

Current Affairs for KVS Teaching Exam 2023 -January 2023

Q1. The 'Dhanu Yatra' festival, the largest open-air theatre festival began in which state recently?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Kerala

Q2. Which state government has launched an initiative for the conservation of the Nilgiri Tahr at a cost of Rs 25.14 crore?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Telangana

Q3. Who among the following has been named as one of the top talents of Europe in Biology by prestigious European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO)?

- (a) Sandeep Eswarappa
- (b) Srimanta Gayen
- (c) Ramray Bhat
- (d) Mahima Swamy
- (e) S Chandrasekhar

Q4. Election Commission has proposed introduction of 'remote voting' for who among the following?

- (a) Non Resident Indians
- (b) Overseas Citizens of India
- (c) International Migrants in India
- (d) Indian Diplomats in Foreign Countries
- (e) Domestic Migrants

Q5. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Zuari bridge in which state/UT of India?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Goa
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Gujarat

Q6. The Uttar Pradesh government has appointed IPS officer _____ as the new Noida Police chief, making her the first woman officer to head a Police Commissionerate in the state.

- (a) Laxmi Singh
- (b) Renuka Singh
- (c) Rashmi Verma
- (d) Veenta Devrani
- (e) Preeti Bansal

Q7. India's April-November fiscal deficit widens on-year to ____ of FY23.

- (a) 53.9%
- (b) 54.9%
- (c) 55.9%
- (d) 54.9%
- (e) 58.9%

Q8. In 2022, _____ anniversary of indigenously developed payment application BHIM.

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 7th
- (d) 8th
- (e) 9th

Q9. Which state information commission worst performing in RTI responsiveness?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Uttarakhand

Q10. Which state police has received the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 2022 Award for the 'Nijaat' campaign?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Assam
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Chhattisgarh

Q11. Who among the following has inaugurated Mega Dairy at Mandya in Karnataka recently?

- (a) Anurag Thakur
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Jitendra Singh
- (d) Hardeep Singh Puri
- (e) Amit Shah

Q12. According to the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation, India's first underwater metro service, the East-West Metro Corridor project is expected to be completed by which date?

- (a) July 2023
- (b) December 2023
- (c) March 2024
- (d) September 2024
- (e) December 2024

Q13. Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as Managing Director and CEO of which of the following bank?

- (a) Punjab & Sind Bank
- (b) Union Bank of India
- (c) Karnataka Bank
- (d) Indian Overseas Bank
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank

Q14. Who has won India's first-ever Silver medal in the FIDE World Blitz Chess Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan?

- (a) Vaishali Rameshbabu
- (b) Koneru Humpy
- (c) Harika Dronavalli
- (d) Tania Sachdev
- (e) Hou Yifan

Q15. Which state has clinched the title by defeating Odisha 6-5 in the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 qualifier title in Bhubaneswar?

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

Q16. The Reserve Bank of India's Medium-term Strategy Framework for the period 2023-2025, named _____ was launched by Shri Shaktikanta Das.

- (a) DAKSH 2.0
- (b) UTKARSH 2.0
- (c) RELIVE 2.0
- (d) AKASH 2.0
- (e) SAWYAM 2.0

Q17. Which of the following banks has partnered with SBI Card to launch co-brand credit cards for its customers?

- (a) Indian Bank
- (b) Bank of India
- (c) Punjab & Sind Bank
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) Canara Bank

Q18. Bangladesh launched its first metro rail service in the capital Dhaka in December 2022, which of the following country funded the metro rail project?

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

Q19. Which state has won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 women's Under 18 Qualifiers after defeating Madhya Pradesh 2-0 in the final at Bhubaneswar?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Haryana
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Q20. Who becomes first person ever to lose \$200 billion?

- (a) Mukesh Ambani
- (b) Gautam Adani
- (c) Warren Buffet
- (d) Bill Gates
- (e) Elon Musk

Q21. Which of the following year announced as the "International Year of millets"?

- (a) 2021
- (b) 2022
- (c) 2023
- (d) 2024
- (e) 2025

Q22. India and _____ exchange lists of nuclear assets and Prison inmates.

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) China
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Sri Lanka
- (e) UAE

Q23. Who was sworn in as Brazil's president in the capital of Brasilia to assume office for the third time?

- (a) Prudente de Morais
- (b) Deodoro da Fonseca
- (c) Floriano Peixoto
- (d) Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
- (e) Campos Sales

Q24. How much GST collections collected in December 2022?

- (a) Rs 1.51 lakh cr
- (b) Rs 1.55 lakh cr
- (c) Rs 1.49 lakh cr
- (d) Rs 1.52 lakh cr
- (e) Rs 1.53 lakh cr

Q25. This year which edition of Dhaka Literary Festival organised in Bangladesh?

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 12th
- (d) 15th
- (e) 10th

Q26. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at which state recently?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Assam
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Chhattisgarh

Q27. Global Family Day is celebrated every year on which day?

- (a) 1 January
- (b) 2 January
- (c) 3 January
- (d) 4 January
- (e) 5 January

Q28. The volume of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions touched a record 7.82 billion in December 2022, amounting to ____.

- (a) Rs 11.26 trillion
- (b) Rs 10.95 trillion
- (c) Rs 12.82 trillion
- (d) Rs 9.89 trillion
- (e) Rs 13.52 trillion

Q29. Recently, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) recommended Dexa as a selection criteria. What is Dexa?

- (a) Bone density scan
- (b) Aerobic endurance fitness test
- (c) Local muscular endurance
- (d) Flexibility test
- (e) Balance test

Q30. Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation in ____.

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

Q31. Which armed force has celebrated 'Jashn-e-Chillai-Kalan' with students in Srinagar?

- (a) BSF
- (b) CISF
- (c) CRPF
- (d) ITBP
- (e) Assam Rifles

Q32. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Headquarters in New Delhi has marked the 65th Foundation Day of the Organisation, which is celebrated on ____ every year.

- (a) 1st January
- (b) 2nd January
- (c) 3rd January
- (d) 4th January
- (e) 5th January

Q33. Name the author of the book "Breaking Barriers: the Story of a Dalit Chief Secretary".

- (a) U. Sagayam
- (b) Hari Chandana Dasari
- (c) Kaki Madhava Rao
- (d) D Subbarao
- (e) Smita Sabharwal

Q34. Which country has switched to the euro and entered Europe's passport-free zone – two important milestones for the country after joining the European Union (EU) nearly a decade ago?

- (a) Croatia
- (b) Iceland
- (c) Sweden
- (d) Malaysia
- (e) North Korea

Q35. Election Commission's launches 'Mission-929' to take voter turnout in _____ to over 90.

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Assam
- (e) Tripura

Q36. According to the Coffee Board of India, the total export of coffee from India rose by how much percent to 4 lakh tonnes in 2022?

- (a) 1.50 %
- (b) 1.66 %
- (c) 2.66 %
- (d) 3.50 %
- (e) 4.66 %

Q37. India's unemployment rate in December 2022 has been increased to a 16-month high at how much percent from 8% in November 2022?

- (a) 8.10%
- (b) 8.20%
- (c) 8.30%
- (d) 8.40%
- (e) 8.50%

Q38. Who has inaugurated the 108th Indian Science Congress through video conferencing?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Droupadi Murmu
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Q39. Hydrogen blended PNG project starts operation at which state?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Punjab
- (e) Rajasthan

Q40. _____ becomes the first country in Asia and second in the world to launch Hydrogen powered Train.

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) India
- (c) China
- (d) Bangladesh
- (e) Nepal

Q41. Which company has topped profit making public sector enterprises in 2021-22?

- (a) BPCL
- (b) HPCL
- (c) BHEL
- (d) ONGC
- (e) BEL

Q42. Which bank is partnering with Microsoft in the next phase of its digital transformation journey?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) Yes Bank
- (d) IDBI Bank
- (e) Axis Bank

Q43. How many electric buses were launched in Delhi with support under the FAME India Phase II scheme of the Ministry of Heavy Industries?

- (a) 100
- (b) 75
- (c) 25
- (d) 50
- (e) 120

Q44. Defence minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the Siyom bridge. This bridge inaugurated in which of the following state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Assam
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh
- (e) Uttarakhand

Q45. Who becomes the 1st women officer to be operationally deployed in Siachen?

- (a) Captain Rani Singh
- (b) Captain Veera Tiwari
- (c) Captain Renuka Singh
- (d) Captain Shiva Chauhan
- (e) Captain Jyoti Verma

Q46. The Defence Ministry has started the process for the procurement of 100 more _____ tracked self-propelled howitzers which are built in India by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) using technology transferred from South Korean defence major Hanwha Defence.

- (a) Arjun
- (b) K9-Vajra
- (c) Karan
- (d) Krishan
- (e) Tahir

Q47. World Braille Day, marked on _____, emphasises the significance of Braille as a form of communication for the partially sighted and blind. The United Nations has been commemorating the day since 2019.

- (a) January 1
- (b) January 2
- (c) January 3
- (d) January 4
- (e) January 5

Q48. Which ministry has proposed to ban advertisements of online betting sites on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, as per draft rules for online gaming released?

- (a) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- (d) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- (e) Ministry of Civil Aviation

Q49. Which of the following state has launched CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh?

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

Q50. President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated Samvidhan Udyan at Raj Bhavan in _____.

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

Q51. Which of the following state has launched two programme named 'Didir Suraksha Kawach' and 'Didir Doot', ahead of the 2023 panchayat polls?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Assam
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Chhattisgarh

Q52. Which of the following state has celebrated the Imoinu Eratpa festival?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Assam
- (d) Manipur
- (e) Meghalaya

Q53. Who has assumed the charge as the Secretary General of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU)?

- (a) Dr. V. G. Somani
- (b) Dr. S. Eswara Reddy
- (c) Dr. P.B.N. Prasad
- (d) Dr. Ravi Kant Sharma
- (e) Dr. Vinay Prakash Singh

Q54. Folk singer Maithili Thakur has been appointed as the state icon for which of the following state by the Election Commission?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Assam
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Meghalaya

Q55. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of Singapore?

- (a) Marcus Lim
- (b) Piyush Gupta
- (c) Jason Moo
- (d) Bahren Shaari
- (e) Shah Jahan

Q56. Which IIT has collaborated with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to develop Advanced Defence Technologies?

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

Q57. Sumitra Sen passed away recently at the age of 89. Who was she?

- (a) Writer
- (b) Politician
- (c) Journalist
- (d) Singer
- (e) Social Worker

Q58. Which of the following organizations/ministry has launched the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH) which will provide useful inputs for monetary policy?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India
- (b) NITI Aayog
- (c) EAC- PM
- (d) Ministry of Finance
- (e) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Q59. How many overseas Indian are awarded this year by the Indian government for the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards?

- (a) 38
- (b) 53
- (c) 32
- (d) 27
- (e) 22

Q60. Which state won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Jharkhand
- (e) Uttarakhand

Q61. _____ is all set to be the next Speaker of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly.

- (a) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
- (b) Yash Pal
- (c) R V Arlekar
- (d) Kuldeep Singh Pathania
- (e) Jagjeet Singh Punia

Q62. Who has been selected for Odakuzhal Award 2022 for his collection of short stories titled Pranavayu?

- (a) Kalki Krishnamurthy
- (b) Meena Kandasamy
- (c) Devaki Nilayamgode
- (d) Ambikasuthan Mangad
- (e) Amulya Malladi

Q63. Which state government to provide free rice for one year under the State Food Security Scheme?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Punjab
- (e) Rajasthan

Q64. President Murmu inaugurates the 18th National Jamboree of the Bharat Scouts and Guides in _____.

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Gujarat

Q65. Union Cabinet approves naming of Mopa airport in Goa after _____.

- (a) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- (b) Manohar Parrikar
- (c) Inder Kumar Gujral
- (d) H. D. Deve Gowda
- (e) Vishwanath Pratap Singh

Q66. The Union Government has approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an initial outlay of how many rupees?

- (a) 15,744 crore
- (b) 16,744 crore
- (c) 18,744 crore
- (d) 19,744 crore
- (e) 20,744 crore

Q67. The government of India has constituted 17 member High Powered Committee (HPC) to protect Ladakh culture, language & employment under the Chairmanship of _____.

- (a) Nityanand Rai
- (b) Jitendra Singh
- (c) Sanjay Agrawal
- (d) M S Sahoo
- (e) Chandra Prakash Goyal

Q68. Bandhan Bank has launched its 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign. Who is the brand ambassador of this campaign?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Harleen Deol
- (c) Sourav Ganguly
- (d) MS Dhoni
- (e) Smriti Mandhana

Q69. Who is the author of the book titled 'Ambedkar: A Life'?

- (a) Amartya Sen
- (b) Arvind Subramanian
- (c) Shashi Tharoor
- (d) Chetan Bhagat
- (e) Pulapre Balakrishnan

Q70. Ministry of Jal Shakti organized "1st All India Annual State Ministers Conference on Water" with the theme "Water Vision@2047" in which city?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Itanagar
- (d) Bhopal
- (e) Ahmadabad

Q71. The World Day of War Orphans is observed on _____ every year with an aim to raise awareness about children orphaned in wars.

- (a) January 2
- (b) January 3
- (c) January 4
- (d) January 5
- (e) January 6

Q72. Which state has inaugurated the Palm leaf Manuscript Museum with modern audio-visual technology at the renovated Central Archives?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Telangana
- (e) Maharashtra

Q73. Who among the following became the first bowler to take a hat-trick in the opening over at Ranji Trophy history?

- (a) Umesh Yadav
- (b) Jaydev Unadkat
- (c) Jasprit Bumrah
- (d) Ishant Sharma
- (e) Mohammed Shami

Q74. Australia's _____ has become the first female cricketer to have a statue cast in her honour, a bronze sculpture of the trailblazing former captain unveiled outside Sydney Cricket Ground.

- (a) Lisa Sthalekar
- (b) Belinda Clark
- (c) Rhonda Kendall
- (d) Alex Blackwell
- (e) Holly Ferling

Q75. Who is the author of the book 'Human Anatomy'?

- (a) Dr. Pradeep Yadav
- (b) Dr. Ranjeet Singh
- (c) Dr. Ravi Dixit
- (d) Dr. Vivek Kumar
- (e) Dr. AK Dwivedi

Q76. Who among the following has been named India's 79th Grandmaster?

- (a) Koustav Chatterjee
- (b) Pranesh M
- (c) Aditya Mittal
- (d) Pranav Anand
- (e) V Pranav

Q77. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has signed a partnership with the _____ for the upcoming FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, which will kick-off later this month.

- (a) Lodha Group
- (b) JSW Group
- (c) Oberoi Realty
- (d) Hiranandani
- (e) DLF Limited

Q78. ISRO and _____ join hands to give Indian space tech ecosystem a boost.

- (a) Google
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) IBM
- (d) HCL
- (e) Intel

Q79. _____ approves world's first vaccine for declining honey bees

- (a) Germany
- (b) France
- (c) Canada
- (d) United States
- (e) Germany

Q80. Who among the following has been elected as Chairman of the All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC)?

- (a) Vipin Verma
- (b) Ravi Rana
- (c) Rajesh Rokde
- (d) Saiyam Mehra
- (e) Kumar Gaurav

Q81. Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the three-day 'North East Krishi Kumbha-2023' in which state?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Assam
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh
- (e) Meghalaya

Q82. How many monuments out of 3,693 centrally protected monuments of India have gone missing, as per the report of the Ministry of Culture?

- (a) 20
- (b) 50
- (c) 80
- (d) 100
- (e) 120

Q83. Which city police has won the 'Best Police Unit' award for 2021?

- (a) Nagpur Police
- (b) Delhi Police
- (c) Bhubaneswar Police
- (d) Ahmedabad Police
- (e) Mumbai Police

Q84. Who has been conferred with Assam State's highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav' for his contribution in cancer treatment?

- (a) Dr. V. G. Somani
- (b) Dr. S. Eswara Reddy
- (c) Dr. P.B.N. Prasad
- (d) Dr. Tapan Saikia
- (e) Dr. Ravi Kant Sharma

Q85. The book, "Revolutionaries: The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom," is authored by who among the following?

