

**MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS**  
**JANUARY 2025**  
 Important for  
 APPSC & APSSB Exams  
**100+ MCQs**



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**Q1. Who has been appointed as 11<sup>th</sup> chairman of ISRO ?**

A. V. Narayanan  
 B. S. Somanath  
 C. M Radhakrishnan  
 D. Sanjay Kumar



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Ans. A

- **V. NARAYANAN** → Rocket scientist & Aerospace Engineer
- Also Became → Secretary Of → Department Of Space (DoS)
- Replaced → S. Somnath
- **ISRO** : Indian Space Research Organization
- Founded : 1969
- Headquarter : Bangalore
- Parent Org : Department Of Space



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**Q2. What is India's rank in The Global Firepower Index 2025?**

- A. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- B. 5<sup>th</sup>
- C. 4<sup>th</sup>
- D. 6<sup>th</sup>

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Ans : C

Most Powerful Military In The World

- IND's Rank → 4<sup>th</sup> (Globally)
- 1. USA 2. RUSSIA 3. CHINA



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**Q3. Which are the first two Indian cities to be recognized as Wetland Cities?**

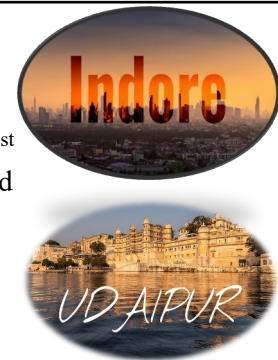
- A. Indore And Udaipur
- B. Jaipur And Bhopal
- C. Chennai And Hyderabad
- D. Kolkata And Pune

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Ans: A

INDORE (MP) & UDAIPUR (Raj) → 1<sup>st</sup>  
Two Indian Cities recognised As Wetland  
Cities Under → Ramsar Convention  
• Now Total No Of Accredited Wetland  
Cities Under Ramsar Convention → 74  
(Globally)




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**Q4. Who was the chief guest of Republic Day 2025?**

- A. Emmanuel Macron
- B. Sheikh Hasina
- C. Rishi Sunak
- D. Prabowo Subianto

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**Ans : D**

76th Republic Day

- Chief Guest → Prabowo Subianto  
{President Of Indonesia}
- Theme : “Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas’ (Golden India: Heritage and Development)
- Republic Day : Observed On → 26 Jan
- 26 Jan 1950 : Constitution Came Into Effect



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**Q5. Which state won best tableau award of Republic Day Parade 2025?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

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Ans : A

Best State Tableau Award → Of  
Republic Day Parade 2025

- First Prize → Uttar Pradesh  
(Theme → Mahakumbh 2025 –  
Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas)
- Followed By → Tripura &  
Andhra Pradesh



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### Q6. Who won men's single title at "Australian Open 2025"

- A. Rafael Nadal
- B. Jannik Sinner
- C. Rinky Hijikata
- D. Medvedev

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Ans : B

Australian Open 2025 :  
Tennis Tournament

- Men's singles : Jannik Sinner (Italy)
  - Defeated → Alexander Zverev (Germany)
- Women's singles : Madison Keys (USA) → 1 st Grand Slam Title
  - Defeated → Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)



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**Q7. What is the name of India's First Electric Air Taxi ?**

- A. Pragati
- B. Shunya
- C. Vayu
- D. Urja

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Ans : B

SHUNYA : India's 1 st electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) Air Taxi

- Unveiled By → Sarla Aviation (Banglore Based Company)



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**Q8. Satyendra Nath Bose Astronomical observatory has been set up in which state?**

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

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Ans : C

**Satyendra Nath Bose Astronomical Observatory :**

- Eastern IND's 1 st Astronomical Observatory
- Location : Panchet Hill, Purulia district, West Bengal
- Inaugurated by : Department of Science and Technology

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**Q9. Which country won the title of 2025 Kho Kho World Cup?**

A. Pakistan  
B. Sri Lanka  
C. India  
D. Bangladesh

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Ans : C



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**Q10. Which team won the title of 78th '2024-25 Santosh Trophy'**

A. Meghalaya  
B. Uttarakhand  
C. Service  
D. West Bengal

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Ans : D

2023-24 Santosh Trophy" → Football Tournament

- Final Held @ : Hyderabad WINNERS
- Champions : WEST BENGAL
- Runner Up : KERALA \_\_\_\_\_
- Best player (Top Goal Scorer) : Robi Hansda

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**Q11. How many sports personalities have been awarded with the 'Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2024' ?**

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 5

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Ans : C

Recently President of India → Droupadi Murmu Presented → National Sports Awards 2024 » At The Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi

- Announced By → Ministry Of Sports

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**Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award** (Highest Sports Of India) 1. Gukesh D (Chess )  
2. Harmanpreet Singh (Hockey)  
3. Praveen Kumar (Para-Athletics)  
4. Manu Bhaker (Shooting)

- **ARJUN Award** (2 nd Highest Sports Award) → 34 Winners  
Dronacharya Award {For Coaches} Subhash Rana, Deepali Deshpande, Sandeep Sangwan Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2024  
• Winner : Chandigarh University

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**Q12. Who launched the “Fiscal Health Index 2025”?**

A. Finance Ministry  
B. Reserve Bank of India  
C. NITI Aayog  
D. SEBI

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ANS C

**The Report Evaluate** → Financial Health Of 18 Major States Using 5 Key Factors → Spending Quality, Revenue Collection, Financial Discipline, Debt Level & Debt Sustainability.

