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# Topper's Talk - 1



## Shishpal Singh

|                  |   |                                                      |
|------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------|
| Father           | - | Mr. Sangram Singh Sodha                              |
| Mother           | - | Mrs. Sita Kanwar                                     |
| Graduation       | - | B. Tech Mech. Rajdhani Eng. College, Jaipur (72.12%) |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | - | Adarsh High School Tilaknagar, Bikaner (65.60%)      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | - | Vishnu Jyoti Vidya Mandir Bajju, Bikaner (64.33%)    |

**Question: Congratulations on your achievement in the Civil Services Exam!**

**Shishpal :** Thank you! Springboard family.

**Question: Tell us about your family and educational background; what role did they play in your preparation?**

**Shishpal :** My family consists of my parents, grandmother and five siblings. My father is a retired teacher and writer of Rajasthani and Hindi literature. My mother is a housewife and my elder brother is a U.D.C. in the education department and working in the CBEO Office Bajju. As my father being in the field of literature for 30 years has been very helpful in my writing skill. I used to write poetry, folktales and essays in magazines since childhood which has strengthened my thoughts and expressions.

I did my schooling from Government School like 1 GM and Shastri Nagar. After completing 10th from Bajju and 12th from Bikaner, I did B.Tech. (Mechanical) from Jaipur.

**Question: When did you start preparing for RAS exam and how much time do you think is sufficient to prepare for this exam?**

**Shishpal :** I started preparing for civil services from 2019. After completed general foundation course, preparation for one recruitment cycle is sufficient. For this, a good grip on general subjects is necessary.

**Question: Was it your aim from the very beginning to join the civil services and who was your source of inspiration for preparing for the civil services exam?**

**Shishpal :** Yes, after completing my graduation I had made this my goal. My inspirations were my father, his literary friend IAS Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni, and senior RAS from Marudhar region Mr. Mahendra Pratap Singh Bhati Girab.

**Question: What is the role of coaching in the civil service examination? Can one succeed in this examination through self-study?**

**Shishpal :** Coaching institutes make your preparation easy and syllabus oriented regular classes help you in strengthening your grip on general subjects and thus you get good result with less hard work (smart work).

**Question: What should be the criteria for selecting an institute for coaching? Have you prepared from any coaching institute?**

**Shishpal :** Choose the institute on the basis of its faculties expertise in the field of the exam, conducting the course in a scientific manner, paying full attention to all aspects of the exam, take feedback from previously selected candidates, etc. I prepared for the exam from Springboard Academy and wrote all the mock tests honestly. For this, I even missed my father's retirement program.

**Question: What was your language/ medium in the exam? Tell us about the role of language medium in succeeding in civil services?**

**Shishpal :** My medium for RAS exam was English but I believe that you should choose the language in which you can express yourself better. If you look at the previous results, you will find that students have achieved success in the both Hindi and English medium.

**Question: What suggestions would you give to improve writing style in mains exam?**

**Shishpal :** Reading newspapers regularly, reading current affairs magazines, giving mock tests in a disciplined manner, developing an understanding of the interrelationship between different subjects and practising writing regularly at one's own level are play crucial role in the civil service examination.

By following this discipline, I scored 391-50 marks in the RAS mains exam. With these marks, I got the fourth position in the mains exam.

**Question: What study material did you use during your preparation?**

**Shishpal :** I used class notes from Springboard, current affairs material along with examples and case studies from newspapers and NCERT books of selected subjects.

**Question: What is the role of short notes in the preliminary and mains examinations?**

**Shishpal :** I believe that while covering the syllabus for pre and mains exam, making short notes of your own increases the confidence and helps in time management during the both pre and mains exam.

**Question: Tell us about the role of mock interview and how was your interview experience at Rajasthan Public Service Commission?**

**Shishpal :** Mock interviews help in improving the expression level of the student as well as bringing out the better aspects of his/her personality. I regularly gave mock interviews in the interview program of

Springboard Academy which increased my confidence. During the interview in RPSC, the attitude of the board was very positive. Questions were asked related to my home district and my academic background.

**Question: Tell us about the contribution of teachers in your success?**

**Shishpal :** Although since my school days I had been receiving love and guidance from teachers which helped me in becoming self-disciplined, but after taking admission in Springboard Academy, Dilip Sir, Narendra Sir, Rajveer Sir and all the other teachers played a decisive role in making my approach clear and precise for Civil Services Examination.

**Question: What was the role of friends during the preparation?**

**Shishpal :** Friends play a very important role during the preparation of competitive exams. My friends - Suresh, Anand, Virendra, Manish, Karmveer have helped me at every stage of the Civil Services Examination.

**Question: What challenges did you face while preparing away from home?**

**Shishpal :** The challenges of student life that I faced are more or less the same usually that all students face. For example, problems related to accommodation, food and health are common among the students but preparing by staying away from home helps us a lot in understanding the practical aspects of life.

**Question: What was the most difficult time during preparation?**

**Shishpal :** I prepared each stage of the Civil Services Examination with discipline and patience but long gap between the Mains exam and the Interview, there were some moments when the enthusiasm waned a bit but ultimately the result was pleasant.

**Question: How did you keep yourself motivated to prepare continuously due to the long duration of the Civil Services Examination?**

**Shishpal :** My aim was clear that I had to succeed in the Civil Services Examination so the long duration of the examination did not affect me much.

**Question: What do you think about Plan B?**

**Shishpal :** Plan-B can weaken the aim of Civil Services Exam, hence you should continue the preparation with determination and the level of your knowledge during the preparation of this exam automatically helps you in succeeding in other exams.

**Question: What changes came in your life after selection in RAS exam?**

**Shishpal :** First of all, seeing the satisfaction of parents and family makes one feel meaningful; besides this, changes in social identity, prestige etc. boost self-confidence.

**Question: As an officer, what changes will you work to bring about?**

**Shishpal :** I have been allotted Rajasthan Police Service. I will try to strengthen the trust of common people in the police with a positive attitude.

**Question: What is the utility of monthly current affairs magazine for R.A.S. examination?**

**Shishpal :** I would advise every student preparing for the civil service examination that serious study of current affairs in every stage of the examination ensures your selection. More marks can be obtained only by updating the study material through current affairs. The monthly magazine of Springboard Academy is a high-quality magazine in which only exam-centric material is being included, which is very beneficial for the students.

**Question: Tell me the secret of your success?**

**Shishpal :** I achieved success by followed a disciplined daily routine, emphasis on understanding the subject matter rather than memorizing it, efforts to develop analytical understanding on current issues etc.

**Question: How did you manage your time during preparation?**

**Shishpal :** Civil Services Examination demands complete dedication from the student, hence I devoted all my time to studies and took special care of my health.

**Question: We wish you a bright future as an Administrative Officer!**

**Shishpal :** Thank you!

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# Rajasthan



## Place in News

### Andhi, Jaipur

- ❑ A zero waste model was created with the help of green technology intervention in Andhi village of Jaipur district of Rajasthan.
- ❑ Under this model, food waste, agricultural waste, hospital waste coming from rural sources are being converted into valuable resources.

## Person in News

### Indira Sharma

- ❑ Indira Sharma has been appointed as the Deputy Secretary of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.
- ❑ She is the first woman Deputy Secretary to be appointed in Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.

### Krishna Poonia

- ❑ Olympian and Padma Shri winner Dr. Krishna Poonia has been elected as a member of the 5-member Athletes Commission of Athletics Federation of India.