- (a) Kaushik Basu
- (b) Bibek Debroy
- (c) Sanjeev Sanyal
- (d) Ajay Chibber
- (e) C Rangarajan

Q86. Who among the following has been appointed as the Secretary General of the Asia Pacific Postal Union (APPU) in January 2023?

- (a) P.K. Mishra
- (b) Rajiv Gauba
- (c) Praveen K. Srivastava
- (d) Vinaya Prakash Singh
- (e) Samant Goel

Q87. The first-of-its-kind inclusive festival in India, 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity' took place in which state of India?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Karnataka

Q88. Which of the following has become the first online bond platform provider to receive a debt brokerage license from Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

- (a) FixedIncome
- (b) GoldenPi
- (c) BondsIndia
- (d) CRED
- (e) BondOrder

Q89. The Reserve Bank of India gave its approval to SBI Funds Management Ltd to acquire up to _____ stake in Equitas Small Finance Bank through the schemes of SBI Mutual Fund.

- (a) 99.99%
- (b) 19.99%
- (c) 29.99%
- (d) 9.99%
- (e) 49.99%

Q90. Cirium issued a list of the top-performing global airports of 2022 in which _____ International Airport won the 2nd rank.

- (a) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- (b) Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport
- (c) Bangalore Kempegowda International Airport
- (d) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport
- (e) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport

Q91. Which edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is being organized in Indore in partnership with the Government of Madhya Pradesh?

- (a) 15th
- (b) 16th
- (c) 17th
- (d) 18th
- (e) 19th

Q92. Which of the following state government has begun caste surveys in different parts of the State?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Maharashtra

Q93. A Military Tattoo and Tribal Dance Festival – Aadi Shaurya – Parv Parakram Ka, will be held at which city on January 23 & 24, 2023?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Ahmedabad
- (e) Mumbai

Q94. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue Sovereign Green Bonds of how much rupees in two tranches on January 25 and February 9?

- (a) 5000 crore
- (b) 6000 crore
- (c) 7000 crore
- (d) 8000 crore
- (e) 9000 crore

Q95. Who has been elected as the Speaker of the US House of Representatives?

- (a) Mitch McConnell
- (b) Nancy Pelosi
- (c) Lauren Boebert
- (d) Kari Lake
- (e) Kevin McCarthy

Q96. According to the Public Enterprises Survey 2021-22 released in January 2023, which of the following has been ranked 1st in the Services Sector?

- (a) GAIL Ltd.
- (b) ONGC Ltd.
- (c) NTPC Ltd.
- (d) Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
- (e) Coal India Ltd.

Q97. President of India Droupadi Murmu, laid the foundation stone of 1000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project at Jaipur, Rajasthan. The project is implemented by _____.

- (a) SJVN Limited
- (b) NHPC
- (c) NTPC Limited
- (d) JSW Energy
- (e) Torrent Power

Q98. Squadron leader Avani Chaturvedi, the first female fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF), is scheduled to participate in the inaugural air exercise Veer Guardian, the exercise is set to take place in which country?

- (a) USA
- (b) Australia
- (c) Japan
- (d) Russia
- (e) France

Q99. Who among the following was awarded the “Award for Global Leadership” in recognition of his lifetime of service to the legal profession in India and around the world by Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession (HLS CLP)?

- (a) Ram Jethmalani
- (b) DY Chandrachud
- (c) Soli Sorabjee
- (d) Fali S Nariman
- (e) Mukul Rohtagi

Q100. India’s first-ever coal gasification plant is set to start urea production in 2024, the plant is located in which state/UT?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Jammu and Kashmir
- (e) Delhi

Q101. India deployed a women-only platoon of peacekeepers to the UN Mission in Abyei, who among the following was the UN’s first Police Adviser from India?

- (a) Punita Arora
- (b) Padma Bandopadhyay
- (c) Gunjan Saxena
- (d) Kiran Bedi
- (e) Sreevidya Rajan

Q102. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has announced the launch of its ‘360° Financial Protection with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance’ digital-first campaign featuring cricketer _____.

- (a) Suryakumar Yadav
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Rohit Sharma
- (d) KL Rahul
- (e) MS Dhoni

Q103. Which state has declared as the first state in the country to go fully digital in its banking service?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Punjab

Q104. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of Paytm Payments Bank?

- (a) Sachin Dixit
- (b) Trilok Sharma
- (c) Vivek Arora
- (d) Surinder Chawla
- (e) Prashant Verma

Q105. Which of the following state of India has began the International Kite Festival 2023?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Bihar

Q106. Which company has launched low-smoke Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) for the Indian Army in Jammu?

- (a) Hindustan Petroleum
- (b) Indian Oil Corporation
- (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- (d) Steel Authority of India Limited
- (e) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

Q107. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has recently unveiled a 120 feet tall statue of a polo player in which state?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Assam
- (d) Manipur
- (e) Meghalaya

Q108. Which state celebrated the traditional Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in the state?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Assam
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Chhattisgarh

Q109. Sania Mirza has announced her retirement recently. She was related to which sport?

- (a) Hockey
- (b) Tennis
- (c) Badminton
- (d) Football
- (e) Cricket

Q110. Which university has won the 'Overall Championship' at the 36th Inter University South Zone Youth Festival in Tirupati?

- (a) University of Kerala
- (b) Mahatma Gandhi University
- (c) Sri Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit
- (d) Yogi Vemana University
- (e) Sri Krishnadevaraya University

Q111. Who has released the book titled 'Chief Minister's Diary No. 1'?

- (a) Uday Lalit
- (b) Sharad Arvind Bobde
- (c) Droupadi Murmu
- (d) Ranjan Gogoi
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Q112. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention in Indore, who among the following was the chief guest of the convention?

- (a) Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- (b) Mahathir bin Mohamad
- (c) Mohamed Irfaan Ali
- (d) Prithvirajsing Roopun
- (e) Andry Rajoelina

Q113. In January 2022, who among the following won the first Dr Patangrao Kadam Memorial Award?

- (a) Adar Poonwalla
- (b) Ratan Tata
- (c) Gautham Adani
- (d) Venkaiah Naidu
- (e) Amit Shah

Q114. World Hindi Day or Vishwa Hindi Diwas is celebrated on _____ every year to promote awareness about the language across the world.

- (a) 07th January
- (b) 08th January
- (c) 09th January
- (d) 10th January
- (e) 11th January

Q115. What is the theme of World Hindi Conference 2023?

- (a) Hindi Jagat: vistar evam sambhavnayen
- (b) Vaishvik Hindi
- (c) Hindi - Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence
- (d) Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiya Sanskriti
- (e) World of Hindi and Indian Culture

Q116. This year, which of the following country host World Hindi Conference 2023?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) Hawaii
- (c) Fiji
- (d) Tonga
- (e) Samoa

Q117. Journalist _____ has released his latest book "Roller Coaster: An Affair with Banking"

- (a) Aravind Adiga
- (b) Arundhati Roy
- (c) Suketu Mehta
- (d) Tamal Bandyopadhyay
- (e) Vikram Seth

Q118. Who has defeated America's Sebastian Korda in a nerve-wracking final to win the Adelaide International men's singles title?

- (a) Lloyd Glasspool
- (b) Michael Venus
- (c) Jamie Murray
- (d) Sebastian Korda
- (e) Novak Djokovic

Q119. 'Hockey Wali Sarpanch' inks pact with _____ to strengthen farmers in Rajasthan's village

- (a) SEBI
- (b) NABARD
- (c) SBI
- (d) RBI
- (e) NITI Aayog

Q120. DPIIT to organize Startup India Innovation Week from _____

- (a) 06th to 12th January 2023
- (b) 07th to 13th January 2023
- (c) 08th to 14th January 2023
- (d) 09th to 15th January 2023
- (e) 10th to 16th January 2023

Q121. Who has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the opening ceremony of the 15th edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF)?

- (a) Mukul Sharma
- (b) Kalyan Ray
- (c) Aparna Sen
- (d) Soumitra Chatterjee
- (e) Rituparno Ghosh

Q122. The Khelo India Senior Women National Kho Kho league is set to take place in which state from 10 to 13 January 2023?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Punjab
- (e) Haryana

Q123. Who has become the fastest player to reach 1,500 runs in T20 International cricket in terms of balls faced?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) KL Rahul
- (d) Dinesh Karthik
- (e) Suryakumar Yadav

Q124. Who among the following has been appointed as the head of Meta's global business group in India?

- (a) Manish Kumar Verma
- (b) Vikas Purohit
- (c) Sandhya Devanathan
- (d) Ajit Mohan
- (e) Dharam Prakash Naram

Q125. The RBI released a list of six credit rating agencies, and has advised banks to use them for risk weighting their claims about capital adequacy, which of the following credit rating agency was NOT named in the list?

- (a) Acuite Ratings & Research Limited
- (b) Credit Analysis and Research Limited
- (c) Brickwork Ratings India Private Limited
- (d) INFOMERICS Valuation and Rating Pvt Ltd
- (e) India Ratings and Research Private Limited

Q126. Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of who among the following for the post of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL)?

- (a) Anurag Kumar
- (b) Gurdeep Singh
- (c) K. Sreekant
- (d) Y.K. Chaubey
- (e) Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan

Q127. BCCI in India has signed Kewal Kiran Clothing Ltd, maker of Killer jeans, as the official sponsor of the Indian cricket team, replacing which of the following?

- (a) Dream 11
- (b) MPL
- (c) Pepsi Co
- (d) Paytm
- (e) Mastercard

Q128. Which of the following Indian song won the best song category in Golden Globe Awards 2023?

- (a) Mann Bharryaa 2.0
- (b) Chaka Chak
- (c) Naatu Naatu
- (d) Aabaad Barbaad
- (e) Ranjha

Q129. National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year in the United States on _____.

- (a) 07th January
- (b) 08th January
- (c) 09th January
- (d) 10th January
- (e) 11th January

Q130. Which flagship initiative of government has won the Platinum Award in the Digital Empowerment of Citizens Category in Digital India Awards 2022 held in New Delhi?

- (a) UIDAI
- (b) e-Vivechna App
- (c) Digital India Mission
- (d) e-NAM
- (e) Ayushman Bharat Mission

Q131. Who among the following Indian women cricketer has signed by Herbalife Nutrition India Private Limited as sponsored sports athlete?

- (a) Ekta Bisht
- (b) Radha Yadav
- (c) Deepti Sharma
- (d) Smriti Mandhana
- (e) Taniya Bhatia

Q132. Which bank enters into revised pact with Max Financial Services for acquiring additional 7% stake in Max Life?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Yes Bank
- (e) IDFC Bank

Q133. What is the theme for National Science Day 2023?

- (a) Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future
- (b) Global Science for Global Wellbeing
- (c) Future of STI: Impact on Education Skills and Work
- (d) Radiation and Radioisotopes in Healthcare
- (e) Science for the People and the People for Science

Q134. Which financial services company gets in-principle nod from RBI to operate as online payment aggregator?

- (a) Paytm
- (b) PayU
- (c) PhonePe
- (d) MobiKiwik
- (e) BharatPe

Q135. Who among the following has been appointed as new prime minister of Gabon?

- (a) Julien Nkoghe Bekale
- (b) Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda
- (c) Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze
- (d) Emmanuel Issoze-Ngondet
- (e) Daniel Ona Ondo

Q136. The defence ministry approved three procurement proposals, including that of Helina anti-tank guided missiles, at a total cost of _____.

- (a) Rs 1,276 cr
- (b) Rs 2,276 cr
- (c) Rs 3,276 cr
- (d) Rs 4,276 cr
- (e) Rs 5,276 cr

Q137. The book, "Jadunama" authored by Arvind Mandloi was launched in January 2023, the book is written on who among the following?

- (a) Javed Akhtar
- (b) Shah Rukh Khan
- (c) Amitabh Bachan
- (d) Dilip Kumar
- (e) Juhi Chaturvedi

Q138. Hugo Lloris announced his retirement from International football in January 2023, he played for which of the following national team?

- (a) Argentina
- (b) Brazil
- (c) France
- (d) Germany
- (e) Belgium

Q139. Which of the following state governments has passed a bill to provide women of the state the legal right of 30% reservation in public services and posts?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Gujarat

Q140. Who among the following has been appointed as NASA's new chief technologist?

- (a) Sethuraman Panchanathan
- (b) Humsa Venkatesh
- (c) Kamlesh Lulla
- (d) Sundeep Salvi
- (e) AC Charania

Q141. National Youth Day is celebrated every year on January 12 to mark the birth anniversary of _____.

- (a) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
- (b) Swami Vivekananda
- (c) A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
- (d) Vallabhbhai Patel
- (e) Jawaharlal Nehru

Q142. What is the theme of National Youth Festival 2023?

- (a) Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages
- (b) Yuvaah – Utsah Naye Bharat Ka
- (c) Developed Youth – Developed India
- (d) FIT YOUTH FIT INDIA
- (e) Be the Voice of New India and Find solutions and Contribute to Policy

Q143. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India is observing the Road Safety Week from _____, under "Swachhata Pakhwada", to propagate the cause of safer roads for all.

- (a) 10th to 16th January 2023
- (b) 11th to 17th January 2023
- (c) 12th to 18th January 2023
- (d) 13th to 19th January 2023
- (e) 14th to 20th January 2023

Q144. Which state host this year National Youth Festival 2023?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Haryana
- (e) Gujarat

Q145. Which of the following country is all set to be taught Punjabi in public schools?

- (a) Canada
- (b) Germany
- (c) United Kingdom
- (d) Australia
- (e) China

Q146. Name the author of the book Jadunama, a book written on veteran writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar.

- (a) Ravi Sharma
- (b) Prakhar Kumar
- (c) Shikhar Gupta
- (d) Prabal Bansal
- (e) Arvind Mandloi

Q147. _____ has launched a new metaverse product to tie in with its hosting of the Men's World Cup?

- (a) AIFF
- (b) BCCI
- (c) Hockey India
- (d) AIBA
- (e) ITFT

Q148. Name the former and last King of Greece who ruled Greece before the country became a republic in 1974 passed away.

- (a) Aeropos II
- (b) Alexander II
- (c) Amyntas II
- (d) Constantine II
- (e) Perdiccas III

Q149. World Bank predicts India's economic growth to slow to _____ in FY23.

- (a) 6.9%
- (b) 6.8%
- (c) 6.7%
- (d) 6.5%
- (e) 6.4%

Q150. Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, a member of the British royal family, has released his memoir titled "_____".

- (a) Shining
- (b) The Sand
- (c) Harry
- (d) Spare
- (e) Carrie

Q151. Ashleigh Gardner has won the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for December 2022. From which of the following countries does he belong?

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

Q152. The Union Cabinet approved a _____ incentive scheme to promote Rupay debit card and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions (person-to-merchant) in FY23.

- (a) Rs. 1,600-crore
- (b) Rs. 2,600-crore
- (c) Rs. 3,600-crore
- (d) Rs. 4,600-crore
- (e) Rs. 5,600-crore

Q153. Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the School of Logistics, Waterways and Communication in which city of India?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Panaji
- (c) Guwahati
- (d) Agartala
- (e) Nainital

Q154. Who received the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for December?

- (a) Sikandar Raza
- (b) Mohammad Rizwan
- (c) Virat Kohli
- (d) Jos Buttler
- (e) Harry Brook

Q155. Who has officially launched the book titled "Braving A Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story" in New Delhi?

- (a) Bhupender Yadav
- (b) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (c) Mahendra Nath Pandey
- (d) Parshottam Rupala
- (e) G. Kishan Reddy

Q156. Former India cricket team captain _____ and drone market Garuda Aerospace have launched a a surveillance drone named 'Droni.'

- (a) Rahul Dravid
- (b) VVS Laxman
- (c) Sachin Tendular
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- (e) Harbhajan Singh

Q157. Home Minister Amit Shah has released a book titled "Revolutionaries- The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom" at a function in New Delhi. Who author the book?

- (a) Saurabh Sharma
- (b) Sanjeev Sanyal
- (c) Prashant Singh
- (d) Aman Gupta
- (e) Abhishek Tiwari

Q158. Which bank has launched e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility in association with National e-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)?

- (a) SBI
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Canara Bank
- (d) Bank of Baroda
- (e) HDFC Bank

Q159. IT giant Cognizant has announced _____ as its new Chief Executive Officer, replacing the outgoing Brian Humphries, effective immediately.

