

Monthly Current Affairs MCQs (1 to 31 December 2024)

Q.: What was the primary objective of ISRO's PSLV-C60 mission launched on December 30, 2024?

- a) To launch a manned mission to the Moon
- b) To demonstrate in-space docking technology
- c) To study the effects of space radiation on astronauts
- d) To deploy a new communication satellite

Ans: b) To demonstrate in-space docking technology

The primary objective of the ISRO's PSLV-C60 mission is to demonstrate in-space docking technology using two small spacecraft, SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target), in a low-Earth circular orbit.

Q.: The Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Test Cricket is played between India and which country?

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

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Answer: c) Australia

On 30 December 2024, In Border-Gavaskar Trophy Cricket, Australia registered a 184 run victory over India on the fifth and final day of the fourth test in Melbourne.

Q.: In which sport did Hemanth Muddappa become the first athlete to win 15 National Titles?

- a) Badminton
- b) Football
- c) Motorcycle Drag Racing
- d) Tennis

Answer: c) Motorcycle Drag Racing

Hemanth Muddappa secured his 15th National Title on **December 29, 2024** at the fourth and final round of the **MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship 2024** at the **Madras International Circuit (MIC)**.

Q.: Who is the youngest female to scale the highest peaks on each of the seven continents?

- A. Arjun Vajpai
- B. Bachendri Pal
- C. Kaamya Karthikeyan
- D. Poorna Malavath

Ans: C. Kaamya Karthikeyan

Kaamya Karthikeyan, a 17-year-old from Navy Children School in Mumbai, becomes the youngest female to scale the highest peaks on each of the seven continents.

Q.: Which Indian chess player won her second women's World Rapid and Blitz Championship in December 2024?

- A. Humpy Koneru
- B. Harika Dronavalli
- C. Tania Sachdev
- D. Bhakti Kulkarni

Ans: A. Humpy Koneru

Winner in World Rapid and Blitz Championship– Women's Category: India's Koneru Humpy won her second women's title by defeating Indonesia's Irene Sukander. Humpy finished the tournament with 8.5 points from 11 rounds.

Q.:What traditional love song from Bosnia has earned UNESCO recognition in December 2024?

- A. Sevdalinka
- B. Fado
- C. Flamenco
- D. Tango

Ans: A. Sevdalinka

Bosnia's traditional love song, **Sevdalinka**, often referred to as the **Balkan Blues**, was recognized by UNESCO and included in its National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage on **December 27, 2024**.

Q.: Exercise Surya Kiran is a joint military exercise between the armies of India and

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Nepal
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Bhutan

Ans: b) Nepal

Exercise Surya Kiran is a significant joint military exercise between the armies of **India and Nepal**. The 18th edition of this annual training event is scheduled to be held in **Saljhandi, Nepal** from **December 31, 2024, to January 13, 2025**.

Q.: Where is the world's largest dam on the Brahmaputra River being constructed?

- A. China
- B. India
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Nepal

Ans: A. China

China has recently approved the construction of the world's largest dam on the Brahmaputra River, located in Tibet near the Indian border.

Q.: Which river is the Brahmaputra known as in Tibet?

- A. Yangtze
- B. Yarlung Zangbo
- C. Yellow River
- D. Mekong

Answer: B. Yarlung Zangbo

Explanation: The Brahmaputra River is known as the **Yarlung Zangbo** in Tibet. The river originates in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China, where it is called the Yarlung Zangbo River or simply Zangbo. It flows eastward through Tibet before making a sharp southward turn at the Great Bend, entering India through Arunachal Pradesh, and becoming the Brahmaputra. As it flows further downstream, it eventually enters Bangladesh, where it is known as the Jamuna River.

Q.: Which country's air defenses are speculated to have mistakenly shot down Azerbaijan Airlines flight J2-8243 near Aktau, Kazakhstan, on December 25, 2024?

- A. Azerbaijan
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Russia
- D. Turkey

Ans: C. Russia

Initial speculations suggest possible **external interference**, with some sources indicating that Russian air defenses might have mistakenly shot down the aircraft.

Q.: What role is Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh widely regarded as the architect of?

- a) India's Independence Movement
- b) India's Economic Liberalisation in 1991
- c) The Green Revolution
- d) The Space Program

Ans: b) India's Economic Liberalisation in 1991

Dr. Singh is considered the architect of the **1991 economic reforms** that ushered in economic liberalisation in India.

Q.: Which former Prime Minister of India served as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- a) Indira Gandhi
- b) Rajiv Gandhi
- c) Dr. Manmohan Singh
- d) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Ans: c) Dr. Manmohan Singh

He Served as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from **September 1982 to January 1985**.

Q.: Which of the following categories were included for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awards?

