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WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS 16TH – 22ND JAN 2023

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 1. 7th Armed Forces Veterans Day Observed on January 14, 2023:** On January 14, 2023, the 7th Armed Forces Veterans Day was observed to recognize the contribution of the veterans of the Indian Armed Forces in serving the nation.
- 2. 75th Indian Army Day- January 15, 2023:** On January 15, 2023, the Indian Army (IA) Day was observed which commemorated its 75th anniversary at the Parade Grounds in Bengaluru, Karnataka which was attended by the Union Minister Rajnath, Ministry of Defence. This day recognizes the achievements of the first Indian Commander in Chief of the Indian Army General (later Field Marshal) Kodandera Madappa (KM) Cariappa. On this day, he took over the command of IA from General Sir Francis Robert Roy Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief in 1949. Hailed from Karnataka, he led Indian forces to victory in the 1947 war.
- 3. 18th National Disaster Response Force Raising Day - 19th January 2023:** National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Raising Day is annually observed across India on January 19 to commemorate the establishment of the NDRF, under the Ministry of Home Affairs. 19th January 2023 marks the observance of the 18th NDRF Raising Day. The 1st ever NDRF Raising Day was observed on 19th January 2006.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- 1. MV Ganga Vilas': Modi Flagged off World's Longest River Cruise in Varanasi, UP:** Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, flagged off the 'MV Ganga Vilas', the world's longest river cruise in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP). The 51-day luxury cruise, passing through 27 river systems, will cover a distance of 3,200 km from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Dibrugarh in Assam, via Bangladesh. The first trip of the cruise hosts 32 tourists from Switzerland. The river cruise is aimed to promote tourism and create new job opportunities. The expected date of arrival of MV Ganga Vilas in Dibrugarh is on 1st March, 2023.
- 2. India's 1st CoE for Online Gaming to be set up in Shillong by March 2023:** During his two-day visit to Meghalaya, Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, stated about the launch of India's first Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Online Gaming at Shillong, Meghalaya by March 2023. Objective: To catalyse startups and entrepreneurs from the entire North East Region to build the next generation Online Gaming ecosystem. The CoE will be set up by Digital India Startup Hub through the Software Technology Parks of India. About Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology: Union Minister –Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha Odisha)
- 3. ICAI Releases the First-Ever Audit Standard for Sustainability Information:** The Sustainability Reporting Standards Board (SRSB) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) released Standard on Sustainability Assurance Engagements (SSAE) 3000, "Assurance Engagements on

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Sustainability Information." This audit standard for sustainability information is the first of its kind in the world, developed by ICAI to assist its members in providing "reasonable or limited" assurance on such information by reporting entities. **Note:** Sanjeev Singhal is the Chairman of the Sustainability Reporting Standards Board (SRSB), ICAI. Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). The ICAI is a statutory body formed by an Act of Parliament under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949. It acts as the authority responsible for establishing national standards and accounting rules in India. President – Debasish Mitra Vice President – Aniket Talati Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