- (a) Sanjeev Kumar
- (b) Sumit Kumar
- (c) Ravi Kumar
- (d) Piyush Kumar
- (e) Vineet Kumar

Q160. India's retail inflation eased to _____ per cent in December on an annual basis as against 5.88 per cent in November, 2022.

- (a) 5.72
- (b) 6.72
- (c) 7.72
- (d) 8.72
- (e) 9.72

Q161. Which state tourism board signs MoUs with chapters of eight countries of Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO)?

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

Q162. Who takes charge as first woman Chief Secretary of Telangana?

- (a) Vaishali Panday
- (b) Shilky Mittal
- (c) Maitree Sharma
- (d) Sonam Kumari
- (e) Santhi Kumari

Q163. Grand cultural program 'Sur Sarita-Symphony of Ganga' organised in _____.

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

Q164. Alibaba sells which company stake worth \$125 million via block deal recently?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Flipkart
- (c) Paytm
- (d) Paypal
- (e) Razorpay

Q165. Which of the following country creates new ministry for indigenous peoples?

- (a) Kenya
- (b) South Africa
- (c) South Sudan
- (d) Brazil
- (e) Syria

Q166. Which of the following government has recently implemented a policy for blindness control with the objective of 'Right to Sight'?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) West Bengal
- (e) Haryana

Q167. Rajnath Singh recently launched _____ Alpine Challenge to promote tourism in border areas.

- (a) Toe to tip
- (b) Toe to top
- (c) Soul to tip
- (d) Soul to steel
- (e) Heart to hill

Q168. Which of the following union minister recently launched Geospatial Hackathon to promote Innovation and Start-Ups in India's Geospatial ecosystem?

- (a) Jitendra Singh
- (b) Anurag Thakur
- (c) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (d) Jitin Prasad
- (e) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Q169. Star Indian batter Virat Kohli became the _____-highest run-scorer in history of ODI cricket recently.

- (a) Third
- (b) Fifth
- (c) Seventh
- (d) Fourth
- (e) Sixth

Q170. Regional carrier Flybig has recently started flight service from Itanagar to _____.

- (a) Guwahati
- (b) Agartala
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Aizwal
- (e) Mumbai

Q171. In Cricket, India scripted history by defeating _____ by the largest ever margin of 317 runs in the third and final ODI in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

- (a) England
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Bangladesh
- (e) Afghanistan

Q172. Who will be the first woman officer to be posted on a foreign assignment at the Border Roads Organisation (BRO)?

- (a) Rani Dixit
- (b) Shiva Chauhan
- (c) Avani Chaturvedi
- (d) Surbhi Jakhmola
- (e) Tamna Malik

Q173. Who became the fifth-highest run-scorer in history of ODI cricket, overtaking Sri Lankan legend Mahela Jayawardene to enter into top-five?

- (a) Kane Williamson
- (b) Steve Smith
- (c) Joe Root
- (d) Virat Kohli
- (e) Rohit Sharma

Q174. Which of the following India movie bagged two awards in 28th Critics Choice Awards?

- (a) Kantara
- (b) The Kashmir Files
- (c) RRR
- (d) Gangubai Kathiawadi
- (e) Chhello Show

Q175. Who has been crowned Miss Universe 2022 at a ceremony held in New Orleans, Mexico?

- (a) Ashley Carino
- (b) Andreina Martinez
- (c) Gabriela Dos Santos
- (d) Divita Rai
- (e) R'Bonney Gabriel

Q176. A Credit Default Swap is a _____.

- (a) Financial credit arrangement
- (b) Financial swap arrangement
- (c) Credit guarantee arrangement
- (d) Debt securities arrangement
- (e) None of the above

Q177. National Urban Technology Mission Launched by Which Ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Science and Tech
- (c) Ministry of Electronics
- (d) Ministry of Rural Development
- (e) None of the above

Q178. Which of the following has stakes in IDBI Bank along with the Central Govt?

- (a) SBI
- (b) Sebi
- (c) LIC
- (d) SIDBI
- (e) RBI

Q179. Who releases the report titled "Survival of the Richest: The India Supplement"?

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) Oxfam India
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Goldman Sachs
- (e) World Bank

Q180. Who has been appointed as the new Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Chief Economist?

- (a) Douglas Sutherland
- (b) Zuzana Smidova
- (c) Laurence Boone
- (d) Urban Sila
- (e) Clare Lombardelli

Q181. What is the theme for the 53rd edition of the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting being held in Davos, Switzerland?

- (a) Working Together, Restoring Trust
- (b) Cooperation in a Fragmented World
- (c) The Great Reset
- (d) Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution
- (e) Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World

Q182. When did Prime Minister Narendra Modi announce the establishment of National Startup Day on January 16?

- (a) 2018
- (b) 2019
- (c) 2021
- (d) 2022
- (e) 2023

Q183. Which edition of The Global Risks Report 2023 was released by World Economic Forum recently?

- (a) 12th
- (b) 15th
- (c) 18th
- (d) 21st
- (e) 25th

Q184. Uttar Pradesh emerged as the top destination for mobile gamers according to India Mobile Gaming Report 2022. Which of the following were the second and third states?

- (a) Bihar and West Bengal
- (b) Tamil Nadu and Punjab
- (c) Maharashtra and Rajasthan
- (d) Himachal Pradesh and Odisha
- (e) Maharashtra and Bihar

Q185. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced that Viacom 18 have grabbed the media rights for the upcoming Women's IPL for a whopping _____.

- (a) Rs 951 crore
- (b) Rs 1051 crore
- (c) Rs 1151 crore
- (d) Rs 1251 crore
- (e) Rs 1351 crore

Q186. Who among the following won the Malaysia Open Super 1000 women's singles titles?

- (a) Jia Yifan
- (b) Chen Qingchen
- (c) Akane Yamaguchi
- (d) Baek Hana
- (e) Lee Yulim

Q187. _____ have won the Spanish Super Cup for the first time since the competition was revamped and moved to Saudi Arabia with a 3-1 victory over Real Madrid.

- (a) Atlético Madrid
- (b) Athletic Bilbao
- (c) Real Madrid
- (d) Barcelona
- (e) Real Betis

Q188. _____ with his more than three decades of work in the film industry has garnered millions of fans all over the world and an estimated net worth of ₹627 million (\$770 million), making him the richest actor in Asia and fourth richest actor all over the world.

- (a) Salman Khan
- (b) Shah Rukh Khan
- (c) Amitabh Bachhan
- (d) Akshay Kumar
- (e) Aamir Khan

Q189. ISRO 'Shukrayaan I' mission to planet Venus reportedly shifted to _____.

- (a) 2027
- (b) 2028
- (c) 2029
- (d) 2030
- (e) 2031

Q190. According to the Ministry of Defence, the 21st edition of "Varuna" the bilateral naval exercise between India and _____ commenced on the western seaboard.

- (a) China
- (b) USA
- (c) Germany
- (d) Italy
- (e) France

Q191. Which country population has dropped by 850K, declining for the first time since the Great Famine of 1961?

- (a) Canada
- (b) USA
- (c) India
- (d) China
- (e) Russia

Q192. United Nations Security Council (UNSC) listed Pakistan-based terrorist _____ as a global terrorist.

- (a) Mullah Omar
- (b) Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi
- (c) Hafiz Saeed
- (d) Abdul Rehman Makki
- (e) Masood Azhar

Q193. Merchandise exports shrank _____ per cent in December 2022 from a year before to \$34.5 billion

- (a) 08.2
- (b) 09.2
- (c) 10.2
- (d) 11.2
- (e) 12.2

Q194. Who among the following won the Malaysia Open Super 1000 men's singles titles?

- (a) Seo Seung Jae
- (b) Kodai Naraoka
- (c) Viktor Axelsen
- (d) Kang Min Hyuk
- (e) AN Se Young

Q195. Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) has signed a memorandum of understanding with _____ to help farmers in getting low interest rate loans.

- (a) Punjab National Bank
- (b) Bank of Baroda
- (c) Canara Bank
- (d) State Bank of India
- (e) Bank of India

Q196. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has informed that by which year the entire country will be covered by the Doppler weather radar network to predict extreme weather events more accurately?

- (a) 2024
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2026
- (d) 2027
- (e) 2028

Q197. Recently, India has announced the donation of 12,500 doses of pentavalent vaccines to which country?

- (a) Cuba
- (b) Ghana
- (c) Sudan
- (d) Zimbabwe
- (e) Oman

Q198. Who has received the first-ever Federal Bank Literary Award 2022 for his autobiography 'Oranweshananthinte Katha'?

- (a) Pradeep Kharola
- (b) Aryama Sundaram
- (c) R Venkataramani
- (d) Mukul Rohatgi
- (e) K Venu

Q199. Indian Scientists have first identified and reported the solitary waves in the magnetosphere of which planet with the help of high-resolution electric field data recorded by a Nasa spacecraft?

- (a) Venus
- (b) Mars
- (c) Mercury
- (d) Jupiter
- (e) Saturn

Q200. Which of the following payments banks has received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit?

- (a) Airtel Payments Bank
- (b) India Post Payments Bank
- (c) Fino Payments Bank
- (d) Paytm Payments Bank
- (e) NSDL Payments Bank

Q201. The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) has discontinued the scheme of interest subsidy on education loans for overseas studies named Padho Pardesh, which of the following banks was the designated nodal bank of the scheme?

- (a) Indian Bank
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) Canara bank
- (d) Union Bank of India
- (e) Bank of Maharashtra

Q202. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said any person looking to acquire more than _____ stake in a bank will need prior approval from the regulator.

- (a) 5 per cent
- (b) 10 per cent
- (c) 15 per cent
- (d) 20 per cent
- (e) 25 per cent

Q203. The Indian district of _____ has become the country's first constitution literate district.

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Kochi
- (c) Dehradun
- (d) Kollam
- (e) Lucknow

Q204. Who was appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser in National Security Council Secretariat for a period of two years.

- (a) Hem Dixit
- (b) Pankaj Kumar Singh
- (c) Roshan Kumar
- (d) Vipin Tiwari
- (e) Diwakar Verma

Q205. India, _____ explore co-op in biotech, AI & quantum tech & oceanography.

- (a) France
- (b) Germany
- (c) Russia###
- (d) Australia
- (e) Brazil

Q206. Govt declares _____ as 'Free Area' for purposes of Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009.

- (a) Chandigarh
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) J&K
- (e) Rajasthan

Q207. LHS 475 b is a-

- (a) Satellite
- (b) Planet
- (c) Exoplanet
- (d) Solar System
- (e) None of the above

Q208. Current Budgeted Fiscal Deficit of Govt of India is-

- (a) Rs 16.01 lakh crore
- (b) Rs 15.61 lakh crore
- (c) Rs 16.61 lakh crore
- (d) Rs 14.61 lakh crore
- (e) Rs 17.61 lakh crore

Q209. Which among the following is not Sri Lanka's main bilateral creditor?

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) India
- (d) Singapore
- (e) None of the above

Q210. With which state Gogoro and Belrise signed \$2.5 bn agreement on Battery-swapping Infra-?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Punjab

Q211. Think-20 meeting under the G-20 has begun in which city of India?

- (a) Varanasi
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) Ahmedabad
- (e) Mumbai

Q212. Which of the following has reclaimed the top spot as the world's most valuable brand despite its brand value falling 15 per cent this year from \$350.3 billion to \$299.3 billion?

- (a) Apple
- (b) Amazon
- (c) Tata Group
- (d) Infosys
- (e) Microsoft

Q213. Google pilots 'Soundpod by Google Pay' for _____ in India.

- (a) Storing cloud music
- (b) UPI payments
- (c) Online Music creation
- (d) Listening Music wirelessly
- (e) None of the above

Q214. Which of the following city was selected to host WEF Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution?

- (a) Bangalore
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Indore
- (e) Jaipur

Q215. Which of the following became the first Indian UT to completely shift to e-governance mod?

- (a) Chandigarh
- (b) Lakshwadeep
- (c) Leh
- (d) J&K
- (e) Puducherry

Q216. Which edition of National Disaster Response Force day is celebrated on January 19, 2023 by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)?

- (a) 14th
- (b) 15th
- (c) 16th
- (d) 17th
- (e) 18th

Q217. Name the world oldest person, who passed away recently.

- (a) Lord Williams
- (b) Kane Tanaka
- (c) Robert D Young
- (d) Jeanne Calment
- (e) Lucile Randon

Q218. _____ ended his 22-year playing career, with his legacy secure as one of South Africa's all-time cricketing greats.

- (a) Quinton de Kock
- (b) AB de Villiers
- (c) Vernon Philander
- (d) Dale Steyn
- (e) Hashim Amla

Q219. Geovanis Uwase has been suspended by ICC from bowling in international cricket with immediate effect after her action was found illegal at Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup. She belongs to which country?

- (a) Republic of Congo
- (b) Uganda
- (c) Burundi
- (d) Tanzania
- (e) Rwanda

Q220. Recently Jacinda Ardern has resigned his post of Prime Minister. She belongs to which country?

- (a) Ireland
- (b) Iceland
- (c) Australia
- (d) New Zealand
- (e) Hawaii

Q221. Which bank decided to accept Rs 9,718 crore at a coupon rate of 7.70% payable annually for a tenor of 15 years?

- (a) Central Bank of India
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) Bank of Baroda
- (e) SBI

Q222. According to world bank, which South Asian country has weakest economy?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Nepal
- (e) Bhutan

Q223. Bharti Airtel to invest Rs 2,000 crore to set up hyperscale data centre in _____.

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Dehradun
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) Chennai

Q224. WEF launches initiative to unlock _____ trillion a year for climate and nature.

- (a) \$1 trillion
- (b) \$2 trillion
- (c) \$3 trillion
- (d) \$4 trillion
- (e) \$5 trillion

Q225. Which of the following bank has been awarded with the Best Bank award by Business Today-KPMG (BT-KPMG Best banks survey)?

- (a) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited
- (c) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited
- (d) ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited
- (e) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited

Q226. The National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) has notified India's first National Assessment Regulator 'PARAKH' recently. What is the meaning of the second 'A' in 'PARAKH'?

- (a) Appraisal
- (b) Analysis
- (c) Achievement
- (d) Asset
- (e) Aims

Q227. Who has become the youngest and the first LGBTQ woman of color to take the oath of Oakland City Council in the US state of California?

- (a) Janani Ramachandran
- (b) Santhi Kumari
- (c) Manpreet Monica Singh
- (d) Surbhi Jakhmola
- (e) Sonia Guajajara

Q228. Who has recently broken MS Dhoni's record of hitting the most sixes in ODIs in India?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) KL Rahul
- (d) Dinesh Karthik
- (e) Suryakumar Yadav

Q229. Which of the following recently announced plans to expand its Girls4Tech STEM education program in India, to reach 100,000 additional female students by 2024?

- (a) American express
- (b) Rupay
- (c) Maestro
- (d) Capital one
- (e) Master card

Q230. NASA-JAXA Geotail Studied about Earth's Protective bubble in:

- (a) Exosphere
- (b) Mesosphere
- (c) Stratosphere
- (d) Ionosphere
- (e) Magnetosphere

Q231. Indian captain _____ has shattered a long-standing record held by MS Dhoni to become India's most prolific six-hitter in the history of ODI cricket.

- (a) Rishab Pant
- (b) Hardik Pandya
- (c) Virat Kohli
- (d) Rohit Sharma
- (e) Surya Kumar Yadav

Q232. Which of the following airport won the prestigious “Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport” award?

- (a) Cochin International Airport
- (b) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- (c) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- (d) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- (e) Goa Manohar International Airport

Q233. Who has won the ISA Award for Service to Humanity, a top civilian award of Bahrain?

- (a) Tara Devi Tuladhar
- (b) Daya Bir Singh Kansakar
- (c) Pushpa Basnet
- (d) Dr Sanduk Ruit
- (e) Bhanubhakta Acharya

Q234. _____ made history by becoming the first Indian-American politician to be elected as the lieutenant governor of the US state of Maryland.

- (a) Pratibha Singh
- (b) Roshni Sharma
- (c) Ravena Prasad
- (d) Aruna Miller
- (e) Sheetal Bansal

Q235. Which of the following bank has become India’s first public sector bank to launch credit cards for its fixed deposit customers?