- (A) Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Science and Technology, Social Service, Sports, and Environment.
- (B) Bravery, Politics, Science, Literature, and Sports
- (C) Innovation, Art and Culture, Literature, and Mathematics
- (D) Social Service, Environment, Politics, and Agriculture

Answer: (A) Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Science and Technology, Social Service, Sports, and Environment.

President Droupadi Murmu conferred the **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar** on **17 children** in New Delhi on **26 December 2024**. **Categories:** The children were recognized for their achievements in **Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Science and Technology, Social Service, Sports, and Environment**.

Q.:Where will the 38th National Games be held from January 28, 2025?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Karnataka
- D. Punjab

Ans: B. Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the torch procession of the 38th National Games from Haldwani in Nainital district on December 26, 2024.

Q.: Which Indian bowler has reached 904 rating points in the ICC Men's Test Bowling Rankings in December 2024, equaling the highest rating ever achieved by an Indian bowler?

- a) Anil Kumble
- b) Harbhajan Singh
- c) Jasprit Bumrah
- d) Ravindra Jadeja

Ans: c) Jasprit Bumrah

Jasprit Bumrah has reached **904 rating points** in the ICC Men's Test Bowling Rankings, equaling the highest rating ever achieved by an Indian bowler, previously held by Ravichandran Ashwin.

Q.: Who has been appointed as the Revenue Secretary in the Ministry of Finance?

- a) Amit Agrawal
- b) Vineet Joshi
- c) Arunish Chawla
- d) Neerja Sekhar

Ans: c) Arunish Chawla

Arunish Chawla: 1992 batch Bihar cadre IAS officer appointed as the **Revenue Secretary** in the Ministry of Finance in December 2024.

Q.: Whose bravery and sacrifice is honored on Veer Baal Diwas annually on December 26?

- a) Mahatma Gandhi's children
- b) Guru Gobind Singh Ji's younger sons
- c) Subhas Chandra Bose's nephews
- d) Jawaharlal Nehru's grandchildren

Ans: b) Guru Gobind Singh Ji's younger sons

Veer Baal Diwas is observed annually on **December 26**. The day honors the bravery and sacrifice of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's younger sons, **Baba Zorawar Singh** and **Baba Fateh Singh**.

Q.: Which former Prime Minister's 100th birth anniversary was commemorated during the foundation stone laying ceremony of Ken-Betwa River Linking Project?

- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- b) Indira Gandhi
- c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- d) Rajiv Gandhi

Answer: c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Foundation Stone Laid: Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the **Ken-Betwa National River Linking Project** on **25 December 2024** in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh on the occasion of **100th birth anniversary** of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Q.: Which country is hosting the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025?

- a) India
- b) Australia
- c) Pakistan
- d) England

Ans: c) Pakistan

The ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 in Cricket will take place from **19th February to 9th March 2025**. Pakistan will host its first global cricket tournament since 1996, alongside the UAE as a neutral venue.

Q.: General (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd.) has been appointed as Governor of which state in December 2024?

- a) Bihar
- b) Mizoram
- c) Manipur
- d) Odisha

Ans : b) Mizoram

General (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd.): Designated as the new Governor of **Mizoram** by President of India on **24 December 2024**.

Q. When is Good Governance Day observed annually in India?

- a) December 26
- b) December 25
- c) January 1
- d) October 2

Ans: b) December 25

Good Governance Day is observed annually on **December 25th** in India to honor the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.

Q.: Who won the men's singles title at the 86th Senior National Badminton Championships 2024?

- a) Mithun Manjunath
- b) M. Raghu
- c) Sanskar Saraswat
- d) Ayush Agarwal

Answer: b) M. Raghu

Karnataka's M. Raghu defeated Mithun Manjunath (14-21, 21-14, 24-22), in the final of 86th Senior National Badminton Tournament held in Bengaluru on 24 December 2024.

Q.: Who has been appointed as the Senior White House Policy Advisor on Artificial Intelligence by President-elect Donald Trump?

- a) Sundar Pichai
- b) Sriram Krishnan
- c) Satya Nadella
- d) Vinod Khosla

Ans: b) Sriram Krishnan

President-elect **Donald Trump** appointed Indian-American entrepreneur **Sriram Krishnan** as the **Senior White House Policy Advisor on Artificial Intelligence (AI)**.

Q.: Where will India's matches in the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy be held?

- a) Pakistan
- b) India
- c) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- d) England

Ans: c) United Arab Emirates (UAE)

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has designated the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** as the neutral venue for India's matches in the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy.

Q.: Who became Iceland's youngest Prime Minister in December 2024?

- a) Katrín Jakobsdóttir
- b) Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson
- c) Krístrun Frostadóttir
- d) Bjarni Benediktsson

Ans: a) Katrín Jakobsdóttir

Iceland's new government, led by Prime Minister **Krístrun Frostadóttir** of the Social Democratic Alliance (SDA), took office on **21 December 2024**. Frostadóttir, born in 1988, is Iceland's youngest prime minister.

