

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1) Which of the following regulator released guidelines which prohibits companies from engaging in misleading Environmental Claims and Greenwashing?

- A) Central Consumer Protection Authority
- B) Delhi Development Authority
- C) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- D) National Health Authority

2) Which of the following country has signed the Host Country Agreement (HCA) with the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) to establish the Alliance's Secretariat in the country?

- A) India
- B) Kazakhstan
- C) Poland
- D) United Arab Emirates

3) The government announced the establishment of three AI Centres of Excellence (CoE) focused on Healthcare, Agriculture, and Sustainable Cities. The CoE in agriculture will be led by which of the following IIT?

- A) IIT Ropar
- B) IIT Kanpur
- C) IIT Delhi
- D) IIT Bombay

4) The World Health Organization (WHO) has secured _____ in pledges for its next budget, spanning 2025-28.

- A) USD 2.21 billion
- B) USD 1.5 billion
- C) USD 1.2 billion
- D) USD 1 billion

5) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the merger of which of the following company with Tata Motors Finance (TMFL)?

- A) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited
- B) Tata Capital Limited

- C) Tata Electronics Private limited
- D) Tata Steel UK Limited

6) The 16th BRICS Summit was held in which of the following country?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Russia
- D) South Africa

7) Under the UDAN scheme in which of the following district of Madhya Pradesh a new airport was inaugurated?

- A) Rewa
- B) Hapur
- C) Jaunpur
- D) Ambikapur

8) The 24th National Para-Swimming Championship was held in which of the following city?

- A) Patna
- B) Panaji
- C) Lucknow
- D) Jaipur

9) Cyclone Dana, the second cyclonic storm to strike the Indian coast in two months after Cyclone Asna, was named by which of the following country?

- A) Thailand
- B) Qatar
- C) India
- D) Bangladesh

10) When the 'Karmayogi Saptah' launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was held?

- A) 21 to 27 October
- B) 20 to 26 October
- C) 19 to 27 October
- D) 18 to 24 October

11) The government has selected 8 AI projects to enhance Safe and Trusted AI development across diverse themes under which of the following mission?

- A) Smart Cities Mission
- B) National Supercomputing Mission
- C) IndiaAI Mission
- D) Atal Innovation Mission

12) The Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of _____ of the Citizenship Act, 1955, which granted citizenship to immigrants who entered Assam before March 24, 1971.

- A) Section 7A
- B) Section 6A
- C) Section 5A
- D) Section 4A

13) Ministry of Textiles, recently extended Samarth Scheme till _____.

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

14) Which country is the largest source of FDI in India, according to a report by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) United States of America
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Singapore
- D) Mauritius

15) What is name of the memoir of former wrestler Sakshi Malik?

- A) Witness
- B) Wings to Our Hopes
- C) Call of the Gir
- D) Breaking Rocks and Barriers

16) Who has recently been appointed as the new Defence Secretary of India?

- A) Rajesh Kumar Singh
- B) Ajay Kumar
- C) Ramesh Chand
- D) Vikram Singh

17) What groundbreaking astronomical discovery was recently made regarding black holes?

- A) The first supermassive black hole
- B) The first black hole binary system
- C) The first black hole triple system
- D) The first rotating black hole

18) In the AI Preparedness Index 2023-24, what does the index primarily assess?

- A) Economic growth
- B) AI adoption and infrastructure readiness
- C) Education standards
- D) Healthcare innovation

19) What is the name of the joint military exercise involving Indian and Indonesian forces?

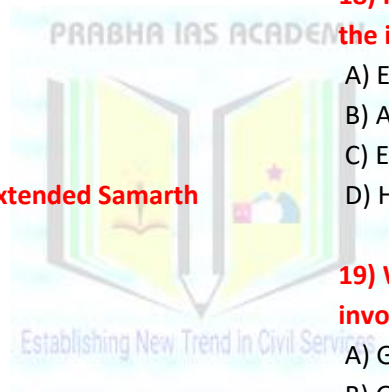
- A) Garuda Shield
- B) Garuda Shakti
- C) Joint Endeavor
- D) Cobra Warrior

20) Which state in India is home to the first green certified zoo?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Kerala

21) Union Government has approved three pilot projects aimed at integrating hydrogen into _____ production under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

- A) Chemical
- B) Information technology
- C) Steel
- D) Textile



22) The government of India has partnered with which of the following tech giant to launch 'Scam se Bacho' campaign in order to tackle rising online scams?

- A) Amazon
- B) Google
- C) Mastercard
- D) Meta

23) Cancer cases and deaths are expected to sharply increase between 2022 and 2045 in India, said a study released by _____.

- A) Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management
- B) Tata Memorial Centre
- C) National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development
- D) ICMR-National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research

24) Along with the International Energy Agency which of the following IIT signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the role of energy technology innovation in reducing emissions?

- A) IIT-Roorkee
- B) IIT-Madras
- C) IIT-Indore
- D) IIT-Delhi

25) Which of the following state has embarked on an ambitious project to rejuvenate 129 wetlands, spanning 3,800 hectares?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Assam
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Odisha

26) In October 2024, which of the following scheme has completed 8 years?

- A) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
- B) Jal Jeevan Mission
- C) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana

D) Regional Connectivity Scheme— UDAN

27) A study to identify children at risk of child marriage done on the directions of _____ revealed that more than 11.5 lakh children across the 27 states and seven Union territories were vulnerable.

- A) United Nations Children's Fund
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- D) Law Commission of India

28) _____ has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ten banks, including nine public sector banks and one private bank, to support women entrepreneurs.

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

29) India is on track to become the third-largest economy in the world by 2028, said a report released by _____.

- A) World Trade Organization
- B) World Bank
- C) International Energy Agency
- D) Confederation of Indian Industry- Green Business Centre

30) Which of the following payment company has received regulatory approval to operate as a prepaid payment instrument (PPI)?

- A) Hitachi Payment Services Private Limited
- B) PayMate
- C) Paysharp Private Limited
- D) Cashfree Payments

31) In October 2024 India-Oman Navies conducted which of the following bilateral naval exercise?

- A) Exercise Eastern Bridge
- B) Exercise Kakadu
- C) Naseem Al Bahr

D) Parvat Prahaar

32) The Indian Council of Medical Research–India Diabetes (ICMR-INDIAB) study was conducted by which of the following organisation?

- A) World Health Organization
- B) MS Swaminathan Research Foundation
- C) Madras Diabetes Research Foundation
- D) Anusandhan National Research Foundation

33) Ultraviolette inaugurated its sixth UV Space Station in which of the following state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Assam
- C) Kerala
- D) Rajasthan

34) Which of the following country has topped the 2024 Economic Freedom of the World Report?

- A) Hong Kong
- B) New Zealand
- C) Switzerland
- D) United States of America

35) Mastercard along with which of the following company have announced a partnership to offer faster, more efficient cross-border payments using Mastercard debit cards?

- A) UBS Securities India Private Limited
- B) International Development Finance Corporation
- C) HSBC India
- D) Citigroup Inc

36) Along with India which of the following country recently participated in the SIMBEX bilateral exercise?

- A) Australia
- B) China
- C) Germany
- D) Singapore

37) In which of the following National Park the Asiatic Golden Cat, known for its rare sightings, has been rediscovered in Assam?

- A) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park
- B) Manas National Park
- C) Orang National Park
- D) Raimona National Park

38) Where did the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) organised a conference of Buddhist monks and scholars?

- A) Colombo, Sri Lanka
- B) Hanoi, Vietnam
- C) New Delhi, India
- D) Thimphu, Bhutan

39) At which of the following dam of Telangana around 150 to 200 endangered Indian Skimmer birds were recently spotted?

- A) Singur Dam
- B) Ramagundam Dam
- C) Lower Manair Dam
- D) Kadam Dam

40) India's 1st 'Writer's village' was inaugurated in which of the following state?

- A) Assam
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Odisha
- D) Uttarakhand

41) Which of the following bank launched the 'Mahila Saksham' scheme designed to finance individual Women Self-Help Group members?

- A) SBI
- B) Jammu & Kashmir Bank
- C) Indian Overseas Bank
- D) Bank Of India

42) Which of the following regulator has expanded direct access to its NDS-OM electronic trading platform?



- A) SEBI
- B) BSE
- C) RBI
- D) NSE

43) Which of the following financial institution has introduced a 400-day 'Utsav Deposit Scheme'?

- A) RBL Bank Limited
- B) Bank of Maharashtra
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) Airtel Finance

44) The Minister of Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari, released a _____ commemorative coin in honour of HH Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi Ji to mark her Birth Centenary celebrations.

