsibility for implementing and notifying such diseases rests with the states. The National Action Plan for Snakebite Prevention (NAPSE) aims to reduce deaths and disabilities due to snakebite by 50% by 2030. Other notified diseases include AIDS, hepatitis and dengue. WHO's International Health Regulations make it mandatory to report certain diseases to WHO for global health monitoring.

3. D

(d) Britain

A Working Paper on Assistance for Design and Development of Electric Propulsion Systems for the Indian Navy (SOSOI) was signed between the Indian and UK Defence Ministries in Portsmouth. The signing is part of three Joint Working Group meetings on Electric Propulsion Capability. The agreement also symbolises promotion of indigenous development of scientific and technological advancements.

4. A

(a) Kaziranga National Park

The 12th International Tourism Mart is being held at Kaziranga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Assam. The International Tourism Mart will highlight the vast potential of tourism in the Northeast region to domestic and international visitors and bring

together stakeholders from the tourism and hospitality industry to promote tourism in the region.

5. D

(d) J Upendra Dwivedi

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi launched an online learning platform called "Eklavya" for the Indian Army. The initiative is in line with the Indian Army entering the "Decade of Transformation" as envisaged by the COAS, as well as the Indian Army's theme for 2024 being "Year of Technology Absorption", a release said.

6. A

(a) Australia

In Australia, the bill to ban social media for children under the age of 16 has been passed by the Parliament. This bill has been supported by both the ruling party and the opposition. Australia is the first country in the world to pass such a bill. According to the bill, if platforms like X, TikTok, Facebook and Instagram are unable to stop children from creating accounts, then they can be fined up to Rs 275 crore (32.5 million dollars). There will be no exemption for parental consent or pre-existing accounts. After the law is enacted, the platform will get one year to implement the ban.

7. B

(b) New Delhi

The Government of India has decided to organize 'Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav' from 6th to 8th December 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. This was announced by Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya Scindia. The festival will focus on the eight northeastern states of India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav on 6th December 2024. Chief Ministers of all the northeastern states will also be present on the occasion and a commemorative postage stamp will be released during the inaugural ceremony.

Assam, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura are the 8 states of the Northeast.

8. C

(c) Toxic

The 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) concluded in Goa, with Lithuanian film "Toxic" winning the Golden Peacock for the best film. The 55th IFFI was held in Goa, which showcased Indian and foreign films. The director of the 55th IFFI was renowned filmmaker Shekhar Kapur.

9. A

(a) Gujarat

The central government has given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to another cultural handicraft heritage of Gujarat 'Gharchola' (a bandhej type silk dupatta or sari worn by a girl on the occasion of marriage). Official sources said that Gujarat is famous for its diverse and excellent handicrafts. In the last few years, the state of Gujarat has received a total of 26 GI tags, out of which 22 GI tags have been received for the handicraft sector. Now the Government of India has given the GI tag to another cultural handicraft heritage of Gujarat 'Gharchola'. With this, the total number of GI tags received by Gujarat has gone up to 27, while this is the 23rd GI tag received in the handicraft sector.

10. C

(c) John Cockerill India Limited

Maharatna Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with John Cockerill India Limited (JCIL), the Indian arm of the global John Cockerill Group, in Mumbai. The aim is to leverage extensive industry expertise and work towards innovation and sustainability.

11. A

(a) Historian

Amiya Kumar Bagchi, emeritus professor, economic historian and founding director of the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK), died at the age of 88. He was one of the most outstanding economists, scholars and public intellectuals of our time. A rebel throughout his life, Bagchi left the college where he was originally admitted to speak out against certain injustices and joined Presidency College, Kolkata, where the atmosphere was more free. After doing his masters in economics from Presidency, he went to the University of Cambridge on a West Bengal government scholarship, where he not only completed his doctoral work but also joined the Faculty of Economics and Politics with a fellowship at Jesus College.

12. A

(a) Siddharth Kaul

Fast bowler Siddharth Kaul announced his retirement from Indian cricket. He represented the country in three ODIs and as many T20 Internationals in 2018-19. The 34-year-old fast bowler from Punjab, who has played for Delhi Daredevils, Kolkata Knight Riders, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL, made the announcement on social media.

13. A

(a) Piyush Goyal

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal launched the CII Ease of Doing Business (EODB) and Regulatory Affairs Portal to access and track information on India's business environment as well as suggestions for improvement. The portal will provide status and key information on key initiatives on ease of doing business of both the Government and CII. Users can track progress and submissions on a real-time basis, ensuring transparency, accountability, meaningful and timely resolution of concerns.

14. A

(a) Vikrant Massey

Actor Vikrant Massey was honoured with the Indian Film Personality of the Year Award. The Silver Peacock Award for Best Director for outstanding direction and storytelling was given to Romanian writer and director Bogdan Mureşanu for his film 'The New Year That Never Came'.

15. B

(b) Rome

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar inaugurated the new office of the Indian Embassy in Rome. He said that relations between India and Italy are very strong. Both countries are important allies in Europe and major partners in the Mediterranean region. Jaishankar arrived in Rome, Italy on a three-day visit. S Jaishankar said that the continuous dialogue on various issues between the two countries is a sign of depth and expansion in bilateral relations.

Current affairs on 04 - DEC - 24

1. D

(d) 05 December

World Soil Day is celebrated every year on 5 December and aims to highlight the importance of soil. Soil degradation is happening rapidly due to the poor condition of the soil, which is becoming a serious environmental issue around the world. About 45 years ago, the 'Save Soil Movement' was started in India. Its aim is to draw people's attention towards soil conservation and sustainable management. To make people aware about soil erosion, which is a serious environmental problem, known as the decline in the condition of the soil.

2. C

(c) Delhi

Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the special exhibition 'Shunyata: Shunyata' at the National Museum in New Delhi. The event was attended by Dr BR Mani, Head of

National Museum and a large gathering of people from Haveli, psychologists, experts, artists and museums.

3. A

(a) India

India has been re-elected to the UN Peacebuilding Commission for the term 2025-2026. India's current term on the commission was ending on December 31. "India has been re-elected to the UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) for the term 2025-2026," India's Permanent Mission to the UN said in a post on X.

4. A

(a) R Ellis Vaz

Ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections, the Election Commission has appointed senior IAS officer R Alice Vaz as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Delhi. She is currently serving as Secretary in the Directorate of Higher Education, Delhi. She will replace P Krishnamurthy who was appointed CEO of Delhi in August 2023.

5. A

(a) Dr. Basant Goyal

Dr Basant Goel was honoured as the Chief Guest at the United Nations Global Excellence Awards in Dubai, where he also received a Doctorate from the United States of America International University (Honoris Causa) for his outstanding contribution to healthcare and philanthropy. With academic achievements including a Bachelor of Pharmacy, a PhD in Diabetes and a Doctorate in Health Sciences from prestigious US institutions, Dr Goel's dedication to improving lives is gaining widespread recognition.

6. B

(b) France

The French President praised more than 1,000 artisans who rebuilt the Notre-Dame Cathedral after a devastating fire in 2019. Notre-Dame is a famous Gothic cathedral located in Paris, France. It is known

for its size, age and architectural features. Its construction began in 1163 and continued throughout the Gothic period, being completed by 1250. It was the site of important events including Napoleon's coronation and royal weddings. A fire on April 15, 2019 badly damaged the roof and spire. The cathedral is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, featuring naturalistic sculptures and stained glass windows.

7. B

(b) Varanasi

The 13th National Seed Conference 2024 organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare was virtually inaugurated by Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan. The three-day conference was organized at the International Rice Research Institute South Asia Regional Center (ISARC), Varanasi.

8. C

(c) Madhya Pradesh

The two-day Mahabodhi Festival will begin at Sanchi, a famous Buddhist tourist and UNESCO World Heritage site located in Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh. Union Minister for Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju will inaugurate it. Followers of Buddhism from many countries including Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Thailand and Japan will participate in the festival.

9. B

(b) Sikkim

Sikkim Chief Minister Pema Tamang has officially flagged off the Nagaland contingent for this year's Hornbill Festival, with Sikkim being recognised as the partner state for the event. The Sikkim CM expressed his happiness about the partnership, stressing that it reflects shared cultural values and promotes unity between the states. He said the partnership is not only to celebrate culture between the two states but also to strengthen their ties.

10. A

(a) Researcher

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the death of Indian researcher and author Dr Prithvindra Mukherjee. He said Dr Mukherjee was a versatile personality and was also fond of music and poetry. "Dr Prithvindra Mukherjee was a versatile personality who left a strong mark in the intellectual world. He was also fond of music and poetry. His works and creations will be admired for years to come. His efforts to preserve India's history, especially during the freedom struggle, and to deepen India-France relations were equally remarkable.

11. C

(c) Dr. S. Jaishankar

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar released Vikram Sampath's book Tipu Sultan-The Saga of the Mysore Interregnum in New Delhi. Addressing the release ceremony, Dr Jaishankar highlighted that the book not only captures the flavour of a fast-moving and complex era but also gives insights into politics, strategy, administration, sociology and diplomacy. Dr Jaishankar said Tipu Sultan has a reputation as a prominent figure who resisted the imposition of British colonial control on India. He said it is a fact that Tipu Sultan's defeat and death can be considered a turning point for the fate of peninsular India.

12. A

(a) Nirmala Sitharaman

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the Credit Outreach Programme in Darbhanga, Bihar. Minister for Food Processing Industries, Government of India, Shri Chirag Paswan and Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Samrat Choudhary also attended the programme.

13. C

(c) Vijay Chandok

National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL) said financial market veteran Vijay Chandok has joined it as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to joining NSDL, Chandok was serving as MD and CEO of ICICI Securities. He held key roles in the ICICI Group, including joining the board of ICICI Bank as an executive director.

14. B

(b) France

Chad's government said it has terminated its defence cooperation agreement with France, which could lead to French troops leaving the central African country. In a statement, Chad's foreign ministry said the country, a key Western ally in the fight against Islamist militants in the region, wants to fully exert its sovereignty after more than six decades of independence. It said the decision to terminate the defence cooperation agreement, which was revised in 2019, would enable it to redefine its strategic partnership.

15. A

(a) Jammu and Kashmir

There is a good news for the people of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. 500 new Panchayat houses will be built in the Union Territory. Mohammad Ejaz Asad, Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Affairs, gave this information. He said that the state administration is committed to making the Panchayat Raj institutions in Jammu and Kashmir completely strong and effective. All necessary steps are being taken to ensure that the benefits of the state and central government schemes for the development of rural areas reach every eligible citizen.

Current affairs on 05 - DEC - 24

1. D

(d) 05 December

International Volunteer Day, also known as International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, is celebrated every year on December 5. The day aims to provide an opportunity to celebrate the efforts of volunteers and organizations and to promote volunteerism, encourage governments to support volunteer efforts, and recognize the contribution of volunteers to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the local, national and international levels.

2. C

(c) Arunachal Pradesh

The Arunachal Pradesh government has launched Mission Arun Himveer to enhance market linkages for local agriculture and horticulture producers. In a significant move, the Arunachal Pradesh Agricultural Marketing Board (APAMB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), North East Frontier, in the presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu.

3. A

(a) HDFC Bank

Private sector major HDFC Bank announced the launch of 'Pragati' savings account, aimed at semi-urban and rural (SUR) people across India, as the lender steps up its focus on deposit mobilisation. "With 51 per cent of its branches in semi-urban and rural areas, HDFC Bank continues to support rural economies and drive financial inclusion.

4. A

(a) Ngozi Okonji-Iweala

World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus congratulated Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on her reappointment as Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) for a second term.

5. A

(a) Kane Williamson

New Zealand star Kane Williamson created history, becoming the first batsman from the country to cross the 9,000-run mark in Test cricket. Williamson

achieved the feat on Day 3 of the New Zealand vs England first match at Hagley Oval in Christchurch. The former captain, who is making a comeback after recovering from a back injury suffered during the series against India, achieved the feat in New Zealand's second innings where he scored 61 runs. The 34-year-old Williamson completed 9000 runs in just 103 Tests, making him the third-fastest batsman to reach 9000 runs along with legends like Kumar Sangakkara and Younis Khan.

6. C

(c) Kash Patel

President-elect Donald Trump nominated his close confidant Kash Patel for the powerful post of Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, making him the highest-ranking Indian American in his incoming administration. "I am proud to announce that Kashyap 'Kash' Patel will serve as the next Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Kash is a brilliant lawyer, investigator, and 'America First' fighter who has spent his career exposing corruption, defending justice, and protecting the American people," Mr Trump announced on his owned social media platform Truth Social.

7. D

(d) Kerala

Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Minister J Chinchurani inaugurated the free insurance protection scheme for cattle of dairy farmers in the State by Kerala Feeds. He said with this ambitious initiative, the State government aims to provide insurance coverage for all the cattle in the State within the next three financial years. The Minister said the scheme is being implemented with the support of the Central Government.

8. B

(b) BPCL

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has received notable recognition at the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) Awards 2023. It has been honoured with several awards, reaffirming its

leadership, innovation and commitment to excellence in the energy sector.

9. A

(a) Saudi Arabia

The Sixteenth Conference of the Parties (COP16) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification began in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, marking the first time West Asia is hosting the event. India joined 197 countries celebrating the 30th anniversary of the UNCCD, with its delegation led by Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. India will present the Aravalli Green Wall Project (AGWP), targeting restoration of 1.15 million hectares of land in four states. The AGWP integrates indigenous afforestation, biodiversity conservation, GIS tools, water management and community participation. The conference, which will run till December 13, showcases India's leadership in combating desertification and promoting global sustainable land management.

10. A

(a) Meghalaya

Meghalaya is celebrating the Megong Festival 2024. It celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Meghalaya, especially the Garo tribe. Under the theme 'Echoes of Traditions', the festival features international and national artists, traditional games, and exhibitions of handlooms and handicrafts. Over 3 lakh visitors attended the event. It aims to bring out local talents and promote the vibrant culture of the Garo people, so that their traditions can be preserved for future generations.

11. B

(b) Maha Kumbh Mela

The Uttar Pradesh government declared the Mahakumbh Mela area in Prayagraj as a new district. The decision, taken under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, is aimed at streamlining management for the Mahakumbh Mela 2025. The district, named Mahakumbh Mela, ensures smooth administration for the grand religious event from January 13 to February 26, 2025. The district

boundaries cover revenue villages and parade area. The Mela Officer will have the powers of an executive magistrate, district magistrate and additional district magistrate. The move is to ensure smooth operations for the grand religious event while promoting Indian culture.

12. A

(a) Mansukh Mandaviya

Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the 236th meeting of the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation in New Delhi. Minister of State for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Labour & Employment and Vice-Chairman, CBT, EPFO, Shobha Karandlaje, Secretary, Labour & Employment and Co-Vice-Chairman, CBT, EPFO, Smt. Sumita Davara, Secretary, Labour & Employment and Co-Vice-Chairman, CBT, EPFO and Shri Ramesh Krishnamurthy, Central Provident Fund Commissioner and Member Secretary were also present in the meeting.

13. B

(b) India

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a US\$98 million loan agreement to boost horticulture productivity in the country. The Finance Ministry has said that the agreement will help establish a mechanism to produce disease-free planting material, enhance crop yield, quality and resilience to climate change.

14. C

(c) Haryana

A global Artificial Intelligence (AI) centre will soon be set up in Haryana with the assistance of the World Bank. The initiative was discussed in a meeting between Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and representatives of the World Bank. Minister of Industry and Commerce, Environment, Forest and Wildlife and Foreign Cooperation Rao Narbir Singh was also present in the meeting.

15. A

(a) Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh has launched 'Bus Sangwari App' to ease bus travel, especially in remote areas. Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai introduced the app and called it important for improving governance and public convenience. The app allows one to get bus timetables and route information without visiting the bus stand. Currently, it gives information on more than 5000 buses running in the state. GPS integration allows real-time tracking of buses and soon inter-state bus details will also be included.

Current affairs on 06 - DEC - 24

1. B

(b) UNESCO

UNESCO has recognised West Bengal as a top destination for heritage tourism. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee highlighted the state's progress in religious, heritage and tea tourism. The recognition has boosted tourism and created thousands of jobs for the youth. West Bengal is focusing on enhancing iconic religious sites and heritage sites. The state's efforts are boosting its tourism sector, making it a major player in India's tourism industry.

2. A

(a) Telangana

Telangana Chief Minister announced the extension of the Raithu Bharosa scheme after Sankranti. The scheme will continue to provide a bonus of Rs 500 for high quality rice prices in the next season. Raithu Bharosa scheme, also known as Farmers Investment Assistance Scheme (FISS), was launched in 2018-19 to meet the initial investment of farmers. It has been announced with the aim of removing agricultural machinery and preparing for upcoming local community appointments.

3. D

(d) Madhya Pradesh

Ratapani forest near Bhopal has been declared Madhya Pradesh's eighth and the country's 57th tiger reserve. Page |

The state government recently issued a notification formalising the status. Located just 15 km from Bhopal, the reserve is spread over 1,271.456 sq km and covers parts of Bhopal, Raisen and Sehore districts.

4. A

(a) Jay Shah

A day after resigning as secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Jay Shah has taken over as president of the sport's global governing body, the International Cricket Council (ICC). While Shah was hoping to "extend the reach and growth" of the sport on the global stage, his departure could lead to an interesting six weeks in the corridors of the BCCI.

5. B

(b) Riyadh

The Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is being held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, with nearly 200 representatives from governments, civil society and leading experts attending. This is the first time it is being held in the Middle East and North Africa region, which already knows the impacts of desertification, land degradation and drought.