Top-performing States

1. Odisha
2. Chhattisgarh
3. Goa
4. Gujarat

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**Q13. Who has recently sworn in as A Supreme Court Judge?**

A. Abhay Oka  
B. Krishnan Vinod Chandran  
C. Pankaj Mithal  
D. Sanjay Karo

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Ans : B

Krishnan Vinod Chandran : Former Chief Justice of Patna High Court

- **Now Total No Of Judges → 34 (Including CJI – Sanjiv Khanna)**
- Appointment Of SC Judges : By President of India
- **Article 124 : Establishment and constitution of Supreme Court**



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**Q14. Which film won the 'Best picture (drama)' award at the Golden Globes 2025?**

- A. Venom
- B. Mufasa : Lion King
- C. Oppenheimer
- D. The Brutalist

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Ans : D

**Golden Globe Awards 2025**

- Edition : **82nd Winners**

1. **Best Film** (Musical or Comedy)

→ Emilia Pérez

2. **Best Actor (Drama)** : Adrien

Brody

→ For "The Brutalist"

3. **Best Actress (Drama)** → Fernanda

Torres



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**Q15. Who won the ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2024 award?**

- A. Suryakumar Yadav
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Arshdeep Singh
- D. Hardik Pandya

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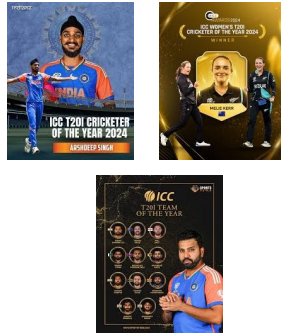
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Ans : C

### ICC Awards 2024 Winners List

1. ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year: Arshdeep Singh (IND)
2. ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year: Amelia Kerr (NZL)
3. ICC Men's T20I Team of the Year: Rohit Sharma (C)



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**Q16. Who has been named ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2024?**

- A. Harmanpreet Kaur
- B. Ellyse Perry
- C. Beth Mooney
- D. Smriti Mandhana

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Ans : D



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**Q17. Kappad and Chal Beaches are located in which state ?**

- A. Gujarat
- B. Odisha
- C. Tamil nadu
- D. Kerala

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Ans : D

Kappad Beach → Kozhikode Chal  
Beach → Kannur

- Why In News: Recently Given → 'Blue Flag' Certification
- IND's Total Blue Flag Beaches → 13



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**Q18. When was World Leprosy Day celebrated in 2025?**

- A. 25 Jan
- B. 26 jan
- C. 31 Jan
- D. 24 Jan

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Ans : B

World Leprosy Day : Last Sunday Of January

- Theme 2025 : "Unite. Act. Eliminate"
- Leprosy → Bacterial Disease
- Caused by bacterium → Mycobacterium Leprae

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**Q19. What is the name of the Battlefield Surveillance System flagged off by Rajnath Singh?**

- A. VIGIL
- B. SHAKTI
- C. AGNI
- D. SANJAY

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Ans : D

System Developed By : Indian Army and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

- SANJAY : An automated battlefield surveillance system that collects data from → ground and aerial sensors
- Purpose → To monitor the vast land borders



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**Q20. When Is 'National Voters Day' is celebrated every year ?**

- A. 24 Jan
- B. 25 Jan
- C. 26 Jan
- D. 27 Jan

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Ans : B

Theme 2025 : Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure' \_\_\_\_\_

- Election Commission – Constitutional Body (Article 324)
- Established : 25 Jan 1950 Composition » 3 Election Commissioner (1 Chief EC + 2 Other EC)

Appointed By : President Tenure : 6 Years (Or Age 65 Years)



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### Q21. Where was the 55th World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting Held?

- A. Davos
- B. Geneva
- C. New York
- D. Paris

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Ans : A

Theme : Collaboration for the intelligent age

- Held @ → Davos, Switzerland \_\_\_\_\_ WEF
- Founded : 1971
- HQ : Cologny, Switzerland
- Founder : Klaus Schwab

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### Q22. ISRO has successfully germinated Black-Eyed Pea (Lobia) seeds in which environment?

- A. On Earth
- B. In Space
- C. On The Moon
- D. On Mars

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Ans : B

ISRO Successfully germinated → Lobia (black-eyed pea) seeds in space

- As part of its → Compact Research Module for Orbital Plant Studies (CROPS)
- CROPS Module : Developed by ISRO → To study plant growth in space under microgravity



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**Q23** When is “Indian Army Day” celebrated every year?

- A. 14 Jan
- B. 15 Jan
- C. 16 Jan
- D. 17 Jan

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Ans : B

Theme 2025 : Samarth Bharat, Saksham Sena (Capable India, Empowered Army) India Army

- Established → 1 April 1895 Under British Rule
- Why 15 Jan : 15 Jan 1949 → Lieutenant General KM Cariappa Was The First Indian → Who Became The Head Of Indian Forces
- Indian Airforce Day : 08 Oct,
- Indian Navy Day : 4 Dec

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**Q24. Where was the first human death due to H5N1 bird flu recorded?**

- A. Canada
- B. United States
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Australia

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Ans : B

First Human Death from H5N1 Bird Flu in Louisiana (USA)

- H5N1 Bird Flu : Influenza virus that primarily infect birds, but can also infect humans
- H1N1 Virus : Related To » Swine Flu (UPSC – 2015)
- H5N1 Virus : Related To » Bird Flu

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**Q25. What is the name of the official torch of the 38th National Games?**

- A. Ujjwala
- B. Tejaswini
- C. Sudarshan
- D. Agnipath

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Ans : B


38th National Games

- Host State → UTTRAKHAND
- Mascot : “Mauli” → Inspired by the Monal {State bird of Uttarakhand}
- Tagline : “Sankalp Se Shikhar Tak” (From Resolve to Zenith),



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**Q.26** India's first glass bridge built on sea is located in which state?