- A) Rs 75
- B) Rs 50
- C) Rs 25
- D) Rs 100

45) The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposed acquisition of 24.91% shareholding in Future Generali India Insurance by which bank?

- A) RBL Bank
- B) Rajapur Sahakari Bank Limited
- C) Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
- D) Central Bank of India

46) A two-day International Workshop on "Modern Technologies in Survey-Resurvey for Urban Land Records" was organised by which of the following ministry?

- A) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs

47) The Asian Development Bank approved a USD 434.25 million loan to boost renewable energy in which of the following state?

- A) Assam
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Uttar Pradesh

48) Which of the following bank was recognised as the Best Bank in India for 2024?

- A) Bandhan Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) Punjab National Bank
- D) State Bank of India

49) Who among the following received an A+ grade in the Central Bank Report Cards 2024 for the second consecutive year?

- A) Thomas Jordan
- B) Shaktikanta Das
- C) Christian Kettel Thomsen
- D) All of the above

50) The Barda Wildlife Sanctuary and Phase-1 of the Barda Jungle Safari was inaugurated in which of the following state?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Haryana
- C) Gujarat
- D) Assam

51) Where did the Harbour Phase of the 2024 Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) was held?

- A) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- B) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- C) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- D) Umroi, Meghalaya

52) Which of the following ministry signed a contract with Chowgule & Company Pvt. Ltd., Goa for procurement of six Air Cushion Vehicles (ACVs)?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Defence
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Ministry of Civil Aviation

53) Who among the following was named to the International Tennis Hall of Fame's Class of 2025?

- A) Tasnim Mir
- B) Sharath Kamal Achanta
- C) Maria Sharapova
- D) Jannik Sinner

54) The seventh anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW SWC), _____ was launched by the Indian Navy recently.

- A) Abhay
- B) Agray
- C) Akshay
- D) Amini

55) The Yaogan-43 03 satellite group was launched by which of the following country?

- A) China
- B) Iran
- C) Türkiye
- D) United Arab Emirates

56) Who among the following launched the International Incoming Spoofed Calls Prevention System?

- A) Dharmendra Pradhan
- B) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- C) Jayant Chaudhary
- D) Jyotiraditya Scindia

57) Which country has 234 million people living in poverty as per the latest Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report?

- A) Ethiopia
- B) India
- C) Nigeria

- D) Pakistan

58) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan of USD 241.3 million to improve power distribution in which of the following state?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Odisha
- C) Tripura
- D) West Bengal

59) Matthew Wade of which of the following country has announced his retirement from international cricket recently?

- A) Australia
- B) England
- C) New Zealand
- D) South Africa

60) The first digital library of Himachal Pradesh was inaugurated in which of the following city?

- A) Bilaspur
- B) Dharamshala
- C) Manali
- D) Shimla

61) The 7th Session of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was held in which of the following city?

- A) Bhopal
- B) Chennai
- C) Hyderabad
- D) New Delhi

62) Which of the following ministry is set to launch the Digital India Common Service Center project, aimed at bridging the digital divide in rural India?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture
- B) Ministry of Defence
- C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology

63) Who among the following was elected as the President of Botswana?



- A) Duma Boko
- B) Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa
- C) Mokgweetsi Masis
- D) Paetongtarn Shinawatra

64) The 5th Vietnam Indian Bilateral Army Exercise (VINBAX) 2024 is being held in which of the following state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Haryana

65) Which of the following country was re-elected as President of International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- A) Australia
- B) Brazil
- C) France
- D) India

66) Who among the following assumed the charge of Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance of the Indian Air Force?

- A) Air Marshal Ajay Kumar Arora
- B) Air Marshal Rakesh Sharma
- C) Air Marshal Sanjay Singh
- D) Air Marshal Vikas Kumar

67) Indian archer Atanu Das won which of the following medal in the men's recurve event at the Swiss Open 2024 archery competition?

- A) Bronze
- B) Gold
- C) Silver
- D) None of the above

68) Who among the following was named as the next Director General of International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- A) Ashish Khanna
- B) Dr. Ajay Mathur
- C) Manoj Gupta

- D) Sandeep Sharma

69) As per a report by UNESCO, India allocated approximately how much per cent of its GDP to education between 2015 and 2024?

- A) 5.3 – 5.8%
- B) 4.1 – 4.6%
- C) 3.1 – 3.5%
- D) 2.2 – 2.8%

70) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar inaugurated the new Consulate General of India in which of the following city of Australia?

- A) Brisbane
- B) Melbourne
- C) Perth
- D) Sydney

71) The sports ministry has replaced the Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime achievement with which of the following awards?

- A) Arjuna Award Lifetime
- B) Dronacharya Lifetime Award
- C) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna
- D) Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

72) When the 'International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict' was observed?

- A) 03 November
- B) 04 November
- C) 05 November
- D) 06 November

73) Gulfood Manufacturing and GulfHost 2024, the world's largest food and beverage industry event was held at _____.

- A) Dubai
- B) Jeddah
- C) Kuwait
- D) Sharjah

74) A book titled 'Speaking with Nature: The Origins of Indian Environmentalism' was authored by which of the following author?

- A) Arundhati Roy
- B) Ramchandra Guha
- C) Shriram Chaulia
- D) None of the above

75) World's first wooden satellite 'LignoSat' was launched by which of the following country?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) Russia
- D) Singapore

76) The Anti-Terror Conference 2024, recently held in New Delhi, was organized by _____.

- A) Central Bureau of Investigation
- B) Ministry of Defence
- C) National Investigation Agency
- D) Research and Analysis Wing

77) 'Vajra Shot' - the India-Made handheld anti-drone gun with range of 4 km was developed by which of the following company?

- A) Big Bang Boom Solutions
- B) DroneShield
- C) Fortem Technologies
- D) Zen Technologies

78) The Digital Life Certificate campaign 3.0 was launched by which of the following ministry?

- A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- D) Ministry of Rural Development

79) India's Tanushree Pandey has clinched which of the following medal at the World Soft Tennis Championship at Jingshan in China?

- A) Bronze
- B) Gold
- C) Silver
- D) None of the Above

80) The 2024 World Travel Market (WTM) was held in which of the following city?

- A) Dubai
- B) London
- C) New Delhi
- D) Paris

81) When the National Legal Services Day (India) was observed?

- A) 06 November
- B) 07 November
- C) 08 November
- D) 09 November

82) Who among the following was appointed as FICCI President?

- A) Harsh Vardhan Agarwal
- B) Prabhakar Raghavan
- C) Vikram Dutt
- D) Vivek Bansal

83) All members of National Human Rights Commission of which of the following country resigned recently?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Myanmar
- C) Maldives
- D) Bangladesh

84) The third edition of the Gomti Book Festival 2024 was held in which of the following city?

- A) Bareilly
- B) Bhopal
- C) Jaipur
- D) Lucknow

85) Who among the following was roped in as the coach of Neeraj Chopra?

- A) Naseem Ahmed
- B) Jan Zelezny
- C) Gary Calvert
- D) None of the above

86) France is considering India's the Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launch (MBRL) system for potential use by its military. Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launch (MBRL) system is developed by _____.

- A) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- B) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- C) Indian Space Research Organisation
- D) Tata Advanced Systems

87) Along with Germany which of the following country commenced joint preparations for the deployment of the Arrow 3 missile defence system in Germany?

- A) India
- B) Israel
- C) Pakistan
- D) United States

88) When the National Education Day (India) was observed?

- A) 12 November
- B) 11 November
- C) 10 November
- D) 09 November

89) China's Mars rover named _____ has found evidence of an ancient coastline on the red planet.

- A) Zhurong
- B) Spirit
- C) Perseverance
- D) Curiosity

90) The world's first CO₂-to-methanol conversion plant was inaugurated at _____.

- A) Beijing
- B) Berlin
- C) New York
- D) Vindhyachal

91) The 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium was held in which of the following city?

- A) Lucknow
- B) New Delhi
- C) Ujjain
- D) Varanasi

92) Sonu Sood, the renowned actor and philanthropist, was appointed as the Brand Ambassador and Advisor of which of the following country?

- A) UAE
- B) Thailand
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Nepal

93) Which of the following country is the Country of Focus for International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024?

- A) Australia
- B) Canada
- C) China
- D) Russia

94) The Governor of Nagaland has officially announced the upgradation of which Sub-Division to a full-fledged District with immediate effect?

- A) Bhandari
- B) Meluri
- C) Satakha
- D) Seyochung

95) The 83rd annual session of the Indian Roads Congress was held in which of the following city?

- A) Bhopal
- B) Jaipur
- C) Raipur

D) Varanasi

96) Along with India which of the following country signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on bilateral defence cooperation?

