PRACTICE QUESTIONS

CAPSULE

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EXAM 2024





1. The United Kingdom (UK) has overtaken ____ to become India's fourth-largest export market in May 2024.

Answer: China

2. Who has been named the new Chairman of Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company?

Answer: Akhil Gupta

3. Who has gained the top position in the 'Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023'?

Answer: Virat Kohli

4. In June 2024, Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw competition at the World Athletics Continental Gold Tour with a throw of _____.

Answer: 85.97 meters

5. Identify the state of India from the given options that will establish the world's first conservation and breeding centre for Asian king vultures or red-headed vultures.

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

- 6. Who has become the first Indian to be conferred the prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' of South Africa for his contribution to films?

 Answer: Vinod Ganatra
- 7. What is the total outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme for offshore wind energy projects?

Answer: Rs.7453 crore

8. Name the Indian chess player who has won the Stepan Avagyan Memorial 2024 crown in Armenia.

Answer: Arjun Erigaisi

9. National Reading Day is observed annually across India on 19 June to commemorate the death anniversary of which Indian personality?

Answer: P N Panicker

10. Noted politician Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare, who passed away in June 2024, served as the Governor of which state?

Answer: Odisha

- **11.** According to the 2024 Mercer's Cost of Living survey, which Indian city is the most expensive city for expats? **Answer:** Mumbai
- **12.** Name the payments bank that has recently (June 2024) collaborated with Ria Money Transfer to offer unique remittance services across rural India.

Answer: India Post Payments Bank

13. Which organization has won the "Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024"?

Answer: RBI

14. Recently (June 2024), Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new campus of Nalanda University at Rajgir, Bihar. The ruins of Nalanda were declared a UN Heritage Site in which year?

Answer: 2016

15. What is the rank of India in the Sustainable Development Report 2024?

Answer: 109th

16. The Union Government has recently (June 2024) approved the proposal of which state government to rename the Joshimath tehsil as Jyotirmath, and Kosiyakutoli tehsil as Pargana Shri Kainchi Dham?

Answer: Uttarakhand

- **17.** Which Union Ministry of India has introduced an e-flow (Environmental Flow) ecological monitoring system? **Answer:** Ministry of Jal Shakti
- **18.** Name the state of India that has recently (June 2024) won the "1st Rank" award for highest wind power installed capacity.

Answer: Gujarat

19. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has estimated India's gross domestic product (GDP) to grow at ____ in the financial year 2024-25.

Answer: 8.0%

20. Name the state of India that has recently (June 2024) launched a Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM) scheme to promote girl education and to end child marriage in the state.

Answer: Assam

Which Institute has been designated by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) for "Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine" (CC IND-177)?

Answer: National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage







Who has been given the V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award in 2024?

Answer: Subbiah Nallamuthu

23. Which festival in Odisha is similar to the Ambubachi Mela of Assam?

Answer: Raja Parba

What is the theme of World Refuge Day 2024?

Answer: Solidarity with Refugees Peter Pellegrini became the new President of ____ in June 2024.

Answer: Slovakia

26. India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference organized in which city in June 2024?

Answer: New Delhi

Who won the FIDE World Junior Girls' Chess Championship in 2024?

Answer: Divya Deshmukh

Which entity has recently (June 2024) announced to support the training of two lakh students in India in cloud computing, data science, artificial intelligence (AI), and other emerging technologies?

Answer: Oracle

Which city hosted the International Tourism Fair to promote global tourism, sustainable development, and cultural exchange?

Answer: Kathmandu

30. Indian musician Rajeev Taranath has passed away in June 2024. He was instrumental in playing which musical instrument?

Answer: Sarod

31. The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) observed its _____ Foundation Day in 2024.

Answer: fourth foundation

What is the growth rate of India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in April 2024?

Answer: 5.0%

In June 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the annual G7 summit held in Italy. This summit marked the ____ anniversary of the G7 group.

Answer: 50th

Which lender has recently (June 2024) introduced the 'SME Digital Business Loans'?

Answer: State Bank of India

35. NEC Corporation India has been selected as the System Integrator (SI) for PFRDA-TRACE by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). What is the duration of the contract?

Answer: 6 years

Which credit rating agency affirmed the Baa3 ratings on three Indian public sector banks including Bank of Baroda (BOB), Canara Bank, and Punjab National Bank (PNB)?

Answer: Moody's

PNB MetLife India Insurance has named _____ as the MD & CEO.

Answer: Sameer Bansal

38. According to SEBI, what will be the proposed threshold for the Basic Services Demat Account (BSDA)?

Answer: Rs 10 lakh

39. Which edition of the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2024 (JIMEX 24) was held in June 2024?

Answer: Eighth

40. Which Indian tennis player won the men's singles title at the Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 ATP Challenger Tennis tournament?

Answer: Sumit Nagal

41. Name the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) that has launched the UAV/UAS/Drone Acceleration and Networking (UDAAN) program to boost drone startups in India.

Answer: IIT Kanpur

42. Priyanka Jarkiholi won from which constituency and created history as the youngest tribal woman to enter Parliament from an unreserved seat in Karnataka since Independence?

Answer: Chikkodi

Prem Singh Tamang has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of Sikkim for the time.

Answer: Second

44. What is the total provision in the Interim Budget 2024-25 for devolution of taxes to states?

Answer: Rs. 12,19,783 crore

45. World Accreditation Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 9th June

Who has been named the EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2024?

Answer: Vellayan Subbiah

47. Which country secured a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the Asia-Pacific region for the term 2025-26?

Answer: Pakistan

48. Which five major global players have launched a Biopharmaceutical Alliance in response to drug supply shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Answer: South Korea, India, the United States, Japan,

and the European Union



49. In June 2024, the Nagi and Nakti Bird Sanctuaries recognised as wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. Both sanctuaries are located in which state of India?

Answer: Bihar

50. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has granted its approval for the merger of Vistara with Air India. What percentage of the stake will Tata Sons Private Limited hold in the merged entity of Vistara and Air India?

Answer: 73.38%

- **51.** World Oceans Day is observed annually on which date? **Answer:** 8th June
- **52.** Who has been awarded with Dilip Bose Award for lifetime achievement by the All-India Tennis Association (AITA)?

Answer: Nar Singh and Rohini Lokhande

53. Which Indian state police has secured the first position in the country in blocking mobile numbers involved in cybercrime?

Answer: Haryana

54. Which constituency has recorded the highest votes for NOTA (None of the Above) in the Lok Sabha elections in 2024?

Answer: Indore

55. Nakshatra Sabha' is India's first-of-its-kind astrotourism campaign that aims to promote astro-tourism. It was held in which city?

Answer: Mussoorie

- 56. Which country became India's third-largest export market in the fiscal year 2023–24?

 Answer: The Netherlands
- 57. India has participated in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS + 20) Forum High-Level Event 2024 held in _____ (place).

Answer: Geneva, Switzerland

58. Under which program, the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Kolkata in collaboration with TeXMIN, Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, and industry partner J M Envirolab Private Limited has developed an outdoor air quality monitoring system, 'AQ-AIMS', to monitor environmental pollutants?

Answer: National Programme on Electronics and ICT applications in Agriculture and Environme

59. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, hosted the National Stakeholder Workshop on Safe, Trusted, and Ethical AI in collaboration with which organization in June 2024?

Answer: UNESCO

60. What is the theme of the 3rd Indian Analytical Congress (IAC)?

Answer: Role of Science and Technology in Green Transitions

61. Which entity launched the world's first EV Battery Passport?

Answer: Volvo Cars

- **62.** Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has developed an innovative Fire Rescue Assistant drone? **Answer:** IIT Dharwad
- **63.** Which Indian shipyard company will build a Research Vessel for DRDO in Rs.500 crore deal?

Answer: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers

64. What is the theme of World Food Safety Day for the year 2024?

Answer: Food Safety: prepare for the unexpected

65. Punjab National Bank (PNB) has planned to sell a 10 percent stake in Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company. What is the current stake held by PNB in Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company?

Answer: 23%

66. Who is the MD & CEO of Edelweiss Life Insurance Company?

Answer: Sumit Rai

- 67. In June 2024, NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) collaborated with the Central Reserve Bank of which country to enable a UPI-like real-time payment system?

 Answer: Peru
- 68. Which company has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to acquire a 70% stake in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance?

 Answer: Zurich Insurance Company
- **69.** Real Madrid has won the UEFA Champions League 2023/24 title for the _____ time.

Answer: 15th

70. Which is the first Indian steel company to manufacture & market a Zinc-Magnesium-Aluminium alloy-coated steel product domestically?

Answer: JSW Steel

71. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), in collaboration with the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO), has established a DRDO-Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA CoE) on its campus?

Answer: IIT Kanpur

72. Name the country that has launched the 'BIMReN' initiative to enable PhD students from BIMSTEC countries to conduct doctoral research.

Answer: India



- Which country hosted the multi-national exercise Red Flag 24? Answer: United States of America In the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024, the Indian athletes bagged a total of 7 medals including _____ golds, ____ silvers, and _____ bronze medals. **Answer:** 7 medals including 3 golds, 3 silvers, and 1 bronze medals 75. Who is India's first woman Permanent Representative to the United Nations? **Answer:** Ruchira Kamboj Who has been appointed the new chair of the 12-76. member Gender Sensitization and Internal Complaints Committee recently (June 2024) reconstituted by the Supreme Court of India? Answer: Justice Hima Kohli 77. TIME magazine has named Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) as one of the World's 100 Most Influential Companies. RIL secured a spot in the list under which category? **Answer:** Titans Who won the 2024 Scripps National Spelling Bee? **Answer:** Bruhat Soma Which institute has been awarded the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024? **Answer:** National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) According to the latest data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), the government's fiscal deficit for 2023-24 stood at ____ of the GDP (Gross Domestic Product). **Answer:** 5.63% 81. Which country has launched its first space agency and plans to make a Mars landing by 2045? **Answer:** South Korea 82. Which city hosted the International Procurement and Supply Chain Conference 2024? **Answer:** Mumbai 83. World Milk Day is observed annually on which date? Answer: 1st June Adani Ports has inked a concession agreement with the Tanzania Ports Authority to operate and manage Container Terminal 2 at the Dar es Salaam Port, Tanzania. What is the duration of the agreement? Answer: 30 years 85. 'PRAGATI-2024' is associated with ___ **Answer:** Pharmaceuticals and Ayurveda Who has been honoured with the 2023 UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award? **Answer:** Major Radhika Sen
- Which public sector undertaking (PSU) has been awarded 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25'? **Answer:** NHPC Limited
- 88. The theme of the 2024 International Day of UN Peacekeepers is _____. Answer: Fit for the future, building better together
- 89. Where has GAIL (India) Limited's first green hydrogen plant become operational? **Answer:** Vijaipur, Madhya Pradesh
- 90. Who has won the F1 Monaco Grand Prix 2024? **Answer:** Charles Leclerc
- 91. Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) won their third Indian Premier League (IPL) title by beating SunRisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the final of the 17th IPL match played at which stadium? Answer: M A Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 92. World Hunger Day is observed annually on which date? **Answer:** 28th May
- 93. Allamaye Halina has recently (May 2024) been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of which country? **Answer:** Chad
- 94. The Cyber Security Conclave has recently (May 2024) been organized by CSC and United Service Institution in which city to strengthen cyber security? **Answer:** New Delhi
- When is the World Football Day observed every year? 95. **Answer:** 25th May
- 96. Which asset management company has introduced the industry's first sonic identity 'The Sound of Freedom'? **Answer:** Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited
- Name the small finance bank that has recently (May 97. 2024) inked a bancassurance collaboration agreement with SBI General Insurance to facilitate the sale of nonlife insurance products. **Answer:** Jana Small Finance Bank
- 98. What is the theme of World Thyroid Day 2024? **Answer:** Non-Communicable Diseases
- 99. Which International Airport has been awarded the zero waste to landfill (ZWL) accolade by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII-ITC) Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development?

Answer: Thiruvananthapuram International Airport

- **100.** Name the Indian personality who has been awarded the prestigious Shaw Prize in Astronomy for 2024. **Answer:** Srinivas R. Kulkarni
- **101.** A 16-year-old _____ has become the youngest Indian mountaineer to scale the world's highest peak Mount Everest from the Nepal side. **Answer:** Kaamya Karthikeyan





102. What are the names of the AI anchors launched by Doordarshan Kisan (DD Kisan), which has become the first government TV channel in India to launch two AI anchors?

Answer: AI Krish and AI Bhoomi

103. Delhi has been named as the highest-ranked Indian city in the Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2024. What is its rank in the index?

Answer: 350th

104. In May 2024, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) released the Global Land Outlook Thematic Report on Rangelands and Pastoralists. As per the report, up to what percent of rangelands are degraded?