A. Kerala  
B. Tamil Nadu  
C. Gujarat  
D. Maharashtra

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Ans : B

- IND's 1st Glass Bridge On Sea
- Inaugurated By → Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin




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**Q.27** Which state is the first to link forest ecosystem with Green Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?

A. Chhattisgarh  
B. Madhya Pradesh  
C. Odisha  
D. Jharkhand

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Ans : A

GDP : Annual value of goods and services produced within a country

- Green GDP : Environmentally adjusted gross domestic product (GDP)
- Green GDP = NDP (Net Domestic Product) – Cost of Natural Resource Depletion – Cost of Ecosystem Degradation
- \*Cost of Natural Resource Depletion → Value lost due to overuse of natural resources
- \*Cost of Ecosystem Degradation → Value lost from environmental damage {Ex – Pollution, Deforestation}

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**Q28. Which institute collaborated with the Ministry of Agriculture to launch Project VISTAAR?**

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Bombay
- D. IIT Kanpur

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Ans : A

Project VISTAAR (Virtually Integrated System to Access Agricultural Resources)

- Aim : To enhance the efficiency of the → Agricultural extension system through digitalisation
- It Contains Details Of → 12,000 Start-ups In » Agriculture And Farming Sectors

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**Q29. Who became the youngest female to conquer the highest peak on each of the seven continents?**

- A. Kaamya Karthikeyan
- B. Premlata Agarwal
- C. Bachendri Pal
- D. Malavath Purna

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Ans : A  
KAAMYA KARTHIKEYAN : 17 Years Old (Youngest Female @ World) → From Mumbai

• Highest Peaks On 7 Continents

1. Africa: Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania)
2. Europe: Mount Elbrus (Russia)
3. Australia: Mount Kosciuszko (Australia)
4. South America: Mount Aconcagua (Argentina)
5. North America: Mount Denali (USA)
6. Asia: Mount Everest (Nepal)
7. Antarctica: Mount Vinson (Antarctica)



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**Q30. Ocean Anoxic Event 1a (OAE 1a) occurred during which geological period?**

- A. Cretaceous
- B. Jurassic
- C. Triassic
- D. Permian

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Ans : A

Why In News : Recent Study, published in Science Advances → Provided Timing And Duration of Ocean Anoxic Event 1a (OAE 1a).

- By Studying → Prehistoric rocks and fossils from Mount Ashibetsu, Japan
- OAE 1a → Occurred during Cretaceous Period (145M years ago) → when Earth's oceans became depleted of oxygen (Lack Of O<sub>2</sub>)
- Why It Happened Due To → Massive Volcanic Eruption In The Ocean → CO<sub>2</sub> ↑, Global Warming ↑, O<sub>2</sub> ↓

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**Q31. How many children have been selected for PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024 ?**

- A. 17
- B. 12
- C. 13
- D. 14

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Ans : A

17 Children In 7 Categories → Art, Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Social Service, Sports & Environment

- Presented By → President Draupadi Murmu
- Cash Prize : ₹1 Lakh/ Each

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**Q32. Who has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary of India?**

- A. T.V. Somanathan
- B. Hasmukh Adhia
- C. Ajay Seth
- D. Bhushan Pandey

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Ans : Ajay Seth

Finance Secretary : Administrative head & principal adviser of → Ministry of Finance

- Formation : 1947
- Term : 2 Years



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**Q33. What is the name of India's first Ayurvedic diagnostic device?**

- A. Nadi Tarangini
- B. AyurScan
- C. PulsePro
- D. VedaDiag

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Ans : A

**NADI TARANGINI** : Advanced AI powered Pulse Diagnostic Device

- Approved by : Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)



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**Q34. When Is National Start-up Day celebrated every year?**

- A. 15 Jan
- B. 16 Jan
- C. 17 Jan
- D. 18 Jan

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Ans : B

- **16 Jan 2016 : “Startup India” Was Launched**
- **Announced by : PM Modi @ 2012**

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**Q35. When Is “National Youth Day” celebrated every year ?**

- A. 11 Jan
- B. 12 Jan
- C. 13 Jan
- D. 14 Jan

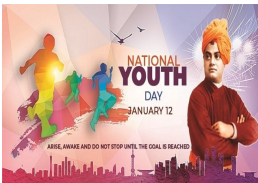
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Ans : B

Celebrated On The → Birth anniversary of “Swami Vivekananda”

- Theme 2025 : **“Celebrating the Power of Youth.”**
- Swami Vivekananda : Indian philosopher
- He Introduced Hinduism → At “Parliament of the World’s Religions” » In Chicago in 1893



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**Q36. Who has been reappointed as the MD & CEO of IDBI Bank ?**

- A. Sandeep Bakhshi
- B. Amitabh Chaudhry
- C. Dinesh Kumar Khara
- D. Rakesh Sharma

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Ans : D

IDBI BANK

- Founded : 1964
- HQ : Mumbai



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**Q37. Who has been appointed as India's new Ambassador to Israel?**

- A. Jitender Pal Singh
- B. Vikram Misri
- C. Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- D. Sanjay Verma

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Ans : A Jitender  
Pal Singh



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**Q38. Who has become India's leading wicket-taker in T20Is?**

- A. Bhuvneshwar Kumar
- B. Arshdeep Singh
- C. Jasprit Bumrah
- D. Yuzvendra Chahal

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Ans : B. Arshdeep Singh



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**Q39. Which Indian brand was ranked as the most valuable in the brand finance Global 500 Report 2025?**