- 4. Adani Enterprises partners with Ashok Leyland & Ballard to Develop Asia's 1st Hydrogen powered mining truck:** Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL), the flagship entity of Adani Group, signed an agreement with Chennai(Tamil Nadu)- based Ashok Leyland and Ballard Power Systems of Canada to start a pilot project to develop a hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Truck (FCET) for mining logistics and transportation. This partnership marks the 1st planned hydrogen-powered mining truck in Asia. FCET is planned to be launched in India in 2023. AEL will lead the demonstration project, Ballard Power will supply the FCmove fuel cell engine for the hydrogen truck, and Ashok Leyland will provide the vehicle platform and technical support.
- 5. Gol to Hold the First Global Tourism Summit in April 2023 As Part of Its G-20 Presidency:** As part of its Group of Twenty (G20) presidency, the Government of India (Gol) will host the country's first "Global Tourism Investors Summit 2023" in April 2023, with participation from all G20 members. India holds the Presidency of the G20 from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023. The Union Ministry of Tourism will organize the Global Tourism Investors Summit 2023, with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as the industry partner, and it is scheduled to take place in New Delhi, Delhi, from April 10 to 12, 2023.
- 6. Cyclone-I: Inaugural Indo-Egypt Joint Special Force Training Exercise held in Rajasthan:** Exercise Cyclone-I, the first edition of a joint exercise between the special forces of the Indian Army and the Egyptian Army is being conducted in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan with an aim to boost defence co-operation between the India and Egypt. 14 days long exercise is being conducted since 14th January 2023. The exercise aims to boost the defence cooperation between India and Egypt. **Note:** Cyclone I which was planned to be held in Jodhpur, Rajasthan from 8th to 22nd January 2022 was postponed. About Exercise Cyclone-I: This first-of-its-kind exercise brings together the special forces of both India and Egypt on a common platform. About Egypt: President- Abdel Fattah El-Sisi Capital- Cairo Currency- Egyptian Pound
- 7. India's Civil 20 Engagement Group Inaugurated at Amritapuri, Kerala:** India's Civil 20 Engagement Group (C20), the official engagement group of India's G20 (Group of 20) leadership representing the voices of non-profit, voluntary citizens' groups in service to society, was inaugurated at Amritapuri in Kollam, Kerala. Key People: The representatives of G20 and C20, government officials and other dignitaries virtually participated in the event.

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Sri Mata Amritanandamayi(Amma), the chair of C20, Amitabh Kant, Former Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of NITI Aayog(National Institution for Transforming India).

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- 1. 21st edition of Naval Exercise VARUNA between India and France begins:** On January 16, 2023, the 5-day long i.e. till January 20, 2023, the 21st edition of the bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy (IN) and French Navy commenced on the Western Seaboard. Initiated in 1993, it is a bilateral exercise between the navies of India and France. However it was christened as 'VARUNA' in 2001.
- 2. European Union Establishes Its First Mainland Satellite Launch Port:** The European Union (EU) has launched its first mainland orbital launch complex, "Spaceport Esrange," a new satellite launch and reusable rocket test facility at Esrange Space Center near the city of Kiruna in northern Sweden. It was inaugurated by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, King of Sweden Carl XVI Gustaf, and Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson. The EU will utilize it to complement its current launch capabilities in French Guiana. **Note:** The European Commission is the executive branch of the EU, a 27-nation bloc. 'Spaceport Esrange': Arctic Spaceport.
- 3. ILO Report 'WESO Trends' 2023: Jobs Growth Slow, Unemployment High, More People Pushed to Poverty :** According to the "World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2023" (WESO Trends), released by the International Labour Organization (ILO), the present global economic slowdown is anticipated to worsen social and economic inequalities. As a result, more workers will be forced to accept lower-quality, poorly paid jobs with no job security or social protection, increasing inequality that has already been worsened by the COVID-19 crisis.
According to projections, global employment would expand by 1.0% in 2023, a significant drop (less than half the level) from the 2.3% growth rate in 2022. Global unemployment is expected to rise slightly in 2023, by roughly 3 million, to 208 million. This amounts to a 5.8% unemployment rate. The report also defines the 'Global Jobs Gap' as a new, comprehensive indicator of unmet employment needs. About the International Labour Organization (ILO): Director-General- Gilbert Fossoun Hounoubo Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland Establishment- 1919

BANKING

- 1. RBI Released State Finances Study Report; Advises State against Risk over Reverting to OPS:** On January 16, 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the annual report titled "State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2022-23", which provides data and analysis of the fiscal position of State governments in India for FY23. The theme of the Report: "Capital Formation in India - The Role of States". Key Fiscal Indicators: i. The States' capital outlay-GDP (Gross Domestic Product) ratio is budgeted to increase to 2.9 percent in FY23 from 2.3 percent in FY22. ii. The ratio of revenue expenditure to capital outlay (RECO) for the States is budgeted to improve to 5.2 in FY23 from 6.1 in FY22. About the Reserve Bank of India (RBI): Governor – Shaktikanta Das Deputy Governors – Mahesh