- (a) SBI
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) Punjab National Bank
- (d) Bank of Baroda
- (e) Central Bank of India

Q236. An EY report said, the Indian Economy is very likely to hit the \$26 trillion mark by year _____.

- (a) 2043
- (b) 2044
- (c) 2045
- (d) 2046
- (e) 2047

Q237. Who has overtaken the likes of Satya Nadella of Microsoft and Google's Sundar Pichai to be ranked No.1 among Indians and second globally on the Brand Guardianship Index 2023?

- (a) Shantanu Narayen
- (b) Mukesh Ambani
- (c) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- (d) Piyush Gupta
- (e) Anand Mahindra

Q238. Renowned Assamese poet Nilamani Phukan passes away. In which year he honoured 56th Jnanpith award?

- (a) 2017
- (b) 2018
- (c) 2019
- (d) 2020
- (e) 2021

Q239. India has extended a concessional USD _____ million Line of Credit for developing sporting infrastructure in the Maldives.

- (a) 40 million
- (b) 50 million
- (c) 60 million
- (d) 70 million
- (e) 80 million

Q240. India is currently participating in an international tourism trade fair. International Tourism Fair FITUR 2023 held in?

- (a) Madrid
- (b) Barcelona
- (c) Seville
- (d) Bilbao
- (e) Valencia

Q241. India’s first School of Logistics, Waterways, and Communication has launched in which state?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Assam
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Meghalaya

Q242. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vedanta’s Cairn Oil & Gas?

- (a) Kazuhiro Kashio
- (b) Makoto Uchida
- (c) Nick Walker
- (d) Carlos Ghosn
- (e) Hiroto Saikawa

Q243. Who has defeated Aditya Mehta by 9-6 to win the final of the ‘Baulkline’ NSCI All India Snooker Open 2023?

- (a) Laxman Rawat
- (b) Pankaj Advani
- (c) Aditya Mehta
- (d) Geet Sethi
- (e) Vidya Pillai

Q244. Who among the following has been ranked second on Brand Finance's annual report on the world's top CEOs for the year 2023?

- (a) Sundar Pichai
- (b) Punit Renjen
- (c) Satya Nadella
- (d) Shantanu Narayen
- (e) Mukesh Ambani

Q245. Indian Navy is all set to commission the fifth diesel-electric Scorpene named as INS _____ on January 23.

- (a) Kalvari
- (b) Karanj
- (c) Vela
- (d) Vagir
- (e) Vikrant

Q246. National AIDS Control Organisation forms Largest Human Red Ribbon Chain in _____ to create awareness on AIDS.

- (a) Bhubaneswar
- (b) Ranchi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) Shillong

Q247. The first of its kind joint Exercise Cyclone-I, being held in the deserts of Rajasthan, is Between India and _____.

- (a) UAE
- (b) Russia
- (c) Israel
- (d) Egypt
- (e) Japan

Q248. Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between the Indian Ports Association (IPA) and Research & Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) for setting up a Centre for _____.

- (a) Maritime Economy and Connectivity
- (b) Fisheries
- (c) Evaluation of imports
- (d) Renewal of energy
- (e) Generation of electricity using water

Q249. Who among the following has been selected for appointment as Director in the National Health Authority (Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission)?

- (a) Indu Bhushan
- (b) Dr. R.S. Sharma
- (c) Praveen Sharma
- (d) Prabhjot Singh
- (e) None of the above

Q250. Tata Boeing Aerospace Limited (TBAL) delivered the first fuselage for six AH-64 Apache attack _____ ordered by the Indian Army.

- (a) Missiles
- (b) Helicopters
- (c) Tanks
- (d) Jets
- (e) Submarines

Q251. Which of the following company recently joined India's decacorn club after raising \$350 mn from General Atlantic?

- (a) PhonePe
- (b) Paytm
- (c) Swiggy
- (d) Razorpay
- (e) Zomato

Q252. Who was recently appointed as next Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?

- (a) Arun Kumar
- (b) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
- (c) Vikram Dev Dutt
- (d) Sandeep Kumar Gupta
- (e) Manoj Jain

Q253. UNESCO has decided to dedicate the 2023 International Day of Education to Afghan girls and women. When is the day observed?

- (a) January 22
- (b) January 24
- (c) January 26
- (d) January 28
- (e) January 30

Q254. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti or Netaji Jayanti is a national event celebrated in India as Parakram Diwas on _____.

- (a) January 21
- (b) January 22
- (c) January 23
- (d) January 24
- (e) January 25

Q255. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participate in a ceremony to name _____ largest unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

- (a) 21
- (b) 22
- (c) 23
- (d) 24
- (e) 25

Q256. A book titled “India’s Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn” Written by international Indian expat, _____ has released globally.

- (a) Mohd. Rafique
- (b) Vinayak Dasgupta
- (c) Dr Ashwin Fernandes
- (d) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (e) Vivek Bindra

Q257. The Himachal Pradesh government intends to make the state as the first Green Energy State by the end of _____.

- (a) 2021
- (b) 2022
- (c) 2023
- (d) 2024
- (e) 2025

Q258. Who inaugurated the first STEM innovation and learning center in Chennai?

- (a) Australian Group
- (b) American India Foundation
- (c) United Nations Organization
- (d) Asian Development Bank
- (e) UNESCO

Q259. Who won the women's singles final in the India Open Badminton Championship?

- (a) An Seyoung
- (b) Akane Yamaguchi
- (c) Chen Qingchen
- (d) Jia Yifan
- (e) He Bingjiao

Q260. In which state 'International Craft Summit' has been inaugurated?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Assam
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Q261. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann launched the _____ project to rejuvenate education in government schools and ensure the holistic development of students in Punjab.

- (a) School of Hope
- (b) School of Eminence
- (c) School of Prominence
- (d) School of Growth
- (e) School of Punjab

Q262. Which historic site of Assam has been nominated for the UNESCO World Heritage Site?

- (a) Tezpur
- (b) Rang Ghar
- (c) Agnigarh Hill
- (d) Charaideo Maidam
- (e) Hajo Powa Mecca

Q263. Where was India's first STEM Innovation and Learning Center inaugurated?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Bangalore
- (c) Vishakhapatnam
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) Mumbai

Q264. Brazil and _____ aim for greater economic integration, including the development of a common currency.

- (a) Argentina
- (b) Spain
- (c) England
- (d) UAE
- (e) India

Q265. How many Maidams have been explored in India?

- (a) 108
- (b) 87
- (c) 100
- (d) 65
- (e) 90

Q266. Which State/UTs government is going to host its maiden SARAS Fair 2023 from 4 to 14 February 2023?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Punjab
- (e) Ladakh

Q267. Who has been awarded “the most distinguished scientist of the year 2022” at the Indian Achievers Award at Vigyan Bhawan?

- (a) A. S. Kiran Kumar
- (b) Malathi Sivan
- (c) Ritu Karidhal
- (d) Tessy Thomas
- (e) R Vishnu Prasad

Q268. The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed _____ as International Day of Education.

- (a) 21 January
- (b) 22 January
- (c) 23 January
- (d) 24 January
- (e) 25 January

Q269. What is the theme of International Day of Education 2023?

- (a) Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation
- (b) Changing Course, Transforming Education
- (c) To invest in people, prioritize education
- (d) Learning for people, planet, prosperity and peace
- (e) celebration of the role of education for peace and development

Q270. On _____, the nation celebrates National Girl Child Day. This day was established in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

- (a) 21 January
- (b) 22 January
- (c) 23 January
- (d) 24 January
- (e) 25 January

Q271. Who among the following won the India Open title in January 2023?

- (a) Viktor Axelsen
- (b) Lee Zii Jia
- (c) Loh Kean Yew
- (d) Kunlavut Vitidsarn
- (e) Jonatan Christie

Q272. Which of the following government has declared a medical emergency in the Yanomami territory following reports of children dying of malnutrition and other diseases caused by illegal gold mining?

- (a) Peru
- (b) Brazil
- (c) Argentina
- (d) Uruguay
- (e) Chile

Q273. The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) crossed 10 million for the first time in a calendar year in 2022, The scheme is available to any citizen of India with Age _____ Years.

- (a) 17- 35
- (b) 18- 60
- (c) 18-40
- (d) 21-60
- (e) 21-70

Q274. Which police station was awarded as the number one police station in the country?

- (a) Kharsang Police Station, Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Jhilmili Police Station, Chhattisgarh
- (c) Sanguem Police Station, Goa
- (d) Kanth Police Station, Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Aska Police Station, Odisha

Q275. Amidst the ongoing standoff with China, the Indian Air Force is going to conduct _____ exercise in Northeast India.

- (a) VIJAY
- (b) PRALAY
- (c) PRABAL
- (d) GARUDA
- (e) BLUE FLAG

Q276. Who is the CEO of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Health Providers(NABH)?

- (a) Dr. Selvakumar
- (b) Dr. Devi Shetty
- (c) Dr. Atul Kochhar
- (d) Ashish Jain
- (e) Dr. Alexandar Thomas

Q277. Which constitutional body is hosting the 2nd International Conference on 'Use of Technology and Elections Integrity'?

- (a) Election Commission of India (ECI)
- (b) Finance Commission of India
- (c) National Commission for Scheduled Castes
- (d) Union Public Service Commission
- (e) State Public Service Commission

Q278. Who initiated the 'Summit for Democracy'?

- (a) President of India
- (b) Prime Minister of India
- (c) President of South Korea
- (d) President of the United States
- (e) Prime Minister of the United States

Q279. Which of the following Indian cricketer include in ICC Men's T20I Team of the Year 2022?

- (a) Jasprit Bumrah
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) Virat Kohli
- (d) Shikhar Dhawan
- (e) KL Rahul

Q280. Which of the following Indian cricketer include in ICC Women's T20I Team of the Year 2022?

- (a) Veda Krishnamurthy
- (b) Harleen Deol
- (c) Priya Punia
- (d) Smriti Mandhana
- (e) Mona Meshram

Q281. Who has been awarded the Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia Lifetime Achievement Award?

- (a) Dr. Prabha Atre
- (b) Dr. S. Eswara Reddy
- (c) Dr. P.B.N. Prasad
- (d) Dr. Tapan Saikia
- (e) Dr. Ravi Kant Sharma

Q282. U-Win was launched for which of the following purpose?

- (a) To digitise India's Universal Immunisation Programme
- (b) To digitise India's National Health Mission
- (c) To digitise India's Health and Wellness Platform
- (d) To digitise India's Ayushman Bharat Mission
- (e) To digitise India's COVID-19 vaccination registration

Q283. Election Commission of India is celebrating _____ National Voters' Day on 25th January 2023.

- (a) 11th
- (b) 12th
- (c) 13th
- (d) 14th
- (e) 15th

Q284. What is the theme of National Voters Day 2023?

- (a) Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed
- (b) Making Elections Inclusive Accessible and Participative
- (c) Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy
- (d) Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure
- (e) No voter to be left behind

Q285. Which song from India nominated for this year's Oscar?

- (a) Doobey
- (b) Kesariya
- (c) Apna Bana Le
- (d) Naatu Naatu
- (e) Kahani

Q286. _____ most followed international sports federation on social media

- (a) World Athletics
- (b) Fifa
- (c) International Basketball Federation
- (d) Volleyball World
- (e) International Cricket Council

Q287. UT's Administrator, Banwari Lal Purohit inaugurates North India's largest floating Solar project in _____.

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Chandigarh
- (c) Jammu and Kashmir
- (d) Ladakh
- (e) Andaman and Nicobar

Q288. Tata Trusts named _____, as its CEO and Aparna Uppaluri, as chief operating officer.

- (a) Aniket Kumar
- (b) Dinkar Mawari
- (c) Aashu Sharma
- (d) Sonam Dixit
- (e) Siddharth Sharma

Q289. The SwipeUp platform is launched by which bank-

- (a) SBI
- (b) PNB
- (c) AU Small Finance Bank
- (d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (e) ICICI Bank

Q290. Which among the following is not in the top 3 nations in expanding organic farming in the year 2020-

- (a) India
- (b) Argentina
- (c) Uruguay
- (d) Brazil
- (e) None of the above

Q291. Where will be India Energy Week 2023 hosted?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Vishakhapatnam
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Bengaluru
- (e) Kolkata

Q292. _____, MeitY's CSC Academy to train 10,000 women in cyber security

- (a) Vivo
- (b) Oppo
- (c) Apple
- (d) Nokia
- (e) Realme

Q293. The _____ programme aims to raise awareness among citizens to stay safe in an online world.

- (a) Cyber Saathi
- (b) GoI Cyber Saathi
- (c) Cyber Sangini
- (d) CyberSecurity
- (e) Cyber Security by GoI

Q294. When is the Statehood Day of Himachal Pradesh Celebrated?

- (a) 26th January
- (b) 15th March
- (c) 25th March
- (d) 25th January
- (e) 26th March

Q295. Uttar Pradesh Celebrated its Foundation on _____.

- (a) 24th January
- (b) 30th April
- (c) 15th August
- (d) 23rd December
- (e) 24th November

Q296. Which railway station has been awarded the 'Green Railway Station Certification with the highest rating of Platinum'?

- (a) Dehradun Railway Station
- (b) Visakhapatnam Railway Station
- (c) Indore Junction Railway Station
- (d) Varanasi Cantt
- (e) New Delhi Railway Station

Q297. Who has been nominated as a special envoy for human rights in North Korea by US President Joe Biden?

- (a) Tulsi Gabbard
- (b) Hillary Clinton
- (c) Julie Turner
- (d) Kamala Harris
- (e) Nancy Pelosi

Q298. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of JP Morgan Chase & Co (India)?

- (a) Rajesh Verma
- (b) Vijay Jasuja
- (c) Sanjay Khanna
- (d) R K Gupta
- (e) Prabdev Singh

Q299. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has announced how many names for Padma Vibhushan on 25 January 2023?

- (a) 5
- (b) 91
- (c) 6
- (d) 9
- (e) 11

Q300. India celebrated its 74th Republic day on 26th January 2023. For the first time, women were a part of which of the following contingents?

- (a) Indigenous Mobile Network Centre Contingent
- (b) BSF's Camel Contingent
- (c) Indian Army's Corps of Engineering contingent
- (d) Indian Army's Punjab Regiment
- (e) The National Service Scheme Contingent

Q301. The Indian Railways has introduced 'Ideal Train Profile' to maximise the capacity utilisation & revenue generation in reserved mail express trains. How many railway zones are there in India?

- (a) 15
- (b) 19
- (c) 20
- (d) 25
- (e) 10

Q302. Who among the following has become the 1st-ever Indian cricketer to have won the ICC Men's T20 Cricketer of the Year award?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Hardik Pandya
- (c) Surya Kumar Yadav
- (d) K L Rahul
- (e) Rishabh Pant

Q303. The United Nations pared down India's growth forecast by 20 basis points to 5.8 per cent for 2023 calendar year, its growth forecast for 2023-2024 is _____.

- (a) 5.8%
- (b) 6.8%
- (c) 6.5%
- (d) 6%
- (e) 7%

Q304. International Customs Day is observed every year on January 26, the theme for 2023 is _____.

- (a) Smart Borders for Seamless Trade, Travel and Tourism
- (b) Customs fostering Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet
- (c) Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal and Resilience
- (d) Scaling up Customs Digital Transformation
- (e) Nurturing the next generation: promoting a culture of knowledge-sharing and professional pride in Customs

Q305. Every year, International Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed on _____ to reflect on the atrocities inflicted by Adolf Hitler, which resulted in the deaths of an estimated six million Jews.

- (a) January 25
- (b) January 26
- (c) January 27
- (d) January 28
- (e) January 29

Q306. What is the theme of International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2023?

- (a) Holocaust Remembrance: Educating for a Better Future
- (b) Holocaust Remembrance: Demand and Defend Your Human Rights
- (c) Facing the Aftermath: Recovery and Reconstitution after the Holocaust
- (d) Memory, Dignity and Justice
- (e) Home and Belonging

Q307. Who among the eminent personalities received Padma Vibhushan?

- (a) Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee
- (b) Sandhya Mukherjee
- (c) EMS Namboodiripad
- (d) PN Haksar
- (e) Zakir Hussain

Q308. Which former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh received Padma Vibhushan recently?