### Other members -

- ❑ Anju Bobby George - Karnataka
- ❑ Bahadur Singh - Punjab
- ❑ Jyotirmoyee Sikdar - West Bengal
- ❑ M.D.Valsamma - Kerala

### Gyanprakash Pilaniya

- ❑ Former Rajya Sabha MP and Director General of Police Gyanprakash Pilaniya passed away.
- ❑ He has also been a RPSC member (1989-94).

## Schemes/Programmes in News

### Special Quality Control Campaign

- ❑ A campaign run every year by the Agriculture Department of Rajasthan before Rabi & Kharif Season.
- ❑ Objective: In this campaign, action is taken to provide high quality fertilizers and seeds to farmers, to curb black marketing and fake fertilizers.

### Mobile Veterinary Service-Call Center

- ❑ Integrated call center operated by Animal Husbandry Department of Rajasthan and Rajasthan State Livestock Management and Training Institute (Jaipur).
- ❑ Objective: Free treatment of sick animals at home on receiving information on toll free number 1962.
- ❑ One mobile veterinary unit will work for every one lakh animals.
- ❑ This is a centrally sponsored scheme under which a total of 536 mobile veterinary units are being operated in Rajasthan.

### Operation Garima

- ❑ For women safety and awareness, Operation Garima has been run by the Police Commissionerate, Jaipur from 1 October to 15 October.
- ❑ Under this, there will be effective monitoring regarding the complaints received on Mahila Garima Helpline 1090.

### Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme-2024

- ❑ Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma unveiled the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme 2024 (RIPS-2024) to encourage investment in Rajasthan during a roadshow organised in London on October 19 under "Rising Rajasthan initiative".
- ❑ This is a step towards the Rajasthan government's goal of doubling Rajasthan's economy from \$180 billion to \$350 billion in the next five years.

- ❑ The theme of RIPS-2024 is 'Enabling Green, Global & Capable Rajasthan'.
- ❑ RIPS-2024 is a scheme focused on sectoral need, state priorities and flexibility for investors.
- ❑ The minimum investment for incentives under the 'Standard Service Package' in RIPS-2024 has been reduced from Rs 50 crore to Rs 25 crore and for tourism units it has been made Rs 10 crore.
- ❑ Along with this, RIPS-2024 covers sectors like information technology, power, logistics as well as emerging sectors like aero-space, defense, drones, semiconductors, agri-tech and waste recycling.

### Suraksha Sakhi Samvad Fortnight

- ❑ The state government launched the Suraksha Sakhi Samvad Fortnight for women's safety from October 5 to October 20.
- ❑ Objective - To create awareness among women and girls about their own safety and to provide them a safe environment.
- ❑ Under the campaign, Suraksha Sakhis attached to the police stations of the area have gone door-to-door and informed women about the laws related to women's safety.

### Nasha mukt Sri Ganganagar Abhiyan

- ❑ The Sri Ganganagar district administration has launched the 'Nasha Mukht Sri Ganganagar campaign' under the Nasha Mukht Bharat campaign.

### Other Nasha mukt Abhiyan

- Operation Manas - Hanumangarh
- Operation Seema Sankalp - Sri Ganganagar
- Operation Savera - Jodhpur

### Nasha mukt Bharat Abhiyan

- Start - 15 August 2020
- Objective - To deal with the problem of drug abuse and make India drug-free.

- Under this campaign, 272 districts most sensitive in terms of drug use in the country have been identified.

### Change of names of schemes

| Earlier                                                                                                                                                            | Now                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Indira Mahila Shakti Prashikshan Evam Kaushal Samvardhan Yojana<br>+<br>Indira Mahila Shakti Udyam Protsahan Yojana                                                | Mukhya Mantri Nari Shakti Prashikshan Evam Kaushal Samvardhan Yojana |
| Indira Mahila Shakti Samman Evam Protsahan Yojana<br>+<br>Indira Mahila Shakti Center                                                                              | Pannadhay Suraksha Evam Samman Yojana                                |
| Indira Mahila Shakti Udaan Yojana<br>+<br>Indira Mahila Shakti Awareness Education Program<br>+<br>Indira Research Institute of Women and Child Development Scheme | Kalibai Bhil Mahila Sambal Yojana                                    |

### 'Abhi Nahi' Abhiyan

- ❑ To stop child marriage, District Legal Services Authority Jaipur has started 'Abhi Nahi' Abhiyan.
- ❑ The theme of this campaign is - "Pahle Sapne Saakaar ho Phir ..... Shadi par Vichar ho".
- ❑ The objective of this campaign is to stop child marriages that take place on Devuthani Ekadashi and Abujh Muhurat.

### 'Sashakt Baran Pragati Ko Shakti' Abhiyan

- ❑ This campaign was started by Baran District Administration to empower specially abled people.
- ❑ The objective - To make Divyangjan aware of government schemes and services and to make them self-reliant and prosperous by including them in the mainstream.

### 'Samanvit Prayas, Sashakt Samaj' Abhiyan

- ❑ The Barmer District Administration of Rajasthan has started 'Samanvit Prayas, Sashakt Samaj' Abhiyan under the 'Navo Barmer' initiative for empowerment of Divyangjan.
- ❑ Under this campaign, disability certificates were issued to registered specially abled people through the camp by a mobile medical board.

## Award

### HUDCO Awards for Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment-2023-24

- ❑ Jaipur Smart City Limited has been awarded in the Urban Design, Regional Planning and Inner City (Walled City) Reconstruction and Conservation category.
- ❑ This award is given by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for remarkable work in various categories.
- ❑ Jaipur Smart City Limited has been awarded for its remarkable work in the field of conservation of old historical heritage temples, schools and other buildings.

### Muskaan Foundation

- ❑ Muskaan Foundation of Jaipur was awarded by the International Road Federation (IRF) in Istanbul, Turkey for the "Road Safety Teacher Training" module.
- ❑ Muskaan Foundation has received this award in the category of 'Road Safety School Education'.

### The Best Train Trips in the World: 2024 Readers' Choice Award

- ❑ The royal train of Rajasthan 'Palace on Wheels' has been ranked first in the 2024 Readers' Choice Award of the United States company Condé Nast Traveler for the best Train Trip in the world.



### Asha Mahila Milk Producer Union

- ❑ Asha Mahila Milk Producer Union of Jaipur has been awarded the 'Dairy Innovation Award' for its initiative of sustainable processing of milk.
- ❑ This award was given at the IDF World Dairy Summit held in Paris.

### Nidhi Saxena

- ❑ The first film directed by Jaipur resident Nidhi Saxena - 'Sad Letters of an Imaginary Women' was awarded the Asian Film Fund 2024 Award.
- ❑ Nidhi Saxena is the first Indian female filmmaker to receive this award in the Post-Production Fund category.
- ❑ The film had its world premiere in October 2024 at the Busan International Film Festival (BFF) in South Korea.

## Miscellaneous

### APAAR ID

- ❑ APAAR ID will be developed by the School Education Council in Rajasthan under the 'One Nation One Student ID' scheme.
- ❑ A 12-digit unique ID will be created by the Government of India for students of government and private schools studying in school education (1-12th class).
- ❑ APAAR ID card of children will be prepared through UDISE + portal.

- ❑ APAAR ID will be linked to Aadhar card and the student's curriculum, mark sheet, certificate and other achievements will be stored in it, which the student can access from anywhere.

### Nahargarh Tiger Safari

- ❑ Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma inaugurated Nahargarh Tiger Safari in Jaipur on 7 October.
- ❑ Nahargarh Tiger Safari has been developed by Forest Department and Jaipur Development Authority.
- ❑ During the inauguration of Nahargarh Tiger Safari, the Chief Minister named the female tiger cub 'Skandi' and the male tiger cub 'Bheem'.
- ❑ A 7 km safari track has been developed in it.