6. A

(a) Singapore

India received the highest foreign direct investment (FDI) from Singapore in 2023-24, despite foreign capital inflows into the country declining by nearly 3.5% due to global economic uncertainties, according to the latest government data. Although FDI from Singapore declined 31.55% to \$11.77 billion in 2023-24, India attracted the maximum inflows from that country, the data showed.

7. C

(c) Uttarakhand

Khel Mahakumbh Uttarakhand 2024 was inaugurated by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Youth Welfare, PRD and Sports Minister Rekha Arya and Raipur MLA Umesh Sharma Kau. Organised by the Youth Welfare and PRD Department, the event was

attended by participants from across the state keeping in mind the sports and athletic spirit.

8. C

(c) Fungal infection

Chronic pulmonary aspergillosis (CPA) is a fungal lung infection caused by a fungus called Aspergillus, commonly found in indoor and outdoor environments. CPA affects people who suffer from chronic lung diseases such as emphysema, bronchitis or tuberculosis. CPA is not contagious and cannot spread between individuals. Early symptoms may be absent; common symptoms include coughing up blood, weight loss, fatigue, shortness of breath and wheezing. CPA is usually a lifelong condition that requires long-term antifungal treatment. Surgery may be needed to remove fungal masses that cause bleeding from the lungs. CPA kills more than 340,000 people each year, highlighting its severe impact.

9. C

(c) Masad Bulos

President-elect Trump has appointed Massad Boulos, the Lebanese-born father-in-law of Tiffany Trump, as senior adviser for Arab and Middle Eastern affairs. A legal expert and peace advocate, Boulos will aim to strengthen US interests in the region. Earlier, Trump had offered a role to Charles Kushner, Ivanka's father-in-law.

10. C

(c) Chennai

The World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC) will be held in Chennai. It is being held in India for the first time in 15 years, before this it was held in Mumbai. The conference covers important topics such as climate change, sustainability and geopolitical dynamics affecting the maritime industry. The last edition was held in Copenhagen in April 2022, with previous hosts such as Shanghai, Houston and St. Petersburg.

11. A

(a) Malaysia

The 4th India-Malaysia joint military exercise Harimau Shakti was held at Bentong Camp in Pahang, Malaysia.

It involves 78 Indian soldiers of the Mahar Regiment and 123 Malaysian soldiers of the Royal Malaysian Regiment. The exercise focuses on counter-terrorism operations in jungle areas under Chapter VII of the United Nations. It includes simulated exercises such as cross-training, anti-MT ambushes, reconnaissance patrols and counter-terrorist area attacks. The annual event is held alternately between the two countries, boosting interoperability, defence cooperation and bilateral relations.

12. A

(a) Arjun Erigisi

Grand Master Arjun Erigaisi has become the second Indian chess player and 16th player in the world to achieve 2800 Elo rating points in classical chess. 21-year-old Arjun Erigaisi is the second Indian after Viswanathan Anand to achieve 2800 Elo rating points. 21-year-old Arjun Erigaisi is currently ranked number 4 in the world by FIDE behind Grand Master Magnus Carlsen, Grand Master Fabiano Caruana and Grand Master Hikaru Nakamura.

13. D

(d) Cambodia

The first edition of the joint table top exercise SINBEX between the Indian Army and Cambodian Army began at the Foreign Training Node, Pune. The Cambodian Army contingent will comprise of 20 soldiers and the Indian Army contingent will also comprise of 20 soldiers from an Infantry Brigade.

14. A

(a) Lakshya Sen

India's top badminton players PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen won the women's and men's titles respectively of the 2024 Syed Modi International Badminton Championships. This was PV Sindhu's first BWF singles title after the 2022 Singapore Open title. The BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour 300 Syed Modi International Badminton Championships with a prize money of USD 2.10 lakh was held at Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium located in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

15. A

(a) Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Governor Justice Abdul Nazeer has approved the amendment in the retirement age of judicial officers. This amendment has increased the retirement age of judicial officers from 60 to 61 years. As per the instructions of the state's Law Department, the amended law has been officially published in the gazette.

Current affairs on 07 - DEC - 24

1. C

(c) Namibia

Namibia's Vice President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has been elected as the country's first female president, winning 57% of the vote. She defeated IPC's Panduleni Itula, who got 26%, and SWAPO has maintained its 34-year dominance. Nandi-Ndaitwah's victory has ensured that SWAPO has remained in power since Namibia's independence in 1990. She has held a number of key roles, including foreign minister, and is seen as a unifying figure. SWAPO also won 51 of the 96 seats in the National Assembly. Despite political stability, Namibia faces challenges such as high unemployment and inequality.

2. C

(c) India

India has been selected to host the first Women's T20 Blind World Cup to be held in 2025. This was finalised at the Annual General Meeting of the World Blind Cricket Council held in Multan. It is worth noting that India had earlier withdrawn its name from the Men's T20 Blind Cricket World Cup to be held in Pakistan, citing security concerns.

3. A

(a) Nano Bubble Technology

Union Minister of State for Forest, Environment and Climate Change launched Nano Bubble Technology at National Zoological Park, Delhi. Nano Bubble Technology uses ultra-small bubbles of 70-120 nanometer size to purify water. These bubbles remain suspended in water for months, enabling effective gas

transfer and cleaning. They remove algae, digest organic waste, separate particles and transfer oxygen efficiently. This technology is chemical-free, sustainable and improves aquatic health. It benefits wastewater treatment, fermentation and biological processes in various industries. Nano Bubble Technology ensures clean water and healthy ecosystem.

4. A

(a) Chennai

The World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC), a triennial global event under the aegis of the World Maritime Technology Congress, will be held in Chennai. This marks the return of the conference to India after a gap of 15 years, with the last edition being held in Mumbai, said CV Subba Rao, Forum Chairman of the conference.

5. B

(b) New Delhi

The 20th Asian Women's Handball Championship 2024 began in New Delhi. This is the first time India is hosting the Asian Women's Handball Championship. The 19th Asian Women's Handball Championship 2022 was held in the South Korean cities of Incheon and Seoul, with South Korea winning. The 20th edition of the championship was to be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, but was later shifted to India.

6. D

(d) Madhya Pradesh

The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified Ratapani Tiger Reserve (Tiger Sanctuary) of Madhya Pradesh as the 57th Tiger Reserve of the country under the centrally sponsored scheme Project Tiger. In November this year, the Union Ministry had notified Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve of Chhattisgarh as the 56th Tiger Reserve of India.

7. A

(a) New Delhi

The 29th Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit was held in New Delhi. It was

attended by 61 countries, 30 global speakers and 11 international ministers. The summit focused on building partnerships and promoting global cooperation for a sustainable future. It was organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The summit has been held every year since 1995. The last summit in March 2023 was attended by 67 countries, over 2000 business representatives and 400 international delegates.

8. B

(b) Australia

Former Australia batsman Ian Redpath passed away at the age of 83. Redpath played 66 Tests and five ODIs in his international career that spanned from 1964 to 1976. The former Australia cricketer made his Test debut against South Africa at the iconic MCG where he came close to scoring a century but was dismissed for 97. His first Test century came against the West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1969 where he smashed 132 against the mighty Caribbean bowling attack of Wes Hall, Charlie Griffith, Garry Sobers and Lance Gibbs.

9. C

(c) Brain Rot

The Oxford Word of the Year for 2024 is 'brain rot'. The word addresses mental degradation from excessive consumption of trivial online content. Taken from Thoreau's 1854 work, it gained popularity on TikTok and is now widely used. Other shortlisted words were 'demure', 'dynamic pricing', 'lore', 'romance' and 'slope'. Previous winners were 'rise' and 'goblin mode'.

10. A

(a) Gold

The Bihar Pavilion was awarded the prestigious Gold Medal at the 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) for its exceptional design, thematic presentation and focus on sustainability practices. The award ceremony was held at the Amphitheatre of Musical Fountain located next to Hall 1 at Bharat Mandapam.

11. A

(a) South Korea

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol has declared emergency martial law, saying the move was necessary to protect the country from "communist forces" amid a parliamentary dispute over a budget bill. The surprise move comes as Yoon's People's Power Party and the main opposition Democratic Party are locked in a bitter dispute over next year's budget bill. Opposition lawmakers approved a significantly reduced budget plan through a parliamentary committee last week.

12. A

(a) Maria Victoria Juan

Nurse Maria Victoria Juan has been awarded the Astor Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024, a prestigious honor that celebrates exceptional contributions to the nursing profession worldwide. Maria, whose career has been a testament to dedication and resilience, was selected for the award for her outstanding efforts in transforming the healthcare landscape, particularly in the Philippine Army Health Services and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

13. D

(d) Sri Lanka

Justice Murdu Nirupa Bindushini Fernando was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Sri Lanka. This historic appointment is an important milestone in the judicial history of Sri Lanka, as Justice Fernando is the second woman to hold the position. The first woman was Justice Shirani Bandaranaike.

14. C

(c) Dal Lake

Uber has launched Asia's first water transport service "Uber Shikara" at Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir. Tourists can now book pre-scheduled Shikara rides through Uber's app. The service was inaugurated by Prabhjeet Singh, President, Uber India and South Asia. Uber Shikara combines technology and tradition to increase accessibility and promote tourism in Kashmir. It has partnered with seven local Shikara operators and plans to expand as per demand. The service operates from Nehru Park, with reasonable prices set by the government and no charges levied on Shikara partners.

15. B

(b) Squash player

Former Indian squash champion Brigadier Raj Manchanda passed away. Manchanda, a six-time national champion, breathed his last at the age of 79. Arjuna Awardee Raj Manchanda was the most popular face of the Indian squash world. He was the national champion six times in a row between 1977 and 1982. He also won an unprecedented 11 titles for the Army.

Current affairs on 09 - DEC - 24

1. A

(a) Justice Manmohan

The government issued a notification appointing Justice Manmohan, Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, as a judge of the Supreme Court. The Department of Justice notification said, "In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution of India, the President hereby appoints Justice Manmohan, Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India, with effect from the date on which he assumes his office."

2. D

(d) Telangana

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy launched a special mobile app for the selection of houses under the state government's Indira Awas Yojana. Selection of houses under the scheme began. Officials will check the applications received on the website and select the sellers. In the first phase of the scheme, the government will provide assistance to the poor to build 4.5 lakh houses. The government will provide assistance of Rs 5 lakh to eligible builders who have a piece of land to build a house.

3. D

(d) Kerala

The Agriculture Department has launched 'Aashraya Kisan Seva Kendras' with the aim of providing digital services to farmers in Kerala. These are an extension of

the recently launched 'Kathir' app (short for 'Kerala Agriculture Technology Hub and Information Repository'), which integrates agriculture-related services on a single platform, giving farmers greater access to these digital services.

4. A

(a) Hyderabad

Hyderabad The Telangana government signed a strategic agreement with Google to set up India's first Google Security Engineering Centre (GSEC) in Hyderabad. The GSEC was first announced at the Google for India 2024 conclave, following which there was a race among states to get the investment. The agreement was signed at the secretariat in the presence of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and state IT Minister D Sridhar Babu.

5. A

(a) Kuwait

India and Kuwait have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a Joint Commission for Cooperation at the Foreign Minister level to strengthen bilateral relations. The MoU was signed between the two countries during the visit of Kuwait Foreign Minister Abdullah Ali Al Yahya to India. This was Abdullah Ali Al Yahya's first visit to India as Kuwait's Foreign Minister. The Kuwaiti Foreign Minister also met Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

6.A

India

The Indian Men's Junior Hockey Team won the Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup title for a record fifth time by defeating arch-rivals Pakistan 5-3 in the final of the 11th Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup 2024. The final of the 11th Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup 2024 was played in Muscat, Oman.

7. B

(b) Anna Chakra

The Union Minister launched 'Anna Chakra' and Scan Portal to optimize the Public Distribution System (PDS) supply chain. Developed with World Food

Programme and IIT-Delhi, it uses advanced algorithms for route optimization and efficient foodgrain movement. It is integrated with PM Gati Shakti and Railways' FOIS portal, covering 4.37 lakh fair price shops and 6700 warehouses. The optimization shows potential cost savings of ₹250 crore annually for 30 states. Benefits include faster food delivery, lower logistics costs, lower fuel consumption and lower carbon emissions, supporting 81 crore beneficiaries under the world's largest food security program.

8. C

(c) Nepal

Nepal and China signed the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli confirmed this. This important agreement has been reached between the two countries during PM KP Sharma Oli's visit to China. Nepal's Ambassador to China Krishna Prasad Oli said that officials of both countries have signed this agreement.

9. C

(c) Jasleen Kaur

Indian-origin artist Jasleen Kaur has won Britain's prestigious Turner Prize 2024 for weaving together "personal, political and spiritual" aspects. Jasleen's works are inspired by her life growing up in the Sikh community in Scotland. Kaur received the prize of about Rs 26.84 lakh for her solo exhibition 'Alter Alter' at a ceremony held at Tate Britain in London.

10. A

(a) New Delhi

NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Beri launched the "Trade Watch Quarterly" analysing India's trade statistical data for the first quarter of FY 2024-25 (April-June) in New Delhi. India's trade performance witnessed stability and moderate growth during the first quarter of FY 2024-25. The country's total trade stood at \$576 billion, registering a growth of 5.45 per cent year-on-year.

11. C

(c) Australia

Former Australian tennis legend and three-time Grand Slam singles winner Neale Fraser, who won the Wimbledon men's singles title in 1960 defeating the great Rod Laver, has died. He was 91. Fraser was the captain of Australia's Davis Cup team for 24 years. During this time Australia won the title four times. Fraser made a clean sweep by winning the singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles titles at the US Open in 1959 and 1960. He won a total of 11 Grand Slam titles in men's doubles. Fraser was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1984. He was awarded the International Tennis Federation's Philippe Chatrier Award for outstanding achievement in the sport in 2008.

12. A

(a) New Delhi

New Delhi: Global leaders, policymakers and experts discussed waste management, recycling and circular economy at the 9th International Conference on Waste Management organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The theme of the conference was "Enabling and Building Global Technology Partnerships for a Future Ready and Sustainable Development Environment", which promotes global collaboration for waste reduction and a clean environment.

13. C

(c) Bhutan

Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck was warmly welcomed by External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar on his arrival in New Delhi on a two-day official visit to India. He was accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck and senior officials of the Royal Government of Bhutan.

14. A

(a) E-Map

The Government of India is launching the National Legal Metrology Portal (EMAP) to promote fair trade practices and enhance consumer protection. The initiative aims to ensure transparency, accountability and compliance with legal metrology standards. As part of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs' effort, the

portal will streamline services for businesses and consumers, thereby promoting a balanced market.

15. A

(a) ESA

ISRO successfully placed two satellites of the European Space Agency's (ESA) Proba-3 mission in a pre-determined orbit. ISRO's PSLV C59 rocket took off carrying Proba 3 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. ISRO said on its official X handle, "PSLV-C59/Proba-3 mission has successfully achieved its launch objectives by placing ESA's satellites in their designated orbit with pinpoint accuracy. This is a testimony to the reliable performance of PSLV, collaboration between NSIL and ISRO, and innovative goals of ESA."

Current affairs on 10 - DEC - 24

1. A

(a) Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's Shammi Silva has taken over as the President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC). He will replace India's Jay Shah, who recently became the President of the International Cricket Council (ICC). Shah vacated the post after serving three terms as ACC President. This will not be Silva's first role with the ACC, he has previously served as the chairman of the organisation's finance and marketing committee.

2. B

(b) Assam

The Assam Forest Department obtained the first photographic evidence of the Royal Bengal Tiger in the Sonai-Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary. The sanctuary is located in Assam and covers an area of 175 square kilometres. It was established in 1998. It is located in the foothills of the Great Himalayan Range and is blessed with diverse landscapes and rich biodiversity. The sanctuary borders the Gabhoru and Panchnoi rivers, the Routa Reserved Forest and the Kameng Reserved Forest of Arunachal Pradesh. It includes four

perennial rivers—Dolasiri, Gabhoru, Gelgeli and Belsiri—and wetlands called "Bhil". The climate of the region is subtropical with hot summers, heavy rainfall and seasonal flooding.

3. A

(a) Vijayawada

A grand festival of Carnatic music, traditional crafts and culinary heritage, the second edition of Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam will be held at Tummalapalli Kshetrappa Kalakshetra Auditorium in Vijayawada. Organised by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Textiles and Andhra Pradesh Tourism, the festival is a remarkable showcase of India's cultural richness. The event will have 35 performances over three days, featuring 140 renowned talented artists, including seasoned and emerging talents.

4. A

(a) Uttarakhand

The Uttarakhand Housing Development Council (UHDC) and the Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA) are building around 16,000 affordable houses for low-income families in Uttarakhand. An official statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said that this initiative is being implemented "under the efforts of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

5. C

(c) India

India has been awarded the International Social Security Association (ISSA) Good Practice Award for 2024 for Asia and the Pacific at the Regional Social Security Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been recognised for its innovative communication strategies, digital initiatives and outreach programmes such as Nidhi Aapke Paas 2.0, which promote service delivery and stakeholder participation in social

security. The award reflects EPFO's commitment to reform social security systems in accordance with modern requirements.

6. B

(b) Maharashtra

The World Bank has approved a \$188.28 million loan to Maharashtra, aimed at boosting economic development in the state's backward districts. The loan has been provided by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), with a maturity period of 15 years and a grace period of 5 years. The main objective of the project is to accelerate economic growth and employment generation by strengthening district-level governance, improving e-governance services and promoting private sector participation.