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Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra Establishment – 1935

- 2. RBI issues Guidelines on Acquisition in Banks; Protean's arm gets RBI nod for AA Licence:** i. On January 16, 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued 'Acquisition and Holding of Shares or Voting Rights in Banking Companies Directions, 2023' which allowed promoters to hold 26% from the current 15% of the paid-up share capital or voting rights of a bank after the completion of 15 years from commencement of its business. ii. This increase in the cap on promoters' stake is based upon the Internal Working Group (IWG) recommendations in 2021. iii. If the shareholder intends to get a strategic stake, the board has to inform the RBI even if the shareholding is less than 5%. iv. The guidelines also bar investors from countries not compliant with Financial Action Task Force (FATF) rules. v. Protean eGov Technologies Limited (formerly NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Limited), has received approval from the RBI for its wholly owned subsidiary to operate as an Account Aggregator (AA) with an NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company)-AA certificate.
- 3. RBI Prior Approval Now a Must for Picking Up Over 5% Stake in Banks:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mandated in its "**Reserve Bank of India (Acquisition and Holding of Shares or Voting Rights in Banking Companies) Directions, 2023**" published on January 16, 2023, anyone who intends to make an acquisition that is likely to result in a major shareholding in a banking company should first obtain the RBI's prior approval by submitting an application. "Major shareholding" refers to a person's "aggregate holding" of 5% or more of the paid-up share capital or voting rights in a banking company. These directions are issued in accordance with the powers granted by Sections 12, 12B, and 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The RBI has granted final approval to Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) for it to operate as a Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU) under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007. About Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL): Chairman- Vijay Shekhar Sharma Headquarters- Noida, Uttar Pradesh Establishment- 2017
- 4. PNB Becomes the First PSB to Launch Credit Card Against FDs Digitally:** Punjab National Bank (PNB) has become the first Public Sector Bank (PSB) to introduce a credit card against fixed deposits (FDs) digitally, for customers who do not fulfill the eligibility criteria for regular credit cards. PNB has introduced two types of consumer credit cards: 'PNB Global Gold' and 'PNB Global Classic', which are designed to meet various income levels and customer needs. These are global credit cards that were developed in association with the payment gateway provider, VISA. About the Punjab National Bank (PNB): MD & CEO – Atul Kumar Goel Established – 1894 Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi Tagline – The name you can bank upon
- 5. Three Key Takeaways from RBI's Report On State Government Budgets:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a report titled "**State Finances: A Study of Budgets for 2022-2023**" on January 16, 2023, under the theme "Capital Formation in India: The Role of States." The report is an annual publication that presents information, analysis, and an assessment of state government finances for 2022–2023 (FY23) in comparison to actual and revised/provisional accounts for 2020–2021 and 2021–

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2022, respectively. Click here to know more. The three key observations from the RBI report are as follows: i. The report states that the state's debt to gross domestic product (GDP) ratio continues to be extraordinarily high. ii. The report claims that the contingent liabilities of state governments have also significantly increased. iii. The report also warns of new concerns, with some states preferring to return to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS).

6. LIC launches Guaranteed Return Life Insurance Plan 'Jeevan Azad': The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has unveiled Jeevan Azad (Plan No. 868), a new non-linked, non-participating plan designed for individual savings and life insurance. The plan offers an attractive combination of protection and savings. About the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC): Chairperson– Mangalam Ramasubramanian Kumar Established – 1956 Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

7. RBI Data: Indians Remitted Nearly USD 2 Billion Under LRS Scheme in November 2022: According to the most recent Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data on "Outward Remittances under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) for Resident Individuals," Indians remitted about USD 1.99 billion in November 2022 under the LRS. Outward remittances under LRS increased 29% to USD 1.99 billion from USD 1.54 billion in November 2021. Sequentially, the outward remittances under LRS increased by around 3.5%. The data was released in the January 2023 Bulletin of the RBI. Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) i. The Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) of the RBI was launched in 2004, with an initial ceiling of USD 25,000. The LRS limit has been gradually revised to align with the current macroeconomic and microeconomic conditions. ii. The scheme allows all residents, including minors, to freely remit up to USD 250,000 each fiscal year for any permitted current or capital account transaction, or combination of both.