- *There are 3 national parks, 26 sanctuaries, 37 conservation reserves, 4 biological parks in Rajasthan.*

### Rashtriya Poshan Maah-2024

- ❑ According to the results of the Janandolan Dashboard for Rashtriya Poshan Maah-2024, the Integrated Child Development Services Directorate (ICDS, State Women and Child Development Department) of Rajasthan has got fourth place at the national level.

|     |   |              |
|-----|---|--------------|
| 1st | - | Maharashtra  |
| 2nd | - | Bihar        |
| 3rd | - | Chhattisgarh |
| 4th | - | Rajasthan    |

- ❑ The following three districts have performed best at the state level in this campaign-

|     |   |             |
|-----|---|-------------|
| 1st | - | Churu       |
| 2nd | - | Tonk        |
| 3rd | - | Hanumangarh |

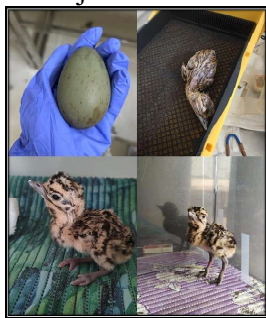
- ❑ During the Rashtriya Poshan Maah (1-30 September), activities were organized according to 6 themes including anemia, growth monitoring, supplementary nutrition, nutrition as well as education, environmental protection etc.

### **Rajasthan Economic Revival Task Force**

- ❑ Rajasthan Economic Revival Task Force has been constituted on 14 October to make recommendations regarding promoting the development of finance, economic management, infrastructure, agriculture and developmental sectors in Rajasthan.
- ❑ The Chief Minister will be the Chairman of the Task Force and the Deputy Chief Minister will be the Vice-Chairman and the members will be the Minister and Secretary of the concerned sector. Apart from this, five subject experts of the above subjects will also be nominated among the members.
- ❑ The tenure of this task force will be till 31 March 2028.
- ❑ The Finance Department will be its administrative department.

### **Birth of Godavan through artificial insemination**

- ❑ For the first time a baby Great Indian Bustard was born through artificial insemination (AI) at Sudasari Great Indian Bustard Breeding Centre in Jaisalmer district under the 'Bustard Conservation and Rehabilitation Programme' in Rajasthan.
- ❑ India became the first country to breed Great Indian Bustard through artificial insemination.
- ❑ The artificial insemination (AI) method will enable saving the sperm of these rare birds, creating sperm banks and increasing their population.
- ❑ Earlier this technique was tested on Hodbara Bustard in Abu Dhabi by International Fund for Hodbara Conservation from where scientists of Wildlife



Institute of India got training for this technique.

- ❑ In this technique, the sperm of a male Great Indian Bustard named 'Suda' was collected and a female Great Indian Bustard named 'Tony' was artificially inseminated.

### **South Asian Clean Energy Forum (SACEF) 2024**

- ❑ The South Asian Clean Energy Forum was organized in Jaipur from 21 to 24 October.
- ❑ During the event, an MoU was signed between Municipal Corporation Jaipur (Greater) and seven cities of America for the modernization of Jaipur city.
- ❑ SACEF is the coordinating platform of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in India which focuses on clean energy transition in South Asia.

### **Anti-Narcotics Task Force**

- ❑ The Rajasthan government has approved the formation of Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) to stop drug trafficking in the state.
- ❑ Under the task force, a special police station will be set up in Jaipur and police posts in various districts of Rajasthan with the aim of preventing drug trafficking.

### **Online portal for public complaints**

- ❑ Nathdwara MLA of Rajasthan Vishwaraj Singh Mewar has launched an online portal for redressal of public grievances.
- ❑ Through this portal, citizens can register their complaints and can monitor the progress of resolution in real time.

### **Avian botulism**

- ❑ Recently, birds died due to avian botulism in Sambhar Lake.
- ❑ Avian botulism is a neuromuscular disease that paralyzes birds and makes them unable to fly.
- ❑ This disease is caused by bacteria named Clostridium botulism which thrives due to lack of oxygen in water.

- ❑ In the year 2019 also, thousands of birds (about 18000) died in Sambhar Lake due to avian botulism.

**Rajasthan first in renewable energy production**

- ❑ Rajasthan has secured the first position in the country in the field of renewable energy production with a capacity of 29.98 GW.
- ❑ Gujarat (29.52 GW) is at second place and Karnataka (22.37 GW) is at third place.
- ❑ It is noteworthy that by October 2024, India's total renewable energy capacity has reached 200 GW.

**National Institute of Ayurveda**

- ❑ The National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur has been ranked first in the ranking released by the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM).
  - 2nd - SDM College of Ayurveda Udupi (Karnataka)
  - 3rd - Ayurveda College Kottakkal (Kerala)

**Silo**

- ❑ The country's first scientific wheat storage centre (silo) is being built by Food Corporation of India in Alwar.
- ❑ The air pressure, humidity and temperature are kept constant in the silo through a computerised system to keep the wheat safe for three years.

**Other important facts**

- ❑ **Swachhata Hi Seva Fortnight Award** - Under the Swachhata Hi Seva Fortnight, which ran from 17 September to 2 October in Rajasthan, Hanumangarh district (Safai Mitra Suraksha Camp Category) and Jaipur Greater Municipal Corporation in Municipal Corporations, Chittorgarh in Municipal Council and Nokha in Municipality were ranked first.
- ❑ In the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, Polyclinic Sawaimadhopur got the first place in the state level veterinary institute.

- ❑ President Draupadi Murmu participated in the 'Adi Gaurav Samman Samaroh' organized at Mangarh Dham (Banswara).
- ❑ Laghu Udyog Bharati Mahila Sangathan organized Swayamsiddha Handicraft Exhibition in Jawahar Kala Kendra.
- ❑ Atulya Alwar Abhiyan (A Cleanliness Campaign) is an innovation started by the Alwar District Administration.
- ❑ New parks have been developed in Jaipur district-
  - Zerota - Nagar Van
  - Nevta - Bio-Diversity Park
- ❑ Dr. Pawan Singhal, Senior Professor (Head and Neck Surgery Specialist) of SMS Medical College has been selected as a mentor for the 'Ascend : Leadership Development for the Future of Tobacco Control program'.
- ❑ Sundelav Pond (Jalore) - 1200 fish died due to algae bloom.
- ❑ Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council (RAJEEVIKA) organized 'Deepawali Mela' from 21 to 27 October 2024 in the Indira Gandhi Panchayati Raj Institute campus located in Jaipur.
- ❑ Sufia Sufi - Ajmer resident long distance runner (ultra distance runner) Sufia Sufi, who made 5 Guinness World Records, has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Hindustan Zinc Limited (Udaipur).
- ❑ **Hemendra Bansal** - Bharatpur resident Hemendra Bansal got his name registered in Limca Book of Records and India Book of Records by writing the word 'peace' 44000 times in 2 lakh 20 thousand characters on a standard size post card.
- ❑ To promote tourism, the country's first luxury electric cruise (e-cruise) has been started in Ana Sagar Lake of Ajmer, Rajasthan.
- ❑ Indu Band pilot project was started in Jodhpur by Jaipur Foot USA chairman Prem Bhandari to reunite amnesia patients with their families.