7. C

(c) India

India has been elected to chair the 68th session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND). Ambassador Shambhu S Kumaran, India's Permanent Representative to the UN in Vienna, has officially assumed charge. CND is the main policy-making body for global drug-related issues under the United Nations. It monitors global drug trends, supports balanced policy-making and oversees major drug conferences. CND works under the United Nations Economic and Social Council and supervises the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). This is India's first time chairing the CND, reflecting its growing leadership and commitment to global issues.

8. D

(d) Fiji

Suneet Mehta, a 2007 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Fiji. Mehta is presently serving as Deputy High Commissioner in the Indian High Commission. "V P Singh, Governor of Canberra has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Fiji," Suneet Mehta (IFS:2007),

presently Deputy High Commissioner in the Indian High Commission, Ministry of External Affairs, said in a release. He is expected to take up his duties shortly.

9. A

(a) Bahrain

The 2024 World Weightlifting Championships have kicked off in Bahrain, with top weightlifters from around the world taking part. This is the first time Bahrain has hosted the event, having previously hosted the 2022 Asian Weightlifting Championships. More than 500 weightlifters, including world and Olympic champions, are taking part in the championships. Paris 2024 gold medallists such as Reeves, Nassar and Junyansa are expected to be some of the top participants at the event.

10. A

(a) New Delhi

New Delhi: The third edition of the Sahitya Akademi's book fair has begun at Ravindra Bhavan during which several literary and cultural events will be held. The event will be inaugurated by Indian author and former Indian ambassador to the US Navtej Sarna and will be attended by over 40 publishers. The 10-day fair aims to inculcate a love for reading and literature among people through various activities.

11. A

(a) France

The 30th edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) has begun, with the theme country this time being France. The festival will screen a number of films highlighting the rich cultural and cinematic heritage of the European nation. The Kolkata International Film Festival will run till December 11, showcasing interesting films from across the world. Several prominent personalities from the world of cinema and politics attended the opening ceremony.

12. C

(c) Gautam Hari Singhania

Gautam Hari Singhania has been officially appointed as the executive chairman of Raymond Lifestyle Ltd following shareholders' approval in a postal ballot. The company told SEBI that 86.85 per cent of the votes were in favour of the proposal, while 13.15 per cent opposed it. This decisive vote is a significant moment for Raymond Lifestyle, reflecting a strategic shift aimed at accelerating growth and operational efficiency as the company approaches its centenary year.

13. D

(d) Russia

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh will pay an official visit to the Russian Federation. During the visit, Defence Minister and Defence Minister of Russia Mr. Andrey Belousov will co-chair the 21st meeting of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC) in Moscow.

14. A

(a) Prahlad Joshi

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

15. C

(c) Veronica Bachelet

Former Chilean President Veronica Michelle Nicolas Jeria will be awarded the Indira Gandhi Peace, Fatherhood and Development Prize for 2024, according to a statement from the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust. The decision was taken by a panel headed by former National Security Adviser and former Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon. She is one of the world's most prominent advocates of human rights, peace and injustice.

Current affairs on 11 - DEC - 24

1. D

(d) 11 December

UNICEF Day is celebrated every year on 11 December to raise awareness about saving children's lives and helping them fulfill their wishes. The day commemorates the support provided for the health, nutrition, education and welfare of children during World War II. UNICEF was later renamed from the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund to the United Nations Children's Fund, although it continued to be known by the popular acronym based on the previous title.

2. A

(a) Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso's military junta appointed Rimatalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo as the new prime minister after dissolving the government without explanation. The Ibrahim Traore-led junta dismissed former Prime Minister Apollinaire Joachim Kaylem de Tamberé through a presidential decree. The junta seized power in September 2022 by removing Lieutenant Colonel Paul Henri Sandaogo Damiba, who had previously ousted President Roch Marc Kaboré. Burkina Faso is facing serious security challenges, with extremist attacks displacing more than 2 million people and leaving half the territory outside government control.

3. D

(d) Chhattisgarh

HUDCO, a Navratna public sector company, has recently launched the Uphaar Milk Programme as part of its CSR initiative to tackle malnutrition among government school children in Rajnandgaon, Bilaspur and Mungeli districts of Chhattisgarh. Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Tokhan Sahu inaugurated the programme at Government School Sendri in Bilaspur along with HUDCO CMD Sanjay Kulshreshtha, Beltara MLA Sushant Shukla and other dignitaries.

4. A

(a) IIT Madras

India's first hyperloop test track is ready Indian Railways, in collaboration with IIT Madras, has achieved a significant advancement in transportation technology with the completion of India's first 410-metre hyperloop test track. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the achievement while sharing a video of the test track. The Mumbai-Pune corridor is expected to be the first full-scale hyperloop project in India. The railway system aims to reduce the travel time between the two cities to just 25 minutes. Despite the progress, the project is still in its development stages.

5. C

(c) MS Dhoni

Tyre maker Eurogrip Tyres has appointed cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador. The company said that Dhoni, the former captain of the Indian cricket team, will promote the Eurogrip brand and all its products. TVS Srichakra Ltd, which makes Eurogrip, TVS Eurogrip and TVS Tyres, was started in 1982. It serves as the main division of the \$3 billion (Rs 25417 crore) TVS Mobility.

6. A

(a) Jaipur

Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit is going to be organized in Jaipur. By organizing this, the state government will try to increase investment in the state. So far, investment proposals worth about 25 lakh crores have been signed. Many big personalities will also participate in the summit. Indian Hotels Company Limited CEO Puneet Chatwal, Is My Trip founder Rikant Pitti, Planet Abled founder Neha Arora, poet and actor Shailesh Lodha and actor Nakul Mehta will participate in the program.

7. C

(c) Jared Isaacman

Jared Isaacman, the tech billionaire who carried out the first private spacewalk in collaboration with Elon Musk's SpaceX, has been nominated by United States President-elect Donald Trump to lead NASA, the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Isaacman's nomination came after Trump announced a number of appointments, including appointing his former White House adviser Peter Navarro, who served a prison sentence this year for obstructing a congressional investigation, as his senior adviser for trade and manufacturing.

8. A

(a) Panchkula

India will take a bold step towards eliminating Tuberculosis (TB). TB is a disease that affects millions of people across the country. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda will officially launch this ambitious 100-day TB elimination campaign in Panchkula, Haryana. The campaign aims to intensify the fight against TB by improving identification of TB cases, reducing delays in diagnosis and improving treatment outcomes, especially for vulnerable populations. The campaign is a critical component of India's strategy to eliminate TB in 347 districts across 33 States and Union Territories and become a TB free nation.

9. B

(b) Eurasia

Little Gull, a bird native to Eurasia, was spotted in NCR for the first time. It is the world's smallest gull species, measuring 25-30 cm in length and having a wingspan of 61-78 cm and weighing 68-162 grams. The bird belongs to the Laridae family and is migratory, breeding in northern Europe and wintering in coastal areas of western Europe, the Mediterranean and north-eastern America. It lives in beaches, estuaries, lakes, rivers and swamps. It is classified as "least concern" in the IUCN Red List.

10. A

(a) Muscat

The Indian junior women's team is all set to participate in the Women's Junior Asia Cup in Muscat, Oman, as they aim to retain their title from last year. The tournament will also be a qualifying event for the FIH Junior World Cup 2025, which will be held in Chile.

11. D

(d) Krivak-III class frigate

The Indian Navy will commission a stealth guided missile frigate INS Tushil in Kaliningrad, Russia. INS Tushil is part of the upgraded Krivak III-class frigates under the Russian-designed Project 1135.6. It is the seventh vessel in this series and the first of two upgraded frigates from the 2016 India-Russia contract. "Tushil" means "protector shield", symbolising the Navy's commitment to maritime security. The ship is 125 metres long, displaces 3,900 tonnes, and features advanced stealth to evade radars. It comprises 26% indigenous technology with 33 systems by Indian manufacturers. Assigned to the Western Fleet, it strengthens India's naval capabilities.

12. A

(a) Dharmendra Pradhan

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will launch PM e-Vidya DTH Channel No. 31 for Indian Sign Language (ISL) in New Delhi. Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary will also attend the event. Hearing Impaired (HI) children, hearing impaired achievers, special educators, ISL certified interpreters and organizations working for mainstreaming the hearing impaired community will participate in the event.

13. B

(b) France

Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris saw its first mass in five years, a day before it reopened to the world, attended by firefighters, world leaders and artists. Originally built in the 12th century, the cathedral was closed following a devastating fire in April 2019. Over the past five years, it has seen a frenzied renovation process that has attracted considerable global attention.

14. C

(c) Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh government is soon going to introduce maize flour produced through natural farming under the brand name "Himbhog". Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that more than

4,000 quintals of maize was purchased from 1,506 farmer families practicing natural farming across the state except Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur districts. The highest purchase was from Solan district (1,140 quintals), followed by Chamba (810 quintals) and Mandi (650 quintals).

15. A

(a) Joachim Alexandersson

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed Sweden's Joachim Alexandersson as the head coach of India's women's Under-20 and Under-17 national teams. 48-year-old Alexandersson has been appointed as part of an agreement between the AIFF and the Swedish Football Association.

Current affairs on 12 - DEC - 24

1. D

(d) 12 December

International Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC) is observed every year on 12 December. The occasion highlights the need for a healthcare system that provides access to quality health care to all. On 12 December 2012, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed a resolution to accelerate progress towards universal health coverage (UHC), ensuring that everyone, everywhere has access to quality, affordable health care. On 12 December 2017, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to observe 12 December as International Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC Day).

2. C

(c) India

According to the recently published Zscaler ThreatLabz 2024 Mobile IoT and OT Threat Report, India has been found to be the most targeted country for mobile malware. The Zscaler ThreatLabz 2024 Mobile IoT and OT Threat Report published by cloud company Zscaler Inc analyzes security reviews of mobile and IoT/OTI (IoT/OT) hackers from June 2023 to May 2024.

3. B

(b) Meghalaya

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$50 million loan agreement aimed at enhancing water security by constructing water-harvesting systems that will improve access to water and reduce communities' vulnerability to the impacts of climate change in Meghalaya. The loan agreement for the Climate Adaptation Community-Based Water-Harvesting Project in Meghalaya was signed by Ms. Juhi Mukherjee, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India and Ms. Mio Oka, Country Director, Bank's Mission in India, on behalf of the Asian Development Bank.

4. B

(b) Narmadapuram

Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav inaugurated the sixth regional industry conference in Narmadapuram by lighting the lamp. Industrialists are continuing to come to attend the conference. Apart from Narmadapuram, Betul, Harda, industrialists from all over the country are participating in the conference. Apart from this, representatives from Canada, Mexico, Netherlands, Vietnam, Malaysia are also participating in it. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav will discuss with the industrialists. The way to set up new industries will also open. The Chief Minister has declared the year 2025 as the year of industry and employment.

5. C

(c) SECI

Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) Limited, under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has received the third Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Transformation Award. The award was given under the category "Innovative Product Development" for "Robust and Distributable RE (FDRE) Supply to Discoms on Demand" at the felicitation ceremony held in New Delhi.

6. A

(a) Syria

Bashar al-Assad left Syria after the rebels attacked. Now Russia has reported that he has also resigned.

from the post of President. The rebels overthrew Assad's long rule after a week of fierce attacks. Moscow said that Assad stepped down after talks with the parties involved in the conflict. They also agreed to hand over power to the rebels in a peaceful manner.

7. B

(b) Ghana

Ghana's Vice President and ruling party candidate Mahamudu Bawumia has conceded defeat to opposition candidate and former President John Dramani Mahama in the West African country's presidential election. Before the official announcement, Mr Bawumia told reporters that he respected the decision of Ghanaians to vote for change. "I have just called His Excellency John Mahama to congratulate him as the President-elect of the Republic of Ghana," he said at his residence in the capital, Accra.

8. A

(a) 6.8

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has raised its forecast for India's GDP growth for fiscal year 2025 (FY25) to 6.8% from 6.7%. This growth has been made possible by public infrastructure spending, strong private consumption and improving agricultural output. This growth is expected to continue through FY25 and FY26, with investment and rural income growth playing a central role in the economy's expansion. Despite global economic uncertainties and geopolitical risks, India's economic resilience points to a bright future.

9. C

(c) Bangladesh

Bangladesh successfully defended their title by defeating India by 59 runs in the 11th ACC Under-19 Men's Asia Cup Final in Dubai, UAE. Bangladesh, who won the previous edition in 2023, won the Under-19 Men's Asia Cup title for the second consecutive time.

10. A

(a) Vijayawada

Vijayawada: As part of its efforts towards enhancing energy efficiency and sustainability, the state

government will launch the UrjaVeer programme aimed at empowering individuals to promote and sell energy-efficient appliances, which will contribute to both economic growth as well as energy and environmental conservation.

11. B

(b) 930

According to provisional data from the Health Management Information System of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the sex ratio (SRB) in the country has increased from 918 in 2014-15 to 930 in 2023-24. Also, according to data from the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) of the Department of School Education and Literacy, the national gross enrollment ratio of girls in school at the secondary level has increased from 75.51 percent in 2014-15 to 79.4 percent in 2021-22, including rural areas.

12. A

(a) Lumbini

The second edition of the India-Nepal Cultural Festival, organised by the Indian Embassy in Nepal, was held at Lumbini, the birthplace of Gautam Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. The festival comprised a number of events, including cultural performances by Indian and Nepalese artists as well as an academic seminar on the shared Buddhist cultural heritage of the two countries.

13. B

(b) Jaipur

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit in Jaipur, showcasing Rajasthan as a leading investment hub. With its rich resources, heritage and skilled youth, Rajasthan offers opportunities in infrastructure, manufacturing and tourism. Supported by the Make in India initiative and MSME policies, Rajasthan contributes Rs 84,000 crore in exports, strengthening its manufacturing sector. Rajasthan excels in renewable energy, mineral reserves and unique cultural assets, boosting tourism and economic growth. Initiatives such as e-visa, Udan Yojana and heritage tourism have transformed Rajasthan into a vibrant investment destination.

14. C

(c) Brussels Airlines

Brussels Airlines has been declared the world's best airline for 2024 according to AirHelp, with a score of 8.12. Qatar Airways is in second place with 8.11, while United Airlines and American Airlines are tied for third with a score of 8.04. The ranking is based on customer feedback, on-time performance and claim processing efficiency.

15. A

(a) 09 lakh

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has imposed a fine of ₹9 lakh on Reliance Securities Limited (RSL) for violating stock broker rules and market regulations. The action was taken after reviewing the records and documents of RSL in the period from April 2022 to December 2023.

Current affairs on 13 - DEC - 24

1. B

(b) Ministry of Education

The central government has revised the prices of food items under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Yojana, earlier called the Mid-Day Meal Scheme. It is renamed in September 2021 and serves hot meals to students of Balvatika and Classes I-VIII in government and government-aided schools. The scheme aims to fight hunger, improve nutrition, increase school attendance, and enhance attention in classroom activities. It also aids children during summer vacations in drought or disaster-affected areas. Recently, the Ministry of Education increased the 'material cost' by 13.70% based on the inflation index from the Labour Bureau. The scheme is centrally sponsored and managed by the Ministry of Education.

2. B

(b) AIIMS Delhi

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi organised a workshop aimed at increasing awareness about obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). Led by Professor Anant Mohan and Dr Saurabh Mittal, the event saw clinicians, trainees, researchers and sleep medicine specialists discuss the latest advancements and treatment strategies for OSA.

3. C

(c) Google

Google DeepMind unveiled GenCast, an AI model for weather prediction that outperforms the world's top forecasting system, the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF). GenCast provides faster, more accurate forecasts up to 15 days in advance, moving beyond its deterministic predecessor by generating 50+ weather scenarios. It uses diffusion AI adapted to the Earth's spherical geometry to model complex weather probabilities. GenCast improves predictions of extreme weather risks, helping officials save lives, reduce damage, and cut costs. It excels at forecasting tropical cyclone tracks and will soon release real-time and historical forecasts for public integration and research.

4. A

(a) Jodhpur

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah unveiled the 11-foot-high statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. Many dignitaries including Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat were present on this occasion. In his address, Shri Amit Shah said that Sardar Patel is that page of history with which both history and the country have not done justice. He said that today the country is getting the fruits of the qualities, sacrifice, hard work and foresight of a great man like Sardar Patel, but earlier he did not get proper place and respect.

5. B

(b) New Delhi

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India in association with INSOL India organised the International Conference 2024 on "Insolvency Resolution: Developments and Global Perspectives" in

New Delhi. The event brought together eminent experts and practitioners from various fields to share insights and experiences in insolvency resolution.

6. A

(a) Satish Karunakaran

India's Badminton player Satish Karunakaran won the BWF Super 100 Guwahati Masters 2024 Badminton Men's Singles title. In doubles, defending champions Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto successfully defended their title by defeating the Chinese pair in the final. The BWF Super 100 Guwahati Masters 2024 with a prize money of \$100 million was held in Guwahati, Assam.

7. A

(a) Abathsahayeshwara Temple

Abathsahayeshwara temple located in Thukkachi, Tamil Nadu has won UNESCO's 2023 Award of Distinction for Heritage Conservation. Built by King Vikrama Chola and Kulothunga Chola, the temple originally had five prakarams. It houses shrines of Soundaryanayaki Ambal, Aadhi Sarabeshwara and other deities. The temple was restored using traditional and modern conservation methods, completing Kumbhabhishekam in September 2023. UNESCO praised the project for blending engineering and traditional techniques while preserving local artistry. Tamil Nadu CM gave ₹100 crore annually for the renovation of ancient temples, so that there is no change in their original features.