- A. Tata Group
- B. Reliance Industries
- C. Infosys
- D. HDFC Bank

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Ans : A

• World's Most Valuable Brands 2025

• Apple : Brand Value → \$574 Billion

• Microsoft

• TATA Group → \$31.6

Billion (Global Rank – 60)

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**Q40. Who became the first Indian-American and Hindu second lady of The United States?**

- A. Kamala Harris
- B. Nikki Haley
- C. Usha Vance
- D. Tulsi Gabbard

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Ans : C

Her husband J.D. Vance → Became The 50th Vice President Of USA

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**Q41. Parakram Diwas is celebrated on the birth anniversary of which freedom fighter ?**

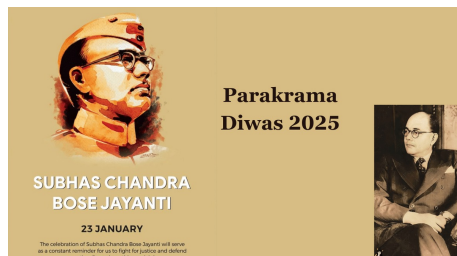
- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Subhash Chandra Bose
- C. Ashfaqulla Khan
- D. Chandrashekhar Azad

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Ans : B



- Parakram Diwas → 23rd January
- • 2025 → Subhash Chandra Bose
- » 128th Birth Anniversary

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**Q42. Who recently took oath as the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court?**

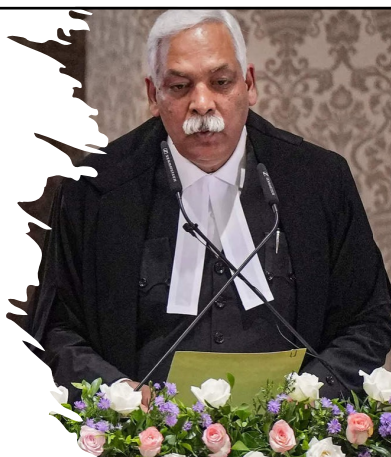
- A. Manoj Misra
- B. Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya
- C. Sanjay Karol
- D. Ravi Malimath

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Ans : B

- High Court
- Article 214 To 231 (Part 6) → Deal With The HC's » Procedures, Powers, Jurisdiction.....etc
- • Article 214 : There Shall Be HC For Each States
- • Tenure Of Judges → Age Of 62 Years
- • At Present Total HC → 25
- \_\_\_\_\_ Calcutta, Bombay & Madras High Court : Oldest High Court Of India
- • Est → 1862



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**Q43. Who won Men's Single Title at '2025 India Open' ?**

- A. Viktor Axelsen
- B. Goh Sze Fei
- C. Nur Izzuddin
- D. None

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Ans : A

- 2025 India Open (Badminton)
- Host City : New Delhi
- Men's singles → Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
- Women's singles : An Se-young (South Korea)



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**Q44. Where was The Flamingo Festival 2025 recently celebrated?**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Karnataka

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Ans : B

- Celebrated To Protect : Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary
- Other Festival (AP) → Ugadi, Atla Tadde, Flamingo, Tyagaraja Aradhana

**Flamingo Festival**



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**Q45. Who became the 47th President of the United States?**

- A. Donald Trump
- B. Joe Biden
- C. Kamala Harris
- D. Ron DeSantis

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Ans : A

- **DONALD TRUMP : President of the United States**
- **Assuming office : January 20, 2025**
- **Political party : Republican**
- **USA Capital : Washington DC**

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**Q46. Who is the author of the book “The World After Gaza: A History”?**

- A. Pankaj Mishra
- B. Salman Rushdie
- C. Vikram Seth
- D. Arundhati Roy

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Ans : A

Pankaj Mishra



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**Q47. When was the 7th Pay Commission Implemented?**

- A. 1 July 2017
- B. 1 April 2015
- C. 1 January 2016
- D. 1 March 2018

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Ans : C

7th Pay Commission : Implemented @ → 2016 Chairman → Justice Ashok Kumar Mathur Why In News

- Cabinet Approved → 8 th Pay Commission (Will be implemented @ 2026)
- 8 th Commission Expected Basic Pay → ₹51,480

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**Q48. Which company built the second multi-purpose vessel 'UTKARSH'?**

- A. Cochin Shipyard
- B. L&T
- C. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- D. Hindustan Shipyard

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Ans : B

- UTKARSH
- Launched @ → Kattupalli, Chennai
- First Multipurpose Vessel Named , → SAMARTHAK
- Built By → L&T



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**Q49. Which state has launched the PARTH Yojana initiative?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Gujarat

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Ans : C

- **PARTH Yojana (Police Army Recruitment Training & Hunar)**
- **Launched By : MP Chief Minister → Mohan Yadav**
- **Aim : To offer pre-recruitment training to the youth → Who want to join the Indian Army Or Police**



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**Q50. When is Pravasi Bhartiya Divas celebrated every year?**

- A. 9 Jan
- B. 10 Jan
- C. 15 Jan
- D. 25 Jan

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Ans : A

- Pravasi Bhartiya Divas : 9<sup>th</sup> JAN
- 9<sup>th</sup> January 1915 → MK Gandhi
- » Returned From S Africa
- Theme 2025 : Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat".



