

1) Which country has launched a lotus-shaped satellite, “Einstein Probe (EP)”?

- A. South Korea
- B. USA
- C. Russia
- D. China

- China launched the lotus-shaped satellite Einstein Probe (EP) on 09 January 2024 to explore the mysteries of the universe.
- It has been launched into space by a Long March 2C rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in China's Sichuan province.
- Einstein Probe (EP) has 12 petals, 2 stamens and 12 modules equipped with wide-field X-ray telescopes.
- Weighing approximately 1.45 tonnes, this satellite is shaped like a blooming lotus.
- Stamen has two modules of follow-up X-ray telescope.

Ans-D

2) Gabriel Attal has become the Youngest Prime Minister of

- A. France
- B. Spain
- C. Germany
- D. Switzerland

- French President Emmanuel Macron appointed Education Minister Gabriel Attal as his new Prime Minister of France on 9 January 2024.
- 34-year-old Gabriel Attal is the youngest person to become the Prime Minister of France, replacing outgoing Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne.
- French Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne had to resign from her post on January 8, 2024, due to great political pressure on this matter.

Ans-A

3) Where was the Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show organized in January 2024?

- A. Vadodara
- B. Surat
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. Ahmedabad

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show in Gandhinagar on 9 January 2024.
- During this time, many dignitaries from India and abroad were present. Prominent among them are Mozambique President Filipe Nyusi, Timor Leste President Jose Ramos-Horta and Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel.
- The five-day global trade exhibition is being organized from 9 to 14 January 2024.
- Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show, spread over an area of two lakh square meters, is India's largest global trade show till date.
- A total of 100 countries are participating as guest countries in the five-day global trade exhibition. 33 countries are joining it as partners.
- PM Modi has inaugurated the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit on January 10 at the Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar. The main objective of organizing this summit was to re-establish Gujarat as a preferred investment destination or state.

Ans-C

4) How many Lok Sabha MPs have been selected for the Sansad Ratna Award in 2024?

- A. 3 MPs
- B. 5 MPs
- C. 7 MPs
- D. 9 MPs

- This year, five Lok Sabha MPs have been selected for the Sansad Ratna Award.
- This award is given to those MPs whose work is excellent in Parliament.
- This year's honourees include BJP's Sukanta Majumdar, Shiv Sena's Shrikant Eknath Shinde, BJP's Sudheer Gupta, NCP's Amol Ramsing Kolhe, and Congress' Kuldeep Rai Sharma.
- A jury led by Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal has selected these MPs. The jury also included former Chief Election Commissioner of India T S Krishnamurthy.
- This award was started on the advice of former President APJ Abdul Kalam. This award is given to those MPs whose work is the best in Parliament.

Ans-B

5) As per CBRE India's report, Which state contributes Highest Share of MSMEs?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal

- According to CBRE India's report, Maharashtra has accounted for the highest share (17%) of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India followed by Tamil Nadu (10%) and Uttar Pradesh (9%).
- The report was unveiled during the CREDITAI National New India Summit 2024 (5th edition) held in Varanasi, UP from 7th to 9th January 2024.
- CBRE India Research is the Knowledge partner of the New India Summit 2024.
- According to the report, Maharashtra holds 38.09 lakh MSMEs, followed by Tamil Nadu with 22.32 lakh MSMEs, and UP stands out with 20.95 lakh registered MSMEs.

Ans-A

6) The first cyclone of the year 2024, 'Alvaro' has arrived in

- A. Madagascar
- B. Mauritius
- C. Somalia
- D. Malaysia

- Madagascar is an island country located in the Indian Ocean. It is the fourth largest country in the world located in the Indian Ocean.
- Recently 'Alvaro' cyclone has hit Madagascar.
- This is the first cyclone to hit Madagascar in the year 2024.
- Alvaro most affected Atsimo-Andrefana, Haute Matsyatra, and Menabe in Madagascar.

Ans-A

7) Who has inaugurated the Gangasagar Mela in January 2024?