Q.: When is National Consumer Day observed annually in India?

- a) December 1
- b) December 24
- c) January 1
- d) October 2

Answer: b) December 24

Q. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in 2024?

- a) Arun Kumar Mishra
- b) Priyank Kanoongo
- c) V. Ramasubramanian
- d) Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi

Ans: c) V. Ramasubramanian

Retired Supreme Court judge **V. Ramasubramanian** has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) by President **Droupadi Murmu** on 23 December 2024.

Q.: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the United Nations Internal Justice Council (IJC) in December 2024?

- a) Justice Dipak Misra
- b) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- c) Justice Madan B. Lokur
- d) Justice Sharad Bobde

Answer: c) Justice Madan B. Lokur

Former Supreme Court judge Madan B. Lokur has been appointed as the Chairperson of the United Nations Internal Justice Council (IJC).

Q.: Which team won the inaugural Under-19 ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup 2024?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) India
- d) Pakistan

Answer: c) India

India won the inaugural **Under-19 ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup** on **22nd December 2024** in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, defeating Bangladesh by **41 runs**.

Q.: Which Indian state has been recognized by the Wall Street Journal as one of the “Go-To Global Destinations for 2025”?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Kerala
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Gujarat

Answer: c) Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh has been named one of the “Go-To Global Destinations for 2025” by the *Wall Street Journal*.

Q.: What percentage of India’s geographical area is covered by forest and tree cover as per the latest India State of Forest Report 2023?

- a) 20.17%
- b) 25.17%
- c) 30.17%
- d) 35.17%

Answer: b) 25.17%

The total forest and tree cover in India is **827,357 square kilometers**, representing **25.17%** of the country’s geographical area.

Q.: Which highest civilian honor was conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi by Kuwait in December 2024?

- a) Order of Merit
- b) The Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer
- c) Order of Kuwait
- d) The Golden Crescent

Answer: b) The Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** was awarded **Kuwait’s highest civilian honor, The Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer**, by **Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah**, the Amir of Kuwait, during his state visit on **22nd December 2024**.

Q.: Which team will India face in the final of the U-19 Women’s Asia Cup 2024?

- a) Nepal
- b) Pakistan
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Sri Lanka

Ans: c) Bangladesh

India will face Bangladesh in the final on **22 December 2024**.

Q. What is President Vladimir Putin ready to do regarding Ukraine in possible talks with US President-elect Donald Trump?

- a) Withdraw Russian troops
- b) Compromise to end the war
- c) Impose stricter sanctions
- d) Form a military alliance

Answer: b) Compromise to end the war

Russian President **Vladimir Putin** is ready to compromise over Ukraine in possible talks with US President-elect **Donald Trump** to end the war.

Q. When is World Meditation Day observed?

- a) January 1st
- b) June 21st
- c) December 21st
- d) October 10th

Ans: b) June 21st

World Meditation Day is observed on **December 21st** each year.

Q.: What is India's rank in the Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2024 report?

- a) 38th
- b) 39th
- c) 54th
- d) 55th

Ans: b) 39th

India is now ranked **39th among 119 countries** in the Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2024 report by the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Q.: Who was honored with the National Tansen Samman for the year 2023?

- a) Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia
- b) Ustad Zakir Hussain
- c) Pt. Swapan Choudhary
- d) Amjad Ali Khan

Ans: c) Pt. Swapan Choudhary

Pt. **Swapan Choudhary**, a renowned tabla player from Kolkata, was honored with the **National Tansen Samman** for the year **2023**.

Q.: Which institution was honored with the Raja Mansingh Tomar Samman for the year 2023?

- a) Raga Nyas
- b) Sanand Nyas
- c) Saptak Nyas
- d) Surana Nyas

Ans: b) Sanand Nyas

Recipient: Sanand Nyas, an institution from Indore, was honored with the **Raja Mansingh Tomar Samman** for the year **2023**.

Q.: When does Goa celebrate its Liberation Day?

- a) 15 August
- b) 26 January
- c) 19 December
- d) 2 October

Answer: c) 19 December

Goa celebrated its 63rd Liberation Day on **19 December 2024**

Q. How many years of Portuguese rule ended with Goa's liberation in 1961?

- a) 350 years
- b) 451 years
- c) 200 years
- d) 500 years

Answer: b) 451 years

Goa liberate from Portuguese rule in **1961** after **451 years** of colonial occupation.

Q. Which military operation led to Goa's liberation?

- a) Operation Blue Star
- b) Operation Vijay
- c) Operation Meghdoot
- d) Operation Trident

Answer: b) Operation Vijay

Goa's liberation was achieved through **Operation Vijay**, a 36-hour military campaign by the Indian Armed Forces in December 1961, ending Portuguese control and integrating Goa into the Indian Union.

