

1) Sheikh Mohammed Sabah has been appointed as the Prime Minister of -

- A. Qatar
- B. UAE
- C. Kuwait
- D. Saudi Arabia

- Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad Al-Jaber al-Sabah, Emir of Kuwait, has appointed Sheikh Mohammed Sabah al-Salem al-Sabah as the Prime Minister of Kuwait and has been tasked to form a new cabinet.
- He succeeds Sheikh Ahmed Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah, the son of late Emir Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who has been serving as the PM of Kuwait since 2022.
- Sheikh Mohammed Sabah al-Salem al-Sabah was born in 1955 and is the fourth son of Sheikh Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah, the 12th Emir of Kuwait, who ruled Kuwait from 1965 until 1977.

Ans-C

2) Who has been appointed as the President of All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA)?

- A. Sanjiv Aggarwal
- B. Rashmi Shukla
- C. G Ram Mohan
- D. Shashi Kumar Singh

- Shashi Kumar Singh, Director of Osaka Rubber Private Limited, was elected as the President of All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) (2023-24), the apex body for rubber industries in India.
- He will succeed Ramesh Kejriwal, who served as the President of AIRIA from 2022-23.
- Prior to the appointment, Shashi Singh was serving as the senior vice president within AIRIA.
- Zafar Ahmed, MD of New India Rubber Works Pvt Ltd was elected as the senior vice-president of AIRIA for 2023-24.
- Indra Parekh, Director of RI Impex Private Limited has been elected as the vice president of AIRIA for 2023-24.

Ans-D

3) Who has become first Indian e2W company to eligible for Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme

- A. Hero Electric
- B. Ola Electric
- C. Ather Energy
- D. TVS

- Ola Electric Mobility Private Limited (Ola), has become the 1st Indian electric two-wheeler (e2W) company to get eligible for the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme after receiving approval from the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI).
- The PLI certification offers Ola a financial benefit of Rs 15,000 to Rs 18,000 per unit.

Ans-B

4) General VK Singh releases book "Sanskriti Ke Ayaam" written by

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Manorama Mishra
- C. Pushkar Dhami
- D. Prasoan Joshi

- General V.K. Singh (Retd.), Union Ministers of State (Mos), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) released the book "Sanskriti ke Ayaam" authored by Manorama Mishra.
- The book, authored in Hindi language, is published by the National Book Trust, India functioning under the Ministry of Education (MoE).
- The book speaks about Indian Knowledge, tradition and culture.

Ans-B

5) Which airport was given the status of international airport in January 2024?

- A. Bilaspur Airport
- B. Dibrugarh Airport
- C. Ayodhya Airport
- D. Srinagar Airport

- The Union Cabinet declared Ayodhya Airport an international airport on 5 January 2024.
- Also, the proposal to name it "Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhyadham" from now on has been approved.
- The cultural heritage of Ayodhya begins with the Suryavanshi kings. Till now, Ayodhya has been under the Faizabad district. However, the Uttar Pradesh government decided to change the name of Faizabad to Ayodhya in 2018.

Ans-C

6) Who has banned the World's largest diamond mining company 'Alrosa'?

A. USA

B. UK

C. Russia

D. European Union

- 'Alrosa' is the world's largest diamond mining company.
- Recently the European Union has banned this company.
- The European Union has imposed this ban showing its commitment towards Ukraine in the RussiaUkraine war.
- Alrosa produces about 90% of Russia's diamond production.

Ans-D

7) Who has announced to return the Ramon Magsaysay Award in protest against America's support of Israel?

- A. Ravi Shankar
- B. Arvind Kejriwal
- C. Sandeep Pandey
- D. Ravish Kumar

- Sandeep Pandey is a social worker.
- He was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award in the year 2002.
- Recently he has announced to return his award in protest against America's role in the Israeli attack on Gaza.
- Due to America's open support of Israel, Sandeep has decided to return the award.
- The Magsaysay Award is funded primarily by the Rockefeller Foundation. The Rockefeller Foundation is funded by the United States.
- Sandeep Pandey was given the Magsaysay Award for Emerging Leadership category.
- At least 22,600 people killed and 57,910 wounded in Israeli attacks on Gaza since October 7.

Ans-C

8) Which cricketer from Odisha has been banned for two years by BCCI?

- A. Sumit Sharma
- B. Rahul Kumar
- C. Ajit Mohanty
- D. Ajay Munda

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has banned Odisha cricketer Sumit Sharma for two years.
- This ban has been imposed on Sumit Sharma for giving multiple birth certificates.
- Sharma had gone to Baroda with the team to play his first Ranji Trophy match of the season where the governing body's disciplinary committee handed him a suspension letter.

Ans-A

9) Mega North India Startup Expo 2024 has been organized in

A. Jammu & Kashmir

B. Delhi

C. Maharashtra

D. Kerala

- Mega North India Startup Expo started organizing in January 2024.
- This startup expo is being organized in Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir.
- This expo was inaugurated by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- The theme of this Startup Expo has been kept as 'Emerging Startup Trends in North India'.
- According to Union Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh, the number of startups in India has increased to more than 1.30 lakh today compared to around 350 startups in 2014.

Ans-A

10) Which Indian origin has been honored with the title of 'Knighthood' by British Government?