- ❑ **Mission Sarhad Samvad Program** - A program started by Bikaner district administration, is to provide basic facilities to connect the people living in the border areas with the mainstream.
- ❑ **Rajendra Prasad Soni** - Rajasthan High Court Judge Rajendra Prasad Soni passed away. He was sworn as a judge of the Rajasthan High Court on 16 January 2023.

**Major Fairs/Festivals**

- ❑ **Abhaneri Festival**
  - 4 to 5 October 2024

- Tourism Department, Archaeological Survey of India and District Administration, Dausa

- ❑ **27th Lokrang Mahotsav**

- Organiser - Jawahar Kala Kendra Jaipur
- Duration - 18 to 28 October
- National Folk Dance Festival and National Handicraft Fair were organized during the festival.

- ❑ **Marwar Festival**

- 16 to 17 October 2024
- Tourism Department and District Administration, Jodhpur



# National



## Person in News

### Justice Sanjiv Khanna

- ❑ Justice Sanjiv Khanna has been appointed as the 51st Chief Justice of India.
- ❑ Justice Sanjiv Khanna will replace the 50th Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud.
- ❑ The first Chief Justice of India was Harilal J.Kaniya.



### Aarti Sareen

- ❑ Surgeon Vice Admiral Aarti Sareen has become the first woman officer to hold the post of Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS).



- ❑ The DGAFMS is directly responsible to the Ministry of Defence for overall medical policy matters relating to the armed forces.
- ❑ Aarti Sareen has been appointed as a member of the National Task Force constituted by the Supreme Court to formulate safe working conditions and protocols for medical professionals.

### Shaktikanta Das

- ❑ Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das has been ranked as the top central banker (A+ Rating) for the second consecutive time by the US-based Global Finance magazine.

**Sri Sri Ravishankar**

- ❑ The Republic of Fiji has honoured spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravishankar with its highest civilian award.
- ❑ Sri Sri Ravishankar has been conferred the title of 'Honorary Officer of the Order of Fiji'.

**Nikita Porwal**

- ❑ Nikita Porwal of Madhya Pradesh has been crowned Femina Miss India 2024.
- ❑ Rekha Pandey and Aayushi Dholakia were the runners-up in the Femina Miss India 2024 competition.
- ❑ The title of Miss India 2023 was won by Nandini Gupta of Rajasthan.


**Pradhan Mantri Internship Scheme**

- ❑ Starting from 5 October 2024.
- ❑ Objective - To reduce youth unemployment and increase their professional efficiency (21 to 24 years of age).
- ❑ To provide benefits of the scheme to 1 crore youth in the next five years.

**Provisions -**

- ❑ Internship in top 500 companies (duration one year).
- ❑ 5000 allowance per month to the youth.
- ❑ Grant of Rs 6000 for contingency expenses.
- ❑ Insurance coverage under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana.

**Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)**

- ❑ Launched by - Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 2 October from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.
- ❑ The Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan approved by the Union Cabinet on 18 September has been renamed as Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.

**Schemes/Programmes in News**
**Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Krishonnati Yojana**

- ❑ The Central Government has approved the inclusion of all the centrally sponsored schemes operating under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare into two umbrella schemes - Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Krishonnati Yojana.
- ❑ **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-**
  - Total Outlay - Rs 57074.72 crores.
  - Objective - To promote sustainable agriculture.
- ❑ **Krishonnati Yojana -**
  - Total Outlay - Rs 44246.89 crores.
  - Objective - To achieve food security for self-sufficiency.

**National Mission on Edible Oil-Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds)**

- ❑ Approved by the Central Government on 3 October.
- ❑ Ministry - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective - To boost domestic oilseeds production and achieve self-reliance in edible oils.
- ❑ Financial outlay - Rs 10103 crore.
- ❑ Duration - From the year 2024-25 to the year 2030-31 (seven years).
- ❑ Target - To increase domestic edible oil production to 25.45 million tonnes by 2030-31 in conjunction with the National Oil Palm Mission.

**Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana**

- ❑ Start - From 8 April 2015.
- ❑ The Central Government has increased the loan limit under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana from the existing Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh.

- ❑ For this, a new category Tarun Plus has been added.
  - (i) Shishu - Loans up to Rs 50,000.
  - (ii) Kishor - Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh.
  - (iii) Tarun - Rs 5 to 10 lakh.
  - (iv) Tarun Plus - Rs 10 to 20 lakh.
- ❑ Loans under the Tarun Plus category will be available to those entrepreneurs who have availed previous loans under the Tarun category and have successfully repaid them.

**Humsafar Policy 2024**

- ❑ Launch - 8 October 2024.
- ❑ Ministry - Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective - To enhance travel convenience on national highways and accelerate the development of roadside amenities.
- ❑ Under the Humsafar Policy 2024, the "Rajmarg Yatra" app has been launched to provide information about passenger facilities on national highways.

**Weather Forecast Initiative at Gram Panchayat Level**

- ❑ Launch - 24 October in New Delhi.
- ❑ Ministry - A joint initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Earth Sciences and India Meteorological Department of the Government of India.
- ❑ Objective - To provide weather forecast on an hourly basis and every 5 days in more than 2-5 lakh gram panchayats of the country.

**Pandemic Fund Project**

- ❑ The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has launched a \$25 million initiative funded by the G-20 Pandemic Fund on Strengthening Animal Health Security in India for pandemic preparedness and response.
- ❑ Objective - To strengthen animal health security in India and reduce the risk of zoonotic diseases.

- ❑ Implementation - In partnership with Asian Development Bank, World Bank and Food and Agriculture Organization.

**Scam Se Bachao Abhiyaan**

- ❑ Launched by Government of India and technology company Meta.
- ❑ This campaign involves Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) of Government of India.
- ❑ To tackle the growing threat of online fraud.

**Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS)**

- ❑ India has extended a Line of Credit of Rs. 487.60 crore to the Government of Mauritius for financing water pipeline replacement project.
- ❑ This is the first rupee based Line of Credit extended by India for project financing to any country under the IDEAS scheme.

**Desh ka Prakriti Parikshan Abhiyan**

- ❑ Launched - By Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 29 October
- ❑ Prakriti Parikshan of more than one crore citizens of the country will be done by students, teachers and doctors of Ayurveda colleges.
- ❑ Ministry - Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India.
- ❑ Implementation - National Commission for Indian System of Medicine.

**Mission Basundhara 3.0**

- ❑ The Assam government has launched Mission Basundhara 3.0 to provide land rights to indigenous people.
- ❑ Tag line - My Land, My Right.
- ❑ Mission Basundhara was launched in the year 2021.

## Award

### 5th National Water Awards

- ❑ The Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India has announced 38 winners in 9 categories for the 5th National Water Awards for the year 2023.

|    | Awards                                       | Winners                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Best State                                   | Odisha                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2. | Best District                                | Visakhapatnam - Andhra Pradesh (South Zone)<br>Dhalai-Tripura (North East Zone)<br>Banda - Uttar Pradesh and Ganderbal-J&K (North Zone)<br>Indore - Madhya Pradesh (West Zone)<br>Balangir-Odisha (East Zone) |
| 3. | Best Village Panchayat                       | Pullampara, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4. | Best Urban Local Body                        | Surat, Gujarat                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5. | Best School/College                          | Government Upper Primary School Jethwan Ka Bas, Sikar, Rajasthan                                                                                                                                              |
| 6. | Best Industry                                | Aravali Power Company Private Limited, Jhajjar, Haryana                                                                                                                                                       |
| 7. | Best Institution (other than School/College) | Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu                                                                                                                                                     |
|    | Special Mention                              | Birla Institute of Science and Technology, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan                                                                                                                                               |
| 8. | Best Water user association                  | Pentakli Project Union of Water User Association, Maharashtra                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9. | Best Civil Society                           | BAIF Development Research Foundation Pune                                                                                                                                                                     |

### 70th National Film Awards

- ❑ These were presented by President Draupadi Murmu on 8 October in New Delhi.