Q.: Who won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 for the English language category?

- a) Arundhati Roy
- b) Jhumpa Lahiri
- c) Easterine Kire
- d) Chetan Bhagat

Answer: c) Easterine Kire

Q.: Where will the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships be held from September 26 to October 5, 2025?

- a) Indira Gandhi Stadium
- b) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
- c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium
- d) Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium

Answer: b) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
New Delhi will host the **2025 World Para Athletics Championships** at **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium** from **September 26 to October 5, 2025**.

Q. Who won the Men's Player of the Year award at the FIFA Best Awards 2024?

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Vinicius Jr.
- C. Rodrigo Hernández Cascante
- D. Neymar

Answer: B. Vinicius Jr.
Men's Player of the Year: In Football Vinicius Jr. (Brazil and Real Madrid) won the FIFA Best Award 2024.

Q.: Who is the only Indian bowler with more Test wickets than Ravichandran Ashwin?

- a) Kapil Dev
- b) Harbhajan Singh
- c) Anil Kumble
- d) Zaheer Khan

Answer: c) Anil Kumble
Indian off spinner Ravichandran Ashwin announced his retirement from international cricket on December 18, 2024. He took 537 wickets in 106 Tests. Only Anil Kumble, with 619 wickets, has dismissed more batters for India.

Q.: Who won both the FIDE World Under-18 Youth Rapid and Blitz titles in 2024?

- a) Alexander Khripachenko
- b) Dmitry Mochalov
- c) Roman Pyrih
- d) Pranav Venkatesh

Ans: d) Pranav Venkatesh
Pranav Venkatesh, an Indian Grandmaster, won both the **FIDE World Under-18 Youth Rapid and Blitz titles** in Slovenia on **17 December 2024**.

Q. Where was India's first diabetes biobank established?

- a) Bengaluru
- b) Mumbai
- c) Chennai
- d) Delhi

Ans: c) Chennai

India has established its first diabetes biobank in Chennai on **December 17, 2024**.

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Q. What is the main purpose of the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2024?

- A. To amend the Constitution for creating a new Union Territory
- B. To enable simultaneous elections for Lok Sabha and State Assemblies
- C. To introduce a new voting system
- D. To increase the number of Lok Sabha seats

Answer: B. To enable simultaneous elections for Lok Sabha and State Assemblies

On December 17, 2024, the government referred the **One Nation One Election (ONOE)** bills to a **Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)** for wider consultations.

Q.: National Testing Agency (NTA) will focus exclusively on which type of examinations from 2025?

- A. Recruitment Examinations
- B. Entrance Examinations for Higher Education Institutions
- C. State Public Service Examinations
- D. Board Examinations

Answer: B. Entrance Examinations for Higher Education Institutions

Starting in 2025, the **National Testing Agency (NTA)** will exclusively conduct entrance exams for higher education institutions and will no longer hold recruitment exams.

Q. What changes were announced regarding the timeline of entrance exams like JEE and NEET starting in 2025?

- A. They will be conducted in July.
- B. They will be conducted in January or February.
- C. They will be conducted biannually in March and September.
- D. The timeline remains unchanged.

Answer: B. They will be conducted in January or February.

Entrance exams of JEE and NEET from 2025 will take place earlier in the academic year, moving from the usual July timeline to January or February.

Q. What is India's rank in smartphone exports globally as of 2024?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 5th

Answer: C. 3rd

India has become the **3rd largest exporter of smartphones globally**, climbing from the 23rd rank in 2019. In November 2024, the country's smartphone exports surpassed **₹20,000 crore** in a single month.

Q.: When will the free visa policy for 39 countries, including India, be formalized by Sri Lanka?

- A. December 2024
- B. January 2025
- C. February 2025
- D. March 2025

Answer: B

From January 2025, Indians will be among nationals from **39 countries** eligible for **free visas to travel to Sri Lanka**

Q.: What is the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)?

- a) A global environmental treaty
- b) A regional defense alliance
- c) A trade agreement among several Pacific Rim countries
- d) An international humanitarian organization

Answer: c) A trade agreement among several Pacific Rim countries

On **December 15, 2024**, Britain officially became the **first European nation to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)**, becoming the **12th member** of this significant trade bloc.

Q.: When is the snap election in Germany scheduled after Chancellor Olaf Scholz lost the vote of confidence?

- a) January 16, 2025
- b) February 23, 2025
- c) March 1, 2025
- d) February 16, 2025

Answer: b) February 23, 2025

On December 16, 2024, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz lost a vote of confidence, triggering a snap election set for February 23, 2025.

Q.: Where is the Gadhimai Mahotsav, famous for mass animal sacrifices held every five years, celebrated?