8. B

(b) Puducherry

Former Puducherry Chief Minister M D R Ramachandran passed away. Ramachandran was the Chief Minister of the Union Territory twice while he was in the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK). He first served as Chief Minister in 1980 and led the then DMK-Congress coalition government, which lasted for three years. Ramachandran became Chief Minister again in 1990 and led the DMK-Janata Dal coalition government for a year.

9. B

(b) Georgia

Senior diplomat Abhay Kumar has been appointed as India's new Ambassador to Georgia. Kumar, a joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), is currently serving as Deputy Director General of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, he is expected to take up the assignment soon.

10. A

(a) Panipat

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' of Life Insurance Corporation of India in Panipat, Haryana, in line with his commitment towards women empowerment and financial inclusion. On this occasion, he also laid the foundation stone of the main campus of Maharana Pratap Horticultural University in Karnal.

11. C

(c) Myanmar

India sent a consignment of 2,200 metric tonnes of rice to Myanmar under its 'Act East' and 'Neighbourhood First' policies. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal confirmed the humanitarian assistance on social media platform 'X'. Jaiswal said, "India reiterates its commitment to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Myanmar in line with its 'Act East' and 'Neighbourhood First' policies." The consignment departed from Chennai port, reflecting India's commitment to maintaining stable and supportive relations with its neighbours.

12. A

(a) Sanjay Malhotra

New RBI Governor: Sanjay Malhotra, a veteran bureaucrat, has been appointed as the 26th governor of the RBI, replacing Shaktikanta Das. Malhotra, a 1990 batch IAS officer, will begin his three-year term. His appointment comes at a time when the RBI is facing challenges such as inflation and slow economic growth.

13. B

(b) Bangladesh

Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri arrived in Dhaka for the first high-level meeting between India and Bangladesh. This is the first high-level official visit after the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus came to power in Bangladesh. This visit is taking place amid the recent reports of increasing violence against minorities in Bangladesh and the arrest of spiritual leader Chinmoy Krishna Das in Chittagong.

14. C

(c) K.J.S. Dhillon

Lieutenant General Kanwal Jeet Singh 'Tiny' Dhillon (Retd) won the Crossword Books Award for the Best Non-Fiction Book in the Popular Choice category for his debut book 'Kitne Ghazi Aaye, Kitne Ghazi Gaye'.

15. A

(a) Devjit Saikia

Devjit Saikia has been appointed as the Acting Secretary of the BCCI by Board President Roger Binny. He will replace Jay Shah, who recently took over as the new ICC President. Saikia, who hails from Assam, is a former first-class cricketer and is currently the Joint Secretary of the BCCI. Binny has exercised his constitutional powers to appoint Saikia as the Acting Secretary, which is a temporary arrangement till the appointment of a permanent secretary under the BCCI rules and regulations.

Current affairs on 14 - DEC - 24

1. C

(c) United Kingdom

Scientists at the University of Bristol and the UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) in the United Kingdom have developed the world's first carbon-14 diamond battery using radioactive decay, synthetic diamonds and plasma chemistry. It uses carbon-14, a radioactive isotope with a half-life of 5,700 years, which emits short-range radiation that is absorbed by solids. The battery works like solar panels but captures fast-moving electrons within a diamond structure. It powers healthcare equipment such as pacemakers, hearing aids and ophthalmic devices, which last for

years without needing to be replaced. It is ideal for extreme environments on Earth and in space, providing a long-lasting energy source for spacecraft without needing recharge or replacement.

2. C

(c) Dr. Jitendra Singh

To enhance governance training in India, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched the "Amrit Gyan Kosh" portal as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. Aimed at strengthening public administration training, the portal was unveiled along with the inauguration of the "Advanced Case Writing and Teaching Workshop", a flagship initiative of the Capacity Building Commission (CBC). Organised in collaboration with the Stanford Leadership Academy for Development and the Asian Development Bank Institute, the workshop aims to enhance the capacity of public administrators through case-based teaching methodologies.

3. B

(b) Dubai

Dubai unveiled the world's largest gold brick, setting a new Guinness World Record. Weighing 300.12 kg, the gold brick is worth around ₹211 crore (\$25 million). Displayed at the Dubai Gold Souk Extension, this historic gold brick symbolises Dubai's commitment to excellence in the precious metals industry. It was produced in 8 to 10 hours by the Emirates Minting Factory following Guinness standards. Visitors got a chance to take pictures with the brick, further reinforcing Dubai's global leadership position in gold and luxury trade.

4. A

(a) Cuttack

The Odisha Masters 2024 in badminton has begun in Cuttack, Odisha and will go on till December 15. Emerging Indian talents will be in the lead role in this BWF Super 100 event. This is the last BWF World Tour tournament of the year. India, who have won five titles in recent weeks, will look to continue their strong form.

5. C

(c) New Delhi

India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2024 is being organized at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. It is being supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the National Internet Exchange of India. Its fourth edition is being held under the theme "Innovations in Internet Governance for India".

6. A

(a) Flipkart

Homegrown e-commerce company Flipkart said it has signed a MoU with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to provide strategic support, resources and market opportunities to startups to expand and scale. Under the collaboration, startups will get access to industry reports, research papers.

7. C

(c) Polarization

Merriam-Webster declared "polarization" its word of the year 2024, reflecting the deep divisions exposed by the US presidential election. The word's usage increased amid sharp disagreements over political issues, pop culture and even memes. Ironically, the word itself finds common ground across the political spectrum.

8. A

(a) RBI

The latest Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS) conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) shows weakening consumer confidence in the economy, employment, income and spending. The survey indicates that consumer optimism drives more spending, while pessimism can lead to a slowdown. It is released bi-monthly by the RBI. It uses the Current Situation Index (CSI) and Future Expectations Index (FEI) as key indicators. The FEI rose 0.5 points to 121.9, reflecting greater optimism for future spending. The CSI fell 0.7 points to 94 in November 2024, indicating weaker sentiments except for household spending.

9. B

(b) Russia

Russian-built guided missile frigate INS Tushil was inducted into the Indian Navy in Kaliningrad, Russia in presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi and other senior officials. The event is a significant milestone in India-Russia naval cooperation and showcases India's maritime might amid growing Chinese presence in the Indian Ocean. This advanced warship is a result of a deal signed between India and Russia in 2016 for four stealth frigates aimed at enhancing the Indian Navy's capabilities.

10. A

(a) Indore

Future Events is organizing Indore Engineering & Manufacturing Expo 2024 on 13th to 16th December 2024 at Profit Ganga Exhibition Centre, Indore, Bhopal, India. Indore Engineering & Manufacturing Expo is Central India's SME Conclave for manufacturers, suppliers, distributors and traders. It will provide real opportunities for businesses who want to showcase their products and services to key audiences, helping them develop new business relationships across India. It is the only platform with more opportunities where participants can be sure that they will get great response instantly.

11. C

(c) Lando Norris

Lando Norris won the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, the first Formula One constructors' title for McLaren since 1998, after teammate Oscar Piastri collided with Max Verstappen on the opening lap and finished 10th. Carlos Sainz and Charles Leclerc finished second and third for Ferrari, McLaren's historic rivals and the only team that could beat them to the championship.

12. A

(a) Bharti Kohli

43-year-old Bharti Koli from Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh has been recognised by the Women

We Admire group as an emerging woman leader in the banking sector 2024. Her remarkable contribution in data management has earned her this prestigious honour. Currently, Bharti is working as the Director of Data Management Office of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) in New York, USA.

13. B

(b) Aryna Sabalenka

Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus has been named the WTA (Women's Tennis Association) Player of the Year for 2024. This is the first time Aryna Sabalenka has won the WTA Player of the Year award. The international tennis media, recognized by the WTA, the women's professional tennis governing body, votes to select the best players, tournaments and coaches of the year after the conclusion of the WTA calendar year.

14. C

(c) Shaji N Karun

The JC Daniel Award 2023 has been presented to Shaji N Karun. Shaji N Karun is an eminent film director, cinematographer and screenwriter of Indian cinema. The award is given for his notable contribution to Malayalam cinema. This honor is the highest film award of the Government of Kerala, given for lifetime contribution to the film industry of the state.

15. A

(a) Jayen Mehta

Amul Managing Director Jayen Mehta's term has been extended till 2029-2030. Mehta, who has been with the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) since 1991, has played a key role in shaping the AMUL brand through various positions in the marketing department. His extended leadership marks a significant phase for the dairy giant as it continues to flourish under his direction. The move follows his interim appointment as MD in January 2023, succeeding R.S. Sodhi, who led AMUL for over a decade.

Current affairs on 16 - DEC - 24

1. B

(b) New Delhi

The 22nd Divya Kala Mela was held at India Gate, New Delhi. The 11-day event organised by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities saw participation of 100 artisans, entrepreneurs and artists from 20 states and union territories. It promotes the 'Vocal for Local' movement with handicrafts, eco-friendly products and cultural performances. The event helps Divyangjans achieve economic independence and reaffirms their place in India's progress.

2. B

(b) Donald Trump

Time magazine has named President-elect Donald Trump its Person of the Year for 2024, the second time he has received the honor. Trump was previously honored in 2016. Last year, the title went to pop icon Taylor Swift for 2023.

3. C

(c) D Gukesh

Chennai's 18-year-old Gukesh Domraju or D Gukesh has the distinction of becoming the youngest FIDE World Chess Champion by defeating Chinese Grandmaster Ding Liren. D Gukesh broke the record of legendary Russian chess player Garry Kasparov, who became World Champion in 1985 at the age of 22 by defeating fellow Russian Anatoly Karpov. The FIDE World Chess Championship is played in the classical chess format, and the first competitor to win 7.5 points is crowned World Champion.

4. A

(a) Pakistan

Rajendra Meghwar, from the rural and underdeveloped Badin region of Sindh province, has become Pakistan's first Hindu police officer. According to Krishan Sharma of the Pakistan Hindu Temple Management Committee, Meghwar has been posted as Assistant Superintendent of Police in Faisalabad of the Pakistan Police Service (PSP) after successfully passing the prestigious CSS, a civil service authority examination.

5. D

(d) Ladakh

The Union Territory of Ladakh and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will jointly host the 2025 Khelo India Winter Games. This intention was announced by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The 2025 Khelo India Winter Games will be important for Indian athletes as it will also be a selection event for the upcoming Milano-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics to be held in Italy in February 2026.

6. A

(a) Singer

Renowned Gujarati singer and musician Purushottam Upadhyaya passed away at the age of 90. His melodious voice and timeless compositions took Gujarati music to unparalleled heights. He left a deep mark in the hearts of the Gujarati community and the diaspora through his works. Upadhyaya's demise marks the end of an era in the music world and his contribution will be remembered by millions.

7. C

(c) Praveen Tambe

Ahead of the 2025 Women's Premier League (WPL) player auction, Gujarat Giants announced strategic changes to their coaching staff, appointing Pravin Tambe as the new bowling coach and former Australian cricketer Daniel Marsh as the new batting coach. Former Australian batsman Michael Klinger will continue to be the head coach of the team, having joined the side last season.

8. A

(a) Ang Lee

Acclaimed filmmaker Ang Lee will be honored with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the 77th Annual Directors Guild of America (DGA) Awards on February 8, 2025. Lee, the Academy Award-winning director behind classic films such as Brokeback Mountain and Life of Pi, will become the 37th filmmaker in history to receive the prestigious honor.

9. C

(c) Smriti Mandhana

Smriti Mandhana etched her name in history as she became the first female cricketer to score four ODI centuries in a calendar year. The elegant left-hander achieved the remarkable feat during the third and final ODI against Australia in Perth. Mandhana's ability to anchor an innings and score quick runs when needed has been a key factor in the team's success, but this time her innings went in vain as India lost to Australia by 83 runs at the WACA.

10. A

(a) IIT Delhi

Global higher education specialist QS Quacquarelli Symonds released the third edition of the 'QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2025'. This year IIT Delhi has topped the list (ranked 171 globally), improving by 255 ranks, followed by IIT Kharagpur with an improvement of 147 ranks to 202 globally, and IIT Bombay with an improvement of 69 ranks to be ranked third (ranked 234 globally).

11. B

(b) Kumbh Sahayak

PM launches Kumbh Sahayak Chatbot for Maha Kumbh Mela 2025. Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 will be held in Prayagraj from January 13 to February 26, 2025. The chatbot blends culture and technology to enhance the experience of devotees. It offers text and voice interactions for a seamless and engaging experience. It aims to guide and update lakhs of attendees during the mega event.

12. C

(c) Both of the above

Star Pakistan pacer Haris Rauf and England women opener Danni Wyatt-Hodge have bagged the ICC Players of the Month award for November 2024. Rauf beat his rivals Jasprit Bumrah and Marco Jansen to win the award, leading Pakistan to back-to-back wins following Noman Ali's feat in October.

13. D

(d) Sixth

Japan defeated South Korea 25-24 to win the 20th Asian Women's Handball Championship. The Indian handball team finished sixth at the 2024 Asian Women's Handball Championship, the country's best ever performance. The tournament was held for the first time in India at the Indira Gandhi Arena, organized by the Asian Handball Federation and the World Handball League.

14. C

(c) Sanjay Tandon

In historic recognition for his groundbreaking contributions to music rights management and cultural preservation, Sanjay Tandon has been conferred an Honorary Doctorate by Stanford International University. This prestigious honour celebrates Tandon's unwavering commitment to protecting the intellectual property rights of singers and composers around the world, as well as his strategic leadership in transforming the music industry ecosystem.

15. A

(a) Dr. Dinesh Shahra

Renowned philanthropist, author and thinker Dr Dinesh Shahra released his book, The Dalai Lama's Secret of Happiness, at the prestigious Tibetan Works and Archives (LTWA) Library in Dharamshala. The event highlighted the significance of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's teachings and their impact on promoting peace and happiness. The event was attended by scholars, dignitaries and cultural representatives who gathered to celebrate Tibetan culture, spirituality and the wisdom shared through Dr Shahra's latest work.

Current affairs on 17 - DEC - 24

1. D

(d) 18 December

Minority Rights Day is observed every year on December 18. The United Nations adopted and disseminated the Statement on Individual Rights relating to religious or linguistic national or ethnic minorities on December 18, 1992. Minority Rights Day upholds the right to freedom and equal opportunities

for minorities in India and creates awareness about their rights.

2. B

(b) Brazil

The 2027 Women's World Cup will be played in Brazil from June 24 to July 25. FIFA, the international governing body of football, announced the dates. The Women's World Cup, being played for the first time in South America, will feature 32 teams. Brazil has one of CONMEBOL's three spots as hosts. UEFA has the most spots at 11, followed by the AFC with six, CAF and CONCACAF with four each and the OFC with one. The other spots will be determined through playoffs.

3. A

(a) Saudi Arabia

FIFA, the world football's governing body, has awarded the right to host the 25th FIFA Men's Football World Cup to Saudi Arabia. The decision to award the right to host the 2034 FIFA Men's Football World Cup was taken at the FIFA Extraordinary Congress held in Zurich, Switzerland. All 211 FIFA members attended this extraordinary congress virtually. Saudi Arabia was the only country in the race to host the 2034 FIFA Men's World Cup. The 23rd FIFA Men's World Cup will be hosted by Mexico, Canada and the United States in 2026 and 48 teams will participate in this competition.

4. A

(a) Nepal

Indian President Draupadi Murmu conferred the honorary title of 'General of the Indian Army' to Nepal Army Chief General Ashok Raj Sigdel. The ceremony took place at Rashtrapati Bhavan, reflecting the tradition of mutual respect and deep military ties between India and Nepal since 1950. The ceremony also underlines the shared commitment of the two countries to further strengthen defense cooperation and friendly relations.

5. D

(d) Thailand

The 9th India-Thailand Defence Dialogue was held in New Delhi, during which the two sides agreed to the

early establishment of a joint working group to "monitor cooperation in areas of defence industry". India and Thailand also agreed to exchange subject matter experts between their armed forces to "further enhance regular engagement in specific areas".

6. A

(a) Google

Elon Musk and Google recently had an interesting discussion on the progress of quantum computing. The tech world is abuzz with excitement as Google has unveiled its latest quantum chip, named "Willow". This cutting-edge technology has caught the attention of none other than Elon Musk, the innovative entrepreneur behind Tesla and SpaceX.

7. C

(c) UNICEF

BMW Group and UNICEF have joined hands to improve the education of 100,000 Indian children. The program targets four states and emphasizes on STEM skills. It will benefit marginalized girls in rural areas. The initiative covers Assam, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. It is part of a larger global partnership between BMW and UNICEF.

8. A

(a) Manish Jain

Yes Bank has announced that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Manish Jain as Executive Director (Whole-time Director) of the Bank. The move follows a proposal made earlier by the Board of Directors of the Bank and will be subject to the approval of Yes Bank shareholders. Manish Jain, who has joined Yes Bank since September 2023, has gained extensive experience in corporate and wholesale banking.

9. D

(d) 2035

India is achieving new achievements one after another in the field of space. Now Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh has made a big announcement. He said that India will have its own space station by 2035. The Union Minister said that we

are going to build our own space station by 2035. It will be known as the Indian Space Station. Apart from this, by 2040 we can land an Indian on the moon.