8. RBI January 2023 Bulletin: RBI to Direct Inflation Toward a 4% Target by 2024: According to the article titled "State of the Economy" published in the "January 2023 bulletin" of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the RBI's 2023 monetary policy objective is to keep inflation within the required tolerance band (2%-6%) and lead it towards the medium-term target of 4% by 2024, which is the second milestone. The first monetary policy milestone has been reached, with inflation now falling inside the tolerance band. **Key Points:** i. According to provisional data issued by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on January 12, 2023, Retail inflation, as measured by Year-on-year (y-o-y) fluctuations in the all-India Consumer Price Index (CPI), slowed to 5.7% in December 2022 from 5.9% in November 2022. It was driven by a significant drop in food inflation. After remaining above the RBI's tolerance range of 2%-6% for 10 months, it has fallen below 6% for the second consecutive month. Inflation has been declining after reaching 7.4% in September 2022.

AWARDS

1. India Honours 82 Best Agripreneurs with Awards on National Youth Day 2023: On the occasion of National Youth Day 2023 (12th January), the government of India presented the National Awards to 82 best Agripreneurs trained under the Central Sector Scheme – Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business (AC&ABC) at the National Agripreneurs Award ceremony was held at NASC Complex, New Delhi, Delhi.

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2. R'Bonney Gabriel of USA crowned Miss Universe 2022: R'Bonney Gabriel of the United State of America (USA) was crowned 71st Miss Universe 2022 during the Miss Universe 2022 pageant held in New Orleans, Louisiana while Amanda Dudamel of Venezuela was named as the first runner-up, and Andreina Martinez of the Dominican Republic was named as the second runner-up. R'Bonney Gabriel was crowned by the Miss Universe 2021 Harnaaz Sandhu. **Key Points:** i. The Miss Universe 2022 pageant saw the participation from over 80 different nations. R'Bonney Gabriel, a 28 year old, is a fashion designer from Houston, Texas, Notably, Miss USA wins the contest for the first time in eleven years. ii. From India, Miss Diva Universe 2022 Divita Rai entered into the prestigious Top 16 category.

3. Captain Surbhi Jakhmola Becomes 1st Woman Officer Posted on Foreign Assignment at BRO: Captain Surbhi Jakhmola, an Indian Army officer from 117 Engineer Regiment, has been posted in the Project Dantak of Bhutan, she becomes the 1st woman officer to be posted on a foreign assignment at the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). Project Dantak: i. Project Dantak, is an overseas project of the Border Roads Organisation under the Ministry of Defence of India. ii. Project Dantak was established in April 1961 as a result of the vision of His Majesty the Third King of Bhutan, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, and then Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru.

Over 1000 Indian peacekeepers awarded UN Medals for Outstanding Service in South Sudan:

Over 1000 Indian Peacekeepers were honoured with the prestigious United Nations (UN) medals for their vital work in the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) in Upper Nile, South Sudan. 1,171 Indian Peacekeepers have received the UN medals. Out of the 1,171 recipients of UN medals in 2023, 5 were women. According to the UN, the Indian contingent will be renowned for its efforts in safeguarding civilians as well as building and repairing critical infrastructure.

4. UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023: Odisha Wins Bronze Award for Slum Upgradation Program "Jaga Mission": Odisha has won the "Bronze Award" in the United Nations Human Settlements Programme's (UN-Habitat) "World Habitat Awards 2023" for the Jaga Mission, a 5T programme of the state. [5T: Transparency; Technology; Teamwork; Time & Transformation] Jaga Mission – 'Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission' is India's largest land titling and slum upgrading initiative, and one of the largest in the world. Jaga Mission – Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission i. The Jaga Mission is an ongoing project in Odisha aimed at improving the lives of slum dwellers. It uses a comprehensive strategy to combat poverty, focussing on three key issues. ii. The Government of Odisha has set an aspirational target of becoming the first slum-free state in India, and it is leading the Jaga Mission to upgrade all 2,919 slums in the state.