- A. C.V. Ananda Bose
- B. Mamata Banerjee
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Droupadi Murmu

- West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on 8th January 2024, has inaugurated the Gangasagar Mela on South 24 Parganas.
- The Mela will continue till 17th of January. The 'Shahi Snan' will be held on 15th and 16th January.
- The state government has sent a letter to UNESCO to declare Gangasagar Mela a heritage site. This year pilgrimage tax has been waived off for the pilgrims, instead 5 lakhs rupees insurance will be given to all.

Ans-B

8) Which country will chair the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in July 2024?

- A. Japan
- B. France
- C. Nepal
- D. India

- India has been selected for the first time to chair and host the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.
- The 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee will be held in New Delhi between 21 and 31 July 2024.
- The World Heritage Committee currently consists of 21 countries.
- The full name of UNESCO is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
- The Constitution of UNESCO came into force on 4 November 1946.
- The first General Conference session of UNESCO was held in Paris, the capital of France, between 19 November and 10 December 1946, in which 30 countries participated.
- UNESCO was established on 16 November 1945.
- India became a member country of UNESCO in 1946. UNESCO has two offices in India. UNESCO has protected 42 World Heritage Sites in India.

Ans-D

9) Who has become India's largest tower company?

- A. Indus Towers
- B. Aster
- C. Brookfield
- D. Tata Teleservice

- Canada-based Brookfield Asset Management (BAM) through its affiliate Data Infrastructure Trust (DIT) has fully acquired the Indian unit of American Tower Corporation (ATC) for an enterprise value of around USD 2.5 Billion.
- With this acquisition, Brookfield has become the India's largest tower company with 2.53 lakh towers.
- Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited is the anchor client of Brookfield whereas Vodafone Idea Limited (VI) is the anchor client of ATC.

Ans-C

10) Who has become the Chairman of the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH)?

- A. Samir Kumar Sinha
- B. Ritesh Pai
- C. Puneet Chhatwal
- D. Indra Mani Pandey

- The Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH) has appointed Puneet Chhatwal as its Chairman.
- Chhatwal will be taking over from Nakul Anand, the former executive director at ITC Hotels.
- Chhatwal is the managing director and chief executive officer at Indian Hotels Company Limited. He will also continue as the president of the Hotel Association of India (HAI), a position he was re-elected to in 2022.

Ans-C

11) Who has inaugurated the 'Indus Food 2024' exhibition?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. Nitin Gadkari
- D. Anurag Thakur

- Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the exhibition 'Indus Food 2024' showcasing the diverse food ecosystem.
- It is being organized at India Exposition Mart, Greater Noida.
- Speaking on India's food processing sector, he said that processed food exports have increased by 150% in the last nine years and agricultural exports worth US\$ 53 billion were made.

Ans-B

12) Tata Power recently announced an investment of ₹70,000 crore in which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Bihar

- Tata Power has announced an investment of ₹70,000 crore to develop 10 gigawatt (GW) of solar and wind power capacity in Tamil Nadu over the next five to seven years.
- Tata Power CEO and MD Praveer Sinha announced this at the Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet (GIM) in Chennai on January 8.

Ans-C

13) On which lake has a training program been organised under the Amrit Dharohar Capacity Building Scheme?

- A. Vembanad Lake
- B. Dal Lake
- C. Chilka Lake
- D. Pulicat Lake

- The Ministry of Tourism organized a training program on Ramsar site Chilka Lake in Odisha under the Amrit Heritage Capacity Building Scheme.
- Under this initiative, two training programs of 15 days each, Alternative Livelihood Program (ALP) and Tourism Seafarer Certificate (PNC) will be organized.
- In the first phase of this programme, five priority Ramsar sites – Sultanpur National Park, Sirpur Wetland, Yashwant Sagar, Bhitarkanika National Park and Chilka Lake have been included.

Ans-C

14) Who has appointed as the Secretary to Railway Board in Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS)?

- A. Samir Kumar Sinha
- B. Aruna Nayar
- C. Vikas Sheel
- D. Ritesh Pai

- The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Aruna Nayar, Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS) Officer of 1987 batch, as Secretary to Railway Board in Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS) Level-16 with effect from 6th January 2024.
- Aruna Nayar is the 1st IRPS officer to be empanelled in IRMS at Level 16.
- Prior to the appointment, She has been serving on the Railway Board as an Additional Member, Staff since May 2023.
- She has also served as the Principal Executive Director/Staff, Railway Board from February 2022 to May 2023.