- a) Kathmandu, Nepal
- b) Bariyarpur, Nepal
- c) Varanasi, India
- d) Dhaka, Bangladesh

Answer: b) Bariyarpur, Nepal

The Gadhimai Mahotsav, held every five years at the Gadhimai Temple in Nepal's Madhesh Province, is the world's largest animal sacrifice festival. Gadhimai Mahotsav, started on December 2 and concluded on December 15, 2024.

Q.: The Chief of the Army Staff (CoAS) of which country was conferred the rank of Honorary General of the Indian Army in December 2024?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Nepal
- d) Bhutan

Answer: c) Nepal

Nepal's Chief of the Army Staff (CoAS), General Ashok Raj Sigdel was honored with the rank of *Honorary General of the Indian Army* by India's President, Droupadi Murmu, on December 16, 2024.

Q.: Which team did India defeat in the final of the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2024?

- a) Republic of Korea
- b) Japan
- c) China
- d) Malaysia

Answer: c) China

India won the **Women's Junior Asia Cup 2024 Hockey Championship** in Muscat, Oman on **15 December 2024**, defeating China 3-2 in a penalty shootout

Q.: Which team won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2024?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Mumbai
- d) Karnataka

Answer: c) Mumbai

Mumbai won the **Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2024**, defeating Madhya Pradesh by **five wickets** in the final on **15 December 2024** at the **M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru**.

Question: Zakir Hussain, a legendary artist who received the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, and five Grammy Awards, passed away in December 2024. He was renowned for his contribution to which field?

- a) Indian Classical Dance
- b) Tabla and Indian Classical Music
- c) Painting and Sculpture
- d) Literature and Poetry

Answer: b) Tabla and Indian Classical Music

Legendary tabla maestro **Zakir Hussain** passed away at the age of **73** in the **United States** on **15 December 2024** .

Q. What significant event does Vijay Diwas (December 16th) commemorate?

- a) India's independence from British rule
- b) Victory in the Kargil War
- c) India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war
- d) The signing of the Indian Constitution

Answer: c) India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war

Vijay Diwas, celebrated annually on **December 16th**, marks a significant day in Indian history, commemorating the victory over Pakistan in the **1971 war**.

Q.: What is the name of the new Route Patrolling Vehicles (RPVs) introduced by NHAI?

- a) Rajmarg Seva
- b) Rajmarg Saathi
- c) Highway Helper
- d) Road Saathi

Answer: b) Rajmarg Saathi

The **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** plans to introduce advanced **Route Patrolling Vehicles (RPVs)** named **Rajmarg Saathi** to improve highway safety.

Q.: Which organization is manufacturing the Su-30MKI fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force?

- a) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- c) Bharat Electronics Limited
- d) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Answer: b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

On December 12, 2024, the **Defence Ministry** signed a contract worth **₹13,500 crore** with **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** for the procurement of **12 Su-30MKI aircraft**.

Q. Which organization has developed the Indian Light Tank (ILT)?

- a) Indian Army
- b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- d) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

Answer: b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
Indian Light Tank (ILT) developed by the Combat Vehicles Research Development Establishment, a DRDO lab in Chennai, based on the Indian Army's provisional requirements.

Q. At what altitude did the Indian Light Tank (ILT) successfully fire rounds?

- a) 3,500 meters
- b) 4,000 meters
- c) More than 4,200 meters
- d) 5,000 meters

Answer: c) More than 4,200 meters
The Indian Light Tank (ILT) successfully fire rounds at various ranges at an altitude exceeding 4,200 meters.

Q.: The Smart India Hackathon (SIH) focuses primarily on which field of innovation?

- a) Healthcare Innovations
- b) Technology and Problem-Solving
- c) Agricultural Development
- d) Sports Management

Answer: b) Technology and Problem-Solving
The **Smart India Hackathon 2024** concluded successfully with multiple teams from across India emerging as winners across various categories.

Q.: What is the primary aim of the Bharatmala Project?

- a) To enhance digital literacy
- b) To improve rural electrification
- c) To develop a robust network of highways
- d) To promote renewable energy

Ans: c) To develop a robust network of highways
The Bharatmala Project, launched in 2015, is a large-scale infrastructure initiative by the Indian government aiming to enhance the efficiency of freight and passenger movement.

Q.: Who became the youngest World Chess Champion on 12 December 2024?

- a) Magnus Carlsen
- b) Garry Kasparov
- c) Viswanathan Anand
- d) Dommaraju Gukesh

Answer: d) Dommaraju Gukesh

Indian Grandmaster Dommaraju Gukesh made history on 12 December 2024 by becoming the youngest World Chess Champion at the age of 18.

Q.: Which countries are set to fully join the Schengen Area on January 1, 2025?

- a) Belgium and Netherlands
- b) Austria and Switzerland
- c) Romania and Bulgaria
- d) Poland and Czech Republic

Ans: c) Romania and Bulgaria

On December 12, 2024, EU interior ministers announced that **Romania and Bulgaria** will fully join the border-free Schengen Area starting January 1, 2025.