- (a) Mulayam Singh Yadav
- (b) Mayawati
- (c) Akhilesh Yadav
- (d) Rajnath Singh
- (e) Kalyan Singh

Q309. Who among the following received the Padma Shree Award in the field of Trade and Industry?

- (a) Adi Godrej
- (b) Aditya Vikram Birla
- (c) Rakesh Radheshyam Jhunjhunwala
- (d) Ratan Tata
- (e) Mukesh Ambani

Q310. _____ pioneered the wide use of ORS (Oral Rehydration Solution) which is estimated to have saved more than 5 crore lives.

- (a) Ratan Chandra Kar
- (b) Munishwar Chanddawat
- (c) Deepak Dhar
- (d) Dilip Mahalanabis
- (e) Srinivas Varadhan

Q311. Which of the following state has celebrated the 3rd edition of the annual Orange Festival 2023?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Manipur
- (e) Meghalaya

Q312. Which ministry has organized the 6-day mega event "Bharat Parv" at Red Fort lawns?

- (a) Ministry of Education
- (b) Ministry of Tourism
- (c) Ministry of Environment and Forests
- (d) Ministry of Culture
- (e) Ministry of Jal Shakti (Water)

Q313. The European Space Agency's Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE) will be launched from the agency's spaceport in French Guiana in which year?

- (a) April 2023
- (b) September 2024
- (c) April 2024
- (d) December 2023
- (e) April 2025

Q314. Which of the following companies said it is investing USD 10 billion in OpenAI, whose artificial intelligence tool ChatGPT?

- (a) Apple
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) Saudi Aramco
- (d) Amazon
- (e) Tesla

Q315. Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya unveiled world's first intranasal COVID-19 vaccine in New Delhi developed by Bharat Biotech International Limited, the vaccine was named as _____.

- (a) COVISHEILD
- (b) iNNOVACC
- (c) Zy- CoV-D
- (d) Corbevax
- (e) COVOVAX

Q316. _____ Provides Tap Water to 11 Crore Rural Households

- (a) Mission Amrit Sarovar
- (b) Jal Jeevan Mission
- (c) AMRUT 2.0 Scheme
- (d) PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojna
- (e) "Sahi Fasal" Campaign

Q317. US Military raid in _____ killed a key regional leader of the Islamic State group, Bilal al-Sudani.

- (a) Kenya
- (b) Somalia
- (c) Djibouti
- (d) Uganda
- (e) Tanzania

Q318. What is the theme of 2023 Data Privacy Day?

- (a) Think Privacy First
- (b) Privacy Matters
- (c) Stop. Think. Connect
- (d) Own Your Privacy
- (e) Privacy Now

Q319. Who took charge as General Manager of Central Railway recently?

- (a) Ashok Kumar Misra
- (b) R.N. Singh
- (c) Naresh Lalwani
- (d) B G Mallya
- (e) Alok Kumar

Q320. _____ has launched a massive outreach programme in all districts through revamped 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' programme for expanding its presence across the country.

- (a) EPFO
- (b) RBI
- (c) IRDAI
- (d) SEBI
- (e) SBI

Q321. The Central government has renamed the Mughal Gardens in New Delhi's Rashtrapati Bhavan as 'Amrit Udyan'. The Mughal Gardens was designed in which year?

- (a) 1909
- (b) 1917
- (c) 1936
- (d) 1947
- (e) 1949

Q322. Luminous Power Technologies has announced its plan to build the country's first green energy-based solar panel manufacturing factory in which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Uttarakhand

Q323. Woxsen University has launched Project Aspiration to empower adolescent girls of standards IX-XII of Model Schools and Junior Colleges of in which state?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Odisha

Q324. Who among the following has inaugurated National Logistics Portal (Marine)?

- (a) Anurag Thakur
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Jitendra Singh
- (d) Sarbananda Sonowal
- (e) Amit Shah

Q325. The government will hand over how many monuments to the private sector for their upkeep under the Monument Mitra Scheme, announced by the Ministry of Culture?

- (a) 100
- (b) 500
- (c) 700
- (d) 1000
- (e) 1100

Q326. Which country has announced the introduction of the Debbie Hockley Medal to honor the outstanding female cricketer?

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

Q327. Who has won the women's singles title by defeating Elena Rybakina in the Australian Open 2023?

- (a) Arina Sabalenka
- (b) Karolína Plíšková
- (c) Caroline Garcia
- (d) Kaia Kanepi
- (e) Victoria Azarenka

Q328. Who has won the men's singles title by defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas in the Australian Open 2023?

- (a) J. Zieliński
- (b) H. Nys
- (c) J. Kubler
- (d) R. Hijikata
- (e) N. Djokovic

Q329. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. has signed an MoU with Rolls Royce Solutions of Germany to locally manufacture_____.

- (a) Electric vehicles
- (b) Marine diesel engines
- (c) Electric naval Vasal
- (d) Destroyer
- (e) None of the above

Q330. Which team beat Belgium 5-4 in the penalty shootout to win the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023?

- (a) England
- (b) Australia
- (c) Netherlands
- (d) Germany
- (e) India

Q331. On January 30, 2023, India observed Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas to pay tribute to all the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country. The day is also marked as the death anniversary of the _____.

- (a) Indira Gandhi
- (b) Jawahar Lal Nehru
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi
- (d) Rajeev Gandhi
- (e) Bhim Rao Ambedkar

Q332. World Leprosy Day (WLD) is celebrated on the last Sunday of January. In 2023, World Leprosy Day is observed on _____.

- (a) 27 January
- (b) 28 January
- (c) 29 January
- (d) 30 January
- (e) 31 January

Q333. World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day (World NTD Day) is observed on _____ every year to raise awareness about neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) as a critical public health challenge so that we can progress towards their elimination.

- (a) January 30
- (b) January 29
- (c) January 28
- (d) January 27
- (e) January 26

Q334. Which team beat England in the first-ever ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup final in Potchefstroom, South Africa?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) India
- (e) Australia

Q335. What is the theme of World Leprosy Day 2023?

- (a) Beat Leprosy, End Stigma and Advocate for Mental Well-Being
- (b) United for Dignity
- (c) Act Now. End Leprosy.
- (d) Ending discrimination, stigma, and prejudice
- (e) To live is to help to live'

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. The 'Dhanu Yatra' festival, the largest open-air theatre festival began after a gap of two years, in Bargarh in Odisha. The Festival is being held from December 27 to Jan 6, 2023.

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Tamil Nadu government has launched an initiative for the conservation of the Nilgiri Tahr (the State animal) at a cost of Rs 25.14 crore.

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. The prestigious European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) Young Investigator Network has chosen an Indian scientist to be part of the team, recognizing her as one of the top talents of Europe in Biology. Indian scientist Dr Mahima Swamy who comes from Bengaluru has been one of the most revered experts at the University of Dundee's School of Life Sciences.

S4. Ans.(e)

Sol. Election Commission has proposed introduction of 'remote voting' for domestic migrants, using a multi-constituency electronic voting machine (EVM) that will retain all security features of the EVMs currently in use.

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Goa's new Zuari bridge. The bridge is an important link between North and South Goa.

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Uttar Pradesh government has appointed IPS officer Laxmi Singh as the new Noida Police chief, making her the first woman officer to head a Police Commissionerate in the state.

S7. Ans.(e)

Sol. The Centre's full-year target for fiscal deficit stands at ₹16,61,196 crore. The central government's fiscal deficit widened to ₹9.78 lakh crore in the April-November period, around 58.9% of the Budget Estimates for 2022-2023, data released today by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) shows.

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Sixth anniversary of indigenously developed payment application BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money). It was launched on this day in 2016 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Recently, Satark Nagrik Sangathan (SNS) has released a report card of Responsiveness under RTI (Right to Information) Act 2021-22, which shows that Tamil Nadu has been the worst performing RTI responsiveness, furnishing only 14% of the information sought.

S10. Ans.(e)

Sol. International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the US-based international organization has selected the anti-drug & illicit liquor campaign 'Nijaat' of Chhattisgarh police for 'Leadership in Crime Prevention' in the institutional category.

S11. Ans.(e)

Sol. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated Mega Dairy at Mandya in Karnataka.

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. According to the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation, India's first underwater metro service, the East-West Metro Corridor project is expected to be completed by December 2023.

S13. Ans.(d)

Sol. Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as Managing Director and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. Former world rapid champion Koneru Humpy has won India's first-ever Silver medal in the FIDE World Blitz Chess Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

S15. Ans.(e)

Sol. In hockey, Madhya Pradesh clinched the title by defeating Odisha 6-5 in the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 qualifier title in Bhubaneswar.

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India's Medium-term Strategy Framework for the period 2023-2025 – Utkarsh 2.0– was launched by Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor, RBI.

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. Punjab & Sind Bank has partnered with SBI Card to launch co-brand credit cards for its customers. The partnership will introduce 'credit cards' as a new product segment under the bank's portfolio and for this both the partners have rolled out three card variants - PSB SBI Card ELITE, PSB SBI Card PRIME, and PSB SimplySAVE SBI Card.

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. Bangladesh launched its first metro rail service with Japanese assistance to ease commuting in the capital Dhaka, one of the most congested cities in the world.

S19. Ans.(d)

Sol. Hockey Haryana's women's team won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Women's Under 18 Qualifiers after defeating Madhya Pradesh (2-0) in the final at Bhubaneswar.

S20. Ans.(e)

Sol. Elon Musk has the notorious distinction of becoming the first person ever to lose \$200 billion, Bloomberg reports. Now worth \$137 billion, Musk had a net worth of \$340 billion in November 2021.

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Government of India sponsored the proposal for International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023 which was accepted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The declaration has been instrumental for the Government of India to be at the forefront in celebrating the IYM.

S22. Ans.(a)

Sol. Pakistan and India exchanged lists of their nuclear facilities as part of a 1988 pact that bars them from attacking each other's nuclear installations,

S23. Ans.(d)

Sol. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was sworn in as Brazil's president on Sunday in the capital of Brasilia to assume office for the third time.

S24. Ans.(c)

Sol. India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues rose to nearly ₹1.49 lakh crore in December 2022.

S25. Ans.(e)

Sol. The 10th edition of Dhaka Lit Fest (DLF), Bangladesh's biggest international literary festival, is all set to take place on January 5-8, 2023.

S26. Ans.(d)

Sol. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Devanahalli in Karnataka.

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Global Family Day is celebrated every year on January 1. The day creates a sense of unity, community and brotherhood across nations and cultures through the idea of families.

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI), ended the 2022 calendar year on a high note as the volume of transactions touched a record 7.82 billion in December, amounting to Rs 12.82 trillion.

S29. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) put forth a number of recommendations in the review meeting on January 1 in Mumbai.

S30. Ans.(b)

Sol. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM-NIWAS) at Joka in Kolkata via video conferencing.

S31. Ans.(c)

Sol. CRPF celebrated 'Jashn-e-Chillai-Kalan' with students in Srinagar. Chillai-Kalan is the harshest winter period in Kashmir for a period of 40 days starting from 21st December to 29th January every year.

S32. Ans.(a)

Sol. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Headquarters in New Delhi has marked the 65th Foundation Day of the Organisation, which is celebrated on 1st January every year.

S33. Ans.(c)

Sol. Former IAS officer Kaki Madhava Rao has authored a new book titled "Breaking Barriers: the Story of a Dalit Chief Secretary" which addresses the details about the dynamics of civil services at the ground level and also fills the gap in the knowledge about micro policies and governance.

S34. Ans.(a)

Sol. Croatia has switched to the euro and entered Europe's passport-free zone - two important milestones for the country after joining the European Union (EU) nearly a decade ago.

S35. Ans.(e)

Sol. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has started 'Mission 929' in Tripura. It will focus on 929 polling booths across Tripura with a target to increase the voter turnout to 92 percent in the next assembly elections. However the ECI has yet to announce the poll schedule of Tripura.

S36. Ans.(b)

Sol. According to the Coffee Board of India, the total export of coffee from India rose by 1.66 percent to 4 lakh tonnes in 2022 mainly due to the increase in instant coffee exports and re-exports.

S37. Ans.(c)

Sol. According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's unemployment rate in December 2022 has increased to a 16-month high at 8.30% from 8% in November 2022.

S38. Ans.(a)

Sol. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 108th Indian Science Congress through video conferencing. The focal theme of this year's ISC is "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment".

S39. Ans.(a)

Sol. Country's largest power generator, NTPC Ltd commissions India's first green hydrogen blending project. The green hydrogen blending has been started in the piped natural gas (PNG) network of NTPC Kawas township, Surat.

S40. Ans.(c)

Sol. China becomes the first country in Asia and second in the world to launch Hydrogen powered Train. China became the first country in Asia and second in the world to launch Hydrogen powered urban trains. Germany was the first country to introduce hydrogen powered trains in September 2022.

S41. Ans.(d)

Sol. According to the government of India's Public Enterprise survey 2021-22, ONGC was the top profit making central public sector enterprises (CPSE) in 2021-22.

S42. Ans.(b)

Sol. HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, is partnering with Microsoft in the next phase of its digital transformation journey and unlocking business value by transforming the application portfolio, modernizing the data landscape and securing the enterprise with Microsoft Cloud.

S43. Ans.(d)

Sol. 50 electric buses were launched in Delhi with support under the FAME India Phase II scheme of the Ministry of Heavy Industries. In 2019, the government approved Rs 10,000 crore for a period of three years.

S44. Ans.(d)

Sol. Captain Shiva Chauhan from the Corps of Engineers has been posted at a frontline post in Siachen Glacier, in first such operational deployment of a woman Army officer at the world's highest battlefield.

S45. Ans.(d)

Sol. Captain Shiva Chauhan from the Corps of Engineers has been posted at a frontline post in Siachen Glacier, in first such operational deployment of a woman Army officer at the world's highest battlefield.

S46. Ans.(b)

Sol. K9-Vajra: The Defence Ministry has started the process for the procurement of 100 more K9-Vajra tracked self-propelled howitzers which are built in India by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) using technology transferred from South Korean defence major Hanwha Defence.

S47. Ans.(d)

Sol. World Braille Day, marked on January 4, emphasises the significance of Braille as a form of communication for the partially sighted and blind. The United Nations has been commemorating the day since 2019.

S48. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has proposed to ban advertisements of online betting sites on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, as per draft rules for online gaming released.

S49. Ans.(d)

Sol. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh with an outlay of Rs 101 crore on 1 January 2023.

S50. Ans.(c)

Sol. President Droupadi Murmu reached Jaipur today on a two-day visit to Rajasthan. She inaugurated Samvidhan Udyan at Raj Bhavan in Jaipur.

S51. Ans.(b)

Sol. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has launched two programme named 'Didir Suraksha Kawach' and 'Didir Doot', ahead of the 2023 panchayat polls.

S52. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Meetei community of Manipur celebrates Imoinu Eratpa every year and they regard the Imoinu goddess as a goddess of wealth and prosperity.

S53. Ans.(e)

Sol. India will take over the leadership of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) having its Headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand from this month.

S54. Ans.(d)

Sol. Folk singer Maithili Thakur has been appointed as the state icon for Bihar by the Election Commission. She will create awareness among the voters for their participation in the electoral process.

S55. Ans.(c)

Sol. Jason Moo has been appointed as new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Bank of Singapore effective from 6 March 2023.

S56. Ans.(c)

Sol. IIT Madras Centre of Excellence (CoE) has collaborated with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to develop Advanced Defence Technologies.

S57. Ans.(d)

Sol. Noted Rabindra Sangeet exponent, Sumitra Sen has passed away at the age of 89. She will be remembered for her rendition of songs like Jokhon Porbe Na Mor, Sokhi Vabona Kahare Bole, and Mone Ki Dwidha.

S58. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India has launched the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH) which will provide useful inputs for monetary policy. In the January 2023 round, the survey will be conducted across 19 cities.

S59. Ans.(d)

Sol. 27 Indians living overseas have been chosen by the Indian government for the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards (PBSA), for outstanding achievements both in India and abroad.

S60. Ans.(a)

Sol. Odisha won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission, a 5T initiative of the state. The awards recognise and highlight innovative, outstanding and revolutionary housing ideas, projects and programmes from across the world.