### Major Awards -

|     | Awards                                       | Winners                                       |
|-----|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Dada Saheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award | Mithun Chakraborty                            |
| 2.  | Best Non-Feature Film                        | Ayena (Siddhant Sareen)                       |
| 3.  | Best Documentary                             | Murmurs of the Jungle (Marathi-Sohil Vaidya)  |
| 4.  | Best Feature Film                            | Aattam (The Play) Malayalam-Anand Ekarshi     |
| 5.  | Best Director                                | Sooraj R Barjatya (Hindi-Uunchai)             |
| 6.  | Best Actor                                   | Rishabh Shetty (Kannada-Kantara)              |
| 7.  | Best Actress                                 | Nithya Menon (Tamil Thiruchitramblam)         |
| 8.  | Best Playback Singer                         | Arijit Singh (Brahmastra)                     |
| 9.  | Best Playback Singer                         | Bombay Jayashree (Saudi Vellakka CC.225/2009) |
| 10. | Best Hindi Film                              | Gulmohar                                      |
| 11. | Best Cinematography                          | Mono no Aware (Siddhartha Dewan)              |
| 12. | Best Short Film                              | Junyota (Assamese-Nabapan Deka)               |

## Miscellaneous

### Classical language status to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali

- ❑ The Central Government on 3rd October has approved the granting of classical language status to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali languages.
- ❑ Earlier, the following 6 languages had the status of classical language-

|    | Language  | Year of notification |
|----|-----------|----------------------|
| 1. | Tamil     | 2004                 |
| 2. | Sanskrit  | 2005                 |
| 3. | Telugu    | 2008                 |
| 4. | Kannada   | 2008                 |
| 5. | Malayalam | 2013                 |
| 6. | Odia      | 2014                 |

- ❑ Revised criteria for granting classical language status-

- (i) High antiquity of (its) is early text/recorded history over a period of 1500-2000 years.
  - (ii) A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a heritage by generations of speakers.
  - (iii) Knowledge texts, especially prose texts, in addition to poetry, epigraphical and inscriptional evidence.
  - (iv) The classical languages and literature could be distinct from its their current form or could be discontinuous from the later forms of its offshoots.
- ❑ The status of classical language is granted by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India on the recommendation of the linguistics Expert Committee constituted under the Sahitya Akademi.

### Reconstitution of Monetary Policy Committee

- ❑ The Central Government has reconstituted the Monetary Policy Committee of RBI under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934-
- ❑ Composition -
- (i) Governor of Reserve Bank of India - Ex-officio Chairman
  - (ii) Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India in-charge of Monetary Policy - Ex-officio Member
  - (iii) One officer of RBI nominated by the RBI Board - Ex-officio Member
  - (iv) Prof. Ram Singh - Member
  - (v) Saugata Bhattacharya - Member
  - (vi) Dr. Nagesh Kumar - Member
- ❑ Tenure - For a period of four years from the date of appointment or until further orders.

### Section 6A of Citizenship Act 1955

- ❑ The Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutional validity of Section 6A of the Citizenship Act 1955.

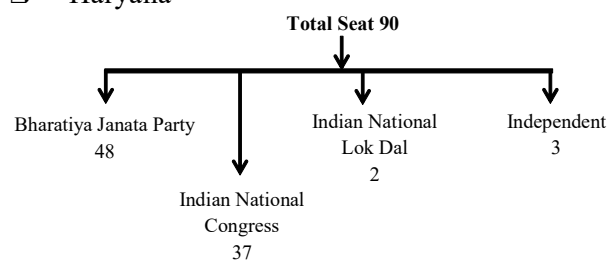
- ❑ Section 6A was added to the Citizenship Act 1955 after the Assam Accord of 1985. Under this, Bangladeshi migrants who entered India before 25 March 1971 are allowed to acquire Indian citizenship subject to certain conditions.

### Supreme Court's decision regarding tax on industrial alcohol

- ❑ The Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has upheld the right of the states to regulate tax on industrial alcohol.
- ❑ According to the Supreme Court's decision, industrial alcohol is included in the definition of "intoxicating liquor" under Entry 8 of the State List of the Constitution.

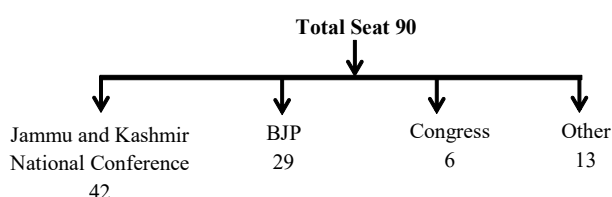
### Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Election 2024

- ❑ Haryana



➤ Chief Minister - Nayab Singh Saini (BJP)

- ❑ Jammu & Kashmir



➤ Chief Minister - Omar Abdullah (Jammu & Kashmir National Conference)

### 21st Livestock Census

- ❑ Held from October 2024 to February 2025.
- ❑ Data of 219 indigenous breeds of 16 species recognized by ICAR-National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources will be collected.
- ❑ In India, livestock census is conducted every 5 years since the year 1919.

- ❑ 20th Livestock Census - In the year 2019

### **BRIC-National Agri-Food Bio Manufacturing Institute**

- ❑ Inaugurated - By Union Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on 28 October in Mohali, Punjab.
- ❑ Established by strategic merger of National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) Mohali and Centre of Innovative and Applied Bioprocessing Mohali on the initiative of Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective - To develop high yielding crops, sustainable biomanufacturing technology and value added products from agricultural resources.
- ❑ Inauguration of Bionest BRIC-NABI Incubation Centre at BRIC-NABI campus.

### **Venture Capital Fund for Space Sector**

- ❑ The Central Government has approved the establishment of a Rs 1000 crore venture capital fund dedicated to the space sector under the aegis of IN-SPaCe.
- ❑ The venture capital fund has been approved for five years (from 2025-26 to 2029-30) from the actual date of operation.
- ❑ This fund will provide assistance to about 40 startups.

### **Kaziranga National Park recognized for butterfly diversity**

- ❑ Kaziranga National Park of Assam, famous for one-horned rhinoceros, has been recognized as the second largest butterfly diversity center in India.
- ❑ 446 species of butterflies are found in Kaziranga National Park.
- ❑ For the first time, "Butterfly Conservation Meet 2024" was organized in Kaziranga National Park.

- ❑ The highest number of species of butterflies are found in Namdapha National Park of Arunachal Pradesh.

### **India's first writer's village**

- ❑ Located in Thanos village, about 24 km from Dehradun in Uttarakhand.
- ❑ Initiative of former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.
- ❑ In the writer's village, writers will be provided the necessary calm and creative environment for the creation of their works.
- ❑ During the International Literature, Culture and Art Festival 'Sparsh Himalaya Mahotsav-2024' organized in the writer's village, the first work of the writer's village "Himalaya me Ram" written by Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank was released.

### **Postal Delivery through Drones**

- ❑ The Department of Posts, Government of India has tied up with Sky Air Mobility Pvt Ltd to launch a "Proof of Concept" for postal delivery through drones.
- ❑ The Department of Posts has delivered mail through drones between Chowkham Post Office and Wakro Branch Post Office located in Namsai and Lohit Districts of Arunachal Pradesh under Proof of Concept.
- ❑ Proof of Concept is the process of collecting evidence to ascertain the feasibility of a project.