Answer: 50%

105. Which state of India celebrates the Saga Dawa festival annually?

Answer: Sikkim

- **106.** Where is the first Asian Relay Championships held? **Answer:** Bangkok
- **107.** Which country has become the 99th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)? **Answer:** Spain
- **108.** In May 2024, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan attended 'Exercise Cyber Suraksha 2024' and underscored the importance of strengthening India's cyber defense capabilities. The exercise was conducted by _____.

Answer: Defence Cyber Agency

109. Which entity has acquired the AI-powered women's wellness platform SocialBoat to develop AI for wearables?

Answer: Noise

110. In May 2024, the All-India Institute of Ayurveda (A), New Delhi organized a grand event to commemorate the 10th edition of International Day of Yoga, 2024. What is the theme of the event?

Answer: Yoga for women empowerment

111. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has been awarded the ATD BEST Awards 2024 for its strategic approach to talent development driving business results. This is the ____ time POWERGRID has been honoured with the ATD BEST Award.

Answer: Third

112. Who won the 2024 Casablanca Chess Variant tournament?

Answer: Magnus Carlsen

113. German author Jenny Erpenbeck and translator Michael Hofmann have been named the winner of the International Booker Prize 2024 for the book titled

Answer: Kairos

114. Sirbaz Khan has recently (May 2024) scaled the world's tallest peak, Mt. Everest, without using supplementary oxygen. He hails from which country?

Answer: Pakistan

115. Which food delivery platform has recently (May 2024) collaborated with SHIELD, a device-first risk AI platform, to enhance its fraud prevention and detection capabilities?

Answer: Swiggy

116. The theme of International Day for Biological Diversity 2024 is _____.

Answer: Be part of the Plan

117. What is the name of India's first premium fuel exported by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) to Sri Lanka?

Answer: XP100

118. Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of IndiaFirst Life Insurance?

Answer: Rushabh Gandhi

119. Which entity has recently (May 2024) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SIDBI to support helicopter financing in India?

Answer: Airbus Helicopters

120. Which insurance company has launched India's first Satellite In-Orbit Third-Party Liability Insurance policy?

Answer: Tata AIG General Insurance Company

121. Porter, a logistics services platform, has become the unicorn in India in 2024.

Answer: Third

122. Name the operation that has recently (May 2024) been launched by Uttarakhand Police to ensure decorum during Kedarnath Yatra 2024.

Answer: Operation Maryada

123. Name the country that has become the first to completely lose all its glaciers.

Answer: Venezuela

- 124. Nayara Energy has planned to invest Rs.600 crore to set up two ethanol plants in India to meet its sustainable goals. These plants will be set up in which state? Answer: Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh
- **125.** The book "At The Wheel of Research" explains the journey of Dr Soumya Swaminathan, the inaugural Chief Scientist at the World Health Organization who served during the COVID-19 pandemic. Who is the author of this book?

Answer: Anuradha Mascarenhas

126. Which agency has been awarded the Geospatial World Forum (GWF) Leadership Award for public policy: enabling industry development?

Answer: IN-SPACe





- **127.** Which government department has introduced the 'Sangam: Digital Twin' initiative in May 2024? **Answer:** Department of Telecommunications
- **128.** The third meeting of the Eminent Persons' Group (EPG) on the future direction of BIMSTEC was held in ____ (country) in May 2024. **Answer:** Bangladesh
- **129.** Sunil Chhetri has announced his retirement from international football. In which year did he receive the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award?

Answer: 2021

130. Lawrence Wong has been elected as the new Prime Minister of which country in May 2024? **Answer:** Singapore

131. Under which operation the Trishakti Corps of the Indian Army has provided essential assistance and healthcare to remote communities in Naga and Rangrang villages of North Sikkim?

Answer: Operation Sadbhavana

132. According to a report titled 'Asia Pacific Data Center Trends Q1 2024', India became the country with the highest data center capacity in the Asia-Pacific region, surpassing major nations like Australia, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Singapore, and Korea, with a total capacity of

Answer: 950 MW

133. Which country has introduced the world's first highspeed 6G prototype device?

Answer: Japan

- 134. Who has been awarded the Global Excellence Award 2024 for outstanding contribution to education?

 Answer: Chandrakant Satija
- 135. International Day of Light is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 16th May

136. Who received the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship in May 2024?

Answer: Ruskin Bond

- **137.** In the Times Higher Education- Young University Rankings 2024, which university has emerged as the highest-ranking Indian university with a rank of 81? **Answer:** Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam
- **138.** In May 2024, Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane released a commemorative Rs 250 coin on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the foundation of which shipyard company?

Answer: Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

139. What is the theme of International Nurses Day 2024? **Answer:** Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care

140. Which country has won the 30th Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey Trophy by defeating Pakistan?

Answer: Japan

141. Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has finished second with a best throw of _____ at the Doha Diamond League 2024.

Answer: 88.36m

142. Indian writer and poet Surjit Patar has passed away in May 2024. In which year did he receive the Padma Shri award?

Answer: 2012

143. India and Iran have signed a long-term contract for the operation of the Shahid Beheshti Port terminal at Chabahar in Iran. Which company will invest USD120 million in port development?

Answer: India Ports Global Limited

144. Which entity will set up a Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre of Excellence in Paris? **Answer:** Tata Consultancy Services

145. Setu has launched India's first Large Language Model (LLM) specifically designed for the banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI) sector. What is the name of this model?

Answer: Sesame

146. Which lender, in collaboration with Atal Innovation Mission, has allocated Rs 19.6 crore in grants to support 170 social startups in FY24?

Answer: HDFC Bank

147. Under which initiative Thomas Cook India has introduced video KYC for its retail foreign exchange customers for a safe digital transaction?

Answer: Ab Forex Ghar Baithe

148. Where is the Asia Open Pickleball Championships 2024 organized?

Answer: Vietnam

149. As per the report "Global Electricity Review 2024", India surpassed _____ to become the world's third-largest producer of solar power in 2023.

Answer: Japan

150. How many medals has the Indian boxing team bagged at the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) Asian U-22 and Youth Boxing Championships 2024?

Answer: 43 medals

- **151.** Which state of India has launched the 'Pirul Lao-Paise Pao' campaign to combat the raging forest fire? **Answer:** Uttarakhand
- **152.** Which country's ambassador to India along with Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Kohima Peace Memorial and Eco Park in May 2024? **Answer:** Japan





153. A report titled 'Recipe for a Livable Planet: Achieving Net Zero Emissions in the Agrifood System' is released by which organization?

Answer: World Bank

154. As per the recently published World Migration Report 2024, India received over USD 111 billion in remittances in 2022, becoming the 1st country to cross the USD 100 billion mark. Which country is the 2nd largest recipient of remittances in the world?

Answer: Mexico

155. The Indian Army's Kharga Corps has recently (May 2024) conducted a three-day joint military exercise Gagan Strike-II with the Indian Air Force (IAF) in which state?

Answer: Punjab

156. The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, has launched the MEDITECH STACKATHON 2024 in collaboration with which company?

Answer: Confederation of Indian Industry

157. Which trading platform has secured the prestigious title of Best Trading Platform in India for the second consecutive year?

Answer: QuantPower

158. Noted Urdu writer Salam Bin Razzaq has passed away in May 2024. He was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award for Urdu in which year?

Answer: 2004

- **159.** Name the country that has recently (May 2024) introduced 'Victoria Shi', the world's 1st AI diplomat. **Answer:** Ukraine
- 160. Which IIT Madras incubated startup has launched India's first indigenous high-performance microcontroller chip?

Answer: Mindgrove Technologies

161. ISRO has recently (May 2024) conducted the first ignition trial for SCE-200 (semi-cryogenic engine-200) at the semi-cryo integrated engine test facility (SIET) located in the ISRO propulsion complex (IPRC) in

Answer: Mahendragiri

162. Researchers have discovered the world's deepest blue hole named Taam Ja' Blue Hole (TJBH) in which country?

Answer: Mexico

163. The Indian Army and the Indian Air Force have planned to jointly deploy MQ-9B Predator drones made by the United States of America (USA) at which air base?

Answer: Sarsawa & Gorakhpur

164. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed stricter measures for project financing. Under the draft regulations, lenders would be required to allocate _____ of the total loan amount as general provisions for existing and new loans in the construction phase.

Answer: 5%

165. In May 2024, the _____ ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting (AISOM) was held in New Delhi.

Answer: 26th

166. Which state of India has introduced 'Nakshatra Sabha', India's first Astro tourism campaign?

Answer: Uttarakhand

- **167.** What is the theme of World Asthma Day 2024? **Answer:** Asthma Education Empowers
- **168.** World Laughter Day is observed annually on the first _____ of May.

Answer: Sunday

169. Which logistic platform has collaborated with India Post to enhance last-mile delivery services for ecommerce products of Direct-to-Consumer (D2C) startups, small and medium businesses (SMBs), and MSMEs?

Answer: Fship

170. What is the name of India's first indigenously-built bomber unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)?

Answer: FWD-200B

171. Which team won the 2024 BWF Thomas and Uber Cup titles?

Answer: Chinese badminton team

172. In May 2024, India and which country agreed to an early conclusion of the Local Currency Settlement System Agreement to strengthen bilateral economic ties?

Answer: Nigeria

173. The Japanese team won the 2024 Men's AFC U-23 Asian Cup title after defeating which nation?

Answer: Uzbekistan







174. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in its latest report, "Economic Outlook," has increased its economic growth rate forecast for the Indian economy for 2024-25 to ____ from 6.2% estimated earlier.

Answer: 6.6%

175. Indian wildlife biologist, Purnima Devi Barman, has been conferred with the Whitley Gold Award 2024. She is from which state?

Answer: Assam

176. Hitesh Kumar Sethia has been appointed as the MD & CEO of _____for 3 years.

Answer: Jio Financial Services

177. Name the country that has recently (May 2024) launched sea trials for the Fujian, its third and most advanced aircraft carrier.

Answer: China

178. TacticAI, an AI assistant for football tactics, is developed by which entity?

Answer: DeepMind

179. The year 2024 marks which anniversary of World Press

Freedom Day? **Answer:** 31st

180. Jeremiah Manele has become the new Prime Minister of which country?

Answer: Solomon Islands

181. Who has won the 9th edition of the Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize (2024)?

Answer: Bhavi Mehta

182. India's services exports will increase to USD 800 billion by 2030 from USD 340 billion in 2023, making the external sector resilient to supply-side shocks and reducing rupee volatility. This is according to _____.

Answer: Goldman Sachs report

- **183.** The Indian Army and Punit Balan Group have jointly developed India's first Constitution Park in which city? **Answer:** Pune
- **184.** India will host the Badminton World Junior Championships 2025 in which city?

Answer: Guwahati

185. Which economic think tank has estimated that India's GDP growth could exceed 7% in 2024-25 due to positive monsoon forecast and global outlook?

Answer: National Council of Applied Economic Research

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Research

186. Name the Indian personality who has been awarded the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize 2024.

Answer: Alok Shukla

187. The Ministry of Mines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which Foundation to enhance the knowledge base of the critical minerals processing industry in India?

Answer: Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation

188. Who has been awarded the Lacchu Maharaj Award for the year 2024?

Answer: Pandit Rajendra Gangani

189. Which financial institution has introduced the 'Climate Strategy 2030' for green financing?

Answer: NABARD

190. Recently (April 2024), NABARD collaborated with which organization to establish a system for faster processing of agricultural loans?

Answer: Reserve Bank Innovation Hub

191. In 2024 April, which company has launched India's first upgradable ATM that can be transformed into a high-performance Cash Recycling Machine (CRM) at any point of time?

Answer: Hitachi Payment Services

192. Which country has recently (April 2024) introduced a new drone "Kamikaze" which is similar to Russia's Lancet drone?

Answer: Iran

193. Which Indian port has received approval from the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways to operate as India's first transshipment port?

Answer: Vizhinjam Port

194. Who has received the 2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)?

Answer: Gina Justus

195. World Veterinary Day is celebrated annually on the last _____ of April.

Answer: Saturday

196. As per the report released by the United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India's services exports grew by ____ to USD 345 billion in the calendar year 2023 (January-December) despite global economic uncertainties.

Answer: 11.4%

197. In April 2024, SJVN Limited inaugurated India's first multi-purpose green hydrogen pilot project in which state?

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

198. Which country hosted the first International Rainbow Tourism Conference in April 2024?

Answer: Nepal

199. Which organization has recently (April 2024) developed the lightest Bullet Proof Jacket in the country for protection against the highest Level 6 threat?

Answer: DRDO





200. In April 2024, which company launched 'Phi-3-min', a lightweight artificial intelligence model?

Answer: Microsoft

201. Who is the author of the book titled 'Heavenly Islands of Goa'?

Answer: P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

- 202. In April 2024, Razorpay launched its own Unified Payments Interface (UPI) infrastructure named 'UPI switch' in collaboration with which payments bank? **Answer:** Airtel Payments Bank
- 203. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has developed a 3D-printed dummy ballot unit to enhance voter awareness and engagement? Answer: IIT Guwahati

204. Which nation has appointed 'Colonel Edison Napyo' as its first defence advisor to India?

Answer: Papua New Guinea

205. Name the entity that has received the Achievement Award for Creating Social Development and Impact at the 15th Edition of the Vishwakarma Awards, hosted by the Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC).