Q.: Who has been awarded the 34th Vyas Samman in 2024?

- a) Kynpham Sing Nongkynrih
- b) Suryabala
- c) Ramji Tiwari
- d) Viswanath Pratap Singh

Answer: b) Suryabala

Noted Hindi writer Suryabala has been awarded the 34th **Vyas Samman 2024** for her novel *Kaun Des Ko Vasi: Venu Ki Diary*

Q.: For which novel did Suryabala receive the Vyas Samman 2024?

- a) *Venu Ki Diary*
- b) *Kaun Des Ko Vasi: Venu Ki Diary*
- c) *Kashi Ki Kahaniyan*
- d) *Pardes Mein Parivartan*

Answer: b) *Kaun Des Ko Vasi: Venu Ki Diary*

Q.: What is the primary aim of the ‘One Nation, One Election’ initiative?

- a) To reduce the frequency of elections and associated costs
- b) To promote digital literacy
- c) To enhance international trade
- d) To improve healthcare facilities

Ans: a) To reduce the frequency of elections and associated costs

Q.: Who led the high-level committee that recommended the ‘One Nation, One Election’ initiative?

- a) Former President Ram Nath Kovind
- b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- c) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Home Minister Amit Shah

Ans: a) Former President Ram Nath Kovind

High-level committee led by former President Ram Nath Kovind suggested amendments to the Constitution to facilitate simultaneous elections in two phases: first, aligning the Lok Sabha and state assembly elections, followed by synchronizing municipal and panchayat elections within 100 days of the national and state polls.

Q.: Which award category is part of the National Panchayat Awards?

- a) Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development Award
- b) Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru Innovation Award
- d) Swachh Bharat Village Award

Ans: b) Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar

On December 11, 2024, the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, presented the National Panchayat Awards 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The awards were presented across various categories, including the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar and the Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar.

Q.: What is the main focus of bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 held from December 11 to 14 at India Expo Centre in Greater Noida ?

- a) Information Technology
- b) Agriculture
- c) Construction and Mining Equipment
- d) Textile Industry

Ans: c) Construction and Mining Equipment

On December 11, 2024, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, inaugurated the **bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024** at the India Expo Centre in Greater Noida. This four-day event, showcases cutting-edge innovations in the construction and mining sectors

Q.: When is International Mountain Day observed annually?

- a) December 1
- b) December 5
- c) December 10
- d) December 11

Answer: d) December 11

International Mountain Day is observed annually on **December 11th** to raise awareness about the significance of mountains and the challenges they face.

Q. When is Human Rights Day observed annually?

- a) December 1
- b) December 5
- c) December 10
- d) December 15

Answer: c) December 10

Human Rights Day is observed annually on **December 10th** to commemorate the adoption of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)** by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948.

Q. What significant document is commemorated on Human Rights Day?

- a) Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
- b) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- c) Convention on the Rights of the Child
- d) United Nations Charter

Answer: a) Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

Q.: Who has been appointed as the caretaker Prime Minister of Syria following the overthrow of Bashar al-Assad's regime?

- a) Hadi al-Bahra
- b) Mohammad Ghazi al-Jalali
- c) Mohamed al-Bashir
- d) Geir Pedersen

Answer: c) Mohamed al-Bashir

Mohamed al-Bashir has been appointed as the caretaker Prime Minister of Syria on 10 December 2024.

Q.: What major reform was introduced for CUET in 2025 to reduce rigid boundaries in higher education?

- a) Mandatory questions
- b) Allowing students to choose any subject regardless of Class 12 subjects
- c) Hybrid exam mode
- d) Reduction in total marks

Answer: b) Allowing students to choose any subject regardless of Class 12 subjects
From 2025, students will be allowed to appear for any subject in the **Common University Entrance Test-UG (CUET-UG)**, regardless of their Class 12 subjects.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) starting December 11, 2024?

- a) Shaktikanta Das
- b) Urjit Patel
- c) Sanjay Malhotra
- d) Raghuram Rajan

Ans: c) Sanjay Malhotra
Sanjay Malhotra, the current Revenue Secretary at the Ministry of Finance, has been appointed as the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). His tenure will begin on December 11, 2024, and last for three years.

Question: What is the name of the latest multi-role stealth guided missile frigate commissioned into the Indian Navy in December 2024?

- a) INS Vikrant
- b) INS Tushil
- c) INS Khanderi
- d) INS Arihant

Answer: b) INS Tushil

Explanation: INS Tushil, a multi-role stealth guided missile frigate, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 9th December 2024 in Russia, marking a milestone in Indo-Russian collaboration.

Question: What is the name of the first Indian director nominated for Best Director (Motion Picture) at the 82nd Golden Globe Awards?