Ans-B

15) How many players including Mohammed Shami were awarded the Arjuna Award?

- A. 20
- B. 23
- C. 26
- D. 30

- Indian cricketer Mohammed Shami was honored with the Arjuna Award by the President of India Draupadi Murmu.
- Arjuna Award is the second biggest sports award in the country after Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.
- This time this award has been given to 26 players from different sports.
- This time, two legendary badminton players Chirag Shetty and Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy were honored with the country's biggest sports honour, Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.

Ans-C

16) In which state 'College Phagthansi Mission' was started recently?

A. Meghalaya

B. Manipur

C. Assam

D. Arunachal Pradesh

- Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh launched the 'College Phagthansi Mission' while laying the foundation stone and inaugurating various development projects in Bishnupur district.
- The Chief Minister launched the 'College Phagthansi Mission' to improve government colleges in the state at a function held at Moirang College.
- The Chief Minister said that a total of 24 colleges have been taken under the mission and facilities will be developed in each college at a cost of Rs 2.5 crore.

Ans-B

17) Which country has topped as a tourism source for Sri Lanka?

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

- India has topped the list of source markets for tourism into Sri Lanka in 2023.
- The island has welcomed 1.487 Million tourists during the last year with India contributing over 20% arrivals.
- In all over 3 lakh Indian tourists reached Sri Lanka in 2023 followed by Russia which contributed 1.97 lakh.

Ans-D

18) 'Chandubi Mahotsav' was recently celebrated in which state?

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

- Recently, Chandubi Festival was organized on the banks of Chandubi Lake in the state of Assam.
- This festival is organized every year for five days from the first day of the New Year on the banks of Chandubi Lake.
- The main objective of Chandubi Mahotsav is to promote eco-tourism in this biodiversity hotspot of Assam.

Ans-B

19) Which country has banned the Consumption and Sale of Dog Meat?

- A. North Korea
- B. South Korea
- C. India
- D. Japan

- South Korea has passed a ban on slaughtering, breeding, and selling dog meat for human consumption.
- The bill does not provide penalties for eating dog meat, a centuries-old practice.
- South Korea is the only nation with industrial-scale dog farms.

Ans-B

20) Which state has set a target of becoming a \$500 billion economy by 2026-27?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu

- Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has said his government has set a target to contribute 10 per cent to India's GDP and become a USD 500 billion economy by 2026-27.
- At present, Gujarat, with 5% the country's population, contributes 8.3 per cent to the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Ans-A

21) India's oldest sloth bear "Bablu" died in which city zoo?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Guwahati
- C. Bhubaneswar
- D. Pune

- 36-year-old male sloth bear named "Bablu" has died due to multi-organ failure at the Van Vihar National Park-cum-animal rescue and rehabilitation centre in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- The veterinarian, Dr Atul Gupta, revealed that the bear had stopped eating three to four days before its demise.
- Bablu had been rescued from a 'madaari' (street performer) in Rajasthan and brought to Van Vihar on May 6, 2006, at the age of 19.
- The average lifespan of a bear in the wild is 25 to 30 years. After the death of another bear named Gulabo in January 2022, Bablu became the oldest bear in captivity in India.

Ans-A

22) Which Company has appointed Ritesh Pai as the CEO of its international payments business?

- A. G Pay
- B. Paytm
- C. Amazon Pay
- D. PhonePe

- Indian fintech giant PhonePe has appointed Ritesh Pai as the new CEO of its international payments business.
- Before this he was working in UK fintech 'Terapay'.
- PhonePe has a network of 500 million registered users and 37 million merchants across the country.
- Bengaluru-based PhonePe was established in the year 2015.

Ans-D

23) Who has launched 'Yogyasree' for SC/ST students in West Bengal?

- A. Droupadi Murmu
- B. Arvind Kejriwal
- C. Smriti Irani
- D. Mamata Banerjee

- West Bengal Chief Minister "Mamata Banerjee" has launched the "Yogyasree" scheme to help the SC/ST students.
- This is a free training scheme for the students who want to compete in the various competitive exams.
- Under this scheme, almost 50 training centers will be opened throughout the state, where the SC and ST students can train in any competitive exam free of cost.

Ans-D