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### Q51. Who launched 'Panchayat Se Parliament 2.0 Initiative?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Election Commission of India
- D. National Commission for Women

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Ans : D

- Aim : To empower elected women representatives from tribal communities
- Launched By : National Commission for Women (NCW) & Lok Sabha Secretariat in collaboration with the → Ministry of Tribal Affairs



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### Q52. Who has been appointed as the Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

- A. Devajit Saikia
- B. Jay Shah
- C. Roger Binny
- D. Sourav Ganguly

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**Ans : A**

- **BCCI**
- **Founded : 1928**
- **HQ : Mumbai**
- **President : Roger Binny**

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**Q.53 What type of virus is Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV)?**

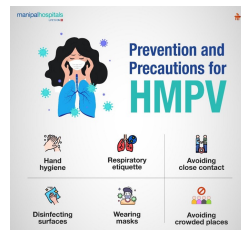
- A. DNA virus
- B. RNA virus
- C. Retrovirus
- D. Bacteriophage

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**Ans : B**

- **Human metapneumovirus (HMPV or hMPV) → A negative-sense single-stranded RNA virus**
- **Recently Seen In → India After China**
- **Symptoms: Common cold (upper respiratory infection)**



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**Q.54 Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?**

- A. Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
- B. Kuldiep Singh
- C. Gyanendra Pratap Singh
- D. Rajnish Seth

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Ans : C

- CRPF
- Founded : 27 July 1939
- HQ : New Delhi
- Governing body : Ministry of Home Affairs

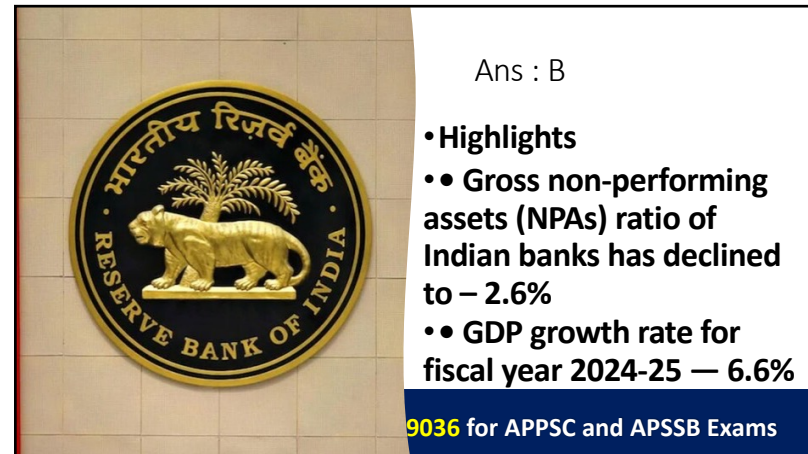
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**Q55. Who released 'Financial Stability Report, December 2024'?**

- A. World Bank
- B. RBI
- C. WTO
- D. NITI AAYOG

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Ans : B

- Highlights
- Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) ratio of Indian banks has declined to – 2.6%
- GDP growth rate for fiscal year 2024-25 — 6.6%

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**Q.56 In which state is the Kagyed Dance Festival celebrated?**

- A. Assam
- B. Manipur
- C. Sikkim
- D. Meghalaya

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**Kagyed Dance Sikkim**

Ans : C

- **KAGYED DANCE FESTIVAL**
- • Held In → Tsuklakhang Palace
- • Other Festivals : Pang Lhabsol, Sakewa (Or Bhoomi Puja), Saga Dawa, Losoong

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**Q.57 Losar (New Year Festival) Is Celebrated In Which Indian State Or UT ?**

- A. Bihar
- B. Ladakh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Assam

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Ans : B

- **LOSAR : Tibetan New Year**
- • Other Festival Of Ladakh → Hemish Festival, Dosmoche, Naropa

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**Q58. Who Has Been Appointed as the MD & CEO of J&K Bank?**

A. Chanda Kochhar  
B. Aditya Puri  
C. Uday Kotak  
D. Amitava Chatterjee

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**Ans : D**

J&K Bank

- HQ : Srinagar

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**Q59. Who Received the 'Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi' Award for Leadership?**

A. S. Jaishankar  
B. Piyush Goyal  
C. Nirmala Sitharaman  
D. Rajnath Singh

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**Q. 61 Which was the most searched travel destination by Indians in 2024?**

- A. Azerbaijan
- B. Turkey
- C. Maldives
- D. Singapore

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**Q.62 Which country's Acting President Han Duck-soo was impeached by the National Assembly?**

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. South Korea
- D. Vietnam

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Ans : C.  
South Korea



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**Q.65 Which country has recently launched the CR450 prototype, the world's fastest high-speed train?**

- A. France
- B. USA
- C. China
- D. India

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Ans : C.  
China

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**Q66. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?**

- A. Bhuvnesh Kumar
- B. Amit Agrawal
- C. Arunish Chawla
- D. Subodh Kumar Jaiswal

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Ans : A.  
Bhuvnes  
h  
Kumar



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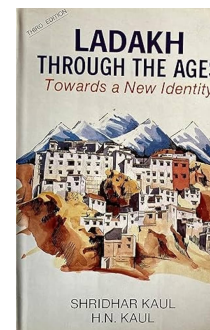
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**Q67. Who launched the book titled 'Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh: Through the Ages'?**

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Nitin Gadkari
- D. Rajnath Singh

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Ans : B. Amit  
Shah

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**Q68. Who has been honored with the Gangadhar National Award for Poetry 2023?**

- A. Prativa Satpathy
- B. Jayanta Mahapatra
- C. Subodh Patnaik
- D. Sujata Satapathy

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Ans : A

- **Prativa Satpathy :**
- **Renowned Odia Poet**



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**Q69. Who is set to receive the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award?**

- A. Rajkumar Hirani
- B. Sai Paranjpye
- C. Mani Ratnam
- D. Shyam Benegal

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Ans : B.  
Sai Paranjpye

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**Q70. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?**

- A. Amit Sharma
- B. Ravindra Singh
- C. Faiz Ahmed Kidwai
- D. Vishal Kumar

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Ans : C. Faiz  
Ahmed Kidwai