S61. Ans.(d)

Sol. Five-time MLA from Bhattiyat Kuldeep Singh Pathania is all set to be the next Speaker of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly.

S62. Ans.(d)

Sol. Writer Ambikasuthan Mangad has been selected for Odakuzhal Award 2022 for his collection of short stories titled Pranavayu. The award consists of Rs 30,000, citation, and plaque.

S63. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Naveen Patnaik government in Odisha will provide free 5 Kg rice per month to the beneficiaries under the State Food Security Scheme for one year. This was announced by the chief minister Naveen Patnaik on 3 January 2023.

S64. Ans.(d)

Sol. President Murmu inaugurates the 18th National Jamboree of the Bharat Scouts and Guides in Rajasthan.

S65. Ans.(b)

Sol. Union Cabinet approves naming of Mopa airport in Goa after Manohar Parrikar.

S66. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Union Government has approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an initial outlay of 19,744 crore rupees.

S67. Ans.(a)

Sol. The government of India has constituted 17 member High Powered Committee (HPC) under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai.

S68. Ans.(c)

Sol. Bandhan Bank has launched its 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign featuring cricketer Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador.

S69. Ans.(c)

Sol. A book titled 'Ambedkar: A Life', authored by Shashi Tharoor has been launched at the Kitaab Kolkata event.

S70. Ans.(d)

Sol. Ministry of Jal Shakti organized "1st All India Annual State Ministers Conference on Water" with the theme "Water Vision@2047" in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

S71. Ans.(e)

Sol. The World Day of War Orphans is observed on January 6 every year with an aim to raise awareness about children orphaned in wars.

S72. Ans.(a)

Sol. Kerala Chief Minister(CM) Pinarayi Vijayan has inaugurated the Palm leaf Manuscript Museum with modern audio-visual technology at the renovated Central Archives, Fort area in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

S73. Ans.(b)

Sol. Saurashtra's Jaydev Unadkat made a slice of Ranji Trophy history, becoming the first bowler to take a hat-trick in the opening over.

S74. Ans.(b)

Sol. Australia's Belinda Clark has become the first female cricketer to have a statue cast in her honour, a bronze sculpture of the trailblazing former captain unveiled outside Sydney Cricket Ground.

S75. Ans.(e)

Sol. A Medical book 'Human Anatomy' in Hindi Manav sharir Rachna Vigyan was released by the Governor of Madhya Pradesh Shri Mangubhai Patel at the function which is a very useful book for the Medical students of all courses related to medical education written by Dr AK Dwivedi.

S76. Ans.(b)

Sol. Pranesh M became India's 79th Grandmaster, having completed his three norms prior to this event. IM Pranesh M emerged as the winner of the Rilton Cup, the first tournament of the FIDE Circuit.

S77. Ans.(b)

Sol. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has signed a partnership with the JSW Group for the upcoming FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, which will kick-off later this month.

S78. Ans.(b)

Sol. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Microsoft signed a memorandum of understanding to help Indian space technology startups with technical tools, go-to-market support and mentoring to help them scale up and become business-ready.

S79. Ans.(d)

Sol. The US has approved use of the world's first vaccine for honey bees. It was engineered to prevent fatalities from American foulbrood disease, a bacterial condition known to weaken colonies by attacking bee larvae.

S80. Ans.(d)

Sol. The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) its members have elected Saiyam Mehra as Chairman and Rajesh Rokde as Vice Chairman of the industry body for a period of two years (2023-24).

S81. Ans.(e)

Sol. Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the three-day 'North East Krishi Kumbha-2023' in Meghalaya.

S82. Ans.(b)

Sol. 50 of India's 3,693 centrally protected monuments have gone untraceable, which flagged a matter of grave concern.

S83. Ans.(a)

Sol. Jalna district police and Nagpur city police in Maharashtra have bagged the 'Best Police Unit' awards for 2021 in the state.

S84. Ans.(d)

Sol. Mumbai-based physician Dr. Tapan Saikia has been honored with the highest state civilian award, 'Assam Baibhav', for his contribution to cancer treatment.

S85. Ans.(c)

Sol. Noted economist and popular historian Sanjeev Sanyal is set to release his latest book, "Revolutionaries: The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom,".

S86. Ans.(d)

Sol. India has taken over the leadership of the Asia Pacific Postal Union (APPU) in January 2023. Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh will take over the charge of Secretary General of the Union for a tenure of 4 years.

S87. Ans.(a)

Sol. The first-of-its-kind inclusive festival in India, 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity' is set to begin in Goa on 5th January.

S88. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has issued a debt broker license to Bengaluru-based fintech firm GoldenPi Technologies.

S89. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India gave its approval to SBI Funds Management Ltd to acquire up to 9.99% stake in Equitas Small Finance Bank through the schemes of SBI Mutual Fund.

S90. Ans.(c)

Sol. Tracking performance of airports and airlines, Cirium issued a list of the top-performing global airports of 2022 in which Bangalore's Kempegowda International Airport won the 2nd rank.

S91. Ans.(c)

Sol. The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention is being organized in Indore from 8th Jan to the 10th of January in partnership with the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

S92. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Bihar government has begun caste surveys in different parts of the State. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar made it clear that only castes, not sub-castes along with the economic status of each family will be cataloged.

S93. Ans.(b)

Sol. A Military Tattoo and Tribal Dance Festival – Aadi Shaurya – Parv Parakram Ka will be held at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in New Delhi on January 23 & 24, 2023.

S94. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue Sovereign Green Bonds worth Rs 8,000 crore each in two tranches on January 25 and February 9.

S95. Ans.(e)

Sol. Republican leader Kevin McCarthy has been elected as the Speaker of the US House of Representatives.

S96. Ans.(d)

Sol. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited has been ranked 1st in the Services Sector across categories Gross Block, Value Addition, Net Profit, Net Worth, Dividend Declaration and Contribution to Central Exchequer and has also been ranked 3rd amongst Top 10 Top 10 Profit Making CPSEs in the recently published Public Enterprises Survey 2021-22 by DPE.

S97. Ans.(a)

Sol. President of India Droupadi Murmu, laid the foundation stone of SJVN Limited's 1000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project at Jaipur, Rajasthan.

S98. Ans.(c)

Sol. Squadron leader Avani Chaturvedi, the first female fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF), is scheduled to participate in the inaugural air exercise Veer Guardian 2023.

S99. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession (HLS CLP) has announced Chief Justice of India Dr. DY Chandrachud as the 2022 recipient of its "Award for Global Leadership" in recognition of his lifetime of service to the legal profession in India and around the world.

S100. Ans.(b)

Sol. The proposed fertilizer plant in Odisha's Talcher will start urea production in 2024. It will be India's first and largest coal gasification-based urea plant.

S101. Ans.(d)

Sol. India deploys a women-only platoon of peacekeepers to the UN Mission in Abyei on the border of Sudan and South Sudan as part of the Indian Battalion in the United Nations Interim Security Force, Abyei (UNISFA).

S102. Ans.(a)

Sol. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has announced the launch of its '360° Financial Protection with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance' digital-first campaign featuring cricketer Suryakumar Yadav.

S103. Ans.(d)

Sol. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan declared Kerala as the first state in the country to go fully digital in its banking service and said this recognition would boost the state economy.

S104. Ans.(d)

Sol. Paytm Payments Bank has received banking regulator RBI's nod to appoint Surinder Chawla as its Managing Director and CEO. The RBI, however, continues to bar Paytm Payments Bank from on-boarding new customers.

S105. Ans.(b)

Sol. The International Kite Festival 2023 has began on 8 January in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The festival, which is being organised after a gap of two years, was inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. The previous edition was held in 2020 with 153 participants from 43 countries.

S106. Ans.(e)

Sol. Indian state refiner Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has launched low-smoke Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) for the Indian Army in Jammu.

S107. Ans.(d)

Sol. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a 120-feet-tall statue of a polo player riding a pony at Marjing Polo Complex in Manipur's Imphal East district.

S108. Ans.(e)

Sol. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel celebrates the traditional Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in the state capital Raipur.

S109. Ans.(b)

Sol. Indian Tennis Player Sania Mirza has announced her retirement from professional Tennis.

S110. Ans.(a)

Sol. The University of Kerala bagged the 'Overall Championship' at the 36th Inter University South Zone Youth Festival in Tirupati.

S111. Ans.(d)

Sol. Former Chief Justice of India and member of the Rajya Sabha Ranjan Gogoi has released a book written by Assam CM 'Chief Minister's Diary No.1.

S112. Ans.(c)

Sol. PM Modi inaugurated the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention in Indore. President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali will be the chief guest and the Republic of Suriname President Chandrikapersad Santokhi will be the special guest of honour.

S113. Ans.(a)

Sol. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis lauded vaccine manufacturer Serum Institute of India and its CEO Adar Poonwalla for their contribution in the fight against COVID-19.

S114. Ans.(d)

Sol. World Hindi Day or Vishwa Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 10th January every year to promote awareness about the language across the world.

S115. Ans.(c)

Sol. The theme this year is "Hindi - Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence".

S116. Ans.(c)

Sol. This year, the 12th World Hindi Conference will be organised in Fiji by the Foreign Ministry in collaboration with the Fiji government from February 15 to 17. The location for the 2023 event was decided during the 11th World Hindi Conference held in Mauritius last year.

S117. Ans.(d)

Sol. Journalist Tamal Bandyopadhyay has released his latest book "Roller Coaster: An Affair with Banking" with permission from Jaico Publishing House.

S118. Ans.(e)

Sol. Novak Djokovic has defeated America's Sebastian Korda in a nerve-wracking final to win the Adelaide International men's singles title.

S119. Ans.(b)

Sol. Neeru Yadav, fondly known as 'Hockey Wali Sarpanch' has taken a new initiative to strengthen farmers of Lambi Ahir Village. Yadav has inked a pact with NABARD to start the Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO) with the assistance of SIIRD (Society of Indian Institute of Rural Development).

S120. Ans.(e)

Sol. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry is organising Startup India Innovation Week from 10th January 2023 to 16th January 2023 to celebrate the Indian Startup Ecosystem as well as National Startup Day (16th January 2023).

S121. Ans.(c)

Sol. Veteran actor-director Aparna Sen has honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the opening ceremony of the 15th edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF).

S122. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Khelo India Senior Women National Kho Kho league is set to take place at Chandigarh University, Punjab from 10 January to 13 January 2023.

S123. Ans.(e)

Sol. Indian batter, Suryakumar Yadav has become the fastest player to reach 1,500 runs in T20 International cricket in terms of balls faced.

S124. Ans.(b)

Sol. Vikas Purohit will head Facebook parent Meta's global business group in India, said the social media platform. Purohit, the former CEO of Tata CLiQ, will lead Meta's strategic relationship with brands and agencies to drive revenue growth across key channels, the company said in a statement.

S125. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India released a list of domestic credit rating agencies banks are advised to use for risk weighting their claims about capital adequacy. It listed Acuite Ratings & Research Limited, Credit Analysis and Research Limited (CARE), CRISIL Ratings Limited, ICRA Limited, India Ratings and Research Private Limited, and INFOMERICS Valuation and Rating Pvt Ltd.

S126. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Anurag Kumar for the post of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL).

S127. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Board of Control for Cricket in India has signed Kewal Kiran Clothing Ltd, maker of Killer jeans, as the official sponsor of the Indian cricket team, replacing gaming and esports company MPL.

S128. Ans.(c)

Sol. Composer MM Keeravani, along with singers Kaala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj, has won the Golden Globe for Best Original Song, for the track "Naatu Naatu," from epic drama "RRR".

S129. Ans.(e)

Sol. The National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year in the United States on 11th January. The day is dedicated to raising awareness about human trafficking.

S130. Ans.(d)

Sol. e-NAM, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, has won the Platinum Award in the Digital Empowerment of Citizens Category in Digital India Awards 2022 held in New Delhi.

S131. Ans.(d)

Sol. Nutrition company Herbalife Nutrition India Private Limited is partnering with international women's cricketer, Smriti Mandhana as a 'nutrition sponsor'.

S132. Ans.(b)

Sol. Axis Bank enters into revised pact with Max Financial Services for acquiring additional 7% stake in Max Life.

S133. Ans.(b)

Sol. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh unveils the theme for National Science Day 2023, titled Global Science for Global Wellbeing.

S134. Ans.(e)

Sol. Fintech unicorn BharatPe has received in principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as an online payment aggregator, joining fintech platforms such as Open, Infibeam, Cashfree, Paysharp and Worldline ePayments which already have such approvals in place.

S135. Ans.(c)

Sol. Former Minister Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze will replace Ossouka Raponda and form a new government.

S136. Ans.(d)

Sol. Defence Ministry approves proposals worth Rs 4,276-cr for anti-tank, air defence missile systems The Rajnath Singh-led Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) gave clearance for three capital acquisition proposals - two for the Indian Army and one for the Navy.

S137. Ans.(a)

Sol. Jadunama, a book written on veteran writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar by Arvind Mandloi, was released. Gulzar unveiled "Jadunama", a coffee table book that draws its title from Akhtar's nickname Jadu.

S138. Ans.(c)

Sol. France's World Cup-winning captain Hugo Lloris announced his retirement from international football at the age of 36. The Tottenham goalkeeper made a record 145 appearances for France and captained Les Bleus as they won the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

S139. Ans.(c)

Sol. Governor of Uttarakhand Lt. Gen (retd) Gurmit Singh gave the nod to a Bill that gives 30% reservation to the native women of the State.

S140. Ans.(e)

Sol. AC Charania, an India-American aerospace industry expert has been appointed as NASA's new chief technologist.

S141. Ans.(b)

Sol. National Youth Day is celebrated every year on January 12 to mark the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

S142. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Centre said the festival is held to provide exposure to youths at a national level and this year's theme for the four-day programme is "Viksit Yuva – Viksit Bharat (Developed Youth – Developed India)".

S143. Ans.(b)

Sol. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India is observing the Road Safety Week from 11th to 17th January 2023, under "Swachhata Pakhwada", to propagate the cause of safer roads for all.

S144. Ans.(a)

Sol. This year the festival is being organized by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in collaboration with the Karnataka. The event will be held from January 12 to January 16, 2023, at Hubballi-Dharwad, Karnataka.

S145. Ans.(d)

Sol. Now Punjabi is all set to be taught in public schools in Western Australia. The language is all set to be introduced into the school curriculum.

S146. Ans.(e)

Sol. Jadunama, a book written on veteran writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar by Arvind Mandloi, was released. Javed's wife, actor Shabana Azmi and children Zoya and Farhan Akhtar were present at the book launch.

S147. Ans.(c)

Sol. Hockey India has launched a new metaverse product to tie in with its hosting of the Men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13-29. 'Hockeyverse', which Hockey India claims marks a first for a national sports federation, has been launched across the governing body's social media platforms and is designed to enhance the tournament experience for fans around the world.

S148. Ans.(d)

Sol. Constantine II, the former and last King of Greece who ruled Greece before the country became a republic in 1974 passed away in Athens, Greece, at 82. He was born of King Paul I, younger brother to King George II, of Greece and German aristocrat Princess Frederica of Hannover, Germany, on 2nd June 1940 in Psikhikó near Athens, Greece.

S149. Ans.(a)

Sol. India's growth is expected to slow to 6.9 per cent in Financial Year 2023, a 0.6 percentage point decrease since June, as the global economy and rising uncertainty weigh on export and investment growth, according to the World Bank.

S150. Ans.(d)

Sol. Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, a member of the British royal family, has released his memoir titled "Spare".

S151. Ans.(c)

Sol. England's Harry Brook has won his maiden ICC Men's Player of the Month crown for December 2022.

S152. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Union Cabinet approved a ₹2,600-crore incentive scheme to promote Rupay debit card and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions (person-to-merchant) in FY23.

S153. Ans.(d)

Sol. Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurates School of Logistics, Waterways and Communication in Agartala.

S154. Ans.(e)

Sol. Harry Brook received the ICC Men's Player of the Month award after a blistering run of scores that helped England claim a historic World Test Championship (WTC) series victory in Pakistan.

S155. Ans.(b)

Sol. Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has officially launched the book titled "Braving A Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story" in New Delhi. The book is co-authored by Aashish Chandorkar and Suraj Sudhir.