- a) Shaji N. Karun
- b) Payal Kapadia
- c) Mira Nair
- d) Zoya Akhtar

Answer: b) Payal Kapadia

Filmmaker **Payal Kapadia** has made history as the first Indian director nominated for **Best Director (Motion Picture)** at the **82nd Golden Globe Awards** for her film *All We Imagine As Light*.

Question: Who is operating the Noida International Airport?

- a) GMR Group
- b) Zurich International Airport AG
- c) Adani Group
- d) Airports Authority of India (AAI)

Answer: b) Zurich International Airport AG

The Noida International Airport in Greater Noida marked a significant milestone on **9 December 2024** as its first trial flight landed. The airport, operated by **Zurich International Airport AG** will start commercial flight from **April 2025**.

Q.: Who was the President of Syria for the past 24 years, who fled the country after the rebel forces took control in December 2024?

- a) Bashar al-Assad
- b) Mohammad Ghazi al-Jalali
- c) Hadi al-Bahra
- d) Geir Pedersen

Ans : a) Bashar al-Assad

Q.: Which team won the Men's Asia Cup Under-19 Cricket in 2024?

- a) India
- b) Pakistan
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Sri Lanka

Answer: c) Bangladesh

In the Men's Asia Cup Under-19 Cricket final on December 8, 2024, Bangladesh defeated India by 59 runs at the Dubai International Stadium to win the title.

Q.: Who is D Gukesh competing against in the 2024 FIDE World Chess Championship?

- a) Magnus Carlsen
- b) Fabiano Caruana
- c) Ian Nepomniachtchi
- d) Ding Liren

Answer: d) Ding Liren

In the 2024 FIDE World Chess Championship, India's 18-year-old D Gukesh leads defending champion Ding Liren 6-5 after their 11th game on December 8, 2024, at Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore.

Q.: Who will India face in the final of the Men's Under-19 Asia Cup ODI Cricket on December 8, 2024?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Afghanistan
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Sri Lanka

Ans: c) Bangladesh

India will face Bangladesh in the final, scheduled to be held at the **Dubai International Cricket Stadium** on **December 8, 2024**.

Q.: What is the revised Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) after the RBI's December 2024 decision?

- a) 3.5%
- b) 4.0%
- c) 4.5%
- d) 5.0%

Answer: b) 4.0%

The RBI reduced the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) by 50 basis points to 4%, releasing ₹1.16 lakh crore to ease liquidity stress.

Q.: What is the current policy repo rate as announced by the RBI in December 2024?

- a) 6.25%
- b) 6.50%
- c) 6.75%
- d) 7.00%

Answer: b) 6.50%

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in its December monetary policy meeting, decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50% for the 11th consecutive time since February 2023.

Q.: Who has assumed the chairmanship of the 68th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) on behalf of India in December 2024?

- a) S. Jaishankar
- b) Shambhu Kumaran
- c) T. S. Tirumurti
- d) Syed Akbaruddin

Answer: b) Shambhu Kumaran

India has been appointed to chair the 68th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), with Shambhu Kumaran, India's Permanent Representative to the UN in Vienna, assuming the chairmanship on December 6, 2024.

Q.: What is the primary mission of the PROBA-3 satellites launched by ISRO on 5 Dec 2024?

- a) Study Earth's magnetic field
- b) Explore Mars' surface
- c) Study the Sun's corona
- d) Monitor global warming

Answer: c) Study the Sun's corona

On **5 December 2024**, ISRO successfully launched the **PSLV C-59** rocket from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota**, at **16:04 IST**, carrying the **PROBA-3 spacecraft** into a highly elliptical orbit. The **PROBA-3 mission**, is to study the Sun's **corona** (outer atmosphere).

Q.: Which region of India is celebrated in the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav held from 6-8 Dec 2024?

- a) Northern India
- b) Southern India
- c) Northeastern India
- d) Western India

Answer: c) Northeastern India

Eight North Eastern states—Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura—collectively known as **Ashtalakshmi**.

Q.: What is the main purpose of the Hornbill Festival?

- a) Promote Tourism in India
- b) Showcase the Cultural Heritage of Naga Tribes
- c) Celebrate National Independence
- d) Foster International Trade Relations

Ans: b) Showcase the Cultural Heritage of Naga Tribes

The **Hornbill Festival**, also known as the **Festival of Festivals**, is an annual celebration held in the northeastern Indian state of Nagaland from **December 1 to December 10**.

Q.: What is the new UPI Lite wallet limit set by the RBI in December 2024?

- a) ₹2,000
- b) ₹3,000
- c) ₹4,000
- d) ₹5,000

Answer: d) ₹5,000

On **4 December 2024**, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** increased the **UPI Lite wallet limit** from ₹2,000 to ₹5,000 and raised the **offline transaction limit** from ₹500 to ₹1,000 per transaction.