- A) Algeria
- B) Belgium
- C) China
- D) Japan

97) Which of the following country has signed legislation to ratify a bilateral treaty with North Korea?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) Russia
- D) US

98) Where did the Indian submarine INS VELA recently go on a three-day visit?

- A) Sydney
- B) Male
- C) Dubai
- D) Colombo

99) Which of the following country became the world's second-largest smartphone market by unit volume, trailing only China?

- A) Russia
- B) India
- C) Bangladesh
- D) America

100) The 73rd All India Police Athletics Cluster Championship 2024-2025 was held in

- A) Bhubaneswar
- B) Mumbai
- C) New Delhi
- D) Punjab

101) Where did the 15th India-US joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR was held?

- A) Meghalaya, India
- B) Masirah, Oman
- C) Idaho, United States of America
- D) Darwin, Australia

102) Who among the following emerged as the winner of the 2024 Chennai Grand Masters title?

- A) Levon Aronian
- B) Arvind Chithambaram
- C) Arjun Erigesi
- D) None of the above

103) Who among the following was honoured as Education Leader of the Year at the Education World India School Ranking Awards 2024-2025?

- A) Shiv Shankar
- B) Rahab Allana
- C) Kunal Dalal
- D) None of the above

104) Igas Bagwal, also known as Budhi Diwali was celebrated in which of the following state?

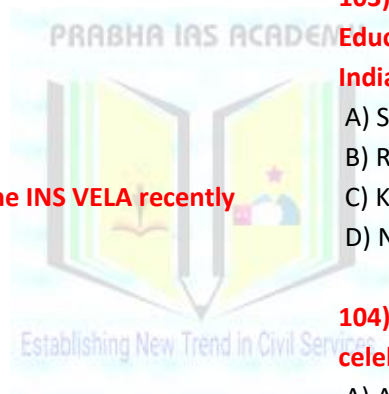
- A) Assam
- B) Odisha
- C) Punjab
- D) Uttarakhand

105) Which of the following country ended its fast-track visa programme for students from 14 countries including India?

- A) Canada
- B) France
- C) Germany
- D) Japan

106) Which organization received the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize for addressing refugee crises?

- A) Médecins Sans Frontières
- B) A global humanitarian organization
- C) Amnesty International
- D) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees



107) What is the primary goal of India's new comprehensive space policy?

- A) Establishing an international space agency
- B) Increasing satellite TV channels
- C) Boosting private sector participation and innovation
- D) Limiting international collaborations in space

108) What is India's GDP growth projection for 2024-25 as revised by the RBI?

- A) 5.8%
- B) 6.0%
- C) 6.4%
- D) 6.7%

109) Which international summit did India lead to promote ethical AI practices?

- A) G20 Tech Summit
- B) International AI Symposium
- C) Global Initiative on AI Ethics
- D) United Nations AI Development Conference

110) India won multiple gold medals at the 2024 Asian Athletics Meet in which categories?

- A) 100m sprint and pole vault
- B) 400m hurdles and discus throw
- C) 800m relay and high jump
- D) 200m sprint and javelin throw

111) Where was India's first Constitution Museum inaugurated?

- A) Sonapat, Haryana
- B) New Delhi
- C) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- D) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

112) Which state will host the Khelo India Youth and Para Games in 2025?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Bihar
- C) Karnataka
- D) Rajasthan

113) What is the new EPFO initiative to simplify UAN activation?

- A) Biometric fingerprint scanning
- B) Aadhaar-based OTP verification
- C) Manual submission of documents
- D) Bank account linkage

114) Which country won the Billie Jean King Cup title in 2024?

- A) USA
- B) Italy
- C) Slovakia
- D) Spain

115) Which organization partnered with Tata Power for a \$4.25 billion renewable energy deal?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- C) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

116) Which historical event is celebrated on Lachit Diwas?

- A) The signing of the Treaty of Purandar
- B) The victory in the Battle of Saraighat
- C) The establishment of the Ahom kingdom
- D) The coronation of King Rudra Singha

117) What is the primary goal of the COP29 Declaration on Enhanced Climate Action in Tourism?

- A) Increasing tourism revenue globally
- B) Reducing carbon emissions in the tourism sector
- C) Promoting luxury eco-tourism projects
- D) Expanding international travel access

118) What does Shaheedi Diwas of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji commemorate?

- A) His coronation as the ninth Sikh Guru
- B) His teachings on the Guru Granth Sahib
- C) His martyrdom for religious freedom
- D) His role in founding the Golden Temple

119) When are the UK and India expected to relaunch Free Trade Agreement (FTA) talks?

- A) Late 2024
- B) Early 2025
- C) Mid-2025
- D) Late 2025

120) What is the primary reason for India's recent sharp drop in forex reserves?

- A) Falling global crude oil prices
- B) Surging US dollar and RBI interventions
- C) Increased gold imports
- D) Declining foreign investments

121) In November 2024 which of the following exercise was conducted between India and Vietnam?

- A) YUDH ABHYAS
- B) VINBAX-2024
- C) VARUNA
- D) JIMEX-24

122) Who among the following secured top position in the EdelGive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024?

- A) Shiv Nadar
- B) Nandan Nilekani
- C) Mukesh Ambani
- D) Krishna Chivukula

123) The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has named who among the following as the Men's Player of the Year?

- A) Dayaan Cassiem
- B) Harmanpreet Singh
- C) PR Sreejesh
- D) Sufyan Khan

124) The 43rd India International Trade Fair which was recently held New Delhi, was inaugurated by who among the following?

- A) S. Jaishankar
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Piyush Goyal

D) Amit Shah

125) Who among the following was elected as the Prime Minister of Mauritius?

- A) Ashok Sinha
- B) Dr. Navin Ramgulam
- C) Pravind Jagannath
- D) None of the above

126) Who among the following inaugurated the 'Shilp Samagam Mela 2024' at Dilli Haat, New Delhi?

- A) Kiren Rijiju
- B) Harsh Malhotra
- C) Dr. Virendra Kumar
- D) Dr. Jitendra Singh

127) Which of the following company became first Indian oil and gas company to join to join UNEP's OGMP 2.0?

- A) Cairn Oil & Gas
- B) Gas Authority of India
- C) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

128) Which of the following institute has emerged as India's top-ranked institution in the QS Asia Rankings 2025?

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

129) Which of the following country has launched record 55 satellites, including two from Iran recently?

- A) Russia
- B) Japan
- C) France
- D) China

130) When the World Pneumonia Day was observed?

- A) 11 November
- B) 12 November

- C) 13 November
- D) 14 November

131) Which Government of India enterprise celebrated its 50th Raising Day in November 2024?

- A) Steel Authority of India Limited
- B) SJVN Limited
- C) NTPC Limited
- D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited

132) In which of the following state the first Integrated Check Post (ICP) along the India-Bhutan border was inaugurated?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Sikkim
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Assam

133) Who among the following was elected as the new Secretary General of Interpol?

- A) Valdecy Urquiza
- B) Ronald Noble
- C) Praveen Sood
- D) Jürgen Stock

134) Where did the scientists recently discover the world's largest coral?

- A) Australia
- B) Indonesia
- C) Papua New Guinea
- D) Solomon Islands

135) 10-Day annual Jhiri Mela was held in which of the following state/UT?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Lakshadweep
- D) Jammu and Kashmir

136) Which of the following state has launched the India's first Semiconductor Policy?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Haryana
- C) Gujarat
- D) Assam

137) Who among the following was selected for the first-ever Jadav Payeng International Award?

- A) M Karunakar Reddy
- B) Protap Saikia
- C) Rajendra Singh
- D) Shiv Nadar

138) When the Children's Day (India) was observed?

- A) 12 November
- B) 13 November
- C) 14 November
- D) 15 November

139) At least eight people have died as super typhoon Man-yi hit the which of the following country recently?

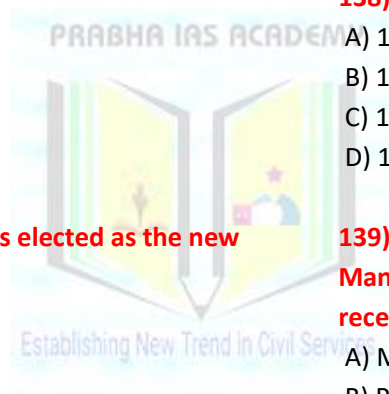
- A) Malaysia
- B) Philippines
- C) Singapore
- D) Vietnam

140) India gifted two water-jet propelled Fast Interceptor Craft (FIC) to which of the following country?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Seychelles
- C) Mozambique
- D) Maldives

141) Kazakhstan's UKTMP has formed a joint venture with which of the following company to produce titanium slag in Odisha?