Answer: Puravankara Limited

- **206.** What is the theme of World Immunization Week 2024? **Answer:** Humanly Possible: Immunization for All
- 207. India has set a target to achieve debris-free space missions by which year?

Answer: 2030

208. The 2024 World Press Photo of the Year award is given

Answer: Mohammed Salem

- 209. Who has been awarded the KISS (Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences) Humanitarian Award 2021? Answer: Ratan Tata
- **210.** Recently (April 2024), the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) joined hands with which organization to provide vocational training to marginalized communities?

Answer: ISKCON

211. Which country has started the first-ever Hindi radio broadcast?

Answer: Kuwait

- **212.** Which tribe celebrates the "Seng Khihlang" Festival? Answer: Khasi
- **213.** Which entity has partnered with National Payments Corporation of India to introduce its credit services on the Unified Payment Interface?

Answer: Amazon

- **214.** Ashok Levland has signed Memorandum Understanding (MOU) with which bank for financing dealers under the bank's dealer finance program? **Answer:** South Indian Bank
- 215. Which entity has been renamed as 'Bandhan Life' by Bandhan Financial Holdings Limited? Answer: Aegon Life Insurance
- **216.** Which entity has released the annual publication titled 'Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks' Outlook 2022-23'?

Answer: Reserve Bank of India

217. In April 2024, Indian Navy conducted which exercise on East Coast under the Operational Control of The Flag Commanding-in-Chief, Officer Eastern Command?

Answer: Poorvi Lehar

218. Which Indian Institute of Technology has launched India's first medical devices calibration facility on wheels under its 'Anaivarukkum Initiative'?

Answer: IIT Madras

219. Which nation has officially joined as the 38th member of Naitonal Aeronautics and Space Administration's "Artemis Accords"?

Answer: Sweden

220. Which airport is named as the World's Best Airport 2024 in the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2024 held in Germany?

Answer: Hamad International Airport

- **221.** India and Russia have signed an agreement on strategic cooperation and joint actions. This agreement was formalized during the Indo-Russian Education Summit held in which city? **Answer:** New Delhi
- **222.** A unique Iron Age Megalithic site, named 'Devarlabanda Mula ' has been found near Bandala village. Bandala village is found in which Indian state/UT?

Answer: Telangana

223. Which financial institution has agreed to acquire a 9% shareholding in Belgian insurer Ageas from China's Fosun Group for about 730 million Euros?

Answer: BNP Paribas

224. As per the State Bank of India Economic Research Department report, the total amount of deposits in senior citizen accounts increased by _____, to Rs 34 lakh crore at end of December 2023 from Rs 13 lakh crore in 2018.

Answer: 150%

225. Which public sector bank has recently (in April 2024) signed an agreement with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation to provide mortgage guarantee-backed home loan products in the affordable housing segment? **Answer:** Bank of India





Practice Questions Capsus
226. The United Nations Trade and Development projected that Indian economy's growth momentum will most likely decelerate in 2024 to ______ against the 6.7% growth recorded in the previous year.

Answer: 6.5%
227. The report titled "Interwoven Lives, Threads of Hope: Ending Inequalities in Sexual and Reproductive Health."

227. The report titled "Interwoven Lives, Threads of Hope: Ending Inequalities in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights" projects that India's population is expected to reach to 1.44 billion leaving China behind. The report is released by which institution?

Answer: UNFPA

228. The Indian Army's Trishakti Corps conducted a training exercise of Anti-Tank Guided Missile at super-high-altitude area of 17,000 feet in which state?

Answer: Sikkim

229. World Liver Day is observed annually on which date? **Answer:** 19th April

230. The first international workshop on 'Emerging Technologies & Challenges for Exoskeleton' has been organised by which organisation?

Answer: DRDO

231. World Voice Day is observed annually on which date? **Answer:** 16th April

232. Noted Carnatic Musician KG Jayan died at the age of 89 in Kerala. He won India's 4th highest civilian award in which year in the field of art?

Answer: 2019

233. Which scientific journal has recently (in April 2024) published the paper documenting the discovery of the new species "Impatiens neo-uncinata" in the Agasthyamala biosphere reserve?

Answer: Phytotaxa

234. Which organization has developed a light weight Carbon-Carbon (C-C) nozzle for rocket engine?

Answer: ISRO

235. Which entity has launched SKT105E, India's first locally manufactured Electric Mining Truck?

Answer: Sany India

236. Who won the Asian Badminton Championship 2024 titles for men and women respectively? **Answer:** Jonatan Christie and Wang Zhi Yi

237. In April 2024, DRDO & _____ conducted successful trials of indigenous Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile Weapon System.

Answer: Indian Army

238. In April 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare introduced a digital platform named '_____' to disburse subsidies to horticulture farmers under the Cluster Development Programme.

Answer: CDP-SURAKSHA

239. In April 2024, which lender carried out a Credit Default Swap (CDS) trade worth Rs.25 crore with Standard Chartered Bank India?

Answer: State Bank of India

240. Name the public sector lender that has recently (in April 2024) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (SINE) & IIT Bombay to provide financial support to startups.

Answer: Canara Bank

241. India's household debt levels have reached a record high of 40 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in December 2023 (Q3FY24). This is according to a report issued by _____ (financial company).

Answer: Motilal Oswal

242. In April 2024, Citroën became the first multinational car manufacturer in India to export domestically made electric vehicles to the international market. Citroën is the company of which country?

Answer: France

243. _____ has been designated as the Nodal Centre for the 'Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) programme by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

Answer: Gujarat Council on Science and Technology

244. Who has won the 51st National Women's Carrom Championship 2024 title?

Answer: Rashmi Kumari

245. Name the Indian personality that has recently (in April 2024) been awarded the "Sagar Samman Varun Award" by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPSW) for outstanding and sustained contributions to the Indian maritime sector.

Answer: Dhirendra Kumar Sanyal

246. The Girl Child Empowerment Mission (GEM) is a flagship initiative of

Answer: NTPC Limited

247. Who has become the first Indian monk to be honoured with the American President's Gold Volunteer Service award in April 2024?

Answer: Lokesh Muni

248. Which organization has been honoured with the 2024 John L "Jack" Swigert, Jr Award for Space Exploration? **Answer:** ISRO

249. The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) will host the first Clean Economy Investor Forum in which country in June 2024?

Answer: Singapore

250. Name the poet that has won the World Literary Prize from the World Organization of Writers (WOW) for his/her contributions to the world of literature.

Answer: Mamta G. Sagar





251. Recently (in April 2024), the "Experimental Licence Module for 100 5G Labs" launched at which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)?

Answer: IIT Madras

- **252.** Which is the first private company in India to launch a sub metre resolution satellite "TSAT-1A"? **Answer:** Tata Advanced Systems
- **253.** As per a report titled 'Synchronising Energy Transitions Towards Possible Net Zero for India: Affordable and Clean Energy for All' released by the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), India aims to increase its nuclear power production to 1 lakh MW by which year? **Answer:** 2047
- **254.** India has secured the rights to operate a second overseas port 'Sittwe' after the Shahid Beheshti Port, Chabahar of Iran. This port is located in which country? **Answer:** Myanmar
- **255.** Which organization has released a report titled as 'Space: The \$1.8 Trillion Opportunity for Global Economic Growth'?

Answer: World Economic Forum

256. Which football club has won its maiden I-League title in 2024?

Answer: Mohammedan Sporting

- **257.** Who penned a book titled 'The Idea of Democracy'? **Answer:** Sam Pitroda
- **258.** Star Health Insurance has recently (April 2024) collaborated with which UPI app to provide 'Star Comprehensive Insurance Policy'?

Answer: PhonePe

259. Who has won the Formula One Japanese Grand Prix 2024?

Answer: Max Verstappen

- **260.** The 'Sitars' and 'Tanpuras' of Miraj have been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tags. Miraj is located in which state of India? **Answer:** Maharashtra
- **261.** Which organization has developed the "Akashteer Air Defence System"?

Answer: Bharat Electronics Limited

- **262.** Who has been appointed as the Chairman of National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India Ltd. (NCDFI)? **Answer:** Meenesh Shah
- **263.** Bindyarani Devi, who won a bronze medal at the IWF World Cup 2024 held in Phuket, Thailand, is associated with which sports?

Answer: Weightlifting

264. Name the country that has been selected to chair the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Answer: Saudi Arabia

265. Which FMCG company has launched the health-tech app 'NutriPlus' to democratize health monitoring in the country?

Answer: Britannia

266. Name the country that has unveiled the world's most powerful laser, which is based on the inventions of 2018 Nobel Physics Prize winners Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland.

Answer: Romania

- **267.** Which country has hosted the 19th Meeting of Secretaries of the Security Council of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in April 2024? **Answer:** Kazakhstan
- **268.** The theme for the World Health Day 2024 is _____. **Answer:** My health, my right
- **269.** Which company has emerged as the top-performing large cap on the Nifty 50 in FY24? **Answer:** Bajaj Auto
- **270.** On 1st April 2024, AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) amalgamated with which of the small finance bank? **Answer:** Fincare Small Finance Bank
- **271.** 'Gagan Shakti-2024' has been organized at which place? **Answer:** Pokhran, Rajasthan
- **272.** Microsoft has partnered with OpenAI for an artificial intelligence supercomputer called "_____" which will launch in 2028.

Answer: Stargate

273. As per the RBI data, the total number of credit cards issued by banks in India surpassed the 100 million mark in February 2024, with an addition of 1.1 million cards from the previous month. Which lender is the leader in credit card issuance?

Answer: HDFC Bank

274. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has observed its ____ anniversary on 1st April 2024.

Answer: 90th

- **275.** _____ has decided to set up a Digital India Trust Agency (DIGITA) as a new tool to combat cybercrime. **Answer:** Reserve Bank of India
- **276.** Judith Suminwa Tuluka has become the first female Prime Minister of which country? **Answer:** Democratic Republic of Congo
- **277.** Which entity has been given the SKOCH ESG Award 2024 in the 'Renewable Energy Financing' category? **Answer:** REC Limited
- **278.** India has agreed to help which country in promoting research and education in the Sanskrit language? **Answer:** Nepal





- 279. How many medals has India won in the Youth World Boxing Cup 2024 held in Montenegro? Answer: 26 medals (5 gold, 9 silver and 12 bronze)
- 280. Which country hosted the International Children's Book Day in 2024? **Answer:** Japan
- **281.** Which Indian shipyard company has signed a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to supply turbines, auxiliaries, and other tools worth Rs 1,173.42 crore?

Answer: Cochin Shipyard Limited

282. Which state's 'Matabari Pera' and 'Pachra' have been awarded with the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in April 2024?

Answer: Tripura

283. Which Indian hockey player has been awarded the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2023 Hockey India Awards?

Answer: Ashok Kumar

284. What is the name of the global network launched by the World Health Organization (WHO) to ensure timely, assessment of detection, monitoring, and coronaviruses of public health importance? Answer: CoViNet

285. The advanced version of Tejas 'Mark 1A' has been designed by _____.

Answer: Aeronautical Development Agency

- **286.** IIT Madras has hosted the prestigious ____ Shaastra Rapid FIDE Rated Chess Tournament in 2024. **Answer:** 6th
- 287. Who has been awarded the prestigious Times Power Icon 2024 Award by the Times Group? **Answer:** Vijay Jain
- 288. Who has been elected as the new Chairman of Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)? **Answer:** Arnab Banerjee
- 289. Which Indian institute of Management (IIM) has joined hands with Europe's Starburst Aerospace to boost the aerospace, new space, and defence (ASD) industry in India?

Answer: IIM Mumbai

290. Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM) has tied up with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) to establish a nationwide network of how many public charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs) by the end of 2024?

Answer: 5000

291. What is the name of India's first AI-based film directed by Sam Bhattacharjee?

Answer: IRAH

292. Where is the world's largest single-location copper manufacturing plant located?

Answer: Mundra, Gujarat

293. According to the report Brand Finance Insurance 2024, which insurance company has emerged as the strongest insurance brand globally?

Answer: Life Insurance Corporation of India

294. Israeli American author and psychologist, Daniel Kahneman, who passed away in March 2024, won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in which vear?

Answer: 2002

295. Kannada writer Dr Gurulinga Kapse passed away in March 2024. He won the Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize in which year?

Answer: 2021

296. Which organization has released a report titled "Unicorn 2.0: Adding the next trillion"?

Answer: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

297. In March 2024, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and Institute for Human Development (IHD) jointly released the India Employment Report 2024. As per the report, India's youth accounts for almost ____ of the unemployed workforce in India.

Answer: 83 percent

298. A report titled 'Global Trade Update' states that services exports from India rose by 14% in 2023, while goods export declined by 6%. This report is published by which organization?