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**Q.71 Which bank received RBI approval to acquire a 9.5% stake in Kotak Bank, AU, and Capital SFBs?**

- A. SBI
- B. Axis Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. HDFC Bank

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Ans : D

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- HDFC & KOTAK → Mumbai
- AU SFB → Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Capital SFB → Jalandhar, Punjab

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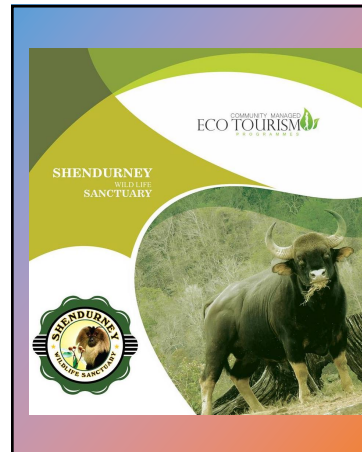
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**Q.72 Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?**

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

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Ans: A [Kerala]

• Notes:

- A four-day faunal survey at Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary enriched its biodiversity records. Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Kollam, Kerala, in the southern Western Ghats.

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**Q.73 Scrub Typhus, that was recently seen in news, is caused by which agent?**

- A. Virus
- B. Fungus
- C. Bacteria
- D. Protozoa

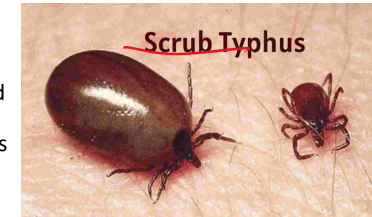
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**Answer: C**  
[Bacteria]

• **Notes:**

Scrub typhus cases have been reported in several districts including Chennai, Tiruvallur, and Vellore, with 5,000 cases in 2024. The disease is caused by the bacteria *Orientia tsutsugamushi* and transmitted through infected mites



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**Q.74 Rythu Bharosa scheme is associated with which state?**

- A Karnataka
- B Telangana
- C Odisha
- D Haryana

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**Answer: B** [Telangana]

• **Notes:**

Telangana will implement the Rythu Bharosa scheme, replacing the Rythu Bandhu scheme, starting from Sankranti. The scheme, launched in 2018-19, provides investment support to farmers for agriculture and horticulture crops.



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**Q.75 What is the IUCN status of Golden Jackal that was recently seen in news?**

- A Endangered
- B Vulnerable
- C Critically Endangered
- D Least Concern

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**Answer:** D [Least Concern]

**Notes:**

Golden jackals, also called common jackals, are medium-sized wolf-like canids. They are adapting to environmental changes and are less inclined to avoid humans. In human-inhabited areas, they are strictly nocturnal but may be partly diurnal in other regions

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**Q. 76 As per recent report by IIT Roorkee, which river has been identified as most vulnerable to landslide-induced natural dams in Uttarakhand?**

- A Alaknanda
- B Kosi
- C Mandakini
- D Dhauliganga

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**Answer: A**  
[Alaknanda]

• **Notes:**

A study by IIT Roorkee identified the Alaknanda River in Uttarakhand as highly vulnerable to landslide-induced natural dams. The Alaknanda is one of the two main headstreams of the Ganges River, originating from the Satopanth and Bhagirath Kharak glaciers in the Garhwal Himalayas



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**Q.77 Recently, Saint Narahari Tirtha statue have been found at which temple in Andhra Pradesh?**

- A Ahobilam Temple
- B Simhachalam Temple
- C Kanaka Durga Temple
- D Draksharama Temple

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**Answer: B**  
[Simhachalam Temple]

• **Notes:**

A three-foot statue of 13th-century saint Narahari Tirtha was discovered at Simhachalam Temple in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Narahari Tirtha was a Dvaita Vedanta philosopher and disciple of Madhvacharya, spreading the doctrine in eastern India, especially Kalinga (modern Odisha and Andhra Pradesh).

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**Q.78 The Ministry of Food Processing Industries inaugurated the 8th edition of Indusfood 2025 in which city?**

- A Greater Noida
- B Varanasi
- C Lucknow
- D New Delhi

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**Answer:** A Greater Noida

**Notes:**

Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Chirag Paswan inaugurated the 8th edition of Indusfood 2025 in Greater Noida on January 8. The event is organized by the Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) with Department of Commerce support.

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**Q.79** Indo-Tibetan Border Police works under which ministry?

- A Ministry of Home Affairs
- B Ministry of Defence
- C Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D Ministry of External Affairs

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**Answer:** A [Ministry of Home Affairs]

**Notes:**

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has moved 33 border outposts (BOPs) closer to the India-China border under its forwardisation plan. It was raised in 1962 after the Sino-Indian War. ITBP is a Central Armed Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs

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**Q. 81 Which institute has been chosen by ICMR to establish South India's first Infectious Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (IRDL)?**

- A Stanley Medical College
- B Andhra Medical College
- C Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute
- D Madras Medical College

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**Answer:** C [Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute ]

**Notes:**

Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) has been selected by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to host South India's first Infectious Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (IRDL).