- A) Trimex Sands Private Limited
- B) Rio Tinto India
- C) IREL (India) Limited
- D) Allegheny Technologies



142) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the deadline for banks and ATM operators to implement the cassette swap mechanism for cash replenishment in ATMs to _____.

- A) April 30, 2025
- B) March 31, 2025
- C) February 28, 2025
- D) January 30, 2025

143) Karnataka Bank launched which of the following innovative financial products for students?

- A) KBL Elite and KBL Master
- B) KBL Peak and KBL Genius
- C) KBL Scholar and KBL Smart
- D) KBL Zenith and KBL Bright

144) Who among the following claimed the top spot in Fortune's inaugural 2024 list of the 100 Most Powerful People in Business?

- A) Satya Nadella
- B) Mukesh Ambani
- C) Jensen Huang
- D) Elon Musk

145) Who among the following was re-elected as president of International Hockey Federation (FIH)?

- A) Seif Ahmed
- B) Narinder Batra
- C) Tayyab Ikram
- D) Leandro Negre

146) Which of the following ministry has signed an agreement with the International Energy Agency (IEA) on cooperation in the area of critical minerals?

- A) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- B) Ministry of Mines

- C) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

147) 27th Energy Technology Meet (ETM) held in Bengaluru, Karnataka was organised by which of the following company?

- A) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- B) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
- C) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- D) Oil India Limited

148) Along with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, India which of the following organisation signed an MoU cementing the long-standing partnership towards sustainable and inclusive urbanization in India?

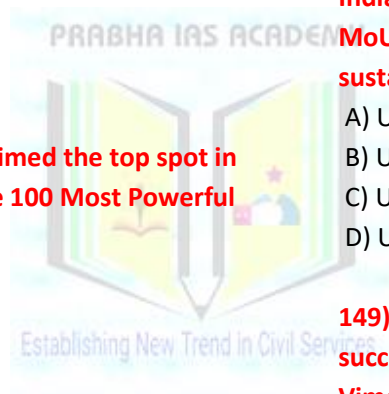
- A) United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- B) United Nations Development Programme
- C) United Nations Environment Programme
- D) United Nations Industrial Development Organization

149) In which of the following city the Indian Army successfully conducted multilateral exercise 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024'?

- A) Ahmedabad
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Jaipur
- D) Lucknow

150) The Reserve Bank of India has announced which of the following banks as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for 2024?

- A) State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank
- B) Punjab National Bank, State Bank of India, Axis Bank
- C) HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank
- D) Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank



ANSWERS**1) Correct Answer: A**

Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Greenwashing and Misleading Environmental Claims to address the issue of greenwashing and misleading environmental claims, informed Smt. Nidhi Khare, Secretary Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, who is also Chief Commissioner of the Authority.

2) Correct Answer: A

In a significant move, India signed the Host Country Agreement (HCA) with the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) to officially establish the Alliance's Secretariat in India. This agreement will enable the GBA to set up its Secretariat in India with a combination of Indian and international staff, which will help it achieve its goals.

3) Correct Answer: A

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan revealed the creation of three AI Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in New Delhi. AIIMS and IIT Delhi will spearhead the healthcare CoE, IIT Ropar will lead efforts in agriculture, and IIT Kanpur will drive the sustainable cities initiative.

4) Correct Answer: D

The World Health Organization (WHO) has secured \$1 billion in pledges for its next budget, spanning 2025-28. Nearly \$700 million of this was made in terms of new funding commitments from various European countries, foundations, and organisations. Meanwhile, \$300 million was made up from reaffirmed funding commitments.

5) Correct Answer: B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the merger of Tata Capital, an unlisted entity, with Tata Motors Finance (TMFL), paving the way for the formation of India's 12th largest non-banking finance company. As consideration for the merger, Tata Capital will issue equity shares to the shareholders of TMFL, resulting in Tata Motors holding a 4.7 per cent stake in the merged entity.

6) Correct Answer: C

The 16th edition of the BRICS Summit was held from October 22 to 24, 2024, in Kazan, Russia. This summit marked the first gathering after the expansion of the group to include new members: Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates, alongside the original five members: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

7) Correct Answer: A

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated three airports, developed under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. These airports are: Rewa in Madhya Pradesh, Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh and Saharanpur in UP.

8) Correct Answer: B

The 24th National Para-Swimming Championship concluded on a triumphant note as Karnataka secured the overall championship title with an impressive 392 points. Maharashtra finished in second place with 378 points, while Rajasthan took third with 248 points in a closely contested event held in Panaji, Goa.

9) Correct Answer: B

Cyclone Dana made landfall on the Odisha coast leading to heavy rain and strong winds of 110kmph, gusting up to 120kmph in several areas. According to the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), Dana's name was suggested by Qatar.

10) Correct Answer: C

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the 'Karmayogi Saptah' – National Learning Week at Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi. The week-long Karmayogi Saptah, spanned from October 19 to 25, 2024, was then extended to 27 October 2024.

11) Correct Answer: C

The IndiaAI Mission has selected eight Responsible AI projects in response to the Expression of Interest (EoI)

issued under the Safe and Trusted AI Pillar. The Ministry of Electronics and IT emphasized that these projects recognize the need for robust safeguards to ensure the responsible development, deployment, and adoption of AI.

12) Correct Answer: B

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, in a majority judgment of 4:1 ratio, upheld the constitutionality of Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, 1955, which permits immigrants from Bangladesh residing in Assam to secure Indian citizenship, as a valid piece of legislation aligned to the Preamble value of fraternity.

13) Correct Answer: C

Samarth is a demand-driven and placement-oriented umbrella skilling program of the Ministry of Textiles. Samarth Scheme has been extended for two years (FY 2024-25 and 2025-26) with a budget of Rs 495 Crore to train 3 lakh persons in textile-related skills.

14) Correct Answer: A

The US continued to be the largest source of FDI in India, followed by Mauritius, Singapore and the UK, according to an annual census of the Reserve Bank of India. During 2023-24, total sales and purchases of foreign subsidiaries in India increased by 13.2 per cent and 10.6 per cent, respectively, in rupee terms.

15) Correct Answer: A

One of India's top women wrestlers Sakshi Malik came out with her memoir in October in which she gives an "honest account" of her life — the highs, lows, and everything in between. Published by Juggernaut Books, "Witness" is co-authored by Jonathan Selvaraj.

16) Correct Answer: A

Rajesh Kumar Singh has taken on the role of Defence Secretary in the South Block, New Delhi. This appointment is significant as it comes at a crucial time when India is focusing on strengthening its defense capabilities and strategies. Singh's extensive experience in public service, particularly in areas related to national

security, positions him well to navigate the complexities of defense policy and management.

17) Correct Answer: C

Scientists have discovered the first documented "black hole triple" system, which consists of three black holes interacting with each other. This discovery is remarkable as it expands our understanding of black hole formations and dynamics in the universe. Located approximately 8,000 light-years from Earth, this system highlights the complexity and variety of black hole configurations that exist, providing new avenues for research into cosmic phenomena.

18) Correct Answer: B

The AI Preparedness Index evaluates countries based on their readiness to adopt and advance artificial intelligence technologies. It focuses on various factors such as the availability of technological infrastructure, supportive government policies, and a skilled workforce. By assessing these elements, the index helps identify which nations are best positioned to leverage AI for economic and social benefits, while also highlighting areas that may require improvement.

19) Correct Answer: B

The joint military exercise is called 'Garuda Shakti.' This exercise aims to enhance strategic cooperation and interoperability between the Indian Army and the Indonesian Armed Forces. Conducted over a series of weeks, it focuses on various aspects of modern warfare, including counter-terrorism operations and jungle warfare tactics, thereby strengthening defense ties between the two countries.

20) Correct Answer: B

The Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park, located in Himachal Pradesh, is set to become the first zoo in India to receive certification from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC). This certification signifies the zoo's commitment to sustainable practices, such as energy efficiency, waste management, and environmental conservation. The initiative aims to create a model for other zoos and public

spaces in India, promoting awareness of ecological sustainability.

21) Correct Answer: C

Union Government has approved three pilot projects aimed at integrating hydrogen into steel production under the National Green Hydrogen Mission. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) had previously issued guidelines for these pilot initiatives in the steel sector as part of the mission.

22) Correct Answer: D

Government and Meta have joined forces for the "Scam se Bacho" campaign to tackle the rising threat of online scams. Secretary of Information and Broadcasting Sanjay Jaju delivered the keynote address on the launch of "Scam se Bacho", a national user awareness campaign in New Delhi.