About Odisha: Chief Minister (CM) – Naveen Patnaik Governor – Ganeshi Lal

APPOINTMENTS

1. India Assumes Presidency of 13th International Renewable Energy Agency: India has assumed the presidency of the 13th assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the first international organisation solely dedicated to renewable energy, which was held from January 13–15, 2023, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE). Union Minister Raj Kumar Singh (R.K. Singh), Ministry

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of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), delivered the opening remarks at IRENA's 13th assembly. 13th Assembly of IRENA. i. The theme of the 13th IRENA assembly is "**World Energy Transitions: The Global Stocktake.**" Objective: To establish energy transition priorities in advance of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) – 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28), which will be hosted by the UAE from November 30 - December 12, 2023. About the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA): Director-General – Francesco La Camera Established – 1981 Headquarters – Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Members – 167 countries & the European Union (EU)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1. Tata Boeing Aerospace Delivers 1st Fuselage for 6 AH-64 Apache Helicopters to Indian Army:

Tata Boeing Aerospace Limited (TBAL), a joint venture (JV) between Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and The Boeing Company, delivered the first fuselage for six AH-64 Apache attack helicopters ordered by the Indian Army. The first fuselage, which is the primary body of an aircraft, was officially handed over to Lieutenant General Ajay Kumar Suri, Director General and Colonel Commandant of Army Aviation, before being dispatched by TBAL to Arizona in the United States (US) for final assembly.

i. The Apache attack helicopter is regarded as the world's most advanced and deadliest attack helicopter, with over 1,275 AH-64 Apaches in operation worldwide. ii. Globally, these helicopters have completed over 4.9 million flight hours, 1.3 million of which have been in combat. Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) i. TASL is a leading private player in aerospace and defence solutions in India.

ii. It is a fully owned subsidiary of Tata Sons and the strategic aerospace and defence division of the TATA Group. MD & CEO - Sukaran Singh

Founded - 2007

2. Startup IG Drones develops India's first 5G-enabled drone, Skyhawk:

Startup firm IG Drones has developed India's first 5G-enabled drone namely 'Skyhawk' that is capable of vertical take-off and landing (VTOL), and can be used in defence and medical applications, among other sectors. It can carry a 10 kg payload and has an endurance of around five hours. Key Points: i. These drones can be controlled with much more precision and can be controlled from the command centre directly rather than being on the field. ii. It uses Artificial intelligence (AI) and thermal imaging capabilities which can monitor border intrusion and also during regular patrolling by the defence forces. iii. It is IP67 rated and can be controlled via a combination of NavIC + GPS navigational satellites which remain connected in the upper range of 50 to 60 in case of failsafe activation. iv. The drone is also capable of operating through satellites in case an internet link is not available.

OBITUARY

1. Jnanpith Winning Assamese Poet Nilmani Phookan Passed Away:

On 19th January 2023, Nilmani Phookan, a renowned Assamese poet and recipient of the Jnanpith Award and Padma Shri Awardee,

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passed away in Guwahati, Assam at the age of 89. He was born in 1933 in Dergaon (present-day Golaghat), Assam.

About Nilmani Phookan: i. Nilmani Phookan started his career as a lecturer in 1964 at Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati until his retirement in 1992. ii. He infused French symbolism into his Assamese poetry, which is evident in his poetry. His poems are inspired by the European symbolist movement in poetry. iii. The notable works of Nilmani Phookan are Surya Heno Nami Ahe Ei Nadiyedi (1963), Manas-Pratima (1971), Phuli Thaka Suryamukhi Phultor Phale (1971), and Gulapi Jamur Lagna. In 2020, he won the 56th Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary award. He was the 3rd recipient of Jnanpith from Assam after Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya and Mamoni Raisom Goswami.