### **Karmayogi Saptah (National Learning Week)**

- ❑ Launched - 19 October by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi (19-27 October).
- ❑ Ministry - Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective - To inspire civil servants to develop a culture of continuous learning and capacity building to meet the emerging demands of governance.

**Civil Registration System (CRS) App**

- ❑ Launched by - Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- ❑ Objective: To provide citizens the facility to register births and deaths in the official language of their state at any time, from any place.
- ❑ The CRS App has been developed by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.

**e-Shram One Stop Solution**

- ❑ Launched by - Ministry of Labor and Employment, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective: To simplify the registration process for unorganized sector workers and facilitate their access to government welfare schemes.

**Commemorative stamp to commemorate 200 years of Kittur Vijayotsav**

- ❑ A commemorative stamp was released by the Department of Posts on 23rd October at Kittur Rani Chennamma Stage, Kittur Fort Complex on the 200th anniversary of Kittur Vijayotsav.
- ❑ Kittur Vijayotsav is celebrated to commemorate the victory of Rani Chennamma against the British rule on 23rd October 1824.

**Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**

- ❑ Maharatna status to HAL by Central Government.
- ❑ 14th Central Public Sector Enterprise in India to be awarded Maharatna status.

**Criteria required for obtaining Maharatna status**

- *Navratna status*
- *Listing in Stock Exchange*
- *Financial Performance -*
  - *Average annual turnover should be more than Rs. 25000 crore in the last three years.*
  - *Average annual net worth should be more than Rs. 15000 crore during the same period.*

- *Average annual net profit after tax should be more than Rs. 5000 crore in the last three years.*

- *Global presence*

**Panchayat Sammelan**

- ❑ Held on - 22nd October at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad.
- ❑ Organiser - Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.
- ❑ Theme - Ease of Living: Enhancing Service Delivery at Grassroots.
- ❑ Participating States: Seven States - Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha and Telangana.

**17th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Exhibition**

- ❑ Held on - Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ❑ Organiser - Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, Government of Gujarat and Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited.
- ❑ Theme - Standardisation and optimisation of Urban Transport Solutions.
- ❑ **Awards in the field of Urban Transport by UMI-**

| S.No. | Award Category                                         | Winner Cities |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.    | City with the most sustainable transport system        | Kochi         |
| 2.    | City with the best public transport system             | Bhubaneswar   |
| 3.    | City with the best non-motorised transport system      | Srinagar      |
| 4.    | City with the best safety and security system & record | Gandhinagar   |

|    |                                                              |           |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 5. | City with the best intelligent transport system              | Surat     |
| 6. | City with the most innovative financing mechanism            | Jammu     |
| 7. | City with the best record of public involvement in transport | Bengaluru |
| 8. | Metro Rail with the best multimodal integration              | Bengaluru |
| 9. | Metro Rail with the best passenger service and satisfaction  | Mumbai    |

- ❑ The 18th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Exhibition 2025 will be held in Gurugram, Haryana.

#### **Kautilya Economic Conference**

- ❑ Held from 4th to 6th October in New Delhi (3rd Edition).
- ❑ Organised by - Institute of Economic Growth in partnership with Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

#### **Conference on Maritime Decarbonisation**

- ❑ Held on 3rd October in New Delhi.
- ❑ Organisers - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India and Asian Development Bank.

#### **India Digital Agri Conference 2024**

- ❑ Held on 11th October in New Delhi.
- ❑ Organisers - Jointly by Indian Council of Agriculture and Food (ICFA) and IIT Ropar Technology and Innovation Foundation Avadh.

#### **India Chem-2024**

- ❑ Held from 17th to 19th October in Mumbai.
- ❑ Organisers - Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India and FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry).

#### **Community Radio Conference**

- ❑ To be held on 24th and 25th October at Jaipur.
- ❑ Organisers - Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India and Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi.

#### **14th Biennial Lake Conference**

- ❑ Held on - 20 October at Moodbidri, Karnataka.
- ❑ Organisers - Wetland Research Group, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and Alba Education Foundation, Moodbidri.
- ❑ Theme - Lake 2024 - Wetlands for Human Well being.

#### **12th Bio Energy Summit**

- ❑ Held on - 14 October at New Delhi.
- ❑ Organiser - Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- ❑ Theme - Fuelling the Future Securing India's Green Growth Goal.

#### **India becomes member of International Medical Device Regulatory Forum**

- ❑ The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has become a member of the International Medical Device Regulatory Forum.
- ❑ The International Medical Device Regulatory Forum, established in 2011, is a collaborative group of global medical device regulators dedicated to harmonising international medical device regulations.
- ❑ The International Medical Device Regulatory Forum was held from 14 to 18 October in New Delhi in collaboration with the World Health Organization.

#### **India becomes member of International Energy Efficiency Hub**

- ❑ The Union Cabinet has approved India's joining the International Energy Efficiency Hub.

- ❑ The International Energy Efficiency Hub, established in 2020, is a dedicated platform for promoting energy efficiency.
- ❑ By July 2024, the International Energy Efficiency Hub has 16 member countries.
- ❑ Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has been made the implementing agency on behalf of India.

#### **Agreement between Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India and META**

- ❑ AI Assistance for Skill India Mission.
- ❑ Establishment of 5 Centers of Excellence for Virtual Reality and Mixed Reality in National Skill Training Institutes-
  - (i) Jodhpur                      (ii) Hyderabad
  - (iii) Bengaluru                (iv) Chennai
  - (v) Kanpur

#### **Vatavaran**

- ❑ On 3 October, a three-day International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife 'Vatavaran' was inaugurated in New Delhi.
- ❑ Theme - Wetlands for Life.

#### **Swavalamban 2024**

- ❑ The third edition of the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar Swavalamban 2024 was held on 28-29 October at Bharat Mandapam New Delhi.

#### **AROHA-2024**

- ❑ Advancement Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda (AROHA).
- ❑ Held - 17 to 19 October in New Delhi
- ❑ This was the first International Conference of the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AII).
- ❑ The three-day conference witnessed the presence of more than 74 countries in workshops and scientific sessions.

#### **Indian Lighthouse Festival 2024**

- ❑ Edition - 2nd.
- ❑ Held - 19 to 20 October in Puri, Odisha.
- ❑ Organiser - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India.
- ❑ The Lighthouse Tourism Summit 2024 was organised on 19 October, the first day of the Indian Lighthouse Festival.
- ❑ The first edition of the Indian Lighthouse Festival was held in Panaji, Goa.

#### **International India Dance Festival**

- ❑ Held - 16 to 21 October in New Delhi.
- ❑ Organiser - Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- ❑ Inaugurated by - Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

#### **10th International Science Festival (ISF) Outreach Programme**

- ❑ To be held on - 17 October 2024 at Amarapur, Gandhinagar.
- ❑ To be organised by - National Innovation Foundation (NIF) and Department of Science and Technology (DST).
- ❑ To provide opportunities to all citizens to reach their potential through science and technology.

#### **First State Chapter of Women Entrepreneurship Platform**

- ❑ NITI Aayog has launched the first state chapter of Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) in collaboration with Women Entrepreneurs Hub (WE Hub) and Government of Telangana.
- ❑ The objective of Women Entrepreneurship Platform is to promote women entrepreneurship across sectors.

#### **Indian Institute of Skills (IIS)**

- ❑ Inaugurated by - Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❑ To prepare skilled workforce for Industry 4.0.
- ❑ Established by - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India and

Tata IIS through Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

### **All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS)**

- ❑ The findings of the second All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey for the year 2021-22 have been released by NABARD.