10. A

(a) France

French President Emmanuel Macron named François Bayrou as prime minister, becoming France's second prime minister in three months. France's right-wing and left-wing lawmakers voted together on a historic no-confidence motion last week, forcing Prime Minister Michel Barnier and members of his Cabinet to resign. Bayrou, 73, a key partner in Macron's centrist coalition, has been an important figure in French politics for decades.

11. B

(b) Dehradun

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama inaugurated the 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024 in Dehradun. The first Ayurveda conference was held in Kochi, Kerala in 2002. It is held every two years, and the 9th edition of the World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo was held in Goa by December 2022.

12. C

(c) Prime Minister of India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 4th National Conference of Chief Secretaries in New Delhi. This conference strengthens the Centre-State partnership and strengthens cooperative federalism. The previous conferences were held in Dharamshala (June 2022) and New Delhi (January, December 2023). The 2024 conference focuses on integrated development agenda and strategic development planning.

13. D

(d) Prayagraj

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 167 projects worth Rs 5500 crore. This includes major projects like upgradation and development of railway stations for passenger facilities as well as ROB flyovers,

widening, strengthening and beautification of roads. Apart from this, projects related to paved ghats, river front, sewerage, drinking water facilities along with power supply were also inaugurated. Through all these projects, not only will the devotees get the benefit of facilities during the Maha Kumbh, but the people of Prayagraj will be able to use all these facilities even after the Maha Kumbh. These projects will show a new direction of progress to Prayagraj.

14. C

(c) Ashwini Bhide

Ashwini Bhide, a 1995 batch IAS officer and managing director of Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC), has been appointed as the principal secretary to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. She will replace IAS Brijesh Singh with immediate effect. Bhide, who has been heading the MMRC since 2015, will continue to handle her current responsibilities in the MMRC until further orders. Known for her extensive administrative experience, Bhide has played a key role in the development of Mumbai's metro infrastructure.

15. A

(a) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat released a book titled Naya Bharat - Modi's Vision and Development. The book is based on the development works and schemes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his vision. The Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, about 27 crore people have been lifted out of poverty in the last 10 years. He also said that the implementation of schemes has been smooth in the last ten years. Shri Shekhawat said that the book reflects the development of the country under the leadership of the Prime Minister and the changing outlook of the world.

Current affairs on 18 - DEC - 24

1. D

(d) 18 December

International Migrants Day is observed globally on December 18 every year. The day is organised by the United Nations through the relevant agency International Restoration Society for Migration (IOM). The day marks the arrival of more than 272 million people, of whom more than 41 million are migrants by origin, and face new challenges every day.

2. B

(b) Pakistan

Pakistan's left-arm fast bowler Mohammad Amir retired from international cricket after playing several months in the T20 World Cup. Amir was banned from cricket for five years between 2010 and 2015 for match-fixing and was also jailed for some time for the offence. He retired from all forms of international cricket in 2020.

3. D

(d) Switzerland

Switzerland has withdrawn the most favoured nation (MFN) status granted to India, which will result in increased tax burden on Indian companies operating in the central European country. Switzerland's action comes after India's Supreme Court rejected the automatic applicability of the MFN clause under a bilateral tax treaty in a case involving Swiss firm Nestle.

4. A

(a) Sri Lanka

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake will be on a two-day official visit to India. This will be his first international visit after assuming office in September. This was announced by Sri Lankan Cabinet spokesman and Health Minister Nalinda Jayatissa. He confirmed that President Dissanayake will meet President Draupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss and enhance bilateral relations.

5. A

(a) Three

Business magazine Forbes released its annual list of the 100 most powerful women in the world for the year 2024. It includes 3 women from India. This list includes Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, HCL Corporation CEO Roshni Nadar Malhotra and Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw.

6. A

(a) India

Vice President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the state-of-the-art Geology Museum of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) at the Victoria Market Building in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh by cutting the ribbon and unveiling the plaque. The event was a remarkable celebration that seamlessly blended the grandeur of tradition and the marvels of modern innovation.

7. D

(d) Nadiad

The 23rd National Blind Athletics Championship was inaugurated at Nadiad in Gujarat. Organised every two years by the Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA), the championship will see over 150 talented participants in various sports over the next three days celebrating the indomitable spirit of these exceptional athletes, said a release from the National Athletics Championships for the Blind.

8. A

(a) Uttar Pradesh

The World Bank has approved a \$325.10 million loan to the Uttar Pradesh government to increase the income of farmers in the state. The loan will fund the Uttar Pradesh Agricultural Development and Rural Enterprise Ecosystem Strengthening (UP-AGRIS) project costing Rs 3,903 crore or \$500 million. The project aims to improve crop productivity and increase the income of farmers in the state.

9. C

(c) Thiruvananthapuram

The 29th edition of the International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) began with a grand opening ceremony at Nishagandhi Auditorium in Thiruvananthapuram. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the festival. Filmmaker Ann Hui was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the festival. The award consists of Rs 10 lakh and a statuette. Renowned actress Shabana Azmi attended the event as the chief guest. She was also honoured at the event.

10. A

(a) South Korea

South Korean President Yun Suk-yol has been impeached by the National Assembly for his short-lived attempt to impose martial law, a move that threw South Korea into political turmoil during his presidency. The unicameral National Assembly voted by 204 to 85 to impeach Yun, the second such vote in eight days. Three members abstained and eight votes were declared invalid.

11. C

(c) Walton

Bloomberg has released the list of the world's 25 richest families. This year their wealth has increased by Rs 34.5 lakh crore. The Walton family, which runs the consumer retail company Walmart, tops the list. Last year it was in the second position. The total net worth of this family is Rs 36.7 lakh crore. This is Rs 14.6 lakh crore more than last year. The royal families of UAE and Qatar are at the second and third positions in the list. The Ambani family is at the 8th position with a net worth of Rs 8.45 lakh crore. India's Mistry family is at the 23rd position with a net worth of Rs 3.5 lakh crore. This family is the owner of Shapoorji Pallonji Group.

12. A

(a) Mumbai

Dr. Rajkamal Gupta, member of the Central Management Committee of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, issued a press release stating that this year the session of Vishwa Hindu Economic Forum 2024 will be held at Jio Convention Center in Mumbai. In which intellectuals like Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, International Convenor of Economic Forum Vigyanananda and National Convenor of Economic Forum Shiv Prasad TR will be present.

13. D

(d) Faridabad

Surajkund International Crafts Mela (Fair) is held every year at Surajkund in Faridabad, Haryana, India. The upcoming 38th edition of the fair will be held from 7 to 23 February 2025. The fair occupies a pride of place in the international tourist calendar and attracts over one million visitors including thousands of foreign tourists. Surajkund Mela is unique as it showcases the richness and diversity of India's handicrafts, handlooms and cultural fabric, and is the largest craft fair in the world.

14. C

(c) Haryana

Taking a step towards furthering livestock and poultry development, Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana inaugurated the 21st Livestock Census Campaign at the Government Veterinary Hospital at Radaur in Yamuna Nagar district. The event officially marked the start of the state-wide door-to-door survey to collect comprehensive data on domestic animals and poultry.

15. A

(a) France

73-year-old centrist leader François Bayrou has been named Prime Minister of France by Emmanuel Macron after Michel Barnier was ousted from office following a confidence vote. Bayrou leads the Modem party, which is part of Macron's centrist coalition. He is known as the

"third man" in French politics for his centrist approach during the 2007 presidential election. He is the high commissioner for planning, the mayor of Pau, and the president of the European Democratic Party. Born to a wealthy farming family near the Pyrenees, he taught Latin and Greek before entering politics in the 1980s. He served as education minister and was a member of both the National Assembly and the European Parliament.

Current affairs on 19 - DEC - 24

1. D

(d) 19 December

Goa Liberation Day is celebrated every year on December 19 in India, which marks the day when the Indian armed forces liberated Goa in 1961 after 450 years of Portuguese rule. Several events and celebrations are held in Goa on Goa Liberation Day, although this time the celebrations are expected to be subdued due to the pandemic. On this day, people from three different places in the state take out torchlight processions and reach Azad Maidan.

2. C

(c) Pakistan

35-year-old Pakistani all-rounder Imad Wasim announced his retirement from international cricket. This came after a brief comeback for the T20 World Cup, where Pakistan were eliminated in the first round. Wasim represented Pakistan in 55 ODIs and 75 T20Is, contributing with both bat and ball. He plans to continue playing domestic and franchise cricket.

3. D

(d) India

The Indian women's junior hockey team successfully defended their Women's Junior Asia Cup title by defeating China 3-2 in the final held in Muscat, Oman. India, the previous winners of the 2023 edition, won the 10th Women's Junior Asia Cup in a thrilling penalty shoot-out after the match ended in a 1-1 draw in regulation time. With this win, India qualified for the

2025 FIH Women's Junior Hockey World Cup in Chile along with China, Japan, South Korea and Malaysia.

4. A

(a) Moldova

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said the opening of Moldova's embassy in New Delhi will start a "new chapter" that will advance the partnership between the two countries and help further cooperation in key areas. "I express the hope and expectation that in the near future you will see an Indian Embassy in Moldova as well," the minister said in his address at a ceremony to mark the inauguration of the Indian embassy here. Jaishankar termed the opening of the embassy as an "important milestone" in relations between India and the eastern European country Moldova.

5. C

(c) HAL

Taking a step towards the country's self-reliance, the Defence Ministry signed a Rs 13,500 crore contract with Bengaluru-based Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for 12 Sukhoi-30 fighter aircraft and related equipment for the Indian Air Force.

6. A

(a) UK

The third India-United Kingdom (UK) Financial Markets Dialogue was held at GIFT (Gujarat International Financial Tech) City. The annual dialogue between representatives of financial sector regulators of the two countries discussed ways to cooperate in financial regulation and enhance trade and investment between the two countries. The dialogue supported business-to-business relations between the two countries and agreed to create the right environment for realising significant commercial opportunities between the markets of these two countries.

7. C

(c) Mansukh Mandaviya

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya will flag off the 'Fit India Cycling Tuesday' initiative in New Delhi. On the same day, a cycling event will be organised at the Sports Authority of India (SAI)

Regional Centre in Gandhinagar. The event in Gandhinagar will see Paralympic gold medallist Navdeep Singh lead a 3-km cycling joy ride to Swarnim Park. The event will be attended by top athletes from RC Gandhinagar, including athletes from handball and kabaddi, as well as local fitness enthusiasts and sports lovers.

8. A

(a) Chhattisgarh

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah presented the prestigious 'President's Colour' to Chhattisgarh Police in Raipur on the first day of his visit to Chhattisgarh. Several dignitaries including Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Dev Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Shri Vijay Sharma were present at the ceremony.

9. C

(c) 200000

In a significant move to provide credit to the agriculture sector for supporting activities and to meet rising costs, the Reserve Bank of India today announced an increase in the limit of additional agricultural loans. The current loan limit of Rs. 1.6 lakh per borrower has been increased to Rs. 2 lakh. This decision has been taken in view of the impact of inflation and rising cost of agriculture on farmers. It aims to provide better financial access to farmers and ensure that they have adequate resources to meet their operational and developmental needs without any security constraints.

10. B

(b) Georgia

Former Georgian national footballer Mikheil Kavelashvili was elected unopposed as President of Georgia amid an opposition boycott. He is pro-Russian and anti-Western, replacing pro-Western President Salome Zourabichvili, who had denounced his election. The role of the president in Georgia is mostly ceremonial, while real power rests with the prime minister. Kavelashvili, founder of the People's Power Party, was backed by the ruling Georgian Dream party and won 224 out of 225 votes in the electoral college.

The opposition boycotted the October 2024 parliamentary elections, alleging fraud. He will take office on December 29, 2024.

11. C

(c) Google

Google's DeepMind team recently launched Gencast, a new AI model that excels at predicting the weather and has surpassed the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF). Gencast provides faster and more accurate forecasts up to 15 days in advance.

12. A

(a) Dr. Mohan

Dr. V. Mohan, chairman of Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialties Centre and Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the International Diabetes Federation. The honour is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions in the field of diabetes care, research and advocacy, a press release said. Dr. Mohan is one of 17 individuals from across the world and two from India, along with diabetes specialist A. Ramachandran, to receive the honour.

13. C

(c) Tabla player

Tabla maestro Zakir Hussain died at a hospital in San Francisco. Hussain won four Grammy Awards in his career, three of them at the 66th Grammy Awards earlier this year. In his six-decade career, the musician worked with many renowned international and Indian artistes but it was his 1973 musical project with English guitarist John McLaughlin, violinist L. Shankar and percussionist T.H. 'Vikku' Vinayakram that introduced Indian classical music with elements of jazz in a fusion that was hitherto unknown.

14. A

(a) Chennai

India's first diabetes biobank has been set up in Chennai by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF). It stores biological samples to support scientific research with the approval of ICMR. The

biobank focuses on studying the causes, variations and related disorders of Indian diabetes. Blood samples are collected from two ICMR studies: the India Diabetes (INDIAB) study (2008-2020) and the ongoing registry of young-onset diabetes (since 2006).

15. A

(a) HD Kumaraswamy

India has achieved a significant milestone in its resolve to decarbonise the steel sector and move towards a low carbon economy. Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries Shri H D Kumaraswamy officially released India's first "Green Steel Taxonomy" at an event held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. This framework establishes India as a global leader in defining and advancing green steel production, which is critical to achieving the country's environmental and sustainable development goals.

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1. D

(d) 20 December

International Human Solidarity Day is celebrated on 20 December. This day celebrates 'unity in diversity' and tells people about the importance of unity of humanity. According to the United Nations Millennium Declaration, solidarity is one of the stock exchanges that is extremely important for international revolution. The United Nations General Assembly proposed the inclusion of this day in the year 2005. This day was first celebrated in the year 2006.

2. C

(c) USA

The US Army has successfully tested its Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHW), also known as "Dark Eagle", bringing it closer to becoming a vital weapon in modern warfare. The test, conducted at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, showed the missile's ability to travel at speeds of up to 3,800 miles per hour (Mach 5) and hit robust, heavily defended targets. The achievement is a major milestone in the development

of hypersonic weapons for the US military, and it is planned to be operational by 2025.

3. D

(d) UAE

India, France and the United Arab Emirates launched the "Desert Knight" defense exercise to promote trilateral defense cooperation and interoperability of air forces in complex scenarios. The Indian Air Force launched Sukhoi-30MKI, Jaguar, IL-78 mid-air rockets and engineered AEW and C (airborne early-warning and control) systems from Jamnagar, India. French Rafale jets and UAE's F-16 fighter aircraft operated from UAE's Al Dhafra airbase. The exercise involved a large number of military participation and intense maneuvers in the Arabian Sea, southwest of Karachi. It aims to strengthen defense assurance in regions such as China's growing influence in the Indo-Pacific and the Persian Gulf. This follows the release of the 2022 three-pronged nuclear power plants that emphasize defense, technology and energy cooperation.

4. A

(a) Moldova

Moldova joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as the 105th country. ISA is an international group of countries located between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. These are solar resource-rich countries, called sunshine countries. The agreement to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was signed between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Moldova's Deputy Prime Minister Mihai Popsoi.

5. C

(c) Indonesia

Mount Semeru in East Java, Indonesia, erupted, spewing a towering column of white to grey ash as thick as 1,000 metres into the sky. The eruption caused Indonesia's Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation Center to issue an Orange Volcano Observatory Notice for Aviation, banning flights within a 5 kilometre radius of the volcano.

6. A

(a) Britain

Britain officially became the 12th member of the Trans-Pacific trade agreement, which includes Japan, Australia and Canada. Britain wants to deepen ties in the region and strengthen its global trade relations after its exit from the European Union. Britain announced last year that it would join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) as its biggest trade deal after Brexit.

7. B

(b) Noida

The much-awaited Noida International Airport to be built in Jewar, Noida will give wings to development in entire western Uttar Pradesh. Due to this airport, the country's largest air cargo hub is going to be built in the Yamuna Authority area. Which will transport the products here to the whole world. For this, large cold storages are being built here, while depots of international companies are also being built here.

8. A

(a) Maharashtra

As part of Indian Navy's unwavering commitment to provide quality healthcare services to Naval Ex-Servicemen/Veer Naris and their families, the 4th edition of ECHS (Navy) outreach initiative 'Sampark' is being launched, covering various locations in Maharashtra. Sampark 4.0 will focus on establishing direct communication channels between Ex-Servicemen and ECHS (Navy), thereby fostering a sense of camaraderie and support within the Ex-Servicemen community.

9. C

(c) Preeti Lobana

Technology giant Google announced the appointment of Preeti Lobana as its new country manager and vice president for India. She will replace Sanjay Gupta, who recently took over the top position of President of Asia Pacific region at Google. A release issued by Google said that as the new country manager and vice president for India, Lobana will play a key role in shaping Google's strategy to bring the transformative power of Artificial

Intelligence (AI) to all customers and promote innovation.

10. A

(a) Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand, popularly known as Devbhoomi, is going to become the first state in India to implement a dedicated yoga policy. The aim of this policy is to transform the state into a global yoga hub. Rishikesh, already known as the "capital of yoga", will further strengthen the cultural and spiritual heritage of the state through this initiative. The policy, conceptualised by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, aims to integrate yoga, Ayurveda and wellness for the development of tourism, health and employment.

11. A

(a) Anand Neelkanthan

HarperCollins India is delighted to announce the publication of bestselling author Anand Neelakantan's upcoming book 'Many Ramayanas, Many Lessons'. The Ramayana is not one story - it is a collection of stories that span centuries, cultures and languages. Woven from countless threads, from traditions in Southeast Asia to retellings in Central Asia, the epic offers a new truth, a new perspective and a new world to explore.