> Answer: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

299. Who has won the Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix 2024 Title?

Answer: Carlos Sainz

300. Who has won the women's singles title at the WTT Feeder Beirut II 2024?

Answer: Sreeja Akula

301. Star Housing Finance has recently (March 2024) entered into a co-lending arrangement with which financial entity to lend to economically weaker sections (EWS) and low-income group (LIG) at more affordable

Answer: Tata Capital Housing Finance

302. Who has been elected as the Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for 2023-24?

Answer: M V Rao

303. Akmus Drugs and Pharmaceutical Limited has recently (March 2024) developed a new India's first roomtemperature stable indigenous drug for which disease?

Answer: Sickle cell disease



304. World Tuberculosis Day (WTD) is observed annually on 24th March. What is the theme of WTD 2024?

Answer: Yes! We can end TB!

305. Name the sports personality that has won the men's singles title at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Feeder Beirut 2024.

Answer: Sathiyan Gnanasekaran

306. Which airline has been named as the "Airline of the Year" at the 2024 Air Transport Awards?

Answer: IndiGo

307. Earth Hour is observed annually on the last _____ of March.

Answer: Saturday

308. In March 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the 'Order of the Druk Gyalpo' award. This award is the highest civilian award of which country?

Answer: Bhutan

309. The second edition of IMT TRILAT (Tri Lateral Exercise) has been conducted between India and which two countries?

Answer: Mozambique and Tanzania

310. Who has been elected as the President of the Indian Steel Association (ISA) in March 2024?

Answer: Naveen Jindal

311. Recently (March 2024), the ____ edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Startup Forum has been organized in New Delhi.

Answer: 10th

312. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has developed an indigenous electric standing wheelchair named 'NeoStand'?

Answer: IIT Madras

313. Name the operation that has recently (March 2024) been launched by India to evacuate Indian Nationals from Haiti to the Dominican Republic.

Answer: Operation Indravati

314. What is the name of the portal launched by the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for the Universal Acceptance (UA) Day in March 2024?

Answer: BhashaNet

315. World Water Day is observed annually on which date? **Answer:** 22nd August

316. Which payments bank has teamed up with Noise and Mastercard to launch "A New Way to Pay" to revolutionize contactless payments by redefining and making them more accessible to a wider user base? **Answer:** Airtel Payments Bank

317. Who has been selected by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the New India Assurance Company?

Answer: Girija Subramanian

318. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently imposed (March 2024) a monetary penalty of _____ on Bandhan Bank Ltd. for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016'.

Answer: Rs.29.55 lakh

319. Which entity has become India's second Unicorn of 2024?

Answer: Perfios

320. Srinagar has hosted the first-ever Formula 4 car racing demonstration event on the banks of which lake?

Answer: Dal lake

321. Who has won the 2024 Women's Premier League (WPL) title after defeating Delhi Capitals (DC)? **Answer:** Royal Challengers Bangalore

322. Who has recently (March 2024) been awarded the prestigious PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for outstanding philanthropic contributions?

Answer: Ratan Tata

323. Who has been selected for the Sangita Kalanidhi Award of the Music Academy for 2024?

Answer: T M Krishna

324. Exercise 'Tiger Triumph - 24' has been organized between India and which country in March 2024? **Answer:** USA

325. India's first integrated Oil Palm Processing Unit has started commercial operation in which state? **Answer:** Arunachal Pradesh

326. Recently (March 2024), Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated Indian Navy's first independent headquarters 'Nausena Bhawan' in which place? **Answer:** Delhi

327. Where is the Global Spirituality Conference organized? **Answer:** Hyderabad

328. Max India has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which institute to develop offerings tailored specifically for the senior demographic? **Answer:** IIT Delhi

329. Which state's cabinet has recently (March 2024) approved to rename Ahmednagar district as Ahilya Nagar after the 18th-century Maratha queen Ahilyabai Holkar?

Answer: Maharashtra



330. In March 2024, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved a proposal for the expansion of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) with the addition of _____ cadet vacancies.

Answer: 3 lakh

331. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Prasar Bharati?

Answer: Navneet Kumar Sehgal

332. Which entity has agreed to buy the 13.01% stake owned by Paramount Global in Viacom18 Media for Rs 4,286 crore?

Answer: Reliance Industries

333. India has been ranked 134 out of 193 countries on the UN Human Development Index (HDI) 2022 with an HDI value of ____.

Answer: 0.644

334. Who has won the Formula One Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2024?

Answer: Max Verstappen

335. Which cricket team has won the Ranji Trophy 2023-24 title?

Answer: Mumbai cricket team

336. Annabel Sutherland has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month Award for February 2024. She is from which country?

Answer: Australia

337. Mohammad Mustafa has been elected as the new Prime Minister of

Answer: Palestine

338. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) in March 2024?

Answer: B Sairam

339. National Vaccination Day is observed annually on which

Answer: 16th March

340. Identify the central public sector enterprise that will develop a 200 MW capacity Solar Power Project to be set up in the 1,125 MW RE Park of Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd. (GSECL) at Khavda.

Answer: NHPC Limited

341. In March 2024, the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways approved the development of 10 waterways projects on the Brahmaputra River in Assam. What is the total financial outlay approved for this project?

Answer: Rs.645 crore

342. Which nation has become the 32nd member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

Answer: Sweden

343. The Government of India initiated a scheme worth Rs.340 crore, through the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), for upgradation and strengthening of the laboratory network in the country. BIS works under which ministry?

Answer: Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

344. As per the latest news, North India's first Government Homoeopathic College will be built in _____. **Answer:** Jammu and Kashmir

345. A maritime security exercise "Sea Defenders-2024" has been conducted between Indian Coast Guard and

Answer: United States Coast Guard

346. Coal India Limited (CIL) has recently (March 2024) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL) for exploration and execution of _____ capacity power projects.

Answer: 4100 MW

347. How much monthly financial assistance will be provided under the "Mahtari Vandan Yojana" in Chhattisgarh?

Answer: Rs. 1,000

348. Identify the state from the given options that has signed a letter of intent (LoI) with the World Economic Forum (WEF) to set up a centre for artificial intelligence (AI) in the state.

Answer: Karnataka

349. Sela Tunnel, seen in news recently (March 2024), connects which Indian states?

Answer: Assam and Arunachal Pradesh

350. Nagaland has recently (March 2024) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which bank for promoting and advancing the successful implementation of the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) initiative within the state?

Answer: Yes Bank

351. As per the SEBI (REIT) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, Small and Medium Real Estate Investment Trusts (SM REITs) are allowed to gather funds starting from _____ by issuing units to a minimum of 200 investors.

Answer: Rs.50 crore

352. Which country has become the 97th member of International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

Answer: Panama

353. India's first FutureLABS center at C-DAC has been launched in which city?

Answer: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala



- **354.** World Consumer Rights Day is observed annually on 15th March. The theme of the World Consumer Rights **Answer:** Fair and responsible AI for consumers **355.** Who has assumed the charge of Chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)? **Answer:** Kishor Makwana **356.** Who has been nominated as the 12th nominated Member of Parliament (MP) in the Upper House of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) by President of India, Droupadi Murmu? **Answer:** Sudha Murtv 357. The first edition of the "Biannual Naval Commanders' Conference 2024" has been held, recently (March 2024). The inaugural session of the Conference was held onboard the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya. INS Vikramaditya is a modified _____ aircraft carrier. **Answer:** Kiev class **358.** INS Tir, the lead ship of First Training Squadron (1TS) participated in Exercise "Cutlass Express - 24 (CE - 24)", which was held in _____. **Answer:** Seychelles **359.** The Jharkhand state government has launched the Jharkhand Widow Remarriage Promotion Scheme 2024. Under this scheme, the government has decided to provide how much rupees to those widows who want to remarriage? Answer: Rs.2 lakh **360.** As per the recent amendment, the Government of India, in consultation with the Election Commission of India (ECI), has increased the minimum age for senior citizens eligible for postal ballot voting from 80 years to **Answer:** 85 years **361.** Who has been appointed as the President of Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)? **Answer:** Devendra Ihaiharia **362.** Who has been honoured with the United States Golf Association (USGA)'s prestigious Bob Jones Award? **Answer:** Tiger Woods **363.** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the 'Chola' building at Naval War College in which state? **Answer:** Goa **364.** India celebrated the ____ anniversary of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day in the year 2024. Answer: 55th _ and _____ have assumed charge as Election 365. Commissioners in the Election Commission of India Answer: Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, Gyanesh Kumar
- **366.** Minister of Tribal Affairs, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Arjun Munda has recently (March 2024) inaugurated the three-day "National dairy Mela and Agricultural Exhibition" in which state? **Answer:** Jharkhand
- **367.** In March 2024, Tata Power Solar Systems Limited (TPSSL) renewed its partnership with which lender to provide financing solutions for residential customers, in-line with the Government's PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana?

Answer: Union Bank of India

368. Which lender launched the 'Smart Choice Gold Loan' for customers in March 2024?

Answer: Kotak Mahindra Bank

369. Which company has recently (March 2024) received the final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a payment aggregator for its payment gateway brand, "CCAvenue"?

Answer: Infibeam Avenues

370. Alok Rungta has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which life insurance house?

Answer: Future Generali India Life Insurance

371. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has unveiled its first skill development initiative "Project Odiserv" in Sambalpur, Odisha in collaboration with

Answer: Bajaj Finserv

372. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently (March 2024) inaugurated India's first underwater metro train service in Kolkata. The metro tunnel has been built under which river?

Answer: Hooghly River

373. Recently (March 2024), Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu announced the "Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojna." The scheme provides a monthly stipend of Rs.1,500 to women aged between _____.

Answer: 18 to 60

374. India's 1st Dolphin Research Centre is based in which city?

Answer: Patna

375. Who has become the first woman sniper in the Border Security Force (BSF)?

Answer: Suman Kumari

376. Which country has become the first country in the world to enshrine abortion rights in its constitution? **Answer:** France





377. Which public sector undertaking has bagged a power plant engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) order of over Rs 9,500 crore from NTPC Limited in March 2024?

Answer: Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

378. Name the state government that has recently (March 2024) launched the "Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA)" to nurture entrepreneurship among the state's youth.

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

- **379.** India's unemployment rate has declined to how much percent in 2023 from 3.6 percent in 2022, as per the latest employment-unemployment indicators report released by the National Statistical Office (NSO)? **Answer:** 3.1 percent
- **380.** Recently (March 2024), Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated how many centres of Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET) established across India?

381. Which University has topped the medal tally of the Khelo India University Games 2023 with a total of 71 medals?

Answer: Chandigarh University

Answer: Three

- **382.** In March 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first indigenous Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) (500 MWe) in which state? **Answer:** Tamil Nadu
- 383. Bengali translation 'Staliner Divan', authored by _____, has won the Romain Rolland Book Prize 2024.

 Answer: Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee
- **384.** The Swachhata Green Leaf Rating (SGLR) initiative has been introduced by the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation in collaboration with which Union Ministry of India?

Answer: Ministry of Tourism

385. As per the latest data from the World Poverty Clock, the number of people living in extreme poverty in India has decreased to approximately ____ in 2024 from 4.69 crore in 2022.

Answer: 3.44 crore

386. Which team has won Season 10 of the Pro Kabaddi League?

Answer: Puneri Paltan

387. Name the country that has successfully launched the "Pars-I" remote sensing and imaging satellite into orbit from Russia.

Answer: Iran

388. Who has been honoured with 'India-UK Achievers' awards in March 2024?

Answer: Zoya Akhtar and Asma Khan

389. In March 2024, Ministry of Panchayati Raj organized the Two-Day Regional Conference on Strengthening of PESA in which city?

Answer: Ranchi

390. Recently (March 2024), the Defence Ministry signed a contract for the procurement of BrahMos missiles with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL) at a cost of

Answer: Rs.19,518.65 crore

391. Which Indian Naval Ship has participated in the third edition of Exercise Samudra Laksamana off Visakhapatnam?

Answer: INS Kiltan

392. NPCI International Payments has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country's Eurobank S.A. to enhance cross-border UPI payments?

Answer: Greece

- **393.** Name the automobile company that has joined hands with Union Bank of India for dealer financing solutions. **Answer:** Maruti Suzuki
- **394.** Which fintech company has introduced a new feature on its platform, 'Pocket UPI' to facilitate payments without linking to bank account?

Answer: MobiKwik

395. Who has been awarded the Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2024?

Answer: Pradeep Mahajan

396. Who has been elected as the Prime Minister of Pakistan?

Answer: Shehbaz Sharif

397. In March 2024, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the 60T bollard pull tug named 'Ocean Grace' and the Medical Mobile Unit (MMU). The Ocean Grace is the first make in India ASTDS Tug developed by which company?

Answer: Cochin Shipyard Limited

398. In March 2024, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation Limited (NUCFDC) in which city?

Answer: New Delhi

399. The Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) with headquarters in India. How much one-time budgetary support has been approved for this purpose?