#### **Key Findings-**

- ❑ Increase in average monthly income - Rs 12698 in the year 2021-22 (Rs 8059 in the year 2016-17).
- ❑ Increase in average monthly expenditure - Rs 11262 in the year 2021-22 (Rs 6646 in the year 2016-17).
- ❑ Increase in average annual financial savings - Rs 13209 in the year 2021-22 (Rs 9104 in the year 2016-17).

### **AI Centre of Excellence**

- ❑ The Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced the setting up of three AI Centres of Excellence focused on healthcare, agriculture and sustainable cities in New Delhi.
- ❑ Duration - from 2023-24 to 2027-28.
- ❑ Outlay - Rs 990 crore.
- ❑ Implementation - Industry heavy apex committee (Co-Chairman - Dr. Sridhar Vembu).

### **Centre of Excellence in Ayurveda Research**

- ❑ The Centre of Excellence in Ayurveda Research has been set up on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of CSIR-National Institute of Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST) at Pappanamcode, Kerala.

### **International Incoming Spoofed Call Prevention System**

- ❑ Launched - on 22 October by Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya Scindia.
- ❑ The system identifies fraudulent international calls and prevents them from reaching Indian telecom customers.

- ❑ The system has been jointly developed by the Department of Communications and Department of Telecom Services, Government of India.

### **Coal Gallery**

- ❑ The country's first coal gallery established at the National Science Centre in New Delhi.
- ❑ Objective - To provide information about the discovery, extraction and technology of coal through the exhibition titled "Black Diamond Unveiling the Depths".

### **Silent Conversation 'From Margins to the Centre'**

- ❑ Art exhibition of works of tribal artists living near tiger reserves in India.
- ❑ Organised at - New Delhi.
- ❑ Organised by - National Tiger Conservation Authority in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission, International Big Cat Alliance and Sakala Foundation.

### **Vayu Veer Vijeta Car Rally**

- ❑ On the 92nd anniversary of the Indian Air Force, the Vayu Veer Vijeta rally was flagged off by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh from New Delhi on 1 October.
- ❑ In this rally, more than 50 air warriors will depart from Thoise in Ladakh and cover a distance of 7000 km through nine states/union territories to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.

### **Aviation Park**

- ❑ Established in the premises of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India in New Delhi.
- ❑ Various models of aircraft have been displayed in this park.

### **Cyclone Dana**

- ❑ A tropical cyclone originating in the Bay of Bengal in the Indian Ocean.

- ❑ Named by - Qatar (Dana means generosity in Arabic).

**Maitri Dwar**

- ❑ Inaugurated On - 27 October by Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the land port in Petrapole, West Bengal.
- ❑ A dedicated gate for movement of goods at Petrapole (India) - Benapole (Bangladesh) land border crossing located on the India-Bangladesh border.
- ❑ Land Petrapole is the largest land port in South Asia.

**Shiksha Co-Pilot**

- ❑ The Government of Karnataka in collaboration with Shiksha Foundation and Microsoft Research India has launched “Shiksha Co-Pilot”, an artificial intelligence-powered digital assistant for teacher training.

**Installation of Konark Chakra in Rashtrapati Bhavan**

- ❑ Four Konark Chakras made of sandstone have been installed in the Cultural Centre and Amrit Udyan of Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- ❑ Konark Chakra is a replica of the chariot wheel of the Sun God at Konark Sun Temple (UNESCO World Heritage Site) Odisha.

**Centres of Excellence in Health Sector announced by Prime Minister on Dhanvantri Jayanti**

- ❑ **Four Centres of Excellence for Medical Devices and Drugs-**
  1. NIPER Ahmedabad (Gujarat) - Medical Devices.
  2. NIPER Hyderabad (Telangana) - For Bulk Drugs.
  3. NIPER Guwahati (Assam) - Phytopharmaceuticals.
  4. NIPER Mohali (Punjab) - Antibacterial Antiviral Drug Discovery and Development.
  - NIPER - National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research

- ❑ **Four AYUSH Centres of Excellence-**

1. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru - For Diabetes and Metabolic Disorders.
2. IIT Delhi - For Advanced Technological Solutions, Startup Support and Net Zero Sustainable Solutions for Rasaushadhies.
3. Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow - for fundamental and translational research in Ayurveda.
4. JNU, New Delhi - on Ayurveda and Systems Medicine.

- ❑ With this, the Prime Minister launched drone services in 11 tertiary healthcare institutions including AIIMS, Jodhpur (Rajasthan).

**Other Important Facts**

- ❑ **25th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award of Excellence 2024** - to Rajshree Birla for Aditya Birla Community Initiatives and Rural Development Centre for initiatives related to care, education, sustainable livelihoods and infrastructure development.
- ❑ **Global Summit on Spirituality for a Clean and Healthy Society** - on 4th October at Mount Abu, Rajasthan.
  - By Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya.
- ❑ **Banjara Heritage Museum** - Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Banjara Heritage Museum at Poharadevi in Washim, Maharashtra.
- ❑ **Surgeon Vice Admiral Kavita Sahay** - appointed Director General of Medical Services (Navy).
- ❑ **National Centre of Excellence in Sports** - Sports Authority of India has signed MoU with Maharashtra Government to develop National Centre of Excellence in Sports in Mumbai.
- ❑ **Parmesh Sivamani** - appointed 26th Director General of Indian Coast Guard.
- ❑ **Sanjeev Kumar Singla** - Sanjeev Kumar Singla appointed as the next Ambassador of India to France.

- ❑ **Ratan Tata (industrialist)** - Ratan Tata, former chairman (from 1962 to 2012) of India's largest business unit Tata Group, passed away.

#### Honours

- Padma Bhushan in the year 2000.
- Padma Vibhushan in the year 2008.
- ❑ **Prof. Rohini Godbole** - Physicist Prof. Rohini Godbole passed away.
  - Awarded Padma Shri in the year 2019.
- ❑ **Kanaka Raju** - Gusari folk dance guru Kanaka Raju passed away at the age of 84.
  - Awarded Padma Shri in the year 2021.
  - Gusari folk dance is the traditional dance of the Raj Gond tribe of Telangana.
- ❑ **Fortified Rice** - The Central Government has approved the continuation of the initiative of providing fortified rice in all government schemes including Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till December 2028.
- ❑ **India's first bullet train** - India's first bullet train will be manufactured by the public sector company BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited).
- ❑ **SHRM-HR Excellence Awards 2024** - to Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).
- ❑ **Focus Country of 55th edition of International Film Festival of India** - Australia.
- ❑ **MoU between Indian Space Research Organisation and Department of Biotechnology** - for cooperation in Space Biotechnology.
- ❑ Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India has announced a strategic partnership with ISRO as a key component of the Manufacturing Incubation Initiative.
- ❑ **12th Traffic Infratech Expo** - New Delhi
- ❑ **Digital Memorial of Valour** - Website launched by Railway Protection Force of Indian Railways to honour the sacrifices of its courageous personnel.

