

1) Who has honoured the Four winners of Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2022?

- A. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Ram Nath Kovind
- D. Droupadi Murmu

- Droupadi Murmu, President of India, honoured the Four winners of Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award (TNNAA) 2022 during the Sports and Adventure Award 2023 event held in New Delhi.
- The 4 winners of TNNAA 2022 are: Savita Kanswal (posthumous), Praveen Singh, Tulsi Chaitanya Mothukuri, and Anshu Kumar Tiwari.
- TNNAA award honours the achievements of individuals in adventure sports.

Ans-D

2) What is India's rank in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index 2024?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th

- India has secured a 2nd rank in the MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) index by surpassing Taiwan.
- The first spot is grabbed by China.
- India's share in MSCI Emerging Markets index saw an increase in over eight years from 7% to 17.1% and is projected to rise further to 20% by early 2024.
- Top 5 countries in MSCI EM Index (8th January 2024) - China (26.6), India (17.1), Taiwan (15.8), South Korea (12.6), and Brazil (5.7).

Ans-B

3) Which Indian institute is set to start a new campus in Sri Lanka in 2024?

A. IIT Hyderabad

B. IIT Bombay

C. IIT Madras

D. IIT Bhubaneswar

- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-Madras) based in Chennai, Tamil Nadu is set to start a new campus of its Tech university in Kandy, Sri Lanka in 2024.
- Dr. Susil Premajayantha, Education minister of Sri Lanka, announced that this proposal was part of the budget 2024 presented by Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremasinghe in his capacity as Finance Minister.
- The campus is expected to help Sri Lankan students pursue higher education locally at an affordable price.

Ans-C

4) Who has received the award for International Sports Personality for 2023 in Dubai?

- A. Gianni Infantino
- B. Zaheer Abbas
- C. Geoff Allardice
- D. Thomas Bach

- Gianni Infantino, President of the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA), received the Award for International Sports Personality for 2023 at the 12th annual Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Awards held in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- He received the award in recognition of FIFA's impactful contributions to football development through various means, including Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology, doping detection, and player injury monitoring.
- The award was established in 2009 inspired by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's passion for sports.

Ans-A

5) New generation 'Akash' missile was successfully tested, what type of missile is it?

- A. surface to air
- B. air to surface
- C. surface to surface
- D. air to air

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully tested the New Generation AKASH (AKASH-NG) missile on January 12, 2024.
- The test took place at the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, which is located off the coast of Odisha.
- Akash is India's first medium-range surface-to-air missile that can engage multiple targets from multiple directions.
- The Akash missile now has a new variant, known as the Akash-NG. This surface-to-air missile can target objects up to 60 km away and fly at a speed of up to Mach 2.5.

Ans-A

6) Which country has launched its maiden rocket "Gravity-1"?

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

- OrienSpace, a Chinese space startup firm has launched its maiden rocket "Gravity-1" (Yinli-1) from Defu-15002 the mobile sea platform off the coast of Haiyang (Yellow Sea) in the eastern Shandong province of China.
- Gravity-1 carried three Yunyao-1 weather satellites to 500km low earth orbit (LEO).
- Gravity-1 is a three-stage solid fuel-propelled rocket that can carry a payload of up to 6,500 kg into LEO and 4200 kg into sun-synchronous orbit, making it the most powerful launch vehicle developed by a private Chinese enterprise.

Ans-B

7) Where is the Climate Conference 2024 held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Mumbai
- D. Bengaluru

- The Climate Conference 2024 occurred on January 12, 2024, in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- It had the theme "Decoding the Green Transition for India."
- The event aimed to involve the government, civil society and communities. The Conference was organised under the Green Climate Fund Readiness Programme. UNDP India was the Delivery Partner.
- The Green Climate Fund (GCF) was established in 2010, aims to raise funds for projects.

Ans-C

8) International Camel Festival 2024 started in _____ (Rajasthan).

- A. Udaipur
- B. Jaisalmer
- C. Bharatpur
- D. Bikaner

- The three-day International Camel Festival started on 12th January 2024 with the Heritage Walk in Bikaner district of Rajasthan.
- Camels have always been an integral part of Bikaner's culture and history.
- The Bikaner army had a Camel corps called "Ganga Risala", which played a vital role in both the World Wars and conflicts in Somaliland, Egypt, and China.
- "Ganga Risala" was the predecessor of the Indian Army's camel unit "Ganga JaisalmerRisala," which saw action in the Indo-Pakistan War of 1965 before disbanding in 1975.
- Today, the Border Security Force's Bikaner Camel Corp still uses camels for patrolling the long international border that Rajasthan shares with Pakistan.

Ans-D

9) Which state government has launched the “Ram Lala Darshan” scheme?

- A. Odisha
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Telangana
- D. Andhra Pradesh

- Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai has launched the “Ram Lala Darshan” (Ayodhya Dham) Yojana.
- Under the scheme, 20,000 eligible residents of the State would be taken to the holy city for pilgrimage every year.
- The Chhattisgarh Tourism Board will implement the scheme and the budget for it will be provided by the Tourism Department.