12. C

(c) Loan Guarantee Scheme

The Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS) for pledge financing based on Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWR) was launched to protect small farmers from distress sale of crops. It aims to provide credit to small farmers to prevent distress sale of crops. A fund of Rs 1,000 crore has been allocated for post-harvest finance. Farmers can avail loans against Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWR) after storing commodities in WDRA-accredited warehouses. The loan coverage includes up to Rs 75 lakh for agricultural purposes and up to Rs 200 lakh for non-agricultural purposes. The scheme improves access to credit and provides financial assistance to farmers after harvest.

13. B

(b) Surat

Gujarat-based semiconductor company Suchi Semicon inaugurated Gujarat's first OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Testing) plant in Surat. The 30000 sq ft facility provides assembly, testing and packaging services for semiconductor components. It supports industries such as automotive, consumer electronics and industrial applications. The plant was inaugurated by Union Minister CR Patil and Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghvi. The move strengthens India's position in the global semiconductor supply chain and makes Gujarat a hub of high-tech manufacturing and innovation.

14. D

(d) Mumbai

Under the captaincy of Shreyas Iyer, Mumbai defeated Madhya Pradesh and won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy of the 2024-25 season. Mumbai defeated Madhya Pradesh by 5 wickets in the final at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru to win their second Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is a domestic championship organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) played in T20 format. The 2024-25 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy was held at various venues in India. The final was played at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. This season of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy was played by 38 teams participating in the Ranji Trophy, which were divided into five groups.

15. A

(a) Baiga painter

Padma Shri awardee Madhya Pradesh's famous Baiga tribal artist Jodhaiya Bai died after a prolonged illness in Umaria district. She was 86 years old. The painter, who played an important role in giving international recognition to Baiga tribal art, died in Lodha village of Umaria district. Jodhaiya Bai will be awarded the country's fourth highest civilian award Padma Shri in 2023 for her special contribution in the field of art.

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1. B

(b) Kisan Kavach

Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has launched Kisan Kavach, India's first anti-pesticide bodysuit to protect farmers from exposure to harmful pesticides. Developed by Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC-InStem), Bengaluru, Bengaluru in collaboration with Sepio Health Pvt Ltd, the suit protects farmers and promotes sustainable agriculture. It is washable, can be used for up to a year and is priced at ₹4,000, making it even more affordable.

2. B

(b) Russia

Visa-free travel facility to Russia may soon be available for Indians, most likely to come into effect from the spring of 2025. The move is the result of talks between India and Russia in June 2024, aimed at easing travel and promoting group tourism. Currently, Indian citizens require a visa to travel to Russia, but the upcoming assistance will make travel easier, thereby strengthening tourism and tourism ties.

3. C

(c) Britain

Britain's online safety regime comes into force, requiring social media companies such as Meta's Facebook and Bytedance's TikTok to take action to tackle criminal activity on their platforms and make them safer. Media regulator Ofcom said it has published its first code of conduct to tackle illegal harm such as child sexual exploitation and promoting or assisting suicide.

4. A

(a) Visakhapatnam

INS Nirdesha, the second ship of the Survey Vessel Project, was officially inducted into the Indian Navy at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. INS Nirdesha, built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) in Kolkata, is one of the four advanced survey ships designed for hydrographic surveys, navigation aids and maritime operations. Apart from GRSE, the Indian Navy's

Warship Design Bureau and several Indian firms were also involved.

5. C

(c) Italy

Italy recently granted citizenship to Argentine President Javier Melli due to his Italian ancestry, which has led to criticism in Argentina. Critics argue that the policy is unfair to the children of Italian immigrants, who are often excluded from the citizenship process. The action of granting citizenship to the Argentine president will also pave the way for future commercial and political cooperation between Argentina and Italy.

6. A

(a) India

Moving from 23rd place in global smartphone exports in 2019 to 3rd in 2024 is a major milestone in India's manufacturing and export capabilities. With smartphone exports crossing ₹20,000 crore in November 2024, this growth highlights India's success in leveraging government initiatives and a strong domestic manufacturing ecosystem.

7. C

(c) Bhopal

The 10th International Forest Fair held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh began and will continue till December 23. The fair focuses on promoting sustainable forest practices, empowering local communities and fostering collaboration among various stakeholders in the forestry sector. The event provides a platform for government officials, traders, producers, scientists and policy makers to engage in meaningful discussions and exchange of knowledge.

8. A

(a) Ram Mandir, Ayodhya

The Ram Mandir in Ayodhya has received the prestigious 'Sword of Honour' award from the British Security Council for excellence in security management. The award requires a five-star security audit and on-site assessment by the British Security Council. Larsen & Toubro, the construction company of the temple, had earlier received the 'Golden Trophy'

from the National Security Council for security measures. The construction of the temple, including the shikhara and major idols, is in the final stages, which is targeted to be completed by June 2025. The construction of Shri Ram Darbar and idols of various sages will be completed by January 2025, using 15 lakh cubic feet of Bansi Paharpur stone.

9. B

(b) Suryabala

Hindi writer Suryabala was awarded the 34th Vyas Samman 2024 for her novel "Kaun Desh Ko Vaasi: Venu Ki Diary". The novel was published in 2018 and highlights the cultural conflicts and identity-related problems faced by Indian youth living in the US. Established in 1991 by the KK Birla Foundation, the Vyas Samman honours outstanding Hindi literary works published in the last decade. It carries a cash prize of Rs 4 lakh, a citation and a memento. The selection committee was chaired by eminent litterateur Prof. Ramji Tiwari.

10. A

(a) Bengaluru

American ride-hailing giant Uber recently launched a bike taxi service for women called 'UberMoto Women' in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The initiative aims to address the safety and mobility needs of women, while creating flexible earning opportunities for women drivers. The service is specially designed for women riders, connecting women with female drivers to hail two-wheelers on demand.

11. B

(b) China

After a gap of five years, India and China will hold Special Representative talks on the border issue in Beijing and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval will lead the Indian delegation in the talks. Announcing the Special Representative (SR) talks, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the two sides will discuss management of peace and tranquility in the border areas and seek a "fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable" solution to the boundary question.

12. A

(a) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw

Biocon Group Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw was conferred the prestigious Jamsetji Tata Award by the Indian Society for Quality (ISQ) for her role in spearheading the bioscience movement in India. "This Award holds a very special significance for me as it is named after one of India's greatest visionaries – a man whose legacy of excellence, innovation and nation-building inspires us all," Mazumdar-Shaw said.

13. D

(d) England

England made a historic performance in women's cricket at Mangaung Oval in Bloemfontein, South Africa. Nat Sciver-Brunt and Maya Bushier made amazing records. Sciver-Brunt scored the fastest century in women's Test cricket, while Bushier scored a century in her first Test. Their aggressive performance put England in a strong position, but both batsmen were dismissed before converting their centuries into big scores.

14. A

(a) Assam

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma along with his wife Riniki Bhuyan Sarma attended the 117th National Day celebrations of Bhutan. They visited Bhutan to attend the celebrations at the invitation of the Royal Government. Sarma was on a four-day official visit to the state. Sarma met Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and discussed strengthening the historical ties between Assam and Bhutan and furthering collaborative efforts between the two regions. The discussion also focused on promoting Bhutan's development, enhancing the welfare of its people and promoting comprehensive regional economic development.

15. A

(a) Classical singer

Popular classical singer and harmonium player Pandit Sanjay Ram Marathe died at a hospital in Thane city of Maharashtra. He was 68 years old. Pandit Sanjay Ram Marathe was seen in some programs organized on the

occasion of his father's birth centenary in the year 2024. Along with his younger brother Mukund Marathe, Pandit Sanjay Marathe revived the famous Marathi musical drama 'Sangit Mandarmala' to commemorate his father's centenary. Pandit Sanjay Marathe is survived by his wife, a son and granddaughter. He had received prestigious awards and honors for harmonium playing and singing.

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1. C

(c) India

India will host the Para Athletics World Championships 2025, the first time the event will be held in the country. The event will be held from September 26 to October 5 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, which will also host the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in March 2025. This will be the 12th edition of the championship and the fourth time it will be held in Asia, with over 1,000 athletes from over 100 countries participating. The event is a key precursor to the Los Angeles Paralympic Games 2028 and aims to promote inclusivity and awareness about disability in India. India's success in para athletics includes 17 medals, including six gold, at the 2023 World Championships in Kobe.

2. D

(d) Gagan Gill

The Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 was announced at a press conference organised by the Sahitya Akademi. This year the award is being given to Gagan Gill for Hindi and Easterine Kier for English. The awards for Bengali, Dogri and Urdu will be announced later. The writers will be honoured on 8 March 2025. The awards for 21 languages have been announced in the executive board meeting chaired by Sahitya Akademi President Madhav Kaushik. Academy Secretary K. Srinivas Rao said that the languages for which the award is being given include eight poetry collections, three novels, two story collections, three essays, three literary criticisms, one play and one research book.

3. B

(b) Japan

India and Japan are collaborating to tackle space debris using laser-equipped satellites. Japan's Orbital Laser and India's InSpaceity have partnered to explore commercial opportunities in debris removal leveraging advanced laser technology. Japan and India have joined hands to tackle the growing challenge of space debris, marking a significant collaboration in the space sector. This partnership, centered around laser technology and space debris removal, also extends to lunar exploration, reflecting their commitment to joint space efforts.

4. A

(a) Caitlin Sandra Neil

Chennai-born Indian American teenager Caitlin Sandra Neal has won the annual beauty pageant 'Miss India USA' 2024 held in New Jersey. Caitlin (19) is a second-year student at the University of California, Davis. Speaking to the media, she said, "I want to leave a positive impact on my community and focus on women's empowerment and literacy."

5. C

(c) Russia

Two Chinese astronauts aboard the Tiangong space station have set a new world record for the longest spacewalk, breaking a record that had stood for more than 23 years. According to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA), astronauts Cai Xuzhe and Song Lingdong completed nine hours of extravehicular space activity.

6. A

(a) Bengaluru

The Indian Army has launched the Indian Army AI Incubation Centre (IAAIC) in Bengaluru, a significant step towards modernising its operations and enhancing its technological capabilities. In a virtual inauguration led by Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi, the initiative aims to revolutionise the operational capabilities of the Army through Artificial Intelligence (AI).

7. C

(c) Nepal

Nepal President Ramchandra Paudel appointed Dr Shankar Prasad Sharma as Nepal's Ambassador to India. According to a notice issued by the President's Office, Sharma has been appointed to this post for the second time on the recommendation of the Council of Ministers. His previous term was from March 2022 to July 2024.

8. A

(a) Pandit Swapan Choudhary

Pt Swapan Choudhary, renowned tabla player from Kolkata was awarded the 'National Tansen Samman' for the year 2023. Sanand Nyas Sansthan of Indore was given the 'Raja Mansingh Tomar Samman' for the year 2023. These awards were given during the Tansen Music Festival 2024 held in Gwalior, which was organized to commemorate the centenary year of the great musician Tansen. The 'Tansen Award' is the highest national music award in Indian classical music instituted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. Pt Swapan Choudhary expressed his gratitude to the state government for this prestigious honor.

9. C

(c) Ram Mohan Rao Amara

The Government of India has appointed Rama Mohan Rao Amara as the new Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of three years. His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) and comes following the recommendation of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB). Amara will take over the position previously held by CS Shetty, who took over as SBI Chairman in August. With his extensive experience in various roles within SBI, Amara is set to lead the bank through crucial phases of growth and development.

10. A

(a) Salman Khan

The Kho-Kho Federation of India (KKFI) roped in Bollywood superstar Salman Khan as the brand ambassador to promote the first edition of the Kho-Kho

World Cup. The Kho-Kho World Cup will be held in New Delhi from January 13 to January 19, 2025. On the occasion, Salman Khan expressed his happiness for the first Kho-Kho World Cup and also recalled his association with the sport. The mega star praised the initiative of hosting the World Cup in the national capital and said he is thrilled to see the sport spreading across the world.

11. C

(c) Bhutan

Indian educationist Arun Kapur, known for his contributions to education in India, Bhutan and Oman, has been honoured by Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyal. At the 117th Bhutanese National Day celebrations held at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimpu, Kapur was presented with the prestigious red scarf and the title 'Dasho', a rare honour usually given to senior Bhutanese officials. This is another milestone in his long-term association with Bhutan's educational development.

12. A

(a) Madhav Gadgil

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has honoured eminent Indian environmentalist Madhav Gadgil with the Lifetime Achievement Award. This is the highest environmental honour of the United Nations. Gadgil has now joined the Hall of Fame along with other prestigious award winners like David Attenborough and Joan Carling.

13. B

(b) Tom Cruise

Hollywood actor Tom Cruise was awarded the US Navy's top civilian honour for his outstanding contribution to the Navy and Marine Corps with Top Gun and other films. The Navy thanked the action hero who it said has raised public awareness and appreciation of our highly trained personnel and the sacrifices they make while in uniform.

14. B

(b) Gujarat

Masali village, located near the border in Gujarat's Banaskantha district, has become India's first 'solar village', marking a significant milestone in the country's renewable energy initiative. Located 40 km from the Pakistan border, the milestone follows India's wider efforts to make its border areas more energy efficient and self-reliant. The project, with an investment of ₹1.16 crore, will see solar panels installed on 199 rooftops, ensuring 100% solar power generation for the village. The development reflects India's commitment to renewable energy and rural electrification.

15. C

(c) 39th

India is ranked 39th in the 2024 Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) by the World Economic Forum, improving from 54th position in 2021, which was later revised to 38th due to a change in methodology. The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance under schemes such as Swadesh Darshan, PRASAD and supports central agencies for development of tourism infrastructure. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the Advantage Healthcare India portal (www.healinindia.gov.in) to assist international patients seeking medical treatment in India. Union Minister for Tourism and Culture Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat shared this information in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

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1. D

(d) 24 December

National Consumer Rights Day is celebrated every year on 24 December. It was on this day in 1986 that the Consumer Protection Act 1986 received the assent of the President and thus came into force. The Act aims to provide effective protection against various forms of exploitation such as inferior goods, deficiency in services and unfair trade.

2. C

(c) Hyderabad

The Congress government led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy in Telangana has celebrated the first anniversary of its tenure with the "Telangana Rising" campaign. CM Reddy is focusing on Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve the future of the state. The state government wants to make Hyderabad the AI capital of India. To achieve this, it is planning to build an AI city on 200 acres here.

3. C

(c) France

India and France signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the development of a new National Museum on the lines of the Louvre in Paris in the historic North Block and South Block of the national capital. The museum, called Yug Yugin Bharat, will be the largest museum in the world when completed. The agreement was signed by Hervé Barberet, Director General and CEO of Museums France and B R Mani, Director General of the National Museum of India.

4. A

(a) Doha

A 28-member Indian weightlifting contingent will look to make a mark at the Asian Youth & Junior Weightlifting Championships 2024 in Doha, Qatar. 15 Indian weightlifters will compete in the junior division (15 to 20 years of age), while 13 from the country will compete at the youth level (13 to 17 years of age).

5. B

(b) Thailand

India participated in the 24th BIMSTEC Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) hosted virtually by Thailand. India was represented by Jaideep Mazumdar, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The meeting reviewed the progress made by BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) since the last SOM held in March 2023 and discussed key areas of regional cooperation. Various documents and new cooperation mechanisms were finalized in the meeting and preparations for the upcoming 6th BIMSTEC Summit were also discussed.

6. A

(a) Bihar

Power major NTPC is planning to set up a nuclear power project in Bihar. The company's Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Gurdeep Singh said the move will expand the company's non-fossil energy portfolio. Addressing a session at the 'Bihar Business Connect 2024' summit here, he said NTPC has also requested the state government for land at a suitable location to pursue its nuclear plans.

7. B

(b) Taiwan

Electronics company Micromax and Taiwanese storage chip company Phison have set up a joint venture MIPHI to design and manufacture AI-based 'storage chipset modules' locally. Rahul Sharma, co-founder of Micromax Informatics, said the company has started production at its Noida plant. Phison is a leader in NAND controller and NAND storage technologies. We have partnered with them to set up a joint venture in India, in which Micromax will have 55 per cent stake and Phison will have 45 per cent stake.

8. C

(c) Elon Musk

According to Bloomberg, Elon Musk has achieved a new milestone as his net worth reached \$500 billion. Musk's wealth surged after Donald Trump won the US election as he supported him spending millions of dollars in his campaign. Musk is the CEO of top carmaker Tesla and leads NASA-contracted SpaceX. He also owns social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

9. A

(a) Actress

Veteran Malayalam cinema and serial actress Meena Ganesh passed away at the age of 81. She was an iconic figure of Malayalam theatre and cinema, known for her versatile acting in over 100 films and numerous stage productions. Despite being away from acting in recent years due to health issues, Meena's legacy continues to

be celebrated in the Malayalam entertainment industry.

10. A

(a) West Indies

The Indian women's team registered their highest team score in Women's T20I cricket during the third match against the West Indies at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai. India scored 217 for four in the first innings, breaking their previous record of 201 for five against the UAE earlier this year.

11. C

(c) 49th

India is ranked 49th in the Network Readiness Index 2024 (NRI 2024), moving up 11 places from last year. The Network Readiness Index, published by the Portolans Institute, evaluates countries based on the use of technology in governance, citizen engagement and influence. India's score increased from 49.93 in 2023 to 53.63 in 2024, reflecting progress in technology and digital infrastructure. Key areas driving this growth include artificial intelligence, mobile networks and broadband development. These technologies make life easier and support global research efforts. The improved ranking underlines India's progress in digital transformation and its emergence as a global tech leader.