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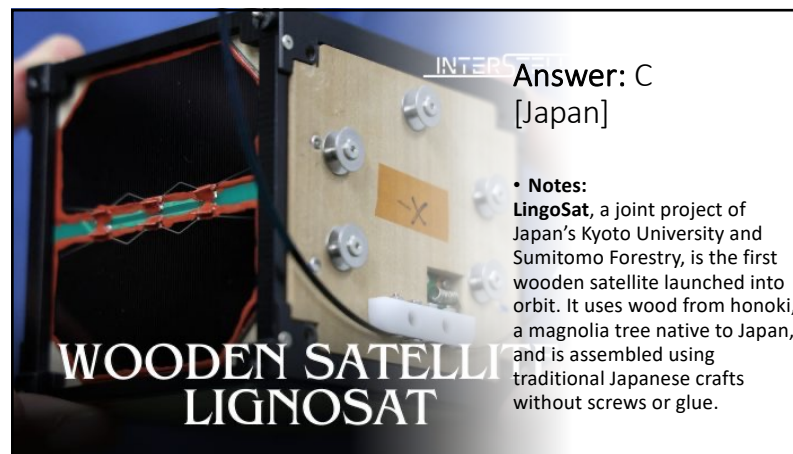
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**Q.82 Which country has developed the world's first wooden satellite named LignoSat?**

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

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**Answer:** C  
[Japan]

**• Notes:**

**LignoSat**, a joint project of Japan's Kyoto University and Sumitomo Forestry, is the first wooden satellite launched into orbit. It uses wood from honoki, a magnolia tree native to Japan, and is assembled using traditional Japanese crafts without screws or glue.

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**Q.83 Which country is the host of 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Parliaments of Commonwealth Countries (CSPOC)?**

- A India
- B Malaysia
- C Bangladesh
- D Australia

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**Answer:** A [India]

**Notes:**

India will host the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Parliaments (CSPOC) of Commonwealth Countries in 2026. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced this at the CSPOC Standing Committee Meeting in Guernsey.

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**Q.84 Neptune Missile is developed by which country?**

- A Ukraine
- B China
- C Iran
- D Israel

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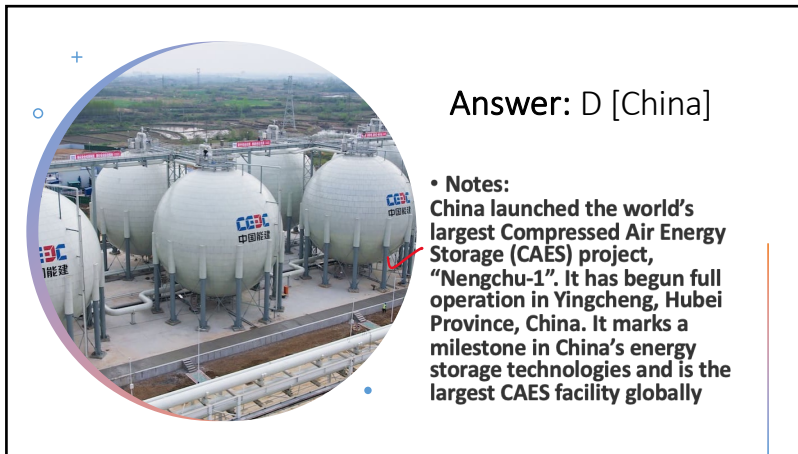
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**Q.85 Which country launched the world's largest Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) technology?**

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

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**Q86. Which state government has proposed “No Helmet, No Fuel” policy to curb road accidents?**

- A Bihar
- B Jharkhand
- C Uttar Pradesh
- D Haryana

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**Answer:** C [Uttar Pradesh]

**Notes:**

Uttar Pradesh Transport Department proposed a “No Helmet, No Fuel” policy to reduce road accidents involving two-wheelers. The policy will begin in Noida on January 26, 2025, aiming to enforce helmet use and improve road safety.

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**Q.87 Diego Garcia Island, that was recently seen in news, is located in which ocean?**

- A Indian Ocean
- B Atlantic Ocean
- C Pacific Ocean
- D Arctic Ocean

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**Answer:** A [Indian Ocean]

**Notes:**

Fifteen Tamil Nadu fishermen were reportedly detained near Diego Garcia in the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) for crossing the maritime boundary.

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**Q.88 What is the IUCN status of Clouded Leopard that was recently seen in news?**

- A Critically Endangered
- B Endangered
- C Least Concern
- D Vulnerable

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**Answer:** D  
[Vulnerable]

• **Notes:**

A new study highlights gaps in understanding the Clouded Leopard's habitat, fragmentation, and connectivity, offering a conservation roadmap. The Clouded Leopard is a wild cat found in dense forests of the Himalayas, Southeast Asia, and South China



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**Q.89 The falcated duck was recently spotted at which protected area in Haryana?**

- A Nahar Wildlife Sanctuary
- B Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary
- C Sultanpur National Park
- D Kalesar National Park

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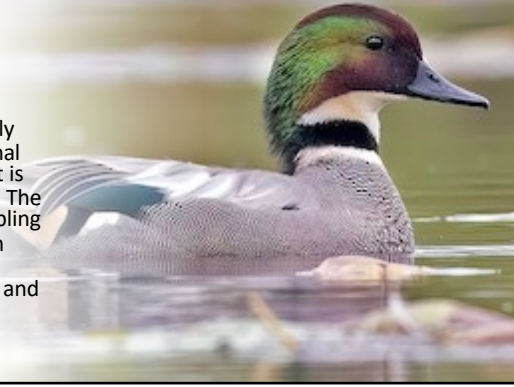
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**Answer: C**

[Sultanpur  
National Park]

• **Notes:**

A Falcated Duck was recently spotted at Sultanpur National Park, Gurugram, Haryana. It is also known as falcated teal. The duck is a gadwall-sized dabbling species, found from eastern Siberia to northern Japan, wintering in Southeast Asia and eastern India.



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**Q. 90 What is the name of initiative recently launched by government to promote ~~battle~~ battlefield tourism in India?**

- A Bharat Darshan Yatra
- B Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan
- C Battlefield Tourism Project
- D Incredible India: Battlefields

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**Answer: B** [Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan]

**Notes:**

The Union Government launched Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan to promote battlefield tourism in India. It is a joint initiative by the Indian Army and the Ministry of Tourism. The program focuses on showcasing 77 historic battlefields and border sites where significant military actions occurred.