STATE NEWS

- 1. Himachal Pradesh Targets to be 1st 'Green Energy State' by 2025:** Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Chief Minister(CM) of Himachal Pradesh(HP) announced that Himachal Pradesh targets to become the "first Green Energy State" by the end of 2025. This will be achieved by harnessing hydro, hydrogen and solar energy and switching on to green products that enhance the premium and advantage in export. **Key Points:** i. The CM also directed all the concerned departments including, Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd, (HPSEBL), Himachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency (HIMURJA), Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL) and Department of Energy, to initiate action in this direction and make policy changes, wherever required. ii. He also recommended opening all the solar power projects(SPP) up to 5 MW capacity for allotment. About Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister- Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu Governor- Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.

WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIR QUIZ 9TH – 15TH JAN 2023

- 1. Name the state government that has recently (in Jan '23) launched a 100-day 'Global City' campaign to transform the lifestyles of urban bodies on par with global standards.**
- A. Tamil Nadu B. Karnataka C. Andhra Pradesh
D. Maharashtra E. Uttar Pradesh
- 2. According to the Nikkei Asia report released in January 2023, India surpassed _____ as the world's third-largest auto market in 2022.**
- A. Russia B. Germany C. Japan D. Australia E. United Arab Emirates
- 3. What are the Mascots of 5th edition of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2022 that was unveiled by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan in January 2023?**
- A. Veera & Dhakad B. Asha & Mowgli C. Jaya & Vijay
D. Ammu & Rongmon E. Saavaj & Panda
- 4. In January 2023, _____ became the first state in India to go fully digital in its banking service.**
- A. Gujarat B. Maharashtra C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Delhi E. Kerala

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- 5.** Which country has recently (in Jan '23) signed an agreement with India on the cooperation in the training of diplomats during the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention 2023 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh?
- A. Somalia B. Kenya C. Panama D. Germany E. Spain
- 6.** In January 2023, Gol has allotted _____ for the New India Literacy Programme (NILP) for a 5-year period, from fiscal years 2022-23 (FY23) to 2026-27 (FY27).
- A. Rs. 3762.34 crore B. Rs. 2092.56 crore C. Rs. 4905.12 crore
D. Rs. 1037.90 crore E. Rs. 5067.70 crore
- 7.** India successfully test launched nuclear capable tactical ballistic missile Prithvi-II from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. What type of ballistic missile is Prithvi-II?
- A. Surface-to-Surface Missile B. Surface-to-Air Missile C. Air-to-Air Missile
D. Air-to-Surface Missile E. Surface (Coast)-to-Sea Missile
- 8.** Who has recently (in Jan '23) re-appointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for one year?
- A. Michael Debabrata Patra B. Shyamala Gopinath C. Urjit R. Patel
D. Anand Sinha E. Subir Gokarn
- 9.** Indian army day 2023 is celebrated on 15th January 2023 and it mark the _____ anniversary of the Indian army day.
- A. 73rd B. 74th C. 75th D. 76th E. 75th
- 10.** Which state host this year National Youth Festival 2023?
- A. Karnataka B. Tamil Nadu C. Punjab D. Haryana E. Gujarat
- 11.** National Youth Day is celebrated every year on January 12 to mark the birth anniversary of _____
- A. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar B. Swami Vivekananda C. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
D. Vallabhbai Patel E. Jawaharlal Nehru
- 12.** _____ has launched a new metaverse product to tie in with its hosting of the Men's Cup?
- A. AIFF B. BCCI C. Hockey India D. AIBA E. ITFT
- 13.** World Bank predicts India's economic growth to slow to _____ in FY23.
- A. 6.9% B. 6.8% C. 6.7% D. 6.5% E. 6.4%
- 14.** Name the former and last King of Greece who ruled Greece before the country became a republic in 1974 passed away.
- A. Aeropos II B. Alexander II C. Amyntas II
D. Constantine II E. Perdiccas III
- 15.** What is the theme for National Science Day 2023?
- A. Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future
B. Global Science for Global Wellbeing
C. Future of STI: Impact on Education Skills and Work