12. C

(c) Goa

The 4th Asian Roll Ball Championship was held in Goa, India. The event took place at the Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium in Magro. The championship was organized in collaboration between the Roll Ball Federation of India and the Goa Roll Ball Association. It was supported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Sports Authority of India. The championship was a celebration of sportsmanship, unity and cultural exchange. It was also an important step in promoting the sport of roll ball, which is gaining popularity globally.

13. D

(d) Fifth

The Indian men's hockey team has ranked fifth in the latest FIH World Rankings after a stellar performance at the 2024 Paris Olympics, where they secured two consecutive Olympic medals for the first time since 1972. This is a significant achievement in Indian hockey, which has a rich history of success in the sport.

14. A

(a) Deepa Malik

HarperCollins India proudly announces the upcoming publication of 'Bring It On: The Incredible Story of My Life', the autobiography of India's most celebrated para-athlete, Dr Deepa Malik. This remarkable autobiography promises to offer readers an unfiltered view of her extraordinary life, her relentless pursuit of success, and her determination to overcome challenges.

15. A

(a) West Bengal

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has launched the "Banglar Bari" housing scheme. It is a state government-funded initiative aimed at providing affordable housing to the people of West Bengal. The move comes in response to the alleged central government negligence in allocating funds under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). The scheme was launched at the state secretariat Nabanna, where Rs 60,000 was distributed as the first installment to 42 beneficiaries from 21 districts.

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1. D

(d) 25 December

Every year on 25 December, Good Governance Day is celebrated all over India. Actually, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee, 25 December was declared as Good Governance Day to honor him. Since then, Good Governance Day is celebrated on 25 December till date.

2. C

(c) Jaisalmer

The 55th GST Council Meeting was held in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman. The meeting was attended by Union Minister of State for Finance, Shri Pankaj Choudhary; Chief Ministers of Goa, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya and Odisha; Deputy Chief Ministers of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana; Finance Ministers of States and Union Territories (Assembly Constituencies) and senior officers of the Ministry of Finance and States/UTs.

3. B

(b) India

India will host the World Boxing Cup Final and the 3rd World Boxing Congress in New Delhi in November 2025. The events are being organized by the Indian Boxing Federation, reflecting India's growing importance in global boxing. The World Boxing Cup Final is a year-end tournament featuring the top male and female boxers based on points earned in three ranking events. The ranking tournaments in 2025 will be held in Brazil (March), Germany and Kazakhstan. The World Boxing Congress is an annual meeting of national boxing federations, previously held in Germany (2023) and the US (2024).

4. C

(c) 39th

India is ranked 39th among 119 countries in the World Economic Forum's Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024. India has strengthened its position due to better infrastructure and favorable government policies. Union Tourism and Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said that although India was ranked 54th in 2021, it was adjusted to 38th under the new methodology.

5. D

(d) India

Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers Anupriya Patel said that India's pharma industry is considered the third largest industry in the world by volume and the value of the pharmaceutical market is

expected to reach \$50 billion in FY 2023-24. In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, Union Minister Anupriya Patel said that the domestic consumption value of the pharmaceutical market in FY 2023-24 was \$23.5 billion, and the export value was \$26.5 billion. The Indian pharmaceutical industry has a strong presence globally. It is also ranked 14th in terms of the value of production, which includes generic drugs, bulk drugs, over-the-counter drugs, vaccines, biosimilars and biologics.

6. A

(a) Maharashtra

The Central government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a \$42 million loan agreement to promote coastal and coastal conservation in Maharashtra. The initiative aims to enhance the resilience of coastal communities and ecosystems by adopting hybrid approaches such as offshore reefs, reef protection works and nature-based solutions such as beach and dune nourishment. Advanced techniques including remote sensing and climate change impact forecasting will improve shoreline management while addressing issues in the tourism and fisheries sectors.

7. C

(c) Egypt

The 11th summit of the Developing Eight (D-8) Economic Cooperation Organization was held in the New Administrative Capital of Egypt. The New Administrative Capital of Egypt is being built on the outskirts of the existing capital city of Cairo and is intended to become the new capital of Egypt.

8. A

(a) Madan Lokur

Former Supreme Court judge Madan B Lokur has been appointed Chairperson of the United Nations Internal Justice Council for a term ending November 12, 2028. In a message sent to Justice Lokur, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the retired apex court judge will head the council, which also comprises other eminent jurists.

9. C

(c) Agartala

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 72nd Plenary Session of the Northeast Council (NEC) at Pragma Bhavan in Agartala. During this, Home Minister Amit Shah said that for a long time, the Northeast was only an issue of speeches for New Delhi, but due to his sensitivity, Prime Minister Modi brought the Northeast to the center of development. In these 10 years, there has been unprecedented development of infrastructure in this region. Prime Minister Modi has also worked to reduce the distance between the hearts of the people of the Northeast and Delhi. When the Prime Minister himself gave prominence to the Northeast, a lot of development work was done here. Whatever disputes were there here, our government has worked to end them.

10. A

(a) Delhi

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal said registration will begin for the Delhi government's flagship Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana, which provides monthly assistance of Rs 1,000 to women aged 18 years and above. The former Delhi chief minister said AAP workers will start collecting names of senior citizens above 60 years of age for the Sanjivani Yojana promised by him earlier this week.

11. D

(d) 800

The World Bank (WB) has approved \$800 million for the first phase of the Amaravati Integrated Urban Development Programme, the dream state capital project of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. The government has drawn up the Amaravati Masterplan for the 217 sq km area, which can accommodate 3.5 million people by 2050. The project aims to establish the city as a well-maintained, climate-resilient growth hub in Andhra Pradesh that will create jobs and improve the lives of its current and future residents, especially the most vulnerable.

12. D

(d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

The Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change recently released the 'India State of Forest Report 2023' (ISFR 2023) at the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. The report, published biennially by the Forest Survey of India (FSI) since 1987, assesses forest and tree resources using satellite data and the National Forest Inventory (NFI). India's forest and tree cover is 8,27,357 sq km (25.17% of the country's area), with forest cover being 7,15,343 sq km (21.76%) and tree cover being 1,12,014 sq km (3.41%). Forest and tree cover has increased, with states like Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Mizoram, Gujarat and Odisha witnessing significant increase. 19 States/UTs have more than 33% forest cover, of which eight have more than 75% forest cover. The mangrove area is 4,992 square kilometers and bamboo areas have increased. India's carbon stock has reached 30.43 billion tonnes, surpassing the 2030 carbon sink target.

13. D

(d) Canara Bank

Tata Group company Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) announced an agreement with Canara Bank. Its aim is to expand the PM Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme. The company said in a statement that the objective of this initiative is to provide finance options to the people in the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, so that this scheme can be made affordable. Under this scheme, a loan of Rs2lakh can be given for solar systems up to 3kW capacity. Here 10 percent margin money will have to be paid. This loan taken without pledging anything will have to be paid at the rate of 7 percent interest and the maximum period of this loan will be up to 10 years.

14. D

(d) Ayodhya

Uttar Pradesh has set new tourism records, attracting a remarkable 476.1 million tourists between January and September 2024. At the forefront of this boom is the spiritual heart of the country, Ayodhya, which has overtaken Agra's Taj Mahal to become the state's most

visited destination, according to a Money control report. The Uttar Pradesh tourism department reported that Ayodhya attracted 135.5 million domestic tourists and 3,153 international visitors during this period. The inauguration of the Ram temple has largely been the driving force behind this boom. In comparison, Agra received 125.1 million visitors, including 115.9 million domestic travelers and 924,000 international tourists.

15. A

(a) Manipur

Uttar Pradesh and Manipur have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme as twin states. The agreement was signed between representatives of the two state governments in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh in December 2024. Manipur is the third state with which Uttar Pradesh has signed an MoU under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme. Before Manipur, Uttar Pradesh had also signed such MoUs with Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya.

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1. A

(a) India

India will host the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup 2025 for rifle, pistol and shotgun events, marking the first time the event will be held in the country. This adds to India's track record of hosting top ISSF events, including the 2023 Senior World Cup in Bhopal and the ISSF World Cup Final earlier this year. NRAI President Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo attributed India's hosting success to the strong support of the government and the sports ministry. Over the past decade, India has hosted nine major ISSF championships, highlighting its role in promoting shooting sports globally. The year 2025 will also see the hosting of India's first shooting league along with regular national competitions.

2. B

(b) Kuwait

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was recently awarded Kuwait's highest civilian honour 'The Order of Mubarak the Great'. This honour has been given for his significant contribution in strengthening bilateral relations between Kuwait and India. Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Mashal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah conferred this honour on PM Modi. This occasion is also special because after 43 years an Indian Prime Minister has visited Kuwait.

3. B

(b) Britain

The Ram Mandir project in Ayodhya has received the prestigious 'Sword of Honour' from the British Safety Council, a significant milestone in safety management practices. The British Safety Council conducts a thorough inspection on site, where they check the construction process, site activities, machinery use, operational procedures, implementation of safety equipment and workplace discipline. Only those constructions that receive a five-star rating on all parameters are eligible to enter the competition.

4. A

(a) Bhupendra Yadav

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Shri Bhupendra Yadav released the 'India Forest Status Report 2023' at the Forest Research Institute in Dehradun. It is noteworthy that since 1987, the Forest Survey of India has been publishing the India Forest Status Report on a biennial basis. The Forest Survey of India (FSI) conducts an in-depth assessment of the country's forest and tree resources based on the interpretation of remote sensing satellite data and field-based National Forest Inventory (NFI) and its results are published in the India Forest Status Report (IFSR). India Forest Status Report 2023 is the 18th report in this series.

5. B

(b) Delhi Airport

Delhi Airport has become the first airport in India to connect 150 destinations. With this, Delhi Airport has strengthened its position as a global aviation hub.

Recently, Thai AirAsia X inaugurated direct flights between Delhi and Bangkok-Don Muang (DMK). This route operated by Airbus A330 aircraft will initially run twice a week. There is a plan to increase its frequency to four times a week by mid-January 2025.

6. C

(c) Department of Consumer Affairs

The Department of Consumer Affairs launched 'Jago Grahak Jago App', 'Jagriti App' and 'Jagriti Dashboard' on National Consumer Day 2024 to protect consumers from deceptive dark patterns. Dark patterns are deceptive designs that trick users into unintentional actions, thereby violating consumer rights; the term was coined by Harry Brignull in 2010. 'Jago Grahak Jago App', 'Jagriti App' and 'Jagriti Dashboard' are part of a real-time intelligent system running on the Airavat AI supercomputer under the National Supercomputing Mission.

7. D

(d) Mauritius

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri will be on an official visit to Mauritius. This visit is the first high-level bilateral talks between India and Mauritius after the formation of a new government in Mauritius under the leadership of Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, this visit is a continuation of regular high-level exchanges between the two countries and reflects the priority India gives to its relations with Mauritius under its Vision Sagar, Africa Forward policy and commitment to the Global South.

8. C

(c) Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi [UAE] Game Changers Falcons won the World Tennis League Season 3 title by defeating TSL Hawks 20-16 at the iconic Etihad Arena. Despite losing the first two sets in the women's doubles and women's singles, Game Changers Falcons made a stunning comeback and dominated the men's doubles and men's singles to win the title in thrilling fashion.

9. D

(d) Jitendra Singh

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh unveiled India's first anti-pesticide bodysuit Kisan Kavach, designed to protect farmers from the harmful effects of pesticides. This groundbreaking innovation is a major step towards ensuring the safety of farmers and empowering the farming community through science and technology. The event also witnessed distribution of the first batch of Kisan Kavach suits to farmers, emphasizing the importance of farmer safety.

10. C

(c) ICICI Bank

ICICI Bank and Times Internet have launched the 'Times Black ICICI Bank Credit Card', a super-premium co-branded card for India's high-net-worth individuals (HNIs). The card comes with exclusive benefits, luxury services and a unique design, a step towards redefining luxury for India's affluent customer base. It is powered by Visa and offers a host of features keeping in mind the sophisticated lifestyle of professionals and affluent individuals.

11. A

(a) Dil Raju

South India's well-known producer Dil Raju has recently been appointed as the Chairman of Telangana Film Development Corporation (TFDC) by the Telangana government. He officially took charge by performing puja in his chamber. On this occasion, Dil Raju thanked Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkatreddy for appointing him to this post.

12. A

(a) Kiran Ankush Jadhav

Kiran Jadhav defeated Asian Games silver medallist Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar and Paris 2024 Olympics bronze medallist Swapnil Kusale to win the men's 50m rifle 3 positions title at the National Shooting Championship 2024. Kiran scored 155.8 on her knees, 155.3 lying down and 155.2 standing in the competition played at the MP Shooting Academy in Bhopal. With this, he secured the first position with a total of 465.8 points.

13. B

(b) Asian Development Bank

Recently, India and ADB signed a landmark policy-based loan of \$350 million under the second sub-programme of the Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem (SMILE) program. The SMILE program, a flagship policy-based initiative, takes a comprehensive approach to logistics reforms. Spread across two sub-programmes, the program is designed to enhance the competitiveness of India's manufacturing sector and strengthen the resilience of supply chains.

14. C

(c) Ravindra Kumaran

Ravindran Kumaran, Senior Consultant Gastrointestinal Surgeon at Apollo First Med Hospital, Chennai was recently honoured with the prestigious Global Medical Excellence Award in Bariatric Surgery. The award ceremony took place at the House of Commons of the British Parliament in London.

15. C

(c) Both of the above

Christopher Nolan and Emma Thomas have been knighted and dame respectively for their contributions to cinema. The honours, personally approved by King Charles III, were given during a ceremony at Buckingham Palace, where the royal family themselves praised their work.

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1. B

(b) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and UNDP in collaboration with Citi Foundation launched the 7th Youth Co:Lab National Innovation Challenge for 2024-2025. Youth Co:Lab, co-created by UNDP and Citi Foundation in 2017, focuses on empowering youth to advance Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through innovation and entrepreneurship. In India, it began in 2019 in collaboration with AIM, NITI Aayog

and has organised six theme-specific youth innovation dialogues till 2024. The 2024-2025 edition, in partnership with AssistTech Foundation, emphasises on solutions that enhance opportunities for persons with disabilities in assistive technology, education, skilling and inclusive care models.

2. C

(c) India

In the final of the Under-19 Women's Asia Cup 2024, the Indian team defeated Bangladesh by 41 runs and won the title. In the final, Team India batted first and scored 117 runs. In response, the entire Bangladeshi team bowled out the franchise Team India for just 76 runs and won the title. The Asian Cricket Council organized the Women's Under-19 Asia Cup for the first time, in which Team India won.

3. B

(b) Bihar

A total of 47 projects in Bihar have been issued in-principle approval for interest subsidy on bank loans for setting up new distilleries or expanding existing distilleries. Currently, 22 ethanol distilleries - 8 molasses-based and 14 grain-based - are operational in Bihar, Minister of State for Food Nimuben Jayatibhai Bambhania told the Lok Sabha in a written reply. The government is implementing the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme across the country, under which oil marketing companies (OMCs) are selling ethanol-blended petrol. Under this programme, the government has set a target of blending 20 per cent ethanol in petrol by 2025-26.

4. A

(a) Abhijit Majumdar

The Board of Directors of Oil India Limited (OIL) appointed Abhijit Majumdar as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). He took over the charge in addition to his current post of Director (Finance). Abhijit Majumdar replaced Rupam Barua, Executive Director (Finance & Accounts). He has an extensive career spanning over 32 years with expertise in financial management, corporate governance and risk management. Majumdar is a member of the Institute of Cost and

Management Accountants of India and holds degrees in economics and law as well as a postgraduate diploma in foreign exchange management. He also completed the IICA Assessment Certificate Programme, which demonstrates his proficiency in financial and regulatory frameworks.

5. B

(b) Nagpur

India has recently inaugurated its first bio-bitumen based national highway section on NH-44 at Mansar, Nagpur, Maharashtra using lignin based bio-bitumen technology developed by joint efforts of Praj Industries, CSIR-CRRI, NHAI and Oriental.

6. A

(a) Dr. Vishakha Tripathi

Jagadguru Kripalu Parishad (JKP) has announced that the Asia Pacific Vascular Society (APVS), the largest body of cardiologists in South-East Asia, has conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously on Dr Vishakha Tripathi ji in recognition of her exceptional contribution to humanity. The award was presented by APVS President Prof Dr NN Khanna, who lauded Dr Tripathi ji for her lifelong dedication to compassion, philanthropy and selfless service.

7. C

(c) Justice A.N. Grover

Attorney General R Venkataramani highlighted the importance of judicial integrity at the launch of 'The Indomitable Judge: Life and Legacy of Justice A.N. Grover'. He said a judge's ability to resist temptations makes him one of the highest values of humanity. The event was organised to pay tribute to Justice Grover, who is renowned for his role in upholding the doctrine of basic structure of the Indian Constitution in the landmark 1973 Kesavananda Bharati case.

8. D

(d) Qatar

Qatar officially reopened its embassy in the Syrian capital Damascus after nearly 13 years. The Qatari flag was hoisted on the embassy building, which resumed operations in the Syrian capital after the fall of the

Assad regime. Local resident Khalid al-Khalid expressed his happiness over the reopening of the embassy. He said Qatar was one of the countries that supported the Syrian revolution the most, adding: "I hope other countries will also reopen their embassies."