23) Correct Answer: D

Cancer cases and deaths are expected to sharply increase between 2022 and 2045 in India, a new study by the Indian Council of Medical Research-National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research has found. Among males, leading cancer sites included prostate, lung and colorectum. India reported a high incidence of lip and oral cavity cancer among men, compared to other countries.

24) Correct Answer: D

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Delhi and the International Energy Agency have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the role of energy technology innovation in reducing emissions and leading clean energy transitions, officials said.

25) Correct Answer: B

The Assam government has launched a major initiative to restore 129 beels (wetlands) across 3,800 hectares. The initiative is being implemented in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which will fund 80 per cent of the Rs 796.88 crore project.

26) Correct Answer: D

Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN, or "Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik," was launched on October 21, 2016. Spearheaded by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), UDAN aims to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports across India, making air travel affordable for the masses.

27) Correct Answer: C

A study by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has found over 11.5 lakh children across 27 states and seven Union territories at risk of child marriage. The majority are school dropouts or have been absent without intimation. Uttar Pradesh leads with more than 5 lakh vulnerable children.

28) Correct Answer: A

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY NRLM) under Ministry of Rural Development signed Memorandum of Understanding with nine Public Sector Banks and one Private Bank. These Banks are Bank of Baroda, Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India, Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Punjab National Bank, UCO Bank and IDBI Bank Limited.

29) Correct Answer: C

India is on track to become the third-largest economy in the world by 2028. It was the world's fifth largest economy and the fastest growing major economy in 2023, with output increasing by 7.8 per cent, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said in its World Energy Outlook 2024.

30) Correct Answer: D

Fintech firm Cashfree Payments said it has received regulatory approval to operate as a prepaid payment instrument (PPI) provider, enabling the firm to issue prepaid payment instruments like cards or digital wallets. The Bengaluru-based company has already received the Payment Aggregator (PA) and Payment Aggregator-Cross Border (PA-CB) licences from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

31) Correct Answer: C

INS Trikand and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft, participated in the Indo-Oman bilateral naval exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr with the Royal Navy of Oman Vessel Al Seeb off Goa from 13 to 18 October 24. The exercise was conducted in two phases: with harbour phase from 13 to 15 October 24, followed by the sea phase.

32) Correct Answer: C

The Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF) with the collaboration of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Department of Health Research released 'ICMR-India Diabetes 'INDIAB', related data of the 'first of its kind' world's largest survey to assess the prevalence of Diabetes in India, including Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), during the event held in Jammu, J&K.

33) Correct Answer: C

Ultraviolette has inaugurated its newest UV Space Station Experience Center in Kochi, Kerala aligning with World Electric Vehicle Day and the Onam festival. This new site is part of Ultraviolette's larger aim to open 50 experience centers worldwide, and it follows the successful opening of a similar facility in Ahmedabad.

34) Correct Answer: A

In the Economic Freedom of the World 2024 Annual Report, the degree of economic agency enjoyed by people in 165 countries is assessed. The top three regions in terms of economic freedom are Hong Kong (ranked first), Singapore (ranked second), and Switzerland (ranked third).

35) Correct Answer: D

Mastercard Inc. and Citigroup Inc. are collaborating to facilitate around-the-clock, cross-border payments with debit cards, giving consumers and companies another way to conduct business worldwide. Citigroup is the first global bank to use the service, known as Mastercard Move, which will allow users to make transactions such as insurance payouts, airline refunds and e-commerce payments.

36) Correct Answer: D

The 31st edition of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) was held from 23 to 29 Oct 2024, in the Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam. Republic of Singapore Navy Ship RSS Tenacious with embarked helicopter, arrived at Visakhapatnam on 23 October 24 for participating in SIMBEX 2024.

37) Correct Answer: B

The elusive Asiatic golden cat (*Catopuma temminckii*) has returned to Assam's Manas National Park, which marks a major conservation breakthrough. After years of conservation efforts, and no spotting, the elusive cat was finally spotted, which indicates a significant rediscovery because there was doubt about the cat's existence in the park—since the last sighting occurred in 2007.

38) Correct Answer: A

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) held a conference of Buddhist monks and scholars in Colombo on bequeathing Pali the status of a classical language by the Indian government. Buddhist scholars and the monastic community from Sri Lanka, Nepal, Myanmar and Bangladesh participated in the conference.

39) Correct Answer: C

Recently, over 110 endangered Indian skimmers, which represent 4.4 per cent of its world population, were sighted at the Lower Manair Dam (LMD) in Karimnagar. This is the second recorded instance of these birds in Telangana, with the first sighting occurring in Manjeera, Sangareddy. Last year, 25 skimmers were spotted at LMD.

40) Correct Answer: D

The country's first 'Writer's village' was jointly inaugurated by former President Ram Nath Kovind, Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmeet Singh (retd) and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in Dehradun. Located in Thano village, about 24 km from Dehradun, the 'Writer's village' is the brainchild of former chief minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, a distinguished writer himself.

41) Correct Answer: C

Public sector Indian Overseas Bank has launched the 'Mahila Saksham' scheme designed to finance individual Women Self-Help Group members under the Centre's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission initiative.

42) Correct Answer: C

The Reserve Bank of India has widened direct access to its Negotiated Dealing System-Order Matching (NDS-OM) electronic trading platform to a broader set of regulated entities (REs) including regional rural banks, local area banks, non-banking finance companies (including housing finance companies), among others.

43) Correct Answer: C

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has introduced a 400-day 'Utsav Deposit Scheme' for the festive season, offering 7.30 per cent interest to general citizens, even as it has increased interest rates on term deposits (TDs) in the above 3 years to 5 years bucket from 6.50 per cent to 6.80 per cent.

44) Correct Answer: D

The Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari, released a ₹100 commemorative coin in honour of HH Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi Ji to mark her Birth Centenary celebrations. The event, organized at National Museum, was a heartfelt tribute to the immense contributions of HH Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi Ji in promoting spirituality, inner peace, and self-realization globally.

45) Correct Answer: D

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposed acquisition of Future Enterprises Ltd's (FEL) 24.91 per cent stake in Future Generali India Insurance and 25.18 per cent shareholding in Future Generali India Life Insurance by Central Bank of India.

46) Correct Answer: B

The International Workshop on Modern Technologies in Survey-Resurvey for Urban Land Records was inaugurated by the Union Rural Development Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi. The primary objective of the workshop was to showcase global best

practices in urban land record modernization, present applicable technological solutions, and facilitate pilot project planning for selected urban areas.

47) Correct Answer: A

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 434.25 million (about Rs 3,600 crore) loan to increase renewable energy capacity and improve energy security in Assam. Addressing the renewable energy capacity shortage in Assam is crucial to meet growing demand and reduce dependency on fossil fuels, ADB said in a statement.

48) Correct Answer: D

State Bank of India (SBI) was recognised as the Best Bank in India for 2024 by Global Finance Magazine of the US at its 31st Annual Best Bank Awards event held during the sidelines of Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank in Washington.

49) Correct Answer: B

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das received an A+ grade in the Central Bank Report Cards 2024 for the second consecutive year. The award was presented by Global Finance in Washington, D.C. Grades were assigned on an "A+" to "F" scale, evaluating success in key areas like inflation control, economic growth targets, currency stability, and interest rate management.

50) Correct Answer: C

Enhancing Gujarat's wildlife tourism offerings, the inauguration of the Barda Wildlife Sanctuary and Phase-1 of the Barda Jungle Safari took place on Dhanteras, October 29, at Kapurdi Check Post in Devbhumi Dwarka aiming to ease the burden on Sasan.

51) Correct Answer: C

The 31st edition of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) was held till October 29 at the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam. The exercise was conducted in two phases - the Harbour Phase from October 23 to 25 at Visakhapatnam and the Sea Phase from October 28 to 29 in the Bay of Bengal.

52) Correct Answer: B

The Defence Ministry has signed a contract with Chowgule & Company Pvt. Ltd., Goa to procure six Air Cushion Vehicles for the Indian Coast Guard at a total cost of Rs 387.44 crore. These amphibious vessels, also called 'Hovercrafts', will be procured under the Buy (Indian) category, the ministry said in a statement.

53) Correct Answer: C

Five-time Grand Slam singles champion Maria Sharapova and the record-breaking American twins Bob and Mike Bryan have been selected for the International Tennis Hall of Fame's Class of 2025. The induction ceremony is scheduled for August 23 at the Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island, next year.

54) Correct Answer: A

'Abhay', the seventh Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) being built by M/s GRSE for Indian Navy, was launched at M/s L&T, Kattupalli. The Launch Ceremony was presided over by VAdm Rajesh Pendharkar, FOC-in-C (East).