Q.: Which organization launched the UPI platform in India?

- a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- b) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- c) State Bank of India (SBI)
- d) Ministry of Finance

Answer: b) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

UPI is India's payment ecosystem launched in 2016 by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.

Q.: Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah becomes the first female president of which country in December 2024?

- a) South Africa
- b) Botswana
- c) Namibia
- d) Zimbabwe

Answer: c) Namibia

Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah of the ruling SWAPO party has won Namibia's eighth presidential election, becoming the country's first female president with over 57% of the votes.

Q. Who becomes the Chief Minister of Maharashtra for the third time in December 2024?

- a) Uddhav Thackeray
- b) Ajit Pawar
- c) Devendra Fadnavis
- d) Eknath Shinde

Ans: c) Devendra Fadnavis

Devendra Fadnavis becomes the Chief Minister of Maharashtra for the third time on 5 December 2024.

Q.: Which significant naval operation is commemorated on Navy Day on December 4?

- a) Operation Vijay
- b) Operation Trident
- c) Operation Blue Star
- d) Operation Pawan

Ans: b) **Operation Trident**

The Navy day commemorates the success of **Operation Trident**, a significant naval mission during the 1971 Indo-Pak war.

Q.: Which city will host the Maha Kumbh 2025?

- a) Haridwar
- b) Ujjain
- c) Nashik
- d) Prayagraj

Ans: d) Prayagraj

The **Maha Kumbh 2025** is set to be a grand and spiritually significant event, taking place in **Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh** from **January 13 to February 26, 2025**.

Q. When is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) observed every year?

- a) December 1
- b) December 3
- c) December 5
- d) November 30

Ans: b) December 3

The **International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)** is observed annually on **December 3rd** to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development.

Q.: Where is the 4th edition of the India-Malaysia Joint Military Exercise *Harimau Shakti* being held in December 2024?

- a) Kuala Lumpur
- b) Bentong Camp
- c) Langkawi
- d) Johor Bahru

Answer: b) Bentong Camp

The 4th edition of the India-Malaysia Joint Military Exercise *Harimau Shakti* began on **2 December 2024** at Bentong Camp, Malaysia.

Q.: Where is World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC) 2024 from December 4 to 6, 2024 being held?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Chennai
- c) New Delhi
- d) Kolkata

Answer: b) Chennai

The World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC) 2024 will be held from December 4 to 6, 2024, at The Leela Palace, Chennai, India. Organized by the Institute of Marine Engineers (India)

Q.: Which organization launched the PRAGATI platform in India?

- a) The Gates Foundation
- b) Oxford's Saïd Business School
- c) Government of India
- d) The United Nations

Ans: c) Government of India

A recent study by **Oxford's Saïd Business School** and the **Gates Foundation** has recognized the effectiveness of India's **PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation)** platform. Launched in 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, PRAGATI has significantly transformed the delivery of infrastructure projects in India.

Q.: What is the title of the study conducted by Oxford's Saïd Business School and the Gates Foundation on PRAGATI?

- a) "Innovating Governance: India's PRAGATI"
- b) "Efficiency in Infrastructure: The PRAGATI Model"
- c) "From Gridlock to Growth: How Leadership Enables India's PRAGATI Ecosystem to Power Progress"
- d) "Digital Transformation and Accountability"

Answer: c) "From Gridlock to Growth: How Leadership Enables India's PRAGATI Ecosystem to Power Progress"

Q.: Who won the Women's Singles title at the Syed Modi International Tournament 2024?

- (A) Wu Luo Yu
- (B) Treesa Jolly
- (C) PV Sindhu
- (D) Gayatri Gopichand

Answer: (C) PV Sindhu

Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, won the Women's Singles title by defeating China's Wu Luo Yu 21-14, 21-16.

Q.: Who won the Men's Singles title at the Syed Modi International Tournament 2024?

- (A) Lakshya Sen
- (B) Jia Heng Jason Teh
- (C) Huang Di
- (D) Dhruv Kapila

Answer: (A) Lakshya Sen

Lakshya Sen claimed the Men's Singles title with a commanding victory over Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh 21-6, 21-7.

Q.: Who became the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on December 1, 2024?

- (A) Greg Barclay
- (B) Sourav Ganguly
- (C) Jay Shah
- (D) N Srinivasan

Answer: (C) Jay Shah

Jay Shah became the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on December 1, 2024

Q.: When was the Border Security Force (BSF) established?

- a) March 1, 1962
- b) April 1, 1963
- c) December 1, 1965
- d) January 1, 1969

Ans : c) December 1, 1965

The **Border Security Force (BSF)** celebrated its **60th Raising Day** on **December 1, 2024**. This day marks the anniversary of the force's formation in 1965.