Answer: Rs.150 crore



400. _____ has become the first Spanish-speaking nation to officially recognize the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) or Indian Pharma standards?

Answer: Nicaragua

401. 'Tawi Festival' is observed annually in _____

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir

402. The Ministry of Jal Shakti has signed an agreement with 12 technical education institutions for basin management of how many rivers?

Answer: Six

403. Coal India Limited (CIL) and which entity have inked a joint venture agreement (JVA) to set up an ammonium nitrate plant through surface coal gasification (SCG) technology route?

Answer: BHEL

404. Who has been appointed as the CEO of the World Gold Council for India?

Answer: Sachin Jain

405. World Wildlife Day (WWD) is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 3rd March

406. Reliance Foundation has introduced an innovative animal rescue, conservation, and rehabilitation programme. What is the name of the programme?

Answer: Vantara

407. Which state government has launched the Chief Minister's Universal Life Insurance Scheme to mitigate financial hardship caused by untimely demise?

Answer: Nagaland

408. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for the Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) second spaceport in which state?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

409. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off India's first indigenously built hydrogen fuel cell ferry boat in virtual mode. The vessel has been manufactured by which company?

Answer: Cochin Shipyard Limited

410. The Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB) has launched the "Automated Search Portal" to assist public sector banks with antecedent verification of prospective borrowers and non- performing assets in collaboration with which lender?

Answer: State Bank of India

411. The Bihar Startup Fund Trust (BSFT) has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which financial organization to boost the startup ecosystem?

Answer: SIDBI

412. Name the Indian economist that has been appointed as the new Director of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of the World Bank's Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Answer: Geeta Batra

413. In the BWF Para Badminton World Championships 2024, India won ____ gold, ____ silver, and ____ bronze medals.

Answer: 3;4;11

414. Feleti Teo has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country in February 2024?

Answer: Tuvalu 415. Adani Defence has inaugurated India's first ammunition and missile manufacturing complex in which place?

Answer: Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

416. The world's third-largest mosque has been inaugurated in which country?

Answer: Algeria

417. National Science Day is observed annually on 28th February. What is the theme of National Science Day 2024?

Answer: Indigenous Technology for Viksit Bharat

418. Which Union Ministry of India has launched the 'NaViGate Bharat' portal?

Answer: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

419. SECI has commissioned India's largest Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in which state?

Answer: Chhattisgarh

420. _____ has become the first Asian country to ratify a convention to end workplace violence and harassment? **Answer:** Philippine

421. At the 14th Annual Aegis Graham Bell Awards, which entity has bagged 3 awards in the categories of 'Innovation on Telecom', 'Innovation in the Social Good', and 'Innovation in AI'?

Answer: C-DOT

422. SJVN Limited has signed a Power Usage Agreement (PUA) with Jammu & Kashmir Power Corporation Limited (JKPCL) to supply how many megawatts of Solar Power capacity to JKPCL from the underconstruction 1,000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project in Rajasthan?

Answer: 300 MW

423. NICDC Limited has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which institute to determine the best locations for establishing Greenfield Industrial Smart Cities across India by using PM GatiShakti?

Answer: IIT Delhi

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424. Recently (February 2024), Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched 'Investor Information and Analytics Platform'. This platform is developed by

Answer: IIT Madras

425. In the Asia Cup 2024 archery stage-1 tournament, India won _____ medals.

Answer: 14

426. Who has won the Goodfellow Classic 2024 squash tournament?

Answer: Abhay Singh

427. Which two nations have formally joined the World Trade Organization (WTO) during the 13th Ministerial Conference of WTO in Abu Dhabi?

Answer: Comoros and Timor-Leste

428. In February 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the statue of Sant Guru Ravidas in which place?

Answer: Varanasi

429. Who is the author of a book titled "The Great Flap of 1942: How the Raj Panicked over a Japanese Noninvasion"?

Answer: Mukund Padmanabhan

430. Kalyani Steel has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which state government to set up a manufacturing facility with an investment of Rs.11.750 crore?

Answer: Odisha

431. Identify the fintech firm that has launched a mobile application store for consumers in India called 'Indus Appstore'.

Answer: PhonePe

432. Recently (February 2024), PFRDA notified amendments to National Pension System Trust (NPST) and Pension Fund Regulations for Good Governance. These amendments are in line with the announcement made in which Union Budget?

Answer: Union Budget 2023-24

433. Name the fintech startup that has recently (February 2024) partnered with five Indian banks to introduce an innovative virtual, cardless, and hardware-less cash withdrawal service.

Answer: Paymart

434. Ghazal singer Pankaj Udhas passed away recently (February 2024). He was awarded Padma Shri, India's fourth highest civilian award, in which year?

Answer: 2006

435. The 'Bharat Tex 2024', one of the largest-ever global textile events, has been organized in _____.

Answer: New Delhi

436. India's first 'Gati Shakti Research Chair' will be established at which Indian Institute of Management (IIM)?

Answer: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Shillong

437. What is the venue of the first 'Maharashtra MSME Defence Expo 2024'?

Answer: Pune, Maharashtra

438. Which edition of Joint Military Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' between the Indian Army and the Japan Ground Self Defence Force has been commenced in Raiasthan?

Answer: 5th

439. Recently (February 2024), Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Institute of Naturopathy named 'Nisarg Gram' in which place?

Answer: Pune, Maharashtra

440. Which cricketer has become the fastest batter to score 10,000 runs in T20 cricket in February 2024?

Answer: Babar Azam

441. Researchers have discovered the world's largest snake in which region in February 2024?

Answer: Amazon Rainforest

442. NTPC Limited will set up India's largest green hydrogen production facility in which state?

Answer: Andhra Pradesh

443. In February 2024, the Cabinet approved an amendment in the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy for the space sector. As per the new policy, how much FDI will be allowed under Automatic route for Satellites-Manufacturing & Operation, Satellite Data Products and Ground Segment & User Segment?

Answer: 74%

444. A multinational peacekeeping exercise 'Shanti Prayas Exercise IV' is co-hosted by which countries?

Answer: Nepal & USA



445. The mascot of the 4th edition of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2023 is named '____.'

Answer: Ashtalakshmi

446. A 8-year-old _____ has become the youngest player to defeat a grandmaster in a classical chess match and has surpassed the previous record set by Leonid Ivanovic.

Answer: Ashwath Kaushik

447. Shashi Tharoor has been awarded which country's highest civilian honour 'Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur' in February 2024?

Answer: France

448. In February 2024, Tech Mahindra acquired ____ stake in Orchid Cybertech Services (OCSI) through a wholly owned subsidiary.

Answer: 100%

449. In February 2024, Which edition of Raisina Dialogue was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi?

Answer: 9th

450. _____ in collaboration with MeitY and iCreate, has planned to launch the IMPEL AI program in order to catalyze AI startups in India.

Answer: Microsoft

451. Tripura has launched a universal health insurance scheme named 'Chief Minister's Jan Arogya Yojana (CM-JAY)'. How much annual insurance coverage does this scheme provide per family?

Answer: Rs.5 lakh

452. Identify the public sector bank from the given options that has recently (February 2024) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) to co-finance renewable energy projects? **Answer:** Punjab National Bank

453. The INDUS-X Summit has been organized in which Indian city in February 2024?

Answer: New Delhi

454. The Indian Air Force has conducted 'Exercise Vayu Shakti-24' in which place?

Answer: Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

455. What is the theme of World Day of Social Justice 2024? **Answer:** Bridging Gaps, Building Alliances

456. India's women's badminton team has defeated which country to win the 2024 Badminton Asia Team Championship title in Malaysia?

Answer: Thailand

457. Name the country that has launched a new surface-to-sea missile 'Padasuri-6'.

Answer: North Korea

458. Which Indian city hosted the 11th International Puppet Festival?

Answer: Chandigarh

459. Deputy national security adviser Vikram Misri has represented India at the 6th regional dialogue of officials of security councils and national security advisers on Afghanistan held in ______.

Answer: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

460. Sora' is a new Generative AI model which can convert text prompt into video. It is developed by which company?

Answer: OpenAI

461. A special programme for school children called "Young Scientist Programme" "YUva VIgyani KAryakram" (YUVIKA) 2024 has been organized by _____. **Answer:** Indian Space Research Organisation

462. Arunachal Pradesh has achieved 100 percent saturation in 'Har Ghar Jal' scheme under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). With this, the state has become the _____ in the northeast and _____ state in India to achieve a 100% saturation under JJM.

Answer: First; Tenth

463. As per the latest statistics from the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), which state has the highest number of public EV (electric vehicle) charging stations in India? **Answer:** Karnataka

464. In February 2024, SIDBI released the CRISIL's impact assessment report of the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS). What is the title of this report?

Answer: Prabhaav

465. Which mutual fund house has launched India's first Multi factor-based ETF (Exchange Traded Fund) on Nifty Smallcap250 Index?

Answer: Mirae Asset Mutual Fund

466. Which lender has bagged the prestigious title of 'Best Technology Bank of the Year' award at the 19th IBA Annual Banking Technology Conference, Expo, and Citations?

Answer: South Indian Bank

467. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SBI Capital Markets?

Answer: Virendra Bansal

468. Prabowo Subianto has been elected as the President of which country?

Answer: Indonesia

469. Recently (February 2024), Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the newly constructed Kalughat Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) terminal on National Waterways -1 in which state?

Answer: Bihar

- **470.** Who inaugurated the "SUFALAM: Start-Up Forum for Aspiring Leaders and Mentors Startup Conclave 2024"? **Answer:** Pashupati Kumar Paras
- **471.** India's first Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) will start from which state? **Answer:** Uttarakhand
- **472.** The 58th Jnanpith Award for the year 2023 has been awarded to _____.

Answer: Rambhadracharya and Gulzar

- **473.** Recently (February 2024), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) hosted the first-ever Future Skills Summit in which city of India? **Answer:** Guwahati
- **474.** Recently (February 2024), the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a deal with AWEIL, Kanpur for manufacturing & supply of a total of 463 indigenously manufactured 12.7 mm Stabilised Remote- Control Guns (SRCG) for the Indian Navy & Indian Coast Guard. What is the value of the deal?

Answer: Rs. 1752.13 crores

475. In February 2024, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, presided over the 19th Foundation Day celebrations of the Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL). The headquarters of SPMCIL is located in which place?

Answer: New Delhi

- **476.** Which government department has introduced the 'Sangam: Digital Twin' initiative in February 2024? **Answer:** Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications
- **477.** India has won the 9th GovTech Prize for AI-Powered Government Services. The award is instituted by which country?

Answer: UAE

- **478.** What is the name of the scheme recently (February 2024) launched by the Odisha government to provide interest-free loans up to Rs 1 lakh to youth of the state? **Answer:** SWAYAM
- **479.** President Droupadi Murmu has recently (February 2024) inaugurated the mega National Tribal Festival 'Aadi Mahotsav' at which stadium? **Answer:** Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Delhi
- **480.** "Kaji Nemu" has been declared a state fruit of which Indian state in February 2024?

Answer: Assam

481. Gupteswar Forest has been declared a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS). Gupteswar forest is located in which state?

Answer: Odisha

482. In February 2024, Ministry of Electronics, and Information Technology (MeitY) Secretary, S Krishnan inaugurated the SWASTHA project and the state-of-theart ISO 5 and 6 Clean Room Facilities at the Centre for Nanotechnology in ______ (institute).

Answer: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati

483. How many units of free electricity per month will be provided to beneficiaries under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana?

Answer: 300 units

484. Which companies have received the final authorization from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as payment aggregators in February 2024?

Answer: Juspay, Zoho, and Decentro

485. In February 2024, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar inaugurated a new defence system "Precision Approach Radar (PAR)" on board the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Utkrosh, which is based in _____.

Answer: South Andaman Islands

486. Where is the "BAPS Swaminarayan Temple" inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February 2024?

Answer: Abu Dhabi

- **487.** _____ released the Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW) report. **Answer:** NITI Aayog
- **488.** To develop prototypes for 10-Gigabit-capable symmetric Passive Optical Network (i.e., XGS- PON), Optical Line Terminal (OLT) and Optical Network Unit (ONU), which Indian Institute of Technology has joined hands with C-DOT in February 2024?

Answer: IIT Kharagpur

489. In February 2024, Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the 52nd edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair at Bharat Mandapam. What is the theme of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2024?

Answer: Multilingual India: A Living Tradition

490. Recently (February 2024), IREDA collaborated with which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) to drive clean energy innovation?

Answer: IIT Bhubaneshwar

491. Recently (February 2024), Australia won the Under 19 Men's ODI World Cup title by defeating India. This is the _____ title of Australia.

Answer: Fourth

492. Which Indian company has teamed up with Airbus Defence and Space to produce detailed parts and subassemblies for the C295 aircraft?