55) Correct Answer: A

China launched a second group of classified Yaogan-43 satellites, adding to a group of nine satellites already in orbit. No details regarding the satellites were released. The satellites were described by CASC and Chinese state media as "mainly used for carrying out tests on new technologies of low orbit constellations."

56) Correct Answer: D

Union minister for communications Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the department of telecommunications' "International Incoming Spoofed Calls Prevention System" that can detect and block spam international calls that display Indian numbers as the caller ID.

57) Correct Answer: B

India, with 234 million people living in poverty, is among the countries with the largest number of extreme poor, according to the latest Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report. The report also found that 1.1 billion

out of the 6.3 billion people in 112 countries live in acute poverty worldwide.

58) Correct Answer: D

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 241.3-million loan to improve electricity distribution in West Bengal in order to help enhance people's quality of life by ensuring reliable and sustainable power supply.

59) Correct Answer: A

Australian World Cup winner Matthew Wade announced his retirement from international cricket and will become an assistant coach with the national team. The wicketkeeper-batsman played 36 Tests and 189 limited-overs matches for his country, and was a pivotal figure in their T20 World Cup triumph in 2021.

60) Correct Answer: A

Chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has inaugurated the first digital library of the state, equipped with essential amenities and seating arrangements for 40 persons, in Bilaspur. Sukhu said the digital library houses approximately 2,500 books, including offline access to NCERT and CBSE books from classes 1 to 12.

61) Correct Answer: D

The 7th Session of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), which was held in New Delhi from November 3 to 6, 2024, focused on accelerating solar energy deployment across its Member Countries, particularly in regions with limited energy access.

62) Correct Answer: C

In a significant move to bridge the digital divide in rural India, the government is set to launch the Digital India Common Service Center (DICSC) project, starting with Pilibhit and Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. Electronics and Information Technology Ministry said, under this initiative one model DICSC center will be established in nearly all gram panchayats across ten districts, totaling four thousand 740 centers nationwide.

63) Correct Answer: A

Duma Boko, the presidential candidate of the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), was declared Botswana's sixth president. Earlier, outgoing President Mokgweetsi Masisi conceded defeat as preliminary results showed his ruling party lost its parliamentary majority after nearly six decades in power.

64) Correct Answer: D

The 5th Edition of Vietnam Indian Bilateral Army Exercise "VINBAX 2024" was commenced at Ambala, Haryana on 04 November. The exercise will be held from November 4 to 23 at Ambala and Chandimandir. The exercise is a sequel to previously conducted bilateral exercise in Vietnam in 2023 and a major milestone in strengthening the relations between India and Vietnam.

65) Correct Answer: D

India and France have been elected as President and co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for a two-year term, extending to 2026. In a recent reshuffle of ISA leadership, Ashish Khanna is set to succeed Dr. Ajay Mathur as ISA Director General, assuming the role in 2025.

66) Correct Answer: A

Air Marshal Ajay Kumar Arora assumed the charge of Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance, Indian Air Force, at Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhawan), New Delhi, on 01 November. He is a graduate of Air Force Technical College, Air Command and Staff College, USA and College of Defence Management, Secunderabad.

67) Correct Answer: A

Atanu Das made his maiden visit to Switzerland memorable by bagging bronze in the men's recurve category in Swiss Open, the first stage of this season's Indoor Archery World Series, held in Lausanne. Das, who qualified 11th in the ranking round, defeated Canada's Alexandre Desemery (7-1) and USA's Nicholas D'Amour (6-4) in the opening two rounds.

68) Correct Answer: A

India and France have been elected President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for the

two-year term from 2024 to 2026. The assembly named Ashish Khanna from India as the third Director-General of the ISA.

69) Correct Answer: B

Between 2015 and 2024, India allocated approximately 4.1 per cent to 4.6 per cent of its GDP to education, aligning with international benchmarks set by 'Education 2030 Framework for Action', which recommends that countries allocate 4-6 per cent of their GDP to education.

70) Correct Answer: A

India's new consulate in the Australian city of Brisbane was inaugurated by external affairs minister S Jaishankar, who said ties between the two countries have been transformed in recent years by developments such as a trade deal that opened numerous opportunities.

71) Correct Answer: A

The sports ministry announced the discontinuation of the Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime achievement from this year onwards and the introduction of the Arjuna Award Lifetime in its place in a bid to "rationalise" the various sporting honours of the country.

72) Correct Answer: D

On November 5, 2001, while Kofi Annan was serving as UN Secretary-General, the United Nations General Assembly announced 6th November as the 'World Day For Preventing Environmental Exploitation During The War And Armed Conflict'.

73) Correct Answer: A

Gulfood Manufacturing and GulfHost 2024, the world's largest food and beverage industry event, opened its doors at the Dubai World Trade Centre, with India's participation reaching a new high. The co-located events, which run until November 7, are the biggest editions ever, with nearly 3,000 exhibitors from over 100 countries across 21 halls.

74) Correct Answer: B

Eminent historian Ramachandra Guha recently launched his latest book 'Speaking with Nature: The Origins of

Indian Environmentalism' in Chennai. In the book, he profiles 10 individuals whose work spans from the 1880s to the 1990s. These figures, while known for various contributions, shared a passion for environmental sustainability and social justice.

75) Correct Answer: B

Japan has become the world's first country to launch a satellite made primarily of wood into space. Named 'The LignoSat' ('lignum' means 'wood' in Latin), the world's first wooden satellite is developed by Kyoto University researchers in collaboration with Sumitomo Forestry, a Japan-based logging and processing company.

76) Correct Answer: C

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah addressed the inaugural session of 'Anti-Terror Conference-2024' on 7th November 2024 in New Delhi. The two-day conference was organized by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Ministry of Home Affairs.

77) Correct Answer: A

The Vajra-Shot, a hand-held anti-drone gun was developed by Chennai-based Big Bang Boom Solutions. The Vajra-Shot has the capability to adapt its interference output through software, making it effective in neutralising a wide range of drones.

78) Correct Answer: C

Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh launched the Nation-wide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 3.0 for Digital Empowerment of Pensioners. The DLC Campaign 3.0 will be held in 800 cities/ towns of India from November 1-30, 2024.

79) Correct Answer: C

In Soft Tennis, India's Tanushree Pandey has clinched the Silver Medal at the World Soft Tennis Championship at Jingshan in China. She faced a defeat against Chiang Min Yu of Chinese Taipei, 3-4, in the Under 21 Women's Individual Singles final.

80) Correct Answer: B

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, has participated in the World Travel Market (WTM) in London from November 5-7, 2024, aiming to enhance inbound tourism and elevate India's standing as a premier global travel destination.

81) Correct Answer: D

National Legal Services Day, observed annually on November 9, is a significant occasion in India. This day serves as a platform to promote legal awareness and ensure access to justice for all citizens, especially those from marginalised communities.

82) Correct Answer: A

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has announced that Harsha Vardhan Agarwal will serve as its President-Elect for the 2024-25 term. Agarwal, a second-generation leader at the Emami Group, is a seasoned business leader with significant experience in India's corporate sector.

83) Correct Answer: D

All members of Bangladesh's National Human Rights Commission resigned, three months after the interim government took charge. The resignations come days after the Commission's report highlighted a rise in mob violence in the country.

84) Correct Answer: D

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the third edition of National Book Trust (NBT) India's Anushthan Gomti Book Festival 2024, in Lucknow. The Gomti Book Festival was organised at Lucknow's River Front Park from November 9 to 17.

85) Correct Answer: B

Tokyo Olympics gold medallist Neeraj Chopra has appointed javelin throw legend Jan Zelezny as his new coach ahead of the 2025 season. The former Czech athlete is a World and Olympic champion. He is also the world record holder with a throw of 98.48m.

86) Correct Answer: A

In a significant boost to India's "Make in India" initiative, a top French Army officer revealed that they are evaluating India's indigenous Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher (MBRL) system, Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), for potential use by their armed forces.

87) Correct Answer: B

Israel's Defence Ministry has begun coordinating joint preparations with the German Federal Ministry of Defence for the initial deployment of Israel's Arrow-3 missile interception system on German soil in 2025. Israel, with U.S. approval, agreed last year to sell the Arrow-3 system to Germany in a \$3.5 billion deal.

88) Correct Answer: B

In honour of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's birth anniversary, the first education minister of independent India, National Education Day is celebrated annually on November 11. This day serves as a reminder of his work promoting scientific knowledge and basic and secondary education in India.

89) Correct Answer: A

Recent findings from China's Zhurong rover suggest that Mars once hosted an ocean, significantly altering our understanding of the planet's ancient environment. Data gathered from the rover, along with information from orbiting spacecraft, reveals geological features on Mars that resemble those found along coastlines on Earth.