- A. B R Kamboj
- B. Dr. Amritpal Singh
- C. Hemanth Srinivasulu
- D. Sukrita Paul

- Dr. Amritpal Singh is Professor of General Practice at Newcastle University, Britain.
- Recently, the British Government has honored Dr. Amritpal Singh with the title of 'Knighthood' for his medical services.
- Professor Amritpal Singh was the founding Dean of Medicine at Durham University and former President of the British Medical Association.
- This award has been given to Amritpal by King Charles III of Britain.

Ans-B

11) Asia's first Hyperloop test track facility will be built in

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

- Steel giant ArcelorMittal has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras to build Asia's first Hyperloop test track facility in Tamil Nadu.
- The companies, ArcelorMittal and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS), are providing foundational steel materials as well as engineering, design, and project management expertise to support the construction of Asia's first Hyperloop test track at the 163-acre Discovery campus of IIT Madras, located at Thaiyur on the outskirts of Chennai.
- The primary goal of the Hyperloop team is to advance and commercialize Hyperloop technology for high-speed, economical, dependable and sustainable transportation.

Ans-D

12) Amit Shah has launched "e-samridhi portal" for _____ farmers.

- A. Toor dal
- B. Val Dal
- C. Moth Beans
- D. Kala Chana

- On 4th January 2024, Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah has launched the 'e-samridhi portal', a platform for registration, purchase, and payment of Toor dal producing farmers across India.
- The portal was launched during the national symposium on 'Self-reliance in Pulses' held in New Delhi.
- The portal was developed by National Agricultural Cooperation Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF).
- Note: India has set target to become self sufficient (Atmanirbhar) in the pulses sector by 2027.

Ans-A

13) Ind-Ra has revised India's GDP growth estimate for FY24 to

- A. 6.7%
- B. 6.2%
- C. 6.5%
- D. 6.3%

- India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has revised upwards its GDP growth estimate for FY24 to 6.7 percent from 6.2 percent earlier.

Ans-A

14) Which country to export 10,000 MW of Power to India in next 10 Years?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Cambodia
- C. Nepal
- D. Bangladesh

- India and Nepal solidified their commitment to a long-term energy partnership with the signing of an agreement for the export of 10,000 MW of power to India over the next 10 years.
- The bilateral agreement, signed by India's Energy Secretary Pankaj Agrawal and Nepal's Energy Secretary Gopal Sigdel, is a testament to the shared vision of sustainable energy cooperation.

Ans-C

15) Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of 'National Asset Reconstruction Company'?

- A. Ajay Kapoor
- B. Kishan Kumar
- C. P Santosh
- D. Natarajan Sundar

- Canara Bank Chief General Manager P Santosh has been appointed as the new Managing Director of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL).
- He has replaced Natarajan Sundar who recently resigned from the post. Canara Bank is the sponsor bank of NARCL with more than 10 percent stake.
- Public sector banks are the major shareholders of NARCL. NARCL is a government unit, it was established in the year 2021.

Ans-C

16) Which wildlife sanctuary was recently included in the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme?

- A. Kotagarh Wildlife Sanctuary
- B. Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary
- C. Hadagarh Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary

- The Ministry of Tourism has included Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary in the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme.
- Swadesh Darshan Program was started in the year 2015 by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, which is a 100% centrally funded scheme.
- Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary is located near Hirakud Dam (Mahanadi River) in Bargarh district of Odisha.

Ans-D

17) A new Herbaceous Plant species named "Polygonum Chaturbhanjanum" was discovered in

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

- A New Herbaceous Plant Species named "Polygonum Chaturbhanjanum" was discovered at Gol Pahadi Island of the Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- The new species was discovered during the floral survey carried out in Pench with technical support of the Forest Survey of India (FSI).
- This one of kind species belongs to the genus Polygonum which includes flowering plants in the knotweed and buckwheat family Polygonaceae.
- The floral survey, carried out over 1 year in Pench, reported over 863 plant species belonging to 554 genera and 117 families.

Ans-A

18) How many crore rupees has the Central Government allocated for the 'Prithvi Vigyan' scheme?

- A. ₹3,797 crores
- B. ₹4,797 crores
- C. ₹5,797 crores
- D. ₹6,797 crores

- The Central Government has allocated approximately Rs 4,797 crore for the PRITHVI VIGYAN scheme.
- The scheme consists of five ongoing sub-schemes, including Atmosphere and Climate Research Modeling Observational Systems and Services (ACROSS), Ocean Services, Modeling Applications, Resources and Technology (O-SMART), etc.
- The objective of the Prithvi scheme is to enhance long-term observations of the atmosphere and ocean.

Ans-B

19) Who has inaugurated the 'NCC Republic Day Camp' 2024?

- A. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. S Jaishankar

- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the NCC Republic Day Camp 2024 in Delhi Cantt.
- On this occasion, he said that NCC cadets are a symbol of dynamism of youth and reflect the established discipline of the organization.
- He further said that during the upcoming Republic Day, the women cadets will march on the 'Path of Duty' in two distinct contingents with two women bands.

Ans-A

20) Who will be awarded the 'Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar' 2023 for Corporate Social Responsibility?

- A. Tata Group
- B. Odisha Mining Corporate Limited
- C. Reliance Foundation
- D. NTPC

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has announced the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2023.
- Odisha Mining Corporate Limited has been honored in the category of Promotion of Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility.
- Jain Deemed University, Bengaluru has been honored for identifying and nurturing emerging and young talent.
- President Draupadi Murmu will honor the winners at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 9th of this month.

Ans-B