9. B

(b) Sahu Tushar Mane

Shahu Tushar Mane won the gold medal in the men's 10m air rifle event at the National Shooting Championships, securing his first senior national title. Mane, representing Railways, won the silver medal after narrowly defeating Dhanush Srikanth of Telangana in the 24-shot final. Himanshu of Haryana won the gold medal in the youth category, while Yash Pandey of Madhya Pradesh and Abhinav Shaw of West Bengal won the silver and bronze medals respectively.

10. A

(a) Filmmaker

Indian parallel cinema legend Shyam Benegal died at a Mumbai hospital. He was 90 and was suffering from a serious kidney ailment. Shyam Benegal, the maker of films like 'Ankur' and 'Manthan', is considered a pioneer of the parallel cinema movement in India along with Satyajit Ray, Ritwik Ghatak and Govind Nihalini.

11. A

(a) Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced the Dr Ambedkar Samman Scholarship for foreign education of Dalit students. Kejriwal cited it as a response to the alleged insult to Ambedkar by the BJP. However, the BJP claims that the scheme already exists, and accused Kejriwal of doing a trick before the elections. The scholarship covers tuition, travel and accommodation. The BJP presented evidence suggesting limited implementation of the existing scheme.

12. A

(a) Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh has been named as one of the "Go-to Global Destinations for 2025" by the Wall Street Journal. The state is renowned for its rich heritage, wildlife and natural beauty, establishing it as a top

travel destination globally. It offers a diverse experience with UNESCO World Heritage Sites, tiger reserves and vibrant cultural attractions. Major attractions include Khajuraho, Panna and Bandhavgarh, known for their cultural significance, exciting wildlife and beautiful landscapes.

13. C

(c) Joao Fonseca

Joao Fonseca of Brazil won the Next Gen ATP Finals title in Jeddah. Fonseca, 18, performed brilliantly in the final event of the season for the best players under the age of 20. He defeated American Lerner Tien 2-4, 4-3 (8), 4-0, 4-2 in the championship match at King Abdullah Sports City, becoming the second-youngest winner in the event's history.

14. C

(c) V. Ram Subramaniam

Former Supreme Court judge V Ramasubramanian has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission. The post of NHRC chairperson was lying vacant since Justice (retd) Arun Kumar Mishra completed his term on June 1. Mishra served as the eighth chairperson of the rights panel and was appointed to its top post in June 2021.

15. A

(a) Sriram Krishnan

US President-elect Donald Trump has appointed Indian-American entrepreneur and venture capitalist Sriram Krishnan as senior policy adviser for Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The move reflects the administration's priority to ensure that the US maintains its leadership in AI technology and shapes its policy direction.

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1 C

(c) 29 December

Although for some of us, every day is cello day, International Cello Day (ICD) is an official designation,

celebrated each year on December 29th. Why this specific day? ICD honors the legacy of the cello and its most influential players, particularly the legendary Pablo Casals, born 29 December 1876.

2 C

(c) Dr. K. Thomas Mathew

Goa Governor P.S. Sreedharan Pillai released 'Ente Jeevitham Niraye: The Autobiography of a Nephrologist' written by Dr. K. Thomas Mathew, in Kozhikode. Chairman and managing director of Baby Memorial Hospital Dr. K.G. Alexander received the book while Thottathil Raveendran, MLA, presided over the event.

3 A

(a) Himachal Pradesh

The Centre has appointed Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhwalia as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. Formerly the senior-most puisne Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, his appointment, recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium, follows a three-month delay.

4 B

(b) Russia

Russian tennis player Daniil Savelev has accepted a two-year suspension for doping, the International Tennis Integrity Agency said. The ITIA said that Savelev tested positive for the prohibited substance meldonium in July 2024. He has been provisionally suspended since August of this year.

5 D

(d) Iceland

Iceland's president presented a new government under Social Democratic Prime Minister Kristrunn Frostadottir that aims to cut inflation and interest rates and hold a referendum on European Union membership by 2027, public broadcaster RUV said.

6 A

(a) Maharashtra

Its name is "Abhay Prabhavana". It is located on the banks of Indrayani River on Mumbai-Pune highway in Pune district of Maharashtra.

7 B

(b) Bahrain

Indian businessman Dr Ravi Pillai has been awarded Bahrain's prestigious national honour, the Medal of Efficiency, in recognition of his significant contributions to the progress and development of the kingdom, making him the only foreign national to receive the title.

8 D

(d) Mizoram

President Droupadi Murmu appointed Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, former Union home secretary Ajay Bhalla, and ex-army chief and former Union minister General (retd) VK Singh as new governors of Bihar, Manipur and Mizoram, respectively, a statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan said.

9 A

(a) Sanjay Kaul

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul appointed member of Bahrain International Commercial Court.

10 C

(c) Delhi

National Science Drama Festival to be held on 27th and 28th December, 2024. One of the premier events of the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), the National Science Drama Festival 2024 is set to unfold at the National Science Centre, Delhi on 27th and 28th December 2024.

11 A

(a) HDFC Bank

HDFC Bank Carries Out First Gold Forward Deal from GIFT City. HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, has made history by executing the first gold forward deal from the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).

12 D

(d) America

The 2024 Network Readiness Index (NRI), published by the Portulans Institute and Said Business School at the University of Oxford, has ranked the United States as the world leader in network readiness for the third consecutive year.

13 D

(d) Haryana

India will take a bold step towards eliminating tuberculosis (TB), a disease that continues to affect millions across the nation. The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, will officially launch the ambitious 100-Day TB Elimination Campaign in Panchkula, Haryana

14 C

(c) Dr. S.Jaishankar

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar received the Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award for Public Leadership from the South Indian Education Society (SIES). He expressed gratitude to SIES, one of India's oldest educational societies, for the honor.

15 D

(d) Malaysia

Malaysia has officially extended its visa exemption for Indian nationals until December 31, 2026, allowing them to visit the country without a visa for up to 30 days.

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1. B

(b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

DRDO's Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) has approved the Kaveri engine for flight testing. The Kaveri engine project was initiated in the late 1980s to power India's light combat aircraft (LCA) Tejas. It was developed by the Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) under the Defence Research and Development

Organisation (DRDO). The approval marks progress in India's indigenous aero-engine technology development.

3. C

(c) Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 'Atal Yuva Maha Kumbh' on the occasion of the birth centenary celebrations of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in Lucknow. The event, aimed at honouring Vajpayee's legacy, included felicitation of meritorious students, cultural tributes and discussions on Vajpayee's contributions.

2. C

(c) Silver

Indian weightlifting continued its impressive performance at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships. Martina Devi (plus 87 kg) won a silver medal at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships. In Stockholm, 18-year-old Martina finished second by lifting 225 kg (96 and 129 kg). She also won silver in clean and jerk and bronze in snatch. Her personal best performance is 237 kg which she achieved at the Junior World Championships this year.

4. A

(a) Jammu and Kashmir Bank

Jammu and Kashmir Bank appointed Amitabh Chatterjee as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who will take charge from December 30, 2024. Amitabh Chatterjee, who has previously been the MD and CEO of SBI Caps, will replace Baldev Prakash, who has over 30 years of banking experience.

5. B

(b) USA

President Joe Biden signed a historic law officially declaring the bald eagle the national bird of the United States. Although the bald eagle has been an enduring symbol of the country and appears on the U.S. Great Seal since 1782, it had never been formally recognized as the national bird under this law. The decision,

sponsored by Minnesota legislators, honored the bald eagle's symbolic representation of strength, courage, and freedom, as well as acknowledged its unique revival from the brink of extinction.

6. A

(a) 97 %

According to an official report released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, there has been a significant decline in malaria cases in India. The total number of malaria cases has come down to 20 lakhs in 2023, while the number of deaths was only 83. While the number of malaria cases annually was 7.5 crores in 1947, now this figure has reduced by 97%.

7. C

(c) Punjab

Recently Punjab has become the fifth state to achieve the target of 100% piped water supply to rural households. This work has been done under the central government scheme 'Har Ghar Jal'. To address the issues of water quality and water scarcity, 15 major canal water projects covering 1706 villages are underway at a cost of Rs 2174 crore. These projects will benefit a population of about 25 lakh and 4 lakh families. With this, all the villages of the state have achieved ODF (open defecation free) status under Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural).

8. A

(a) Virat Kohli

India's star cricketer Virat Kohli has been fined 20% of his match fee and given one demerit point for his shoulder clash with Australia player Sam Konstas on the first day of the Boxing Day Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). The incident happened after the 10th over of Australia's innings. Kohli was found guilty of breaching Level 1 of the ICC's Code of Conduct, specifically inappropriate physical contact. The fine has been imposed following the incident in which Kohli recklessly collided with Konstas, which led to disciplinary action.

9. B

(b) Writer

Eminent Malayalam writer and Jnanpith Award winner M T Vasudevan Nair passed away. He was 91. M T Vasudevan Nair, also known as M T, was a prolific and prolific writer, screenwriter and film director of modern Malayalam literature. He directed seven films and wrote screenplays for about 54 films.

10. A

(a) Arunish Chawla

Arunish Chawla, a senior IAS officer of 1992 batch of Bihar cadre, has been appointed as the new Revenue Secretary in the Finance Ministry. The appointment has been made to fill the vacancy created after Sanjay Malhotra became the RBI Governor. Chawla will replace Ajay Seth, who was holding the additional charge of Revenue Secretary since Malhotra's appointment. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has confirmed that Chawla will hold the additional charge of the Ministry of Culture until a regular officer is appointed.

11. C

(c) Ravindra Jadeja

India continue to dominate the latest ICC men's Test all-rounder rankings with their key players occupying key spots in the top 10. Ravindra Jadeja and Ravichandran Ashwin continue to top India's rankings, further cementing their position as the two best all-rounders in world cricket.

12. B

(b) Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 45th edition of PRAGATI, a platform for proactive governance and timely implementation. Eight major projects worth over ₹1 lakh crore, including six metro projects, one road connectivity and one thermal power project, were reviewed. States were directed to increase rooftop solar power installations under the PM Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme with improved vendor ecosystem and accelerated processes. PRAGATI has reviewed 363 projects worth ₹19.12 lakh crore in 45 editions. PRAGATI is a multi-purpose platform launched on March 25 2015 that addresses grievances of

common people while monitoring major government programmes and projects. The platform reviews projects of both the Central and State governments. It promotes e-transparency and e-accountability among stakeholders.

13. B

(b) India

India is the global leader in remittances, with an estimated flow of \$129 billion in 2024. It is followed by Mexico, China, the Philippines, and Pakistan. Remittances to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are projected to be \$685 billion in 2024, with South Asia seeing an 11.8% increase. Remittance growth is projected to be 5.8% in 2024, up from 1.2% in 2023, and is higher than financial flows such as foreign direct investment (FDI). FDI has declined by 41% over the past decade, while remittances have grown by 57%, driven by job market recovery in high-income countries such as the US. Remittances provide critical financial support to households globally.

14. C

(c) Moldova

The Ministry of External Affairs said that Manika Jain, the current Ambassador of India to Romania, has been concurrently accredited as the country's Ambassador to Moldova, with residence in Bucharest. Jain, who joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1993, is expected to take up the assignment shortly, the MEA said in a press release.

15. A

(a) Haldwani

The torch rally of the 38th National Games has started from Haldwani. This torch will go to every corner of Uttarakhand and spread awareness about the National Games. This rally, which will last for 35 days, will pass through 99 places in all 13 districts. The torch rally will conclude on January 27 in Dehradun and the National Games will be formally inaugurated the next day.

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1. A

(a) 33

The young Indian weightlifting contingent finished its campaign at the Asian Youth & Junior Weightlifting Championships 2024 with 33 medals - seven gold, 16 silver and 10 bronze medals. Jyoshna Sabar of Uttar Pradesh won three gold medals and a new Asian record at the event. The Indian weightlifting contingent won a total of 42 medals at the 2023 Asian Youth & Junior Weightlifting Championships held in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

2. D

(d) Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh will relocate 15 tigers (12 tigresses and 3 tigers) to Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Odisha after the approval of the central government. The tigers will be relocated from Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Pench Tiger Reserves. These tiger reserves are located in Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh leads in tiger population in India with 785 tigers, followed by Karnataka (563) and Uttarakhand (560). Ratapani forest was recently notified as the eighth tiger reserve of Madhya Pradesh.

3. C

(c) Karnataka

Hero Future Energies (HFE) has commissioned a 29 MW solar project in Chitradurga, Karnataka. The solar project is expected to generate 33 million units of green energy annually, the company said in a statement. This will reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by 31,624 tonnes. The company said that this 'open access' system project will meet the power needs of the commercial and industrial (C&I) sector. Under the open access system, large electricity consumers are free to buy electricity from a supplier of their choice instead of the local distribution company.

4. C

(c) Amit Shah

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah chaired a review meeting of the Indian Seed Cooperative Society Limited (BBSSL) in New Delhi. The

meeting was attended by Ministers of State for Cooperation Shri Krishan Pal and Shri Murlidhar Mohal, Cooperation Secretary Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani and senior officials. Shri Shah emphasized the important role of BBSSL in preserving and propagating traditional seeds of India to empower farmers to realize Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of "Sahkar se Samridhhi".

5. B

(b) Germany

German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier ordered the dissolution of parliament and scheduled new elections for Feb. 23 in the wake of the collapse of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's coalition, saying it was the only way to give the country a stable government capable of tackling its problems.

6. A

(a) 17

President Draupadi Murmu presented the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024 to 17 exceptional children. These awards are given for outstanding achievements in seven categories: art and culture, gallantry, innovation, science and technology, social service, sports and environment. During the ceremony, the President lauded the unique achievements of the awardees and underlined the importance of providing opportunities to encourage children's talents. She described the courage and patriotism shown by these young achievers as a source of inspiration for India's future.

7. C

(c) Sri Lanka

The Indian team will participate in the Divyang Champions Trophy cricket tournament to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from January 12 to 21. The Disabled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) gave this information. Apart from India, teams from England, Sri Lanka and Pakistan will also participate in this tournament. DCCI General Secretary Ravi Chauhan said in a statement issued here, "India's participation in the Champions Trophy 2025 is a matter of pride for the whole country."

8. A

(a) Guhanathan Narendra

Governor Lieutenant General Gurmeet Singh (Retd) administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Chief Justice of Nainital High Court Gunnath Narendra at Raj Bhavan. Chief Secretary Radha Raturi read the warrant issued by the President appointing Justice Gunnath Narendra as the Chief Justice of the High Court. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, First Lady Gurmeet Kaur, Cabinet Minister Subodh Uniyal, Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat, former Chief Minister Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', MP Trivendra Rawat, DGP Deepam Seth, Registrar General of Nainital High Court Kahkashan Khan, Secretary to Governor Ravinath Raman, Legal Advisor Amit Kumar Sirohi etc. were present in the swearing-in ceremony.

9. C

(c) Puducherry

The 20th anniversary of the 2004 tsunami was observed in the coastal districts of Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai and Karaikal in Tamil Nadu. Events were held to pay tribute to the victims of the devastating disaster, recognise the resilience of survivors and mark the progress made in rebuilding the affected communities. The events included wreath-laying ceremonies, processions and interfaith prayers, attended by government officials, local leaders and community members.

10. A

(a) Sachin Tendulkar

The Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) said that Indian legend Sachin Tendulkar has accepted an invitation to become an honorary member of the prestigious body. Founded in 1838, the MCC is one of Australia's oldest sporting clubs and is responsible for the management and development of the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), one of the sport's premier venues.

11. A

(a) Israel and Syria

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres paid tribute to Brigadier General Amitabh Jha of India serving with the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in the Golan Heights. UNDOF was established in 1974 to maintain a ceasefire and monitor the demilitarised buffer zone between Israel and Syria. The mission's mandate is renewed every six months and extended until June 2025. UNDOF is funded annually by the UN General Assembly. India is the third-largest troop and police contributor to UNDOF. The Golan Heights is a mountainous region, part of Syria, occupied by Israel since 1967. UNDOF is headquartered at Camp Faouar.

12. A

(a) Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh government has also decided to include the story of the bravery of Guru Gobind Singh's sons in the school curriculum to teach children. Reacting to the state government's decision to include a chapter on the martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh's sons, Harvinder Singh of Gurdwara Prabandhak Samiti, Hamidia Road, Bhopal, said, "This is a welcome move by the Madhya Pradesh government. Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh sacrificed their lives for humanity and 'dharma'. This teaches us to respect our religion."

13. D

(d) China

China defended its plan to build the world's biggest dam on the Brahmaputra river in Tibet, saying the project will have no negative impact on other countries and safety issues have been addressed through decades of study. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning dismissed concerns over the massive project, estimated to cost \$137 billion, being built in an ecologically fragile Himalayan region located on a tectonic plate boundary that is prone to frequent earthquakes.

14. C

(c) Ministry of Defence

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh launched the RashtraParv website and mobile app on the occasion of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birth

anniversary and Good Governance Day. The platform, developed by the Defence Ministry, aims to make the organisation of national events like Republic Day, Beating Retreat and Independence Day transparent and citizen-centric.

15. A

(a) Shenzhen

Commonwealth Games champion Lakshya Sen is among the top eight players participating in the King Cup International Badminton Open 2024 to be held in Shenzhen, People's Republic of China. Eight men's singles players will compete for the coveted title in the first edition of the badminton tournament launched by two-time Olympic champion Lin Dan of China.