90) Correct Answer: D

NTPC, India's largest power producer, inaugurated the world's first CO₂-to-methanol conversion plant at its Vindhyachal facility, coinciding with the company's 50th Raising Day celebration. NTPC Chairman Gurdeep Singh described the milestone as a "historic step in carbon management and sustainable fuel production."

91) Correct Answer: B

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, in collaboration with the 'Rays of Wisdom Society' and supported by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, held the 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and

Symposium from 8th to 10th November, 2024 at IGNCA, New Delhi.

92) Correct Answer: B

Sonu Sood, the renowned actor and philanthropist, has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador and Advisor for Thailand Tourism. The Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand has officially bestowed upon him the title of "Honorary Tourism Advisor".

93) Correct Answer: A

The 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) embraces the potential of young filmmakers through its theme, 'Young Filmmakers: The Future is Now.' Australia is the Country of Focus for IFFI 2024, with a dedicated package of Australian films and a strong presence at the festival.

94) Correct Answer: B

Meluri, inhabited by the Pochury Naga tribe, has officially been declared as the 17th district of Nagaland. The state government has announced the elevation of Meluri Sub-Division, currently part of Phek District, to a full-fledged district, with immediate effect.

95) Correct Answer: C

In the 83rd annual session of the Indian Roads Congress, various aspects related to road construction were discussed. The convention was held in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh. About 2000 experts, engineers, and scientists participated in this 4-day session.

96) Correct Answer: A

India and Algeria have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on bilateral defence cooperation. The MoU will elevate the defence partnership between both nations, fostering mutual understanding and enhancing strategic interests.

97) Correct Answer: C

Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed legislation to ratify a bilateral treaty with North Korea, which includes a promise of mutual military assistance if either country is attacked, state media reported. Putin signed the deal

with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during his visit to North Korea in June this year.

98) Correct Answer: D

Indian Navy's submarine INS Vela, arrived in Colombo on 10 November on a three-day visit. The submarine was accorded a ceremonial welcome by the Sri Lanka Navy. INS Vela, an indigenous Kalvari-class diesel-electric submarine, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in November 2021.

99) Correct Answer: B

India's smartphone market emerged as the second largest globally by unit volume and the third largest by value in the third quarter (Q3) of calendar year (CY) 2024. In Q3 smartphone shipments, India accounted for 15.5 per cent of global shipments, second only to China, which led with a 22 per cent share.

100) Correct Answer: C

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena inaugurated the 73rd All India Police Athletics Cluster Championship 2024-25 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on 10 November. Over 1100 police athletics teams of 39 from States and Union Territories participated in the championship.

101) Correct Answer: C

The 15th India-US joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR was held from 2nd to 22nd November 2024 at Orchard Combat Training Centre in Idaho, US. Last edition of the same exercise was conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya in December 2023.

102) Correct Answer: B

The Chennai Grand Masters 2024 featured two categories-Masters and Challengers. Aravindh Chithambaram was crowned the Chennai Grand Masters 2024 champion while GM V Pranav remained unbeaten throughout to claim the Challengers title in Chennai.

103) Correct Answer: C

In a proud moment for JBCN Education, Mr. Kunal Dalal, Managing Director, was recognised as the Education

Leader of the Year at the prestigious Education World India School Ranking Awards 2024-2025, held recently in Gurgaon.

104) Correct Answer: D

Igas Bagwal festival is widely celebrated in Uttarakhand, after 11 days of Diwali. It is also called Budhi Diwali. Igas festival honours the Goddess Nanda Devi and celebrates harvest, fertility, and prosperity. The festival celebrates the state's cultural heritage while also bringing people together through common customs and celebrations.

105) Correct Answer: A

Canada discontinued its Student Direct Stream (SDS) visa program for international students including from India to cope with its housing and resource crisis. The program was implemented in 2018 by the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to expedite study permit applications for international students from 14 countries, including Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, India, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines and Vietnam.

106) Correct Answer: B

The Nobel Peace Prize in 2024 was awarded jointly to a global humanitarian organization and a journalist. The organization was specifically recognized for its invaluable contributions to addressing the refugee crisis, providing essential services such as shelter, education, and healthcare to millions displaced by conflicts and climate change. Its efforts have been instrumental in alleviating suffering and promoting stability in affected regions, setting an example for humanitarian work worldwide.

107) Correct Answer: C

India's comprehensive space policy, unveiled in 2024, focuses on boosting private sector participation and fostering technological innovation in space exploration. By encouraging startups and creating public-private partnerships, the policy aims to position India as a leader in the global space economy. This initiative not only promotes satellite development and exploration but also enhances opportunities for research, job creation, and

international collaborations, showcasing India's vision for a vibrant space ecosystem.

108) Correct Answer: C

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised India's GDP growth projection for 2024-25 to 6.4%, reflecting cautious optimism in a challenging global economic environment. This updated forecast takes into account domestic factors like strong consumption patterns and private investments, while also acknowledging external challenges such as geopolitical tensions and inflationary pressures. Despite these challenges, the Indian economy remains resilient, with emerging sectors like renewable energy and digital technologies expected to play a significant role in driving future growth.

109) Correct Answer: C

At an international tech summit, India launched the Global Initiative on AI Ethics, taking a leadership role in shaping responsible artificial intelligence (AI) practices. This initiative addresses critical concerns such as algorithmic bias, transparency, and accountability in AI systems. By focusing on key areas like healthcare, education, and governance, India aims to ensure that AI development aligns with human values and benefits society. This move not only highlights India's technological capabilities but also positions it as a thought leader in establishing ethical frameworks for AI deployment.

110) Correct Answer: B

Indian athletes delivered exceptional performances at the 2024 Asian Athletics Meet, winning gold medals in events such as the 400m hurdles and discus throw. These achievements reflect the success of India's sports development programs, which emphasize advanced training facilities, scientific coaching methods, and international exposure for athletes. By securing multiple podium finishes, India has reaffirmed its growing dominance in athletics and set the stage for further success in upcoming global championships.

111) Correct Answer: A

India's first Constitution Museum was inaugurated at O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) in Sonapat, Haryana, by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. The museum aims to deepen public understanding of India's Constitution by showcasing historical artifacts, original documents, and interactive multimedia exhibits. It highlights the Constitution's role in shaping the country's democratic ethos and inspires visitors, particularly students, to explore the vision and values embedded in India's founding document.

112) Correct Answer: B

Bihar will host the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) and the Khelo India Para Games (KIPG) in April 2025. This landmark achievement reflects Bihar's growing capabilities in developing sports infrastructure and its administrative efficiency in managing large-scale sporting events. The games will bring together thousands of young athletes and para-athletes from across the country, promoting inclusivity and identifying grassroots talent while showcasing Bihar's dedication to fostering sports excellence.

113) Correct Answer: B

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has mandated Aadhaar-based OTP verification for activating the Universal Account Number (UAN). This new system allows employees to access their provident fund accounts more conveniently, eliminating the need for physical documentation. The initiative reflects the government's commitment to enhancing digital governance and ensuring seamless access to social security services for millions of workers, ultimately improving efficiency and transparency.

114) Correct Answer: B

Italy claimed its fifth Billie Jean King Cup title by defeating Slovakia 2-0 in the final held in Malaga, Spain. Italian player Jasmine Paolini delivered an outstanding performance in the final match, winning 6-2, 6-1. The tournament demonstrated Italy's strength in women's tennis and its consistent success in global competitions,

while also captivating tennis fans worldwide with thrilling and high-energy matches.

115) Correct Answer: B

Tata Power signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to secure \$4.25 billion in funding for renewable energy projects. This collaboration will advance India's clean energy initiatives, focusing on solar and wind energy. The partnership underscores India's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and combating climate change, as Tata Power aims to leverage the funding to expand its sustainable energy portfolio and drive economic growth.

116) Correct Answer: A

Lachit Diwas commemorates the bravery of Lachit Borphukan, an Ahom general who led the Assamese forces to victory in the Battle of Saraighat in 1671. This battle, fought against the Mughal army led by Aurangzeb, is remembered as a defining moment in Indian history for its demonstration of strategic brilliance and patriotism in defending Assam.

117) Correct Answer: B

The COP29 Declaration aims to transform the tourism industry into a climate-resilient and low-carbon sector. Signed by over 50 nations, the initiative focuses on adopting sustainable practices to reduce the environmental impact of tourism, reflecting the global commitment to combating climate change.