S156. Ans.(d)

Sol. Former India cricket team captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni and drone market Garuda Aerospace have launched a surveillance drone named 'Droni.' Dhoni is an ambassador-cum-investor in the low-cost drone manufacturer.

S157. Ans.(b)

Sol. Home Minister Amit Shah has released a book titled "Revolutionaries- The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom" at a function in New Delhi. The Author of the book is Economist Sanjeev Sanyal who is also a member of Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

S158. Ans.(a)

Sol. State Bank of India (SBI) has launched e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility in association with National e-Governance Services Limited (NeSL).

S159. Ans.(c)

Sol. IT giant Cognizant has announced Ravi Kumar as its new Chief Executive Officer, replacing the outgoing Brian Humphries, effective immediately. He was the president and COO of Infosys until October 2022, before leaving the company to join Cognizant the following week as President of Cognizant Americas.

S160. Ans.(a)

Sol. India's retail inflation eased to 5.72 per cent in December on an annual basis as against 5.88 per cent in November, 2022.

S161. Ans.(d)

Sol. The agreement signed between the Madhya Pradesh Tourism and GOPIO -France Metropole Paris, Mauritius, Reunion Island, Martinique, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Mauritius and GOPIO international will promote Madhya Pradesh tourism and its activities in their countries.

S162. Ans.(e)

Sol. A Santhi Kumari, a 1989 batch IAS officer, became the first woman Chief Secretary of Telangana and assumed charge at BRKR Bhavan.

S163. Ans.(b)

Sol. A grand cultural program 'Sur Sarita - Symphony of Ganga' was organized by the Ministry of Culture. The world's longest river cruise MV Ganga Vilas will be flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in Varanasi.

S164. Ans.(c)

Sol. China's Alibaba Group sold a 3.1% stake in Indian digital payments firm Paytm worth \$125 million through a block deal.

S165. Ans.(d)

Sol. Sonia Guajajara Appointed First Minister of Newly Created Ministry of Indigenous Affairs in Brazil.

S166. Ans.(b)

Sol. In a first in the country, the Rajasthan government has implemented a policy for blindness control with the objective of 'Right to Sight'.

S167. Ans.(d)

Sol. Rajnath Singh launches 'Soul of Steel' Alpine Challenge to promote tourism in border areas A 'Soul of Steel' challenge will be launched in India in order to test one's high-altitude endurance.

S168. Ans.(a)

Sol. Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh launched Geospatial Hackathon to promote Innovation and Start-Ups in India's Geospatial ecosystem.

S169. Ans.(b)

Sol. Star Indian batter Virat Kohli became the fifth-highest run-scorer in history of ODI cricket, overtaking Sri Lankan legend Mahela Jayawardene to enter into top-five.

S170. Ans.(a)

Sol. Regional carrier Flybig started service from Itanagar to Guwahati. The carrier has commenced flight from Hollongi in Arunachal Pradesh to Guwahati in Assam.

S171. Ans.(b)

Sol. In Cricket, India scripted history by defeating Sri Lanka by the largest ever margin of 317 runs in the third and final ODI in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. With this, India also clean swept the series by 3-0. Previous record of a win by a largest ever margin was with the New Zealand, for 290-run win over Ireland in 2008.

S172. Ans.(d)

Sol. Captain Surbhi Jakhmola of the Indian Army's 117 Engineer Regiment will be the first woman officer to be posted on a foreign assignment at the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

S173. Ans.(d)

Sol. Star cricketer Virat Kohli became the fifth-highest run-scorer in history of ODI cricket, overtaking Sri Lankan legend Mahela Jayawardene to enter into top-five.

S174. Ans.(c)

Sol. The 28th Critics Choice Awards were held, and once again, SS Rajamouli's RRR has made India proud, as the film scored two awards. RRR won Best Song award for Naatu Naatu, as well as Best Foreign Language film. RRR was also nominated for Best Director, Best Picture and Best Visual Effects.

S175. Ans.(e)

Sol. The United States candidate R'Bonney Gabriel has crowned Miss Universe 2022 at a ceremony held in New Orleans, Mexico. The crown was presented to her by India's Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu who had won the 2021 title.

S176. Ans.(b)

Sol. A credit default swap (CDS) is a financial swap agreement that the seller of the CDS will compensate the buyer in the event of a debt default (by the debtor) or other credit event.

S177. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry on Tuesday launched the National Urban Digital Mission, which was aimed at creating a shared digital infrastructure for cities.

S178. Ans.(c)

Sol. The 60.72 per cent stake in IDBI Bank is being sold by the government and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).

S179. Ans.(b)

Sol. On the other hand, the bottom 50 per cent of the population have continued to see their wealth chipped away and by 2020, according to the annual inequality report titled 'Survival of the Richest' released by Oxfam on the first day of the World Economic Forum.

S180. Ans.(e)

Sol. Chief Economic Adviser to the Treasury, Clare Lombardelli, has been appointed as the new Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Chief Economist.

S181. Ans.(b)

Sol. The 53rd edition of the World Economic Forum (WEF) will begin at Davos in Switzerland. The meeting will continue till 20th January. The theme for this year's WEF meeting is 'Cooperation in a Fragmented World'.

S182. Ans.(d)

Sol. In 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced January 16 as the National Startup Day, to celebrate the spirit of the Indian startup ecosystem. The importance of January 16 is that it was the founding day of the Startup India initiative.

S183. Ans.(c)

Sol. The World Economic Forum taking place in Davos, Switzerland released the 18th edition of the Global Risk Report 2023 based on the 2022-2023 Global Risks Perception Survey (GRPS) that reveals the cost of living crisis, food supply crisis, energy supply crisis, rising inflation and cyberattacks on critical infrastructure are the major risks, the world is witnessing currently.

S184. Ans.(c)

Sol. Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the top destination for mobile gamers, followed by Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Bihar and West Bengal, according to India Mobile Gaming Report 2022 by gaming platform Mobile Premier League released.

S185. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced that Viacom 18 have grabbed the media rights for the upcoming Women's IPL for a whopping Rs 951 crore for five years, pipping other bidders, including Disney Star and Sony, in the auction.

S186. Ans.(c)

Sol. Akane Yamaguchi has won the Malaysia Open Super 1000 women's singles titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

S187. Ans.(d)

Sol. Barcelona have won the Spanish Super Cup for the first time since the competition was revamped and moved to Saudi Arabia with a 3-1 victory over Real Madrid.

S188. Ans.(b)

Sol. Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan with his more than three decades of work in the film industry has garnered millions of fans all over the world and an estimated net worth of ₹627 million (\$770 million), making him the richest actor in Asia and fourth richest actor all over the world.

S189. Ans.(e)

Sol. P. Sreekumar, the Satish Dhawan Professor at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and advisor to its space science programme, stated that the organisation has not yet received approval from the Indian government for the Venus mission and that, as a result, the mission may be delayed until 2031.

S190. Ans.(e)

Sol. According to the Ministry of Defence, the 21st edition of "Varuna" the bilateral naval exercise between India and France commenced on the western seaboard.

S191. Ans.(d)

Sol. China's population has dropped by 850K, declining for the first time since the Great Famine of 1961.

S192. Ans.(d)

Sol. UN declares Pakistan based Abdul Rehman Makki a global terrorist. On January 17, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) listed Pakistan-based terrorist Abdul Rehman Makki as a global terrorist.

S193. Ans.(e)

Sol. Merchandise exports shrank 12.2 per cent in December 2022 from a year before to \$34.5 billion, the second contraction in three months, owing to a slowdown in demand from key markets in the wake of aggressive rate hikes by major central banks and unfavourable base.

S194. Ans.(c)

Sol. Viktor Axelsen won the Malaysia Open Super 1000 men's singles titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

S195. Ans.(d)

Sol. Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) has signed a memorandum of understanding with State Bank of India to help farmers in getting low interest rate loans.

S196. Ans.(b)

Sol. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has informed that by 2025, the entire country will be covered by the Doppler weather radar network.

S197. Ans.(a)

Sol. India has announced, the donation of 12,500 doses of pentavalent vaccines to Cuba. The pentavalent vaccine provides protection to a child from five life-threatening diseases Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Hepatitis B and Hib.

S198. Ans.(e)

Sol. Noted writer K Venu has bagged the first-ever Federal Bank Literary Award 2022 for his autobiography 'Oranweshananthinte Katha'.

S199. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Navi Mumbai-based Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), has identified and reported the solitary waves in the Martian magnetosphere with the help of high-resolution electric field data recorded by a Nasa spacecraft.

S200. Ans.(d)

Sol. Paytm Payments Bank has received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit.

S201. Ans.(c)

Sol. All banks were notified by the Indian Banks' Association last month about the discontinuation of the Padho Pardesh Interest Subsidy Scheme from 2022-23. The scheme so far was being implemented through Canara Bank, the designated nodal bank.

S202. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said any person looking to acquire more than 5 per cent stake in a bank will need prior approval from the regulator.

S203. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Indian district of Kollam has become the country's first constitution literate district. The announcement was made by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

S204. Ans.(b)

Sol. Retired director general of the Border Security Force (BSF), Pankaj Kumar Singh was appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser in National Security Council Secretariat for a period of two years.

S205. Ans.(c)

Sol. Russian and Indian scientists, representatives of universities and relevant ministries took part in the 12th meeting of the Russian-Indian Working Group on Science and Technology.

S206. Ans.(d)

Sol. Govt declares whole UT as "Free Area" for purposes of Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009 and in supersession of notification S. 0 424 dated 05.09. 2022 after Govt on being satisfied that no cases of #LumpySkin Disease reported.

S207. Ans.(c)

Sol. NASA's James Webb Space Telescope discovers new exoplanet named LHS 475b. Recently, a new exoplanet named LHS 475b has been discovered by the James Webb Space Telescope of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

S208. Ans.(c)

Sol. The government has budgeted fiscal deficit to be Rs 16.61 lakh crore or 6.4 per cent of the GDP in the current year ending March 2023.

S209. Ans.(d)

Sol. Singapore is not Sri Lanka's main bilateral creditor. China, Japan and India are Sri Lanka's biggest bilateral creditors and their financing assurances are critical to getting a \$2.9 billion package from the IMF; Japan also expected to send assurances soon.

S210. Ans.(b)

Sol. The state of Maharashtra has signed a deal with Taiwan's Gogoro and automotive system maker Belrise Industries under which the two firms will invest \$2.5 billion over eight years in building battery-swapping infrastructure across the state.

S211. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Think 20' meeting under G20 began in Bhopal. The two-day Think-20 meeting under the G-20 is started at the Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Center in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (MP).

S212. Ans.(b)

Sol. Amazon has reclaimed the top spot as the world's most valuable brand despite its brand value falling 15 per cent this year from \$350.3 billion to \$299.3 billion, said a new report.

S213. Ans.(b)

Sol. Google pilots 'Soundpod by Google Pay' for UPI payments in India Google is actively working on a Soundbox for the India market -- similar to the Paytm or PhonePe ones that you see at your neighbourhood shop which gives a sound alert on the digital payment that has been made.

S214. Ans.(c)

Sol. The World Economic Forum (WEF) has chosen Hyderabad for establishing its Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution focused on healthcare and life sciences.

S215. Ans.(d)

Sol. Leading the digital transformation in governance, Jammu and Kashmir has become the first union territory (UT) in India to have entirely shifted to digital mode of administration.

S216. Ans.(e)

Sol. 18th National Disaster Response Force day is celebrated on January 19, 2023 by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). The day has been celebrated on this day since 2006 when the rescue force was officially formed.

S217. Ans.(e)

Sol. The world's oldest person, French nun Lucile Randon, has died aged 118. Randon, also known as Sister Andre, was born in southern France on February 11, 1904, a decade before World War I.

S218. Ans.(e)

Sol. Hashim Amla ended his 22-year playing career, with his legacy secure as one of South Africa's all-time cricketing greats.

S219. Ans.(e)

Sol. The Rwanda fast bowler, Geovanis Uwase has been suspended by ICC from bowling in international cricket with immediate effect after her action was found illegal at Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup.

S220. Ans.(d)

Sol. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, a global figurehead of progressive politics, shocked the country.

S221. Ans.(e)

Sol. SBI decided to accept Rs 9,718 crore at a coupon rate of 7.70% payable annually for a tenor of 15 years.

S222. Ans.(c)

Sol. Pakistan's need for relief at USD 33 billion. Pakistan is South Asia's weakest economy, and it will take a herculean effort to pull the country out of poverty, reported Islam Khabar.

S223. Ans.(d)

Sol. Bharti Airtel Group on Wednesday announced that it will be investing Rs 2,000 crore for setting up a large hyperscale data centre in Hyderabad.

S224. Ans.(c)

Sol. The World Economic Forum on Tuesday launched the Giving to Amplify Earth Action (GAEA) to help unlock the USD 3 trillion of financing needed each year to reach net-zero, reverse nature loss and restore biodiversity by 2050.

S225. Ans.(c)

Sol. Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) has bagged 'Best Small Bank Award' in the 'Best Banks Survey for the year 2022' done by Business Today-KPMG (BT-KPMG Best banks survey). The bank has won this award under the category of banks with the book size of less than ₹1 lakh crore.

S226. Ans.(b)

Sol. The National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT) has notified India's first national assessment regulator, PARAKH. PARAKH stands for Performance Appraisal, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development.

S227. Ans.(a)

Sol. A 30-year-old Indian American social justice lawyer, activist, and artist, Janani Ramachandran has become the youngest and the first LGBTQ woman of colour to serve on Oakland City Council in the US state of California.

S228. Ans.(b)

Sol. Indian captain Rohit Sharma has shattered a long-standing record held by MS Dhoni to become India's most prolific six-hitter in the history of ODI cricket at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Hyderabad.

S229. Ans.(e)

Sol. Mastercard has announced plans to expand its Girls4Tech STEM education program in India, to reach 100,000 additional female students by 2024.

S230. Ans.(e)

Sol. The NASA-JAXA (Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency) Geotail spacecraft, which studied Earth's magnetosphere, the protective magnetic bubble of the planet, has retired after 30 years in orbit.

S231. Ans.(d)

Sol. Indian captain Rohit Sharma has shattered a long-standing record held by MS Dhoni to become India's most prolific six-hitter in the history of ODI cricket.

S232. Ans.(e)

Sol. The New Goa Manohar International Airport (MIA), built by the GMR Goa International Airport Ltd (GGIAL), a subsidiary of GMR Airports Infrastructure Limited, won the prestigious "Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport" award under Aviation Sustainability and Environment at ASSOCHAM 14th International Conference-cum-Awards for Civil Aviation 2023.

S233. Ans.(d)

Sol. Himalayan Cataract Project Co-Founder Dr Sanduk Ruit has won the ISA Award for Service to Humanity, a top civilian award of Bahrain. The award carries a cash prize of USD 1 million, a certificate of merit and a gold medal.

S234. Ans.(d)

Sol. Hyderabad-born Aruna Miller made history by becoming the first Indian-American politician to be elected as the lieutenant governor of the US state of Maryland.

S235. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Punjab National Bank has become India's first public sector bank to launch credit cards for its fixed deposit customers.

S236. Ans.(e)

Sol. An EY report has said that the Indian Economy is very likely to hit the \$26 trillion mark by year 2047, which will also be the 100th year of the India's independence.

S237. Ans.(b)

Sol. Billionaire Mukesh Ambani has overtaken the likes of Satya Nadella of Microsoft and Google's Sundar Pichai to be ranked No.1 among Indians and second globally on the Brand Guardianship Index 2023.

S238. Ans.(d)

Sol. Phookan was one of the most celebrated poet of Assam and has been awarded the country's highest literary award, the 56th Jnanpith for the year 2020.

S239. Ans.(a)

Sol. India has extended a concessional USD 40 million Line of Credit for developing sporting infrastructure in the Maldives.

S240. Ans.(a)

Sol. India is currently participating in an international tourism trade fair in Madrid to help expedite the recovery of the country's inbound tourism to the pre-pandemic levels.

S241. Ans.(a)

Sol. India's first School of Logistics, Waterways, and Communication has launched in Agartala, Tripura. To enable the rich pool of talent in the region to become world-class experts in the transportation and logistics sector.

S242. Ans.(c)

Sol. Nick Walker has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vedanta's Cairn Oil & Gas, with effect from 5 January 2023.