Answer: Tata Advanced Systems Limited



493. Which Indian sports personality has been honoured with a plaque at the famous Ice Palace at Jungfraujoch, known as the 'Top of Europe', in Switzerland?

Answer: Neeraj Chopra

- **494.** What is the new name of Paytm Ecommerce after getting approval from the Registrar of Companies? **Answer:** Pai Platforms
- **495.** Who has been felicitated with the Lakshminarayana International Award in 2024?

Answer: Pyarelal Sharma

496. _____ has been awarded the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award (NMA) by the World Health Organization (WHO) for Health Promotion.

Answer: National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) Bangalore

497. How much interest rate is fixed by the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) on employees' provident fund deposits for 2023-24?

Answer: 8.25%

498. India has been declared the winner of the SAFF Women's U-19 Championships along with which country?

Answer: Bangladesh

499. _____ will open India's first small animal hospital in Mumbai.

Answer: Tata Trusts

500. India's first conservation centre for Gangatiri cows will be built in which city?

Answer: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

- 501. What is the rank of India in the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) annual list of top 10 countries and regions in the world for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification in 2023?

 Answer: Third
- **502.** Name the state government that has recently (February 2024) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Google to provide artificial intelligence (AI)-led solutions across key sectors in the state.

Answer: Maharashtra

503. Union Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda has launched a portal 'SARATHI' that aims to help insurance companies reach out to farmers and rural population with tailored products as well as the government's subsidized insurance products including Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). What is the expansion of the term 'SARATHI'?

Answer: Sandbox for Agricultural and Rural Security, Technology and Insurance

504. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Tata AIA Life Insurance?

Answer: Venkatachalam H

505. World Unani Day is observed annually on 11th February. This day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of ______.

Answer: Hakim Ajmal Khan

506. A polar bear sleeping on a small iceberg has won the 2023 Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award. This photograph titled 'Ice Bed' is clicked by which photographer?

Answer: Nima Sarikhani

507. Microsoft has introduced an ambitious initiative "Dubbed ADVANTA(I)GE INDIA" to equip 2 million people in India with skills in artificial intelligence by which year?

Answer: 2025

508. Name the state government that has recently (February 2024) collaborated with the National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) to implement ropeways as part of the National Ropeway Programme 'Parvatmala.'

Answer: Maharashtra

509. Which stadium has been renamed as the 'Niranjan Shah Stadium' in February 2024?

Answer: Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium

510. Olzhas Bektenov has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of

Answer: Kazakhstan

511. Which edition of the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2024 has been organized in New Delhi?

Answer: 23rd

- **512.** Which sports personality has recently (February 2024) been conferred with the 'Lifetime Achievement' award from the Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) and the Delhi Sports Journalists Association (DSJA)? **Answer:** PT Usha
- 513. Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shantanu Thakur has recently (February 2024) flagged-off the 1st trial cargo vessels from Maia Inland Customs Port in _____ to Sultanganj Port in

Answer: West Bengal; Bangladesh

514. Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, in collaboration with IIT Patna, has developed a pendant-shaped device called 'NITISH' for farmers. What is the meaning of "S" in "NITISH"?

Answer: Novel Initiative Technological Intervention for Safety of Humanlives





515. By which year India will become the largest source of global oil demand growth as its domestic production is down by 22%, as per the latest projections by the International Energy Agency (IEA)?

Answer: 2030

516. In February 2024, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of how much percent stake in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (target) by Zurich Insurance Company Limited (acquirer)?

Answer: 70%

517. Recently (February 2024), the State Bank of India (SBI) reported a net profit of _____ for Q3 FY24 as against Rs.14,205 crore reported in Q3 FY23.

Answer: Rs.9,163 crore

518. Identify the institute from the given options that has developed India's first hypervelocity expansion tunnel test facility.

Answer: Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK)

- **519.** Which Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise has won the Best Green Bond Corporate Award at The Asset Triple A Awards for Sustainable Finance 2024? **Answer:** REC Limited
- **520.** The foundation stone of India's first digital National Museum of Epigraphy has been laid in which city of India?

Answer: Hyderabad

521. Veteran poet Mir Mohammad Farooq Nazki has passed away recently (February 2024). Which award was given to Mir Mohammad Farooq Nazki for his poetry book "Naar Hyutun Kanzal Wanas" (Fire in the eyelashes) in 1995?

Answer: Sahitya Akademi Award

522. The Government of India (GoI) has set a target to have 25,000 Janaushadhi Kendras across the country by which year?

Answer: 31st March 2026

523. Nayib Bukele has been re-elected as the President of which country?

Answer: El Salvador

524. In February 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of projects worth over Rs.1330 crore in which state?

Answer: Goa

525. The Chhattisgarh government has launched a welfare scheme named "Mahtari Vandan Yojana". How much financial assistance will this scheme provide to married women?

Answer: Rs.1000 per month

526. In the banking system, the liquidity deficit has declined to Rs.1.40 lakh crore on 4th February 2024 from a high of Rs.3.46 lakh crore on 24th January 2024. What is the main reason for this decline?

Answer: Government spending

527. Which life insurance entity has recently (February 2024) introduced Multicap Fund within its Unit Linked Insurance Plan (ULIP) portfolio?

Answer: Ageas Federal Life Insurance

528. A report titled "Indian Economy: Capital as Growth Driver" states that Indian economy is expected to grow at an average rate of 6.7% per year between fiscals 2024 and 2031. The report is released by _____. **Answer:** CRISIL

529. As per RBI's Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) that measures the adoption of online transactions, Digital payments across India have registered a growth of ____ in a year through March 2023.

Answer: 10.94 %

530. Which team has won the Nagesh Trophy in the Men's National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2023-24?

Answer: Karnataka

531. Name the organization that has recently (February 2024) joined hands with IIT Madras to develop India's first indigenously designed 155 Smart Ammunition to achieve indigenisation in the defence sector.

Answer: Munitions India Limited

532. _____ has become the first metro service in India to integrate with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

Answer: Chennai Metro

533. Which team has secured the first FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup 2024 title?

Answer: Netherlands

534. The allocated budget for Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) issuance in the fiscal year 2024-25 is _____.

Answer: Rs.3,500 crore

535. In the Brand Guardianship Index 2024, Mukesh Ambani ranked first among all the Indians and second globally with a score of _____.

Answer: 80.3

536. World Cancer Day is observed annually on which date? **Answer:** 4th February

537. Who inaugurated the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) – Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference (CASGC) 2024 in New Delhi?

Answer: Narendra Modi



538. The Interim Union Budget 2024-25 has allocated Rs.6.21-lakh crore to the Ministry of Defence. This is _____ of the total Budget expenditure.

Answer: 13.04%

- 539. The Central government has announced to upgrade how many standard rail coaches to Vande Bharat standards in the Interim Union Budget 2024-25?

 Answer: 40.000 standard rail coaches
- **540.** As per the Interim Union Budget of 2024-25, the fiscal deficit is estimated to be ____ of GDP in 2024-25. **Answer:** 5.1%
- **541.** What percentage of GDP did the government allocate to boost capital expenditure, as announced in the interim Budget 2024-25?

Answer: 3.4 percent

542. Name the small finance bank that has recently (February 2024) partnered with Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance to offer life insurance products.

Answer: ESAF Small Finance Bank

543. Recently (February 2024), the World Health Organization (WHO) awarded its first-ever certificates validating progress in eliminating industrially produced trans fatty acids to five countries. What is the name of these five countries?

Answer: Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand

- **544.** North India's first human DNA bank has been established in which university? **Answer:** Banaras Hindu University
- 545. Which heritage site will be India's nomination for the UNESCO World Heritage List for the year 2024-25?

 Answer: Maratha Military Landscapes of India
- **546.** Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Jharkhand?

Answer: Champai Soren

547. Which automobile company has achieved a global sales record of 11.2 million vehicles in 2023, securing its position as the world's top-selling automaker for a fourth straight year?

Answer: Toyota Motor

548. Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has recently released the report on the Status of Snow leopards in India. Which state recorded the highest number of snow leopards according to the report?

Answer: Ladakh

549. World Wetlands Day is annually observed worldwide on which date?

Answer: 2nd February

- **550.** Who penned a book titled "Ek Samandar, Mere Andar"? **Answer:** Sanjeev Joshi
- **551.** Azali Assoumani has been re-elected as the President of which country?

Answer: Comoros

552. Asian Games medallist Naorem Roshibina Devi has been named International Wushu Federation's (IWUF's) Female Athlete of the Year in the sanda category. She is from which state?

Answer: Manipur

553. Who has won the U.S.-based National Boxing Association's intercontinental super featherweight title after defeating American Gerardo Esquivel at Toppenish City, Washington?

Answer: Mandeep Jangra

- **554.** What is India's GDP growth estimate in FY24, as announced by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)? **Answer:** 6.7%
- **555.** The Department of Economic Affairs, in its January 2024 review of the economy, stated that employable percentage of final-year and pre-final-year students increased from 33.9% in 2014 to ____ in 2024.

Answer: 51.3 %

556. The Ministry of Education has released the All-India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2021- 2022. Which large state in India consistently maintains the highest Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education over the span of five academic years, from 2017-18 to 2021-22, according to the survey?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

557. Recently (February 2024), the Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) to be implemented under Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) for another three years up to 2025-26. What is the outlay of the scheme?

Answer: Rs.29,610.25 crore

558. What is the primary objective of the 'Cashless Everywhere' initiative launched by the General Insurance Council?

Answer: To facilitate cashless hospitalization for policyholders

559. In January 2024, REC Limited signed a pact with _____ to boost renewable energy and infrastructure financing in India.

Answer: National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited

560. Name the life insurance company that has recently (January 2024) introduced "iSelect Guaranteed Future Plus."

Answer: Canara HSBC Life Insurance





561. Tableau on theme 'India: Mother of Democracy' has secured the first prize at the Republic Day Parade 2024. This tableau belongs to which ministry/organization/state?

Answer: Ministry of Culture

562. Who has become the first woman to hold the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army?

Answer: Preeti Rajak

563. Which state of India hosted the 4th edition of the National Chilika Birds Festival?

Answer: Odisha

564. Which team has won the maiden edition of the FIH Women's Hockey5s World Cup?

Answer: Netherlands

565. Which airport has been honoured with the prestigious Excellence Award by Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI) in the recent National Convention on Quality Concepts 2024 in Nagpur, Maharashtra?

Answer: Thiruvananthapuram International Airport

566. Which edition of the Joint Military Exercise 'SADA TANSEEQ' between India and Saudi Arabia has been commenced in Rajasthan?

Answer: First

567. Where is the 63rd Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB) meeting organized?

Answer: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

568. The Ministry of Defence has signed a deal with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) for the acquisition of how many fast patrol vessels (FPVs) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) at a cost of Rs.1,070.47 crore?

Answer: 14 fast patrol vessels (FPVs)

569. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Praveen Achuthan Kutty as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which bank?

Answer: DCB Bank

570. In January 2024, RBI approved the Life Insurance Corporation of India's (LIC) application to acquire up to 9.99 percent aggregate holding of paid-up share capital in which bank?

Answer: HDFC Bank

571. Which state of India will setup World's First 'Black Tiger Safari'?

Answer: Odisha

572. What is the theme of National Voters' Day 2024? **Answer:** Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure

 $\textbf{573.} \ \ \text{Cherchera festival is observed annually in which state?}$

Answer: Chhattisgarh

574. Name the host country of the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2024.

Answer: South Africa

575. Which Union Ministry of India has organized the event known as "Bharat Parv" in January 2024?

Answer: Ministry of Tourism

576. India and which country have recently (January 2024) agreed to jointly fund scientific research projects in the fields of health, decarbonized hydrogen, marine sciences, and applied mathematics?

Answer: France

577. In January 2024, "Exercise CYCLONE" has been conducted between India and which country?

Answer: Anshas, Egypt

578. _____ has become the 5th country to achieve a soft moon landing with the successful deployment of the Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM) spacecraft in January 2024.

Answer: Japan

579. World's tallest statue of Dr BR Ambedkar, who is known as the architect and developer of the Indian Constitution, has been unveiled in which state of India? **Answer:** Andhra Pradesh

580. In January 2024, the Union Cabinet approved the proposal to set up 660 MW thermal power station in Madhya Pradesh and 2×800 MW thermal power plant in Odisha. The subsidiaries of which company will establish these power plants?

Answer: Coal India Limited

581. The book titled "Assam's Braveheart Lachit Barphukan" depicts the life of the legendary 17th- century Ahom warrior Lachit Barphukan. Who is the author of the book?

Answer: Arup Kumar Dutta

- **582.** On 22nd January 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Ram Mandir temple on razed Babri mosque site in Ayodhya, marking a momentous occasion in India's history. The Ram Lalla idol has been crafted by which sculptor? Answer: Arun Yogiraj
- **583.** In January 2024, Union Minister of Mines, Coal, and Parliamentary Affairs, Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the 2nd State Mining Ministers' Conference in which city? **Answer:** Bhopal
- **584.** Gole Mela' is a famous festival held twice every year in which temple?