118) Correct Answer: C

Shaheedi Diwas marks the supreme sacrifice of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, who was executed in 1675 for standing against religious persecution by the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb. He defended the right to religious freedom for Sikhs, Hindus, and others, becoming a symbol of courage and humanity, inspiring generations to stand up for justice and equality.

119) Correct Answer: B

FTA talks between the UK and India will restart in early 2025, as announced by UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

These negotiations aim to strengthen the bilateral economic partnership, currently valued at approximately GBP 42 billion annually, and focus on fostering trade, investment, and economic growth.

120) Correct Answer: B

India's foreign exchange reserves experienced a record drop, falling by \$17.8 billion in one week, largely due to the rise of the US dollar and the Reserve Bank of India's intervention to stabilize the rupee. This significant decrease highlights the challenges posed by global currency fluctuations and the central bank's efforts to maintain economic stability.

121) Correct Answer: B

The 5th Edition of Vietnam Indian Bilateral Army Exercise "VINBAX 2024" was held at Ambala, Haryana. The exercise was conducted from 04 to 23 November 2024 at Ambala and Chandimandir. The exercise is a sequel to previously conducted bilateral exercise in Vietnam in 2023 and a major milestone in strengthening the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam.

122) Correct Answer: A

For the third time in five years, Shiv Nadar, founder and chairman of HCL Technologies, and his family have topped the EdelGive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024, contributing Rs 2,153 crore in the fiscal year 2024. The Shiv Nadar Foundation, which Nadar established in 1994, continues to be a pillar of support for various initiatives.

123) Correct Answer: B

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced Indian hockey stars Harmanpreet Singh and PR Sreejesh as the Men's Player of the Year and Men's Goalkeeper of the Year, respectively. The announcements came during the 49th FIH Statutory Congress held in Oman.

124) Correct Answer: C

The 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) was held at Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi to celebrate India's economic progress and its future aspirations. Inaugurated by Union Commerce and

Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, the 14-day event was themed on "Viksit Bharat @ 2047".

125) Correct Answer: B

After registering a historic victory in the general election of Mauritius, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Dr Navin Ramgoolam who is all set to become the new prime minister of Mauritius. Dr Navin Ramgoolam, who is the son of Mauritius' first Prime Minister Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, has been the PM of the country between 1995 and 2000 and from 2005 to 2014.

126) Correct Answer: C

At the Dilli Haat in New Delhi, Delhi, Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E) officially opened the "Shilp Samagam Mela 2024." The fair took place from November 5th to November 15th, 2024.

127) Correct Answer: A

Cairn Oil & Gas, a Vedanta Group company, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Oil & Gas Methane Partnership (OGMP) 2.0, marking India's first commitment by an oil and gas producer to reduce methane emissions under UNEP's flagship programme.

128) Correct Answer: B

India with a total of 163 universities ranked is the most represented country in the recently released 16th edition of the QS World University Rankings: Asia. Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) has achieved the highest ranking for India, moving up to 44th place from 46th last year.

129) Correct Answer: A

Russia launched a Soyuz rocket early on 05 November carrying two satellites designed to monitor the space weather around Earth and 53 small satellites, including two Iranian ones, Russia's Roscosmos space agency said.

130) Correct Answer: B

World Pneumonia Day, observed on November 12, was established in 2009 by the Global Coalition against Child Pneumonia, which included organizations like UNICEF, WHO, and Save the Children. This observance was created to raise awareness of pneumonia, a leading cause of child mortality globally, despite it being preventable and treatable.

131) Correct Answer: C

NHPC, India's premier hydropower company and NTPC, India's largest integrated power utility, commemorated their 50th Raising Day and entry into the Golden Jubilee year with a grand joint celebration at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 9th November 2024. The event marked a significant milestone for both the utilities which were incorporated on November 7th 1975.

132) Correct Answer: D

The first Integrated Check Post (ICP) along the India-Bhutan border was inaugurated at Darranga in Assam. ICP Darranga, sprawling across 14.5 acres and located about 700 metres from the India-Bhutan border, is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities including an office complex, parking areas.

133) Correct Answer: A

The INTERPOL General Assembly has elected Valdecy Urquiza, a Federal Police Commissioner from Brazil, as the organisation's new Secretary General. This marks the first time a Brazilian and representative from the global south has led the world's largest international policing body.

134) Correct Answer: D

The largest coral ever recorded has been found by scientists in the southwest Pacific Ocean near Solomon Islands. The mega coral - which is a collection of many connected, tiny creatures that together form one organism rather than a reef - could be more than 300 years old.

135) Correct Answer: D

In Jammu and Kashmir, the 10-day annual Jhiri Mela, which is celebrated at Jhiri village at the outskirts of

Jammu city, was started on 14 November. This Mela is associated with the supreme sacrifice of 16th century Dogra hero and revolutionary and honest farmer, Baba Jitto who was a great devotee of Mata Vaishno Devi.

136) Correct Answer: C

The Gujarat government has introduced India's first 'Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-2027.' Led by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, this ambitious policy aims to solidify Gujarat's position as a leader in semiconductor self-reliance, supported by the newly created 'Gujarat State Electronics Mission.'

137) Correct Answer: A

Telangana-based environmentalist M Karunakar Reddy has been selected for the first-ever Jadav Payeng International Award instituted by Jyoti-Protap Education Trust in Assam's Jorhat district. Jadav Payeng International Award carries an amount of Rs 2 lakh and a citation, will be conferred to M Karunakar Reddy in January next year.

138) Correct Answer: C

In India, Children's Day is observed on November 14th, as it is also the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's first Prime Minister. Beyond his political expertise and stature, Nehru earned the endearing title of "Chacha Nehru" due to his deep affection for children and his advocacy for their rights and education.

139) Correct Answer: B

Super typhoon Man-yi was one of the strongest of the six major storms to hit the northern Philippines in less than a month and had sustained winds of up to 195 km (125 miles) per hour when it slammed into the eastern island province of Catanduanes on November 17, 2024.

140) Correct Answer: C

The Government of India has gifted two water-jet propelled Fast Interceptor Craft (FIC) to the Government of Mozambique. The FICs were transhipped by INS Gharial from its home port in Visakhapatnam to Nacala, Mozambique, in Africa.

141) Correct Answer: C

India's IREL (India) Limited and Kazakhstan's Ust-Kamenogorsk Titanium and Magnesium Plant JSC (UKTMP JSC) signed an agreement to form a joint venture company, IREUK Titanium Limited, to establish titanium slag production in India. The agreement, signed by Dr. Deependra Singh, CMD, IREL, and Assem Mamutova, President, UKTMP JSC, aims to boost the titanium value chain in India and generate employment in Odisha.

142) Correct Answer: B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) provided banks and Automated Teller Machine (ATM) operators an extension until March 31, 2025 to adopt the cassette swap mechanism for money replenishment at ATMs. The banking authority has granted an exception to Cash Recycler Machines (CRMs) from the cassette switch requirement for money replenishment.

143) Correct Answer: B

Karnataka Bank has announced the launch of two innovative financial products – KBL Peak, an education loan with up to Rs 2 crore financing and comprehensive coverage, and KBL Genius, a student savings account featuring a first-of-its-kind free cyber insurance and exclusive benefits.

144) Correct Answer: D

Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, has claimed the top spot in Fortune's inaugural 2024 list of the 100 Most Powerful People in Business. Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang and Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella hold the second and third positions, respectively.

145) Correct Answer: C

Incumbent president Tayyab Ikram was re-elected for another term at the helm of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) at the 49th FIH Statutory Congress in Muscat, Oman. Ikram was the lone candidate in the fray after completion of the scrutiny and approval of nominations.

146) Correct Answer: B

The Ministry of Mines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Energy Agency (IEA) on cooperation in the area of Critical Minerals. This collaboration would enable India to streamline its policies, regulations, and investment strategies in the critical mineral sector, aligning them with global standards and best practices.

147) Correct Answer: C

The Energy Technology Meet (ETM) 2024, organized by the Centre for High Technology (CHT) and co-hosted by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., was held in Bengaluru, bringing together industry experts, researchers, policymakers, and innovators under the theme "Green Energy Horizons: Advancing Sustainable Refining and Petrochemicals."

148) Correct Answer: A

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-

Habitat) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) cementing the long-standing partnership towards sustainable and inclusive urbanisation in India.

149) Correct Answer: A

The Indian Army successfully concluded the Multilateral Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise, 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024' held on 18th and 19th November in Ahmedabad and Porbandar, Gujarat.

150) Correct Answer: A

State Bank of India, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank have again been named as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) by the Reserve Bank of India. Inclusion in the list requires the lenders to maintain higher Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) in addition to the capital conservation buffer as per the bucket under which it has been classified.