S243. Ans.(a)

Sol. Laxman Rawat of the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) has defeated Aditya Mehta (his fellow PSPB challenger) by 9-6 to win the final of the 'Baulkline' NSCI All India Snooker Open 2023.

S244. Ans.(e)

Sol. Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) chairman Mukesh Ambani has been ranked second on Brand Finance's annual report on the world's top CEOs for the year 2023.

S245. Ans.(d)

Sol. Indian Navy is all set to commission the fifth diesel-electric Scorpene as INS Vagir on January 23. Four of the Kalvari class of submarines have already been commissioned as INS Kalvari, INS Karanj and INS Vela.

S246. Ans.(a)

Sol. Odisha State AIDS Control Society organised an awareness program on HIV AIDS in coordination with the Department of Sports and Youth Services and Hockey India under the leadership of National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), on 19th January 2023.

S247. Ans.(d)

Sol. Indian Army and Egyptian Army have commenced Exercise Cyclone-I, the first-ever joint exercise between their special forces on January 14, 2023. The 14-day-long joint exercise is in progress at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan.

S248. Ans.(a)

Sol. Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between the Indian Ports Association (IPA) and Research & Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) for setting up a Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity in the presence of the Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal.

S249. Ans.(c)

Sol. Praveen Sharma, IDSE (2005), who was recommended for Central deputation by the Ministry of Defence, has been selected for appointment as Director in the National Health Authority (Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission) under Mb Health & Family Welfare.

S250. Ans.(b)

Sol. Tata Boeing Aerospace Limited (TBAL) delivered the first fuselage for six AH-64 Apache attack helicopters ordered by the Indian Army from its facility in Hyderabad.

S251. Ans.(a)

Sol. Payments app PhonePe has raised \$350 million in funding from global growth equity firm General Atlantic at a pre-money valuation of \$12 billion.

S252. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on Saturday approved the appointment of Vikram Dev Dutt as the next Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

S253. Ans.(b)

Sol. Marking the occasion of the International Day of Education, being held on January 24, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announced the decision to dedicate the day to girls and women in Afghanistan who have been forcefully stripped of their basic right to education.

S254. Ans.(c)

Sol. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti or Netaji Jayanti is a national event celebrated in India as Parakram Diwas on January 23 to mark the birth of prominent Indian freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

S255. Ans.(a)

Sol. On Parakram Diwas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi participate in a ceremony to name 21 largest unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

S256. Ans.(c)

Sol. A book titled "India's Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn" Written by international Indian expat, Dr Ashwin Fernandes has released globally. This book was launched by Honourable Minister of Education of India Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, at an event at Dr Ambedkar International Centre.

S257. Ans.(e)

Sol. The Himachal Pradesh government intends to make the state as the first Green Energy State by the end of 2025 by harnessing hydro, hydrogen and solar energy and switching to green products.

S258. Ans.(b)

Sol. American India Foundation inaugurated the first STEM innovation and learning center.

S259. Ans.(a)

Sol. Korean sensation An Seyoung wins the women's singles final in the India Open Badminton Championship.

S260. Ans.(c)

Sol. Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik inaugurated an 'International Craft Summit' in Jajpur, Odisha.

S261. Ans.(b)

Sol. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann launched the 'School of Eminence' Project, to rejuvenate education in government schools and ensure the holistic development of students in Punjab.

S262. Ans.(d)

Sol. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the Centre has nominated the maidams of Ahom Kingdom in Charaideo to seek a UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.

S263. Ans.(a)

Sol. India's first STEM Innovation and Learning Center (SILC) was inaugurated in Chennai under the Government of Tamil Nadu.

S264. Ans.(a)

Sol. Brazil and Argentina aim for greater economic integration, including the development of a common currency, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Argentine leader Alberto Fernandez said in a joint article they penned.

S265. Ans.(e)

Sol. 90 Maidams are explored and royal burials at Charaideo are preserved. These burials are seen as a showpiece of the mound burial tradition of the Ahom community.

S266. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Government of Jammu and Kashmir is going to host its maiden SARAS Fair 2023 from 4 to 14 Feb 23.

S267. Ans.(e)

Sol. R Vishnu Prasad has been awarded "the most distinguished scientist of the year 2022" at the Indian Achievers Award at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi.

S268. Ans.(d)

Sol. The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 24 January as International Day of Education, in celebration of the role of education for peace and development.

S269. Ans.(c)

Sol. The fifth International Day of Education will be celebrated on 24 January 2023 under the theme "to invest in people, prioritize education".

S270. Ans.(d)

Sol. On January 24, the nation celebrates National Girl Child Day. This day was established in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

S271. Ans.(d)

Sol. Thai shuttler Kunlavut Vitidsarn won the India Open title. He defeated World No.1 Denmark's Viktor Axelsen in the men's singles final of the India Open Badminton Championship 22-20, 10-21 and 21-12.

S272. Ans.(b)

Sol. In Brazil, the government has declared a medical emergency in the Yanomami territory following reports of children dying of malnutrition and other diseases caused by illegal gold mining.

S273. Ans.(c)

Sol. The scheme is available to any citizen of India with Age 18-40 Years. The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) — targeted towards unorganised sector workers — saw the highest-ever takers in 2022 with enrolments rising 36 per cent.

S274. Ans.(e)

Sol. Union Home Minister Amit Shah awarded the Aska Police Station of Ganjam, district of Odisha as the number one police station in the country

S275. Ans.(b)

Sol. Amidst the ongoing standoff with China, the Indian Air Force is going to conduct PRALAY exercise in Northeast India.

S276. Ans.(c)

Sol. Dr. Atul Kochhar is the CEO of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Health Providers (NABH).

S277. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Election Commission of India (ECI) is hosting the 2nd International Conference on 'Use of Technology and Elections Integrity.'

S278. Ans.(d)

Sol. The President of the United States initiated the 'Summit for Democracy'.

S279. Ans.(c)

Sol. India's Kohli found back his form when he smashed a hundred against Afghanistan in Asia Cup 2022. He followed that up with a magical knock vs Pakistan in T20 World Cup.

S280. Ans.(d)

Sol. India's Mandhana had a brilliant year with the bat for India. The Indian scored 594 runs with the bat at a Strike Rate of 133.48, including 5 fifties in 21 innings. She made two fifties in India's Silver medal-winning campaign in Commonwealth Games 2022.

S281. Ans.(a)

Sol. Hindustani vocalist & Padma Vibhushan awardee, Dr. Prabha Atre has been awarded the Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia Lifetime Achievement Award.

S282. Ans.(a)

Sol. Named U-WIN, the programme to digitise India's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) has been launched in a pilot mode in two districts of each state and Union Territory.

S283. Ans.(c)

Sol. Election Commission of India is celebrating 13th National Voters' Day on 25th January 2023. This day is celebrated on 25 January to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India.

S284. Ans.(d)

Sol. The theme for this year's NVD, 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure' is dedicated to voters which conveys individual's feeling and aspiration towards participation in the electoral process through power of their vote.

S285. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Song 'Naatu Naatu' from India's blockbuster film RRR and two documentaries from the country 'All That Breathes' and 'The Elephant Whisperers' have made it to the final nominations list at the 95th edition of the Academy Awards.

S286. Ans.(e)

Sol. The International Cricket Council's (ICC) 92.2 million followers across Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, TikTok and YouTube makes it the most followed international sports federation on social media, according to a study from BCW Sports.

S287. Ans.(b)

Sol. Union Territory Administrator, Banwari Lal Purohit has inaugurated northern India's largest floating solar power project of 2000kWp worth Rs 11.70 crore at waterworks, Sector 39, Chandigarh.

S288. Ans.(e)

Sol. The philanthropic arm of the Tata group and largest shareholder in the group holding company, Tata Trusts named Siddharth Sharma, as its CEO and Aparna Uppaluri, as chief operating officer.

S289. Ans.(c)

Sol. AU Small Finance Bank, India's largest Small Finance Bank, has launched SwipeUp platform that will provide an opportunity to other bank credit cardholders to upgrade their card to one of AU credit cards.

S290. Ans.(d)

Sol. Argentina will grow by 7.81 million hectares, which is a 21% increase. Uruguay will grow by 5.89 million hectares, which is a 28% increase, and India will grow by 3.59 million hectares, which is a 16% increase. Brazil is not include in the list.

S291. Ans.(d)

Sol. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is organising its flagship energy event "India Energy Week 2023 (IEW)", in Bengaluru at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre from 6th-8th February 2023, as a part of the G20 calendar of events.

S292. Ans.(b)

Sol. OPPO India, MeitY's CSC Academy to train 10,000 women in cyber security.

S293. Ans.(c)

Sol. The 'Cyber Sangini' program aims to raise awareness among citizens to stay safe in an online world.

S294. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Statehood Day of Himachal Pradesh is Celebrated on 25th January. Himachal Pradesh is the northernmost state of India.

S295. Ans.(a)

Sol. Uttar Pradesh came into existence on January 24, 1950, when the governor-general of India passed United Provinces (Alteration of Name) Order 1950, renaming United Provinces as Uttar Pradesh.

S296. Ans.(b)

Sol. Visakhapatnam railway station of East Coast Railway has been awarded the 'Green Railway Station Certification with the highest rating of Platinum' by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for adopting green concepts.

S297. Ans.(c)

Sol. US President Joe Biden has nominated Julie Turner as special envoy for human rights in North Korea. The move to fill the post, which has been vacant since 2017, comes amid debate over human rights issues as well as efforts to counter Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program.

S298. Ans.(e)

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its approval to appoint Prabdev Singh as the new CEO of JP Morgan Chase & Co (India) for three years.

S299. Ans.(c)

Sol. The government announced 6 names for Padma Vibhushan, 9 for Padma Bhushan, and 91 for Padma Shri Awards.

S300. Ans.(b)

Sol. India celebrated its 74th Republic day on 26th January 2023. The 74th Republic Day celebrations took place on the revamped Central Vista avenue this year.

S301. Ans.(b)

Sol. At present there are 19 Railway Zones and 70 Divisions in the country. The Indian Railways has introduced 'Ideal Train Profile' to maximise the capacity utilisation & revenue generation in reserved mail express trains by regularly analysing the demand pattern of every single train.

S302. Ans.(c)

Sol. Suryakumar Yadav has etched his name in the history books and become the 1st-ever Indian cricketer to be bestowed with the ICC Men's T20 Cricketer of the Year award.

S303. Ans.(d)

Sol. The report has projected global trade to contract 0.4 per cent and the world economy to grow at 1.9 per cent in 2023. For fiscal year 2023-24, UN kept its growth forecast unchanged for India at 6%.

S304. Ans.(e)

Sol. Theme for 2023 'Nurturing the next generation: promoting a culture of knowledge-sharing and professional pride in Customs'.

S305. Ans.(c)

Sol. Every year, International Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed on January 27 to reflect on the atrocities inflicted by Adolf Hitler, which resulted in the deaths of an estimated six million Jews. The day commemorates the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in January 1945 from Nazi control.

S306. Ans.(e)

Sol. The theme "Home and Belonging" guides United Nations Holocaust remembrance and education in 2023. The theme highlights the humanity of the Holocaust victims and survivors, who had their home and sense of belonging ripped from them by the perpetrators of the Holocaust.

S307. Ans.(e)

Sol. Zakir Hussain received the Padma Vibhushan for his contribution to the Arts. Zakir Hussain is a tabla player, composer, music producer, and percussionist.

S308. Ans.(a)

Sol. Mulayam Singh Yadav received Padma Vibhushan, Posthumously for his contribution to the field of Public Affairs.

S309. Ans.(c)

Sol. Rakesh Radheshyam Jhunjhunwala received the Padma Shree Award (posthumously) in the field of Trade and Industry.

S310. Ans.(d)

Sol. ORS pioneer Dilip Mahalanabis to receive Padma Vibhushan (posthumous) in the field of Medicine (Pediatrics).

S311. Ans.(c)

Sol. Nagaland has celebrated the 3rd edition of the annual Orange festival 2023 at Rusoma village, under Kohima district.

S312. Ans.(b)

Sol. Ministry of Tourism organized 6-day mega event "Bharat Parv" at Red Fort lawns. The six-day mega event Bharat Parv will be organized at Red Fort in Delhi from the 26th to the 31st of this month as part of the Republic Day Celebrations.

S313. Ans.(a)

Sol. The European Space Agency's Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE) will be launched from the agency's spaceport in French Guiana in April 2023.

S314. Ans.(b)

Sol. Microsoft Corp. is investing \$10 billion in OpenAI, whose artificial intelligence tool ChatGPT. The deal will give a boost to Microsoft's Azure cloud, while providing OpenAI with additional specially designed supercomputers to run its complex AI models and fuel its research.

S315. Ans.(b)

Sol. Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya today unveiled world's first intranasal COVID-19 vaccine, iNNCOVACC in New Delhi. It is developed by Bharat Biotech International Limited in collaboration with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance.

S316. Ans.(b)

Sol. Jal Jeevan Mission Provides Tap Water to 11 Crore Rural Households.

S317. Ans.(b)

Sol. US Military raid in Somalia killed a key regional leader of the Islamic State group, Bilal al-Sudani.

S318. Ans.(a)

Sol. The theme for this year is 'Think Privacy First'. In this digital age, it is pragmatic to prioritize data privacy, both for individuals and businesses.

S319. Ans.(c)

Sol. Naresh Lalwani has taken over as the new General Manager of Central Railway. He is a senior officer of the Indian Railway Engineering Service of 1985 batch.

S320. Ans.(a)

Sol. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, EPFO, launched a massive outreach programme in all the districts through a revamped 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' programme for expanding its presence across the country.

S321. Ans.(b)

Sol. Government renamed Delhi's Mughal Gardens as 'Amrit Udyan'. Designed in 1917, the gardens spread over 15 acres are also known as the "soul of the presidential palace.

S322. Ans.(e)

Sol. Luminous Power Technologies has announced its plan to build the country's first green energy-based solar panel manufacturing factory in Uttarakhand.

S323. Ans.(c)

Sol. Woxsen University has launched Project Aspiration to empower adolescent girls of standards IX-XII of Model Schools and Junior Colleges of Telangana.

S324. Ans.(d)

Sol. Union Minister for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated National Logistics Portal (Marine).

S325. Ans.(d)

Sol. The government will hand over around 1,000 monuments under the control of the Archaeological Survey of India to the private sector for their upkeep under the Monument Mitra Scheme, announced by the Ministry of Culture.

S326. Ans.(b)

Sol. New Zealand Cricket has announced the introduction of the Debbie Hockley Medal to honor the outstanding female cricketer.

S327. Ans.(a)

Sol. Arina Sabalenka of Belarus has won the women's singles title by defeating Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan in the Australian Open 2023.

S328. Ans.(e)

Sol. Novak Djokovic defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final of men's singles match of the Australian Open 2023. Djokovic wins 10th Australian Open and 22nd grand slam.

S329. Ans.(b)

Sol. GRSE signs a pact with Rolls Royce Solutions to manufacture marine diesel engines Kolkata-based public sector shipyard, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. has signed an MoU with Rolls Royce Solutions of Germany to locally manufacture the latter's marine diesel engines.

S330. Ans.(d)

Sol. Germany beat Belgium 5-4 in the penalty shootout to win the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, India.

S331. Ans.(c)

Sol. On January 30, 2023, India observed Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas to pay tribute to all the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country. The day is also marked as the death anniversary of the nation's 'Bapu', Mahatma Gandhi.

S332. Ans.(c)

Sol. World Leprosy Day (WLD) is celebrated on the last Sunday of January. In 2023, World Leprosy Day is observed on 29 January.

S333. Ans.(a)

Sol. World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day (World NTD Day) is observed on January 30 every year to raise awareness about neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) as a critical public health challenge so that we can progress towards their elimination.

S334. Ans.(d)

Sol. India beat England in the first-ever ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup final in Potchefstroom, South Africa. India bowled out England for a paltry 68 and won by 7 wickets.

S335. Ans.(c)

Sol. This international day is an opportunity to celebrate people who have experienced leprosy, raise awareness of the disease, and call for an end to leprosy-related stigma and discrimination. The theme of World Leprosy Day 2023 is "Act Now. End Leprosy."