Answer: Jagannath temple

585. In January 2024, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone for "Ayush Diksha Centre" in which state?

Answer: Odisha





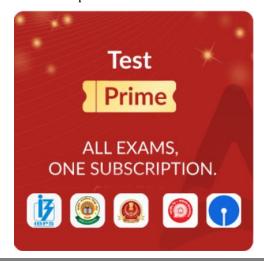
- **586.** Who inaugurated the National Skill Training Institute for Women (NSTI (W)) in Hyderabad, Telangana? **Answer:** Union Minister of Culture G. Kishan Reddy
- **587.** With which country has India recently (January 2024) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of sharing successful digital solutions implemented at population scale for digital transformation?

Answer: Republic of Cuba

- **588.** Parakram Diwas' is observed annually across India on 23rd January to commemorate the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The year 2024 marks the observance of which birth anniversary of him? **Answer:** 127th
- **589.** Gaan-Ngai festival has been recently (January 2024) celebrated by Zeliangrong community in which place? **Answer:** Manipur
- **590.** Recently (January 2024), SEBI notified that investors will be allowed to freeze or block their trading account if any suspicious activity is detected from _____. **Answer:** 1st July 2024
- **591.** In January 2024, REC Limited issued its first Japanese Yen green bonds worth ____ under its USD 10 billion global medium-term notes programme. **Answer:** 61.1 (JPY) billion
- **592.** To expand the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) globally, which payment platform has recently (in Jan '24) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NPCI International Payment? **Answer:** Google Pay
- 593. Identify the lender that has collaborated with Clix Capital through the Yubi Co.lend Platform to provide loans to the Indian MSME sector.

 Answer: Karnataka Bank
- **594.** Who inaugurated the 5th Meghalaya Games in January 2024?

Answer: Droupadi Murmu



- **595.** Which state celebrates 'Kokborok Day' annually? **Answer:** Tripura
- **596.** Who has won the ICC Women's Player of the Month Award for December 2023? **Answer:** Deepti Sharma
- **597.** Which company has become the first ISO 27001:2022 certified petrochemical organization in the industry by BSI (British Standards Institution)? **Answer:** Haldia Petrochemicals Limited
- **598.** Recently (January 2024), the Indian and Japanese Coast Guards conducted a successful joint exercise named 'Sahyog Kaijin' off the coast of Chennai, Tamil Nadu. This marks the _____ edition of this exercise. **Answer:** 20th
- **599.** In January 2024, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) launched the 'New Solar Power Scheme' for electrification in habitations and villages of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG). What is the financial outlay for the scheme? **Answer:** Rs.515 crore

600. Recently (in January 2024), Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) Rao Inderjit Singh launched "_____" mobile application for the Members of Parliament (MPs) under the MPLAD (Member of Parliament Local Area Development) scheme.

Answer: e-Sakshi

- 601. Who inaugurated the 9th chapter of 'Capsule on Science, Technology and Applied Research' (CAPSTAR) at Military Institute of Technology (MILIT), Pune?

 Answer: Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan
- **602.** What is the objective of the Samavesha project recently launched by I-STEM? **Answer:** To promote research collaboration
- **603.** Which Indian state has inaugurated Rs.800 crore Shrimandir Parikrama Prakalpa (SMPP) project in January 2024? **Answer:** Odisha
- **604.** As per the States' Startup Ranking 2022, which four states have been ranked as Best Performing States based on their initiatives taken to develop the startup ecosystem for promoting budding entrepreneurs? **Answer:** Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu
- **605.** Where is the 19th Centre of the World Economic Forum's Fourth Industrial Revolution Network (4IR) set to be established? **Answer:** Hyderabad
- **606.** The 14th Ministerial-level meeting of the India-United States Trade Policy Forum (TPF) has been held in

Answer: New Delhi



607. What is the primary objective of Operation AMRITH, an initiative by the Kerala government?

Answer: To prevent the overuse of antibiotics in the state

- **608.** Tata Consumer Products has acquired a complete 100% stake in which company, renowned for marketing products under the brands Ching's Secret and Smith & Jones, in an all-cash deal valued at Rs.5,100 crore? **Answer:** Capital Foods
- **609.** Identify the lender that has recently (in Jan '24) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Rural Development to facilitate enterprise financing for rural self-help groups (SHG).

Answer: State Bank of India

- **610.** India's first National Highway Steel Slag Road section on NH-66 will connect which two cities? Answer: Mumbai-Goa
- **611.** Name the Tiger Reserve that has become India's first international Dark Sky Park for protecting the night sky. **Answer:** Pench Tiger Reserve
- **612.** International Camel Festival has been observed in which city of Rajasthan? **Answer:** Bikaner

613. The second edition of the International AYUSH Conference and Exhibition has been inaugurated in which city?

Answer: Dubai

614. India Meteorological Department (IMD) celebrated 150th Year of its establishment and service to the nation in January 2024 Under which ministry does IMD operate?

Answer: Ministry of Earth Sciences

- 615. Which Indian state has topped the inaugural Beach Games 2024 held in Diu?

 Answer: Madhya Pradesh
- **616.** Mitsubishi Heavy Industries has recently (in Jan '24) launched an H- rocket carrying which satellite for the Japanese government?

Answer: Optical-8

617. In January 2024, the Karnataka government launched the Yuva Nidhi scheme. Under this scheme, the students who have completed graduation and diploma courses in 2023 will get an unemployment allowance for a period of how many years?

Answer: 2 years

618. Who has launched a book titled 'Modi: Energising a Green Future'?

Answer: Bhupendra Yadav

619. Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has recently (in Jan '24) announced the inauguration of five new airports in which state?

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

620. In the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023, Indore and Surat have been adjudged as the 'cleanest cities' in India in the category of more than one lakh population. This is the _____ time that Indore has won the accolade of the cleanest city in India.

Answer: Seventh

621. IIT Madras will open its second IIT campus outside India in which country?

Answer: Sri Lanka

622. Which country has launched the Green Fuels Alliance India (GFAI) initiative to boost collaborative efforts between India and the country in the sustainable energy solutions sector?

Answer: Denmark

623. In the World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2024 report released by the International Labor Organization (ILO), the global unemployment rate is projected to increase marginally by what percent in 2024?

Answer: 5.2%

624. Name the state that has recently (in Jan '24) announced to set up the Blue Carbon Agency to preserve and restore coastal ecosystems.

Answer: Tamil Nadu

625. Which state of India has launched 'Gunotsav 2024' for holistic assessment of student's performance?

Answer: Assam

626. Who has been honoured with the prestigious MS Swaminathan Award in recognition of his contributions as a scientist and extension specialist in the field of agronomy?

Answer: B.R. Kamboj

- **627.** Which city hosted the 58th All-India Annual Conference of Director Generals and Inspector Generals of Police? **Answer:** Jaipur
- **628.** Who has become the first woman to hold a USD 100 billion fortune, as per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index?

Answer: Francoise Bettencourt Meyers

629. Identify the company that has become the first in India to chemically recycle waste into International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC)-Plus certified polymers.

Answer: Reliance Industries Limited

630. Name the Union Territory (UT) that has become the first to implement the PM Vishwakarma Yojana (PMVY), an initiative that aims to empower and enhance the skills of the craftsman community.

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir



631. In January 2024, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities organized which edition of Divya Kala Mela in Surat, Gujarat?

Answer: 12th

632. Which has formed a dedicated technical committee to promote standardization in the field of Marine Energy Conversion Systems (MECS)?

Answer: Bureau of Indian Standards

633. Which Union Ministry of India has introduced the National Transit Pass System (NTPS) as a "One Nation-One Pass"?

Answer: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

634. India's first all-girls Sainik School has been opened in which place?

Answer: Vrindavan Uttar Pradesh

635. The year 2024 marks the observance of the ____ Foundation Day of DRDO.

Answer: 66th

636. Who has won the Women's Under-19 title in the 2023 Scottish Junior Open Squash?

Answer: Anahat Singh

637. Reliance Power has inked a pact to sell its 1,200 MW Kalai II hydroelectric project for Rs 128.39 crore to THDC India. Kalai II hydroelectric project is located in which state?

Answer: Arunachal Pradesh

638. Gujarat has set a Guinness record for performing mass Surya Namaskar simultaneously at ____ places in the state on the first day of the New Year (2024).

Answer: 108

639. Name the state government that has introduced a new common application form named 'Praja Palana Guarantee Darakasthu' to enable access to schemes under its flagship 'six guarantees' program to support disadvantaged sections.

Answer: Telangana

640. Identify the name of China's cutting-edge ocean drilling vessel designed to penetrate the Earth's crust and reach the mantle for the first time in human history.

Answer: Mengxiang

641. The Gujarat government will introduce India's first submarine tourism to explore the marine life surrounding Bet Dwarka, a small island off the coast of Dwarka city, which has a mythological significance in the Hindu religion. For this project, the Gujarat government has teamed up with which company?

Answer: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

642. Who inaugurated the National Street Food Festival 2023 in New Delhi?

Answer: Hardeep Singh Puri

643. Karbi Youth Festival is observed annually in the state of

Answer: Assam

- **644.** Which e-commerce company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Adani Total Gas Ltd (ATGL) for supply chain decarbonization? **Answer:** Flipkart
- **645.** Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has collaborated with the Government of Assam's flagship Arohan scheme to motivate meritorious students to pursue STEM subjects in their higher education? **Answer:** IIT Guwahati

646. Which state of India has emerged as India's 'Petro Capital'?

Answer: Gujarat

647. As per the report by crypto trading platform CoinSwitch, which city has topped in India's crypto adoption?

Answer: Delhi

- 648. Who has become the first woman from the minority Hindu community to contest in the provincial elections in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province?

 Answer: Dr Saveera Parkash
- **649.** Who has been honoured with the prestigious "Man of the Year-2023" award?

Answer: L.P. Hemanth K. Srinivasulu

650. Which edition of the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) has been organized in December 2023?

Answer: 6th

651. Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has become the first world leader to have _____ YouTube subscribers.

Answer: 20 million

- Mobility Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of _____.

 Answer: Italian Republic
- **653.** _____ has launched India's first Growth Liquid ETF (Exchange-Traded Fund).

Answer: Zerodha Fund House

654. Which Indian state has launched 'Baayu', India's first app-based 100% electric and decentralised open mobility electric bike (e-bike) taxi service? **Answer:** Assam

655. ISRO will launch the 'Proba-3 Mission' in September 2024. This mission is associated with which space agency?

Answer: European Space Agency's (ESA)

656. Parshuam Kund Festival is observed annually in which state/UT of India?

Answer: Arunachal Pradesh





657. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has developed India's first high-resolution landslide susceptibility map?

Answer: IIT Delhi

658. Recently (January 2024), Union Minister Parshottam Rupala laid the foundation stone for the upgradation of the Paradip Fishing Harbour (PFH) in which state for Rs.108.91 crore?

Answer: Odisha

659. Which Union Ministry of India has organized the National Kala Utsav 2023-24 in New Delhi? **Answer:** Ministry of Education

660. The Indian Railways has set a target to become the world's largest green railway by 2030. It has achieved _____ route kilometres (RKMs) electrification in the calendar year 2023.

Answer: 6,577

661. India's first Healthy and Hygienic Food Street named "Prasadam" has been inaugurated in which city? **Answer:** Ujjain

662. Gangasagar Mela, India's second largest pilgrimage gathering after Kumbh Mela, is observed annually in which state?

Answer: West Bengal

663. Which country has officially declared the snow leopard as its national symbol?

Answer: Kyrgyzstan

664. Name the lender that has recently (January 2024) launched its new Data and Analytics Centre (DnA) in Bengaluru.

Answer: Canara Bank

665. Name the central sector scheme that has won the Best Innovation Award for Innovation Sandbox presentation during Public Policy Dialogues-2024.

Answer: SVAMITVA Scheme

666. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has observed its which foundation day in January 2024?

Answer: 77th

667. Which organization has recently (January 2024) teamed up with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to set up a Multi Skill Development Institutes (MSDIs)?

Answer: Coal India Limited

668. Earth's Rotation Day is observed annually on which day?

Answer: 8th January

669. _____ has launched the first set of satellites with "Direct-to-Cell" capabilities.

Answer: SpaceX

670. Which city has hosted the International Kite Festival 2024?

Answer: Ahmedabad

671. _____ has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ISRO's National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) to develop and report a 'Green Cover Index' for the extensive network of the Indian National Highways.

Answer: National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

672. Which nation will become the first European country to issue digital Schengen visas to visitors for the Paris Olympics 2024?

Answer: France

673. Which state of India has launched the upgraded social welfare pension of Rs.3,000 per month with an expanded reach to cover 66.34 lakh beneficiaries? **Answer:** Andhra Pradesh

674. Which state road transport corporation has launched 'Namma Cargo' logistics?

Answer: Karnataka

675. Recently (December 2023), the Union Cabinet approved the construction of 4.56 km long new bridge on River Ganga in which state?