Ans-B

10) India has topped the Asian Shooting Championship 2024 with

- A. 19 medals
- B. 16 medals
- C. 22 medals
- D. 27 medals

- The Asian Shooting Championship 2024 was organised from 8 December 2023 to 11 January 2024 in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia.
- India has topped the Asian Shooting Championship 2024 with a total of 19 medals.
- In this competition, India has won 7 gold, 6 silver and 6 bronze medals.
- While China stood second with a total of 9 medals including four gold, two silver and three bronze.

Ans-A

11) “Armed Forces Veterans Day” is observed each year on

- A. 12th January
- B. 13th January
- C. 14th January
- D. 15th January

- In India, the Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed each year on 14 January since 2017.
- Aims: to acknowledge and honour the selfless devotion and sacrifice of our veterans in the service of the nation
- It is observed as a mark of respect and recognition of the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa OBE, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces who retired on 14 January 1953.

Ans-C

12) Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated 29 national highway projects worth ₹4,000 crore in

A. Haryana

B. Gujarat

C. Punjab

D. Karnataka

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated and laid foundation stones of 29 national highway projects worth Rs 4,000 crore in Punjab.
- The projects included Ladhawal bypass in Ludhiana, six-lane flyover and two-lane road over bridge in Ludhiana, four laning of Jalandhar-Kapurthala section, and three bridges on the Jalandhar-Makhu Road.
- Five greenfield expressways and economic corridors are being built at a cost of Rs 1.20 lakh crore for better connectivity from Punjab to Delhi, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Haryana.

Ans-C

13) Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Experian in India?

- A. Upal Khundu
- B. Vardhan Singh
- C. Senthil Pandian
- D. Manish Jain

- Experian, a leading global information services company, has appointed Manish Jain as its new Country Managing Director for Experian in India.
- Manish Jain has more than two and a half decades of experience in financial services and technology.
- Before joining Experian, Manish led transformative initiatives in global organizations, ensuring sustainable business expansion.

Ans-D

14) 27th National Youth Festival has been organised in

- A. Agartala
- B. Nashik
- C. Bhopal
- D. Ahmedabad

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 27th National Youth Festival in Nashik, Maharashtra on the occasion of National Youth Day (12th January).
- The event is organized on the birth anniversary of youth icon and one of India's greatest philosophers and spiritual guru, Swami Vivekananda.
- The 27th National Youth Festival (12th to 16th January 2024) aimed to provide a platform for young people to showcase their skills and talents.
- During his Maharashtra visit, PM Modi also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth more than Rs 30,500 crore.

Ans-B

15) Who is the World's 1st armless woman archer to win the Arjuna Award?

- A. Sheetal Devi
- B. Deepika Kumari
- C. Simranjeet Kaur
- D. Muskan Kirar

- Sheetal Devi, the teenaged armless archer who has widely earned recognition for India through her performance in para-archery, was conferred with the Arjuna Award, one of the country's top civilian honours by President Droupadi Murmu.
- Arjuna Awardee Sheetal Devi is a para-archer from Jammu and Kashmir.
- She emerged as the first armless woman to clinch a Para World Archery Championships medal in 2023. She defeated Singapore's Alim Nur Syahidah 144-142 in the gold medal-deciding fixture.
- Sheetal scripted history at the Para Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China, by winning three medals – two gold and one silver.
- Devi, notably, became the first Indian woman to win two gold medals in a single edition of the Asian Para Games in October 2023.

Ans-A

16) Andre Adams has been appointed as the bowling coach of

- A. India
- B. New Zealand
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Pakistan

- New Zealand Cricket (NZC) has appointed former all-rounder Andre Adams as the bowling coach of the men's team for the upcoming five-match T20I home series against Pakistan.
- Andre Adams, 48-year-old will join head coach Gary Stead's group, which also consists of Luke Ronchi as batting coach.
- This appointment comes after Shane Jurgensen stepped down from his role following the 2023 ODI World Cup. Adams, who has previously played one Test, 42 ODIs, and four T20Is for New Zealand, brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Ans-B

17) Which Tiger Reserve has got the title of India's first 'Dark Sky Park'?

A. Kaziranga Tiger Reserve

B. Pench Tiger Reserve

C. Namdapha Tiger Reserve

D. Kamlang Tiger Reserve

- Pench Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra has become India's first and Asia's fifth tiger reserve with 'Dark Sky Park'.
- 'Dark Sky Park' helps protect the night sky and reduce light pollution.
- The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) emphasizes the importance of preserving natural darkness for nature conservation and maintaining ecology in protected areas.

Ans-B

18) Which city has received the 'Cleanest Ganga City' award in the 'Clean Survey-2023'?

- A. Prayagraj
- B. Bijnor
- C. Haridwar
- D. Varanasi

- Varanasi secured the top spot and Prayagraj was second best as the 'Cleanest Ganga Towns' nationwide in the Swachh Survekshan 2023 results even as 65 Uttar Pradesh cities were adjudged garbage-free.
- Swachh Survekshan, conducted by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under the Swachh Bharat Urban Mission since 2016, is the world's largest survey on urban sanitation and hygiene.
- Varanasi earned the highest score of 76.5 points in the survey, followed closely by Prayagraj with 74.4 points and Bijnor with 74.3 points.

Ans-D