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- D. Radiation and Radioisotopes in Healthcare
E. Science for the People and the People for Science

16. Who has released the book titled 'Chief Minister's Diary No. 1'?

- A. Uday Lalit B. Sharad Arvind Bobde C. Droupadi Murmu
D. Ranjan Gogoi E. Jagdeep Dhankhar

17. This year, which of the following country host World Hindi Conference 2023?

- A. New Zealand B. Hawaii C. Fiji D. Tonga E. Samoa

18. Which of the following Indian song won the best song category in Golden Globe Awards 2023?

- A. Mann Bharryaa 2.0 B. Chaka Chak C. Naatu Naatu D. Aabaad Barbaad E. Ranjha

19. Where is India's First Centre of Excellence in Online Gaming to be set up?

- A. Dehradun B. Mumbai C. Surat D. Shillong E. Pune

20. World Hindi Day or Vishwa Hindi Diwas is celebrated on _____ every year to promote awareness about the language across the world.

- A. 07th January B. 08th January C. 09th January D. 10th January E. 11th January

21. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India is observing the Road Safety Week from _____ under "Swachhata Pakhwada", to propagate the cause of safer roads for all.

- A. 10th to 16th January 2023 B. 11th to 17th January 2023 C. 12th to 18th January 2023
D. 13th to 19th January 2023 E. 14th to 20th January 2023

22. Men's Hockey World Cup, 2023 has begun with a spectacular opening ceremony at the picturesque Barabati Stadium in Cuttack, _____

- A. West Bengal B. Delhi C. Haryana D. Odisha E. Bihar

23. What is the theme of World Hindi Conference 2023?

- A. Hindi Jagat: vistar evam sambhavnayen
B. Vaishvik Hindi
C. Hindi - Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence
D. Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti
E. World of Hindi and Indian Culture

24. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention in Indore, who among the following was the chief guest of the convention?

- A. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih B. Mahathir bin Mohamad C. Mohamed Irfaan Ali
D. Prithvirajsing Roopun E. Andry Rajoelina

25. Which state celebrated the traditional Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in the state?

- A. Tripura B. West Bengal C. Assam D. Karnataka E. Chhattisgarh

26. Which flagship initiative of government has won the Platinum Award in the Digital Empowerment of Citizens Category in Digital India Awards 2022 held in New Delhi?

- A. UIDAI B. e-Vivechna App C. Digital India Mission
D. e-NAM E. Ayushman Bharat Mission

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27. Who among the following was named as the president of the COP28 climate conference?

- A. Shoukry bemoans B. Sultan al-Jaber C. Alok Kumar Sharma
D. Carolina Schmidt E. Michal Kurtyka

28. India's retail inflation eased to _____ in December on an annual basis as against 5.88 per cent in November, 2022. per cent

- A. 5.72 B. 6.72 C. 7.72 D. 8.72 E. 9.72

29. What is the theme of National Youth Festival 2023?

- A. Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages
B. Yuvaah - Utsah Naye Bharat Ka
C. Developed Youth Developed India
D. FIT YOUTH FIT INDIA
E. Be the Voice of New India and Find solutions and Contribute to Policy

30. The Armed Forces Veterans Day is celebrated on _____ since 1953, the First Indian Commander in Chief (C-in-C) of Indian Army- Field Marshal KM Cariappa, who led Indian Forces to Victory in the 1947 war, had formally retired from the Services.

- A. 11th January B. 12th January C. 15th January D. 13th January E. 14th January

ANSWERS

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| 1) E | 6) D | 11) B | 16) D | 21) B | 26) D |
| 2) C | 7) A | 12) C | 17) C | 22) D | 27) B |
| 3) B | 8) A | 13) A | 18) C | 23) C | 28) A |
| 4) E | 9) C | 14) D | 19) D | 24) C | 29) C |
| 5) C | 10) A | 15) B | 20) D | 25) E | 30) E |

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