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**Q.91 Sada region, a flat top plateau region, is located in which state?**

- A Madhya Pradesh
- B Jharkhand
- C Odisha
- D Maharashtra

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**Answer: D**  
[Maharashtra]

• **Notes:**

The Sada region in the Konkan area of Maharashtra is experiencing land-use changes, with croplands being converted into orchards and residential areas. It is a flat area formed by centuries of erosion, similar to plateaux found in the Satara district, Maharashtra.



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**92 Q. Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0 is an initiative of which ministry?**

- A Ministry of Education
- B Ministry of Science and Technology
- C Ministry of Home Affairs
- D Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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**Answer: A**  
[Ministry of Education]

• **Notes:**

Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan, launched the registration portal for the 3rd edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS). KTS 3.0 will start on 15th February 2025 and run until 24th February 2025 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.



**Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0**

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**Q.93 Which state government has launched SHE COHORT 3.0 initiative to empower women-led startups?**

- A Odisha
- B Haryana
- C Punjab
- D Gujarat

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**Answer:** C [Punjab]

**Notes:**

Punjab government has launched SHE COHORT 3.0 (Startups Handholding & Empowerment – Cohort 3.0) initiative in Mohali to empower female startups and students in building tech-based ventures. The initiative is supported by business incubators and ecosystem enablers.

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**Q.94 What is the rank of India in the QS World Future Skills Index 2025?**

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

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**Answer:** B [Second]

**Notes:**

India ranks second after the US in the QS World Future Skills Index 2025 for job market preparedness in AI, digital, and green sectors. India scores highly in the “Future of Work” indicator, trailing the US by less than a point.

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**Q.95 Which country has developed the world's most powerful hydrogen train engine recently?**

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

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**Answer:** A [India]

**Notes:**

India has developed the world's most powerful hydrogen train engine with 1,200 horsepower. It was made by Indian Railways using indigenous technology. The first trial run will be conducted on the Jind-Sonipat route in Haryana

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**Q.96 Mount Aconcagua, which was seen in news, is located in which mountain range?**

- A The Andes
- B The Himalayas
- C The Alps
- D The Rockies

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**Answer: A**  
[The Andes]

• **Notes:**  
Indian and Argentine armies jointly summited Mt Aconcagua, the tallest peak in the Americas at 6,995 meters, on Army Day, January 15, 2025. The expedition began on January 3, 2025, and featured 23 participants, including an eight-member Indian team led by Lt Col Manoj Joshi and a 15-member Argentine contingent

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**Q.97 Which Indian Naval Ship (INS) is participated in the fourth edition of the Multinational Exercise LA PEROUSE?**

- A INS Surat
- B INS Kolkata
- C INS Mumbai
- D INS Vikrant

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**Answer: C [INS Mumbai]**

• **Notes:**

INS Mumbai, an indigenously built guided missile destroyer, is participating in the fourth edition of Exercise LA PEROUSE. The exercise involves navies from Australia, France, the UK, the US, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Canada



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**Q. 98 What is the primary objective of the SCOT Mission?**

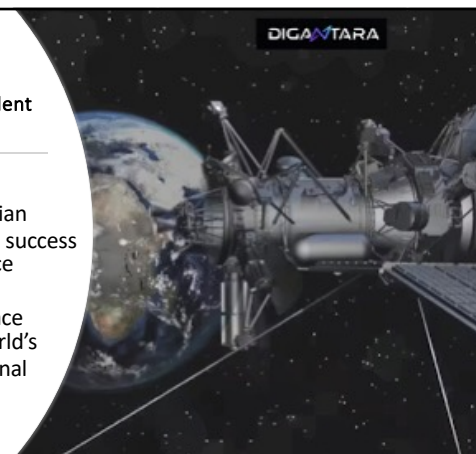
- A To study the Moon's surface
- B Conducting interplanetary explorations
- C Launching human spaceflights
- D Tracking and monitoring Resident Space Objects

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**Answer:** D  
[Tracking and monitoring Resident Space Objects]

• **Notes:**  
The Prime Minister praised Indian space startup Digantara for the success of its Mission SCOT. SCOT (Space Camera for Object Tracking) is Digantara's first mission for space surveillance and one of the world's first commercial Space Situational Awareness (SSA) satellites.



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**Q.99 Which organization has released the Global Investment Trends Monitor report?**

- A United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- B World Bank
- C United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- D International Monetary Fund (IMF)

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**Answer:** A [United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)]

**Notes:**  
The Global Investment Trends Monitor report was recently released by UNCTAD. Global Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) increased by 11% to \$1.4 trillion in 2024. However, FDI dropped 8% when excluding flows through European conduit economies

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**Q.100 What is the primary purpose of the NVS-02 satellite developed by ISRO?**

- A To provide weather forecasting services
- B To improve India's navigation system, NavIC
- C To monitor Earth's climate
- D To enhance communication services

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**Answer: B**

**Notes**

ISRO launched the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) rocket carrying the NVS-02 satellite for the NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation) navigation system. NVS-02 is the second of five second-generation satellites to replace older ones in India's navigation constellation.



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**Q.101 Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve is located in which state?**

- A Odisha
- B Madhya Pradesh
- C Chhattisgarh
- D Kerala

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Answer: C  
[Chhattisgarh]

• Notes:

At least 12 suspected Maoists were killed in a gunfight with security forces in the Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district. The Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve is located in Chhattisgarh. It was formed by merging Sitanadi and Udanti wildlife sanctuaries