Answer: Bihar

676. In December 2023, Pakistan successfully tested its indigenously developed guided multi-launch rocket system named 'Fatah-II'. This rocket system is capable of hitting targets with high precision at a range of up to kilometres.

Answer: 400 km

677. Identify the state police that has recently (December 2023) introduced a new initiative, "Mission Investigation@75 days", to complete the investigation of cases within 75 days of FIR registration.

Answer: Bihar

678. Name the country that will implement a new carbon import levy on some products from 2027 to help protect businesses against cheaper imports from countries with less strict climate policies.

Answer: United Kingdom

679. Who has launched the MedTech Mitra, a strategic initiative to empower MedTech innovators and advance healthcare solutions?

Answer: Mansukh Mandaviya

680. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated the first intra-district helicopter service of the state from ____ to ____. **Answer:** Agra; Mathura

681. NABARD and which financial institution have recently (December 2023) launched an initiative to facilitate climate action in India's agriculture, natural resources, and rural development sector with tech support from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation?

Answer: Asian Development Bank



682. _____ has bagged the prestigious Engineering News Record 2023 - Global Best Projects Awards for the construction of the New Parliament Building.

Answer: Tata Projects

683. Which airport in India has been awarded the 'World Special Prize for an Interior 2023' by UNESCO's Prix Versailles?

Answer: Kempegowda International Airport

684. _____ has been honoured with the National Energy Conservation Award for the year 2023.

Answer: Crompton

685. Who has been honoured with the 'Impact Fielder of the ODI Series' medal following India's 2-1 series win against South Africa in December 2023?

Answer: Sai Sudharsan

686. The United Nations has designated 2024 as the International Year of _____. **Answer:** Camelids

687. Recently (December 2023), the Union Ministry of Textiles has unveiled the 'Paat-Mitro' app for farmers. This application is developed by which organizations? **Answer:** Jute Corporation of India

688. Which thermal power station has been awarded the 11th Edition of FICCI Water Award 2023 under the "Industrial Water Use Efficiency" category?

Answer: NTPC Kanti

689. Which Indian national has been honoured with Bhutan's National Order of Merit (NOM) Gold Medal?

Answer: Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh

690. As per the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India's GDP is projected to grow at how much percent in FY24 and FY25?

Answer: 6.3%

691. Tibetan Spiritual leader Dalai Lama has inaugurated the three-day International Sangha Forum 2023 in which city?

Answer: Bodh Gaya

692. National Farmers Day is observed annually on 23rd December to commemorate the birth anniversary of whom?

Answer: Choudhary Charan Singh

693. The Government of India (GoI) has recently (December 2023) inked a loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for how much Japanese Yen for constructing Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) Corridor?

Answer: 37 billion Japanese Yen

694. Which nation will host the first 32-team FIFA Club World Cup in 2025?

Answer: USA

695. The first edition of 'Kuno Forest Festival' has been observed in which state of India?

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

696. Accenture has established a Generative AI Studio in which city of India?

Answer: Bengaluru, Karnataka

697. Former Chairman of the National Commission for Women, Dr V. Mohini Giri, has passed away in December 2023. She was honoured with the Padma Bhushan award in which year?

Answer: 2007

698. Where has the Indian Air Force conducted the successful firing test of its in-house designed SAMAR air defence missile system?

Answer: Suryalanka Air Force Station, Andhra Pradesh

699. The world's largest meditation centre, 'Swarved Mahamandir', has been inaugurated in which place? **Answer:** Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

700. As per the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, the unemployment rate among graduates in the age group of 15 years and above has declined to _____ percent in 2022-23 from 14.9 percent in 2021-22.

Answer: 13.4%

701. Which Indian Naval Ship (INS) has received the original 'Vir Chakra' awarded to late Vice- Admiral Benoy Roy Chowdhury for his gallant actions during the 1971 India-Pakistan war?

Answer: INS Shivaji

702. Which airline has made history by becoming the first Indian airline to carry 100 million passengers in a single calendar year?

Answer: IndiGo

703. Which city has secured the first place in the country for food adulteration cases, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data?

Answer: Hyderabad

704. Who has launched India's first Winter Scientific Expedition to Arctic? **Answer:** Kiren Rijiju

705. In December 2023, the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the government of _____ to protect the rights of skilled labourers from India.

Answer: Saudi Arabia

706. Which state has emerged as the largest economy of India with a GDP share of 15.7%?

Answer: Maharashtra





707. Name the insurance company that has recently (in Dec '23) launched the 'Alpha Wealth' plan with comprehensive features to ensure financial security for the insured and their family?

Answer: Canara HSBC Life Insurance

708. Identify the lender that has recently (in December 2023) launched India's first fully integrated school of sustainability in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.

Answer: Kotak Mahindra Bank

- **709.** Which country has won the Under-19 Asia Cup 2023? **Answer:** Bangladesh
- **710.** Haryana has the topped the medal tally in the Khelo India Para Games 2023. Which state has secured the second position?

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

- **711.** The International Gender Equality Prize for 2023 has been awarded to an NGO in Afghanistan that works to promote and protect the rights of women in Afghanistan. This award is presented by which country? **Answer:** Finland
- **712.** Who have been awarded the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2023 for their efforts in bringing together youth and people of Israel and the Arab world for a non-violent solution to the Israel- Palestine conflict?

Answer: Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad

713. The Government of India (GoI) has passed the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023 to establish a Central Tribal University in which state named after tribal goddesses Sammakka and Sarakka?

Answer: Telangana

714. Which country will impose green tax on air passengers from 2025?

Answer: Denmark

- 715. Who has been honoured with the Visionary Leader Icon
 Award 2023 by Advocates Association for Social
 Responsibility and Awareness (AASRAA)?
 Answer: Srinivas Naik Dharayath
- 716. Indian coal demand is expected to rise by _____ annually to 1397 million tonnes till 2026, according to 'Coal 2023-Analysis and forecast to 2026' report of International Energy Agency (IEA).

 Answer: 3.5%
- **717.** The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the procurement of electronic fuzes for the Indian Army. What is the value of the contract? **Answer:** Rs.5,336.25 crore

718. In October 2023, India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) has increased to _____ as compared to 6.2% in September 2023.

Answer: 11.7%

719. Vijay Diwas is observed annually across India on 16th December. The year 2023 is observing which Vijay Diwas?

Answer: 53rd
Answer: 11.7%

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Answer: 53rd720. Which insurance company has recently (December 2023) partnered with PhonePe to provide car and bike insurance products?

Answer: Acko General Insurance

721. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the UPI (Unified Payments Interface) payment limit for hospitals and educational institutions from the existing Rs 1 lakh to Rs ____ per transaction.

Answer: 5 lakh

722. RattanIndia Enterprises has introduced '____', a compact delivery drone, for e-commerce and health care industries.

Answer: L07

723. Who has been awarded Singapore's Highest Arts Award 'Cultural Medallion' in December 2023?

Answer: Meira Chand

724. Invest India has hosted which edition of the World Investment Conference (WIC) in New Delhi?

Answer: 27th

725. Tiriyani Block of Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district, which secured top position in the first delta rankings of Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP), belongs to which state of India?

Answer: Telangana

726. Name the state that has recently (December 2023) launched the 'Maha Lakshmi' scheme to provide free travel for women, girls, and transgender persons.

Answer: Telangana

727. Zhuque-2 Yao-3, the world's first liquid oxygenmethane powered launch vehicle, has been launched by which country?

Answer: China

728. Who is the author of a book titled "Naye Bharat ka Samveda"?

Answer: Narendra Modi

- **729.** In December 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design' during the first Indian Art, Architecture & Design Biennale (IAADB) 2023 held in _____. **Answer:** New Delhi
- **730.** Which Indian social activist has been given the International Anti-Corruption Champion award for 2023?

Answer: Nikhil Dey





731. Which financial institution has launched partnership platforms namely the Global Methane Reduction Platform for Development (CH4D) and the Global Flaring and Methane Reduction Partnership (GFMR) at the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)?

Answer: World Bank

732. IIFL Home Finance has hosted the ____ chapter of 'Kutumb' event in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to discuss the green building ecosystem and affordable housing.

Answer: 15th

733. Who has addressed the 2nd Edition of the flagship Financial Technology event - Infinity Forum 2.0? **Answer:** Narendra Modi

734. Identify the country that will host the 37th session of the Asia Pacific Regional Conference (APRC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in February 2024.

Answer: Sri Lanka

735. In December 2023, Indian Army conducted a Table-Top Exercise (TTX) for the Women Officers of _____ at Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi.

Answer: ASEAN

736. Mohan Yadav has become the new Chief Minister of which state of India?

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

737. Recently (December 2023), UNESCO, during its 18th session of the Intergovernmental Committee in Botswana, officially added Garba dance of Gujarat to its esteemed Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity. The Garba dance form is the ____ cultural element from India to make it to the UNESCO list.

Answer: Fifteenth

738. In December 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the first urban flood mitigation project of Rs.561.29 crore for 'Integrated Urban Flood Management activities for Chennai Basin Project'. This is under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF), which also includes Central assistance of Rs. _____.

Answer: Rs.500 crore

739. Which Indian military unit has recently (December 2023) teamed up with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to infuse cutting-edge technology and digital infrastructure?

Answer: Indian Army

740. International Anti-Corruption Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: December 9th

741. Who has been recently (December 2023) named the Time magazine's 2023 Person of the Year?

Answer: Taylor Swift

742. Recently (December 2023), Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan conferred the National Award for Innovations and Good Practices in Educational Administration (2020-21 and 2021-22) on _____ outstanding district and block education officers from across India.

Answer: 65

743. In December 2023, Anumula Revanth Reddy sworn in as the Chief Minister of Telangana. With this, he became the 1st congress CM of Telangana and the ____ CM of the state since its formation in 2014.

Answer: Second

744. The recently published 2023 World Malaria Report by the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates 249 million malaria cases in 2022, surpassing the prepandemic level of 233 million in 2019 by 16 million cases. As per the report, India accounted _____ of malaria cases in the WHO South-East Asia Region in 2022.

Answer: 66

745. What is India's GDP growth in FY24, as projected by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?

Answer: 6.8%

746. 'Gemini' is the largest and most capable Artificial Intelligence (AI) model introduced by which entity? **Answer:** Google

747. Identify the state that has recently (December 2023) launched the "AMA Bank" scheme to provide banking services in unbanked Gram Panchayats.

Answer: Odisha 748. Which state of India has recently (December 2023) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to develop 11 greenfield airports?

Answer: Gujarat

749. How much loan has recently (December 2023) been sanctioned by ADB to improve the quality, efficiency, and reliability of power supply in Uttarakhand? **Answer:** USD 200 million

750. Who has become the first woman medical officer in the Indian Army to be deployed at Siachen?

Answer: Geetika Koul

751. National Armed Forces Flag Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 7th December 752. In December 2023, which shipyard company has launched the first three ships of the 8 Anti- Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW SWC) project namely Indian Naval Ship (INS) Mahe, INS Malvan, and INS Mangrol for the Indian Navy?

Answer: Cochin Shipyard Limited



753. The 24th edition of the Hornbill Festival has been recently (December 2023) observed in which Indian state?

Answer: Nagaland

754. The 'Hump WWII Museum', the 2nd museum in Asia dedicated to the fallen airmen of the Allied forces during the World War II, has been inaugurated in which state of India?

Answer: Arunachal Pradesh

755. Which country has beaten India to be elected as the Vice-Chairman of the UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2023-2025 from the Asia Pacific Group? **Answer:** Pakistan

756. In December 2023, the China National Space Agency (CNSA) has launched the MisrSat 2 satellite. This satellite is jointly developed with which country?

Answer: Egypt

757. Recently (December 2023), the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN- SPACe) has introduced a seed fund scheme to support start-ups engaged in the fields of urban development and disaster management through the utilization of space technology. The scheme provides financial assistance of up to Rs. _____.

Answer: Rs.1 crore

758. World Soil Day is observed annually on 5th December to spread awareness of the importance of soil quality for human well-being, food security and cosystems. The 2023 theme for World Soil Day is

Answer: Soil and Water: A Source of Life

759. Which bank has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on cooperation and exchange of information related to Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL)? **Answer:** Bank of England

760. How much stake will be acquired by SBI Mutual Fund in Karur Vysya Bank?

Answer: 9.99% stake

761. What position has India been placed in the World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2023 released by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD)?

Answer: 49th

762. Where has the world's first portable hospital, 'Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube', been established?

Answer: Gurugram

763. _____ has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Business Finland to boost the startup ecosystems in India and Finland?

Answer: Kerala Startup Mission

764. Who is the first Indian woman recipient of the WISE Prize for Education?

Answer: Safeena Hussain

765. International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is a UN day that is celebrated every year on _____.

Answer: December 3rd

766. Name the Indian state that has recently (December 2023) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for the holistic development of Dairy Sector.

Answer: Assam