- ❑ **UK** - First country in the world to stop coal based power generation.
- ❑ **Pseumenes Siangensis** - New species of wasp discovered in Arunachal Pradesh. t The National Regulatory Authority of India has met the World Health Organization's standards for a functional vaccine regulatory system (WHO Global Benchmarking Tool VI).
- ❑ **Rail cum Road Bridge over Ganga River** - to be constructed at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh at a cost of Rs 2642 crore.
- ❑ **Swavalamban Shakti Abhyas** - by Sudarshan Chakra Corps of Indian Army at Babina Field Firing Range in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ **Egypt** - Declared malaria free by World Health Organization (WHO).
- ❑ **Anant Technologies Bengaluru** - First private Indian company to assemble, integrate and test two Space Docking Experiment (SPADEX) satellites for Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- ❑ **Anguiculus Dicaprio** - Species of snake discovered in Western Himalayas.
  - In honour of Hollywood actor Leonardo DiCaprio.
- ❑ **Bihta Dry Port** - First dry port in Bihar.
- ❑ **Amravati Drone Summit 2024** - At Amravati, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❑ **14th All India Civil Defence and Home Guard Conference** - At Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ❑ **Kadar Tribe** - Kadar tribe of Vazhachal, Kerala has taken up restoration work of natural forests destroyed by invasive alien species in collaboration with Kerala Government, WWF-India and Kerala Forest Research Institute. India's top three defence export destinations in 2023-24
  1. United States.
  2. France.
  3. Armenia.

# International



## Person in News

### Kais Saied

- ❑ Kais Saied was elected President of Tunisia for the second time.



- ❑ Served as the 8th President of Tunisia.

### Luong Cuong

- ❑ Luong Cuong was elected as the new President of Vietnam.



- ❑ General and politician Luong was the candidate from the Communist Party.

### Prabowo Subianto

- ❑ Prabowo Subianto was elected as the 8th President of Indonesia.



- ❑ He served as the Defense Minister from 2019-2024.
- ❑ Subianto was the presidential candidate from the Gerindra Party.

**Nima Renji Sherpa**

- ❑ Nima Renji Sherpa became the youngest person to climb all 8000 meter 14 peaks in the world.
- ❑ He achieved this achievement at the age of 18 by climbing Shisha Pangma peak in Tibet.
- ❑ In 2019, this achievement was in the name of Nepal mountaineer 'Mingma Gyabu (David)' Sherpa.



## Award

**Nobel Prize 2024**

- ❑ The Nobel Prizes for the year 2024 were awarded by the Nobel Foundation.
- ❑ Award Winners -

| Fields                                                                    | Nobel Laureates                                                                                                                   | Contributions                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Physics</b> (by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences)                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ John Hopfield (USA)</li> <li>➤ Geoffrey Hinton (UK)</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ For discovering how to enable machine learning with artificial neural networks</li> </ul>            |
| <b>Chemistry</b> (by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences)               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ David Baker (USA)</li> <li>➤ Demis Hassabis (UK)</li> <li>➤ John Jumper (USA)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Computational protein design</li> <li>✓ For Protein structure prediction</li> </ul>                  |
| <b>Physiology/Medicine</b> (by the Nobel Assembly, Karolinska Institutet) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Victor Ambrose (USA)</li> <li>➤ Gary Ruvkun (USA)</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ For Discovery of microRNAs (MRNAs) and their role in post-transcriptional gene regulation</li> </ul> |
| <b>Literature</b> (by the Swedish Academy)                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Han Kang (South Korea)</li> </ul>                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ For intense poetic prose</li> </ul>                                                                  |
| <b>Peace</b> (by the Norwegian Nobel Committee)                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Nihon Hidankyo (Japan Confederation)</li> </ul>                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ For efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and to prevent their reuse</li> </ul>         |
| <b>Economics</b> (by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences)               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Daron Acemoglu</li> <li>➤ Simon Johnson</li> <li>➤ James Robinson</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ For explaining the vast differences in prosperity among nations</li> </ul>                           |

**World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) Conservation Awards 2024**

- ❑ Padmaza Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling's 'Red Panda' program has been selected for the WAZA Conservation Award.
- ❑ Organised by - World Association of Zoo and Aquariums.
- ❑ These awards will be announced at the 79th WAZA Annual Conference this year.

**IAF World Space Award**

- ❑ ISRO Chairman Dr. S. Somnath was awarded the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) World Space Award.
- ❑ This award was given for the success of ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 mission.
- ❑ This award is given by the IAF for outstanding contribution in space science, technology, medicine, law or management.

**India-US Endowment Award**

- ❑ This award was given by the US-India Science and Technology Endowment Fund (USISTEF) to 17 India-US teams
- ❑ For jointly developing AI-enabled technology and quantum technology.
- ❑ US-India Science and Technology Endowment Fund (USISTEF) was established by the Government of India and the United States (year 2009).
- ❑ The activities of this fund are administered through the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF).

**Harry Messell Award**

- ❑ To Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, conservation scientist of Assam.
- ❑ Honoured by the Species Survival Commission (SSC) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for his contribution towards Asian Rhino conservation.

- ❑ The award was presented at the 5th IUCN SSC Leaders Meeting in Abu Dhabi.
- ❑ Dr Bibhab Kumar Talukdar is the Founder Secretary General and CEO of Aaranyak, (India's leading research based biodiversity conservation organisation).

**Miscellaneous****26th Water Energy Technology and Environment Exhibition (WETEX)**

- ❑ Held from 1st to 3rd October
- ❑ Organised by - Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) at Dubai World Trade Centre.
- ❑ 16 international pavilions from 14 countries participated in the exhibition.

**AccessAbilities Expo 2024**

- ❑ 6th edition of AccessAbilities Expo 2024
- ❑ Held from 7th to 9th October at Dubai World Trade Centre (UAE).
- ❑ Organised by - Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Government of India).
- ❑ Established in the year 1972, ALIMCO has set up a stall of state-of-the-art equipment for the disabled.

**Beautyworld Middle East Exhibition**

- ❑ Held from 28-30th October, Dubai (UAE).
- ❑ Objective - To highlight the growing importance of India in the global cosmetics market.
- ❑ The Indian Pavilion at the exhibition was inaugurated by the Indian Consulate General.

**International Methanol Seminar and Expo 2024**

- ❑ Event - 17-18 October, Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- ❑ Organizer - NITI Aayog, Government of India
- ❑ Objective - To bring together the progress of methanol production, applications and associated technology development initiatives in the world on one platform.

- ❑ This is the second seminar in the Methanol Economy Programme by NITI Aayog.
- ❑ The first seminar was organised in 2016 in collaboration with the Methanol Institute (NITI).

**Frankfurt International Book Fair 2024**

- ❑ India's leading literary institution, Sahitya Akademi, showcased 100 of its books at the 75th Frankfurt International Book Fair.
- ❑ Held from 16 to 20 October 2024 in Frankfurt, Germany.
- ❑ It is the world's largest trade fair of books which provides a platform to the world's best publishers and authors.

**10th World Green Economy Forum Venue**

- ❑ Dubai World Trade Centre, Dubai (UAE)
- ❑ Organisers - World Green Economy Organisation (WGOE), Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (CWA) and Dubai Supreme Council of Energy.
- ❑ Year 2024 Theme - "Empowering Global Action, Unlocking Opportunities and Driving Progress"

**Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2024**

- ❑ To be held from 3rd to 5th October 2024 (by more than 20 countries) at New Delhi
- ❑ Organizer - "National Maritime Foundation (NMF)"
- ❑ Special Session of the 2nd edition - "Chaupal Ki Charcha"
- ❑ Theme - "Resources, Geopolitics and Security in the Indo-Pacific Region"
- ❑ "National Maritime Foundation (NMF)" is one of India's leading maritime think-tanks.

**World Telecommunication Standardization (ITU-WTSA) 24**

- ❑ To be held from 14th to 24th October at New Delhi (India)
- ❑ Organizer - International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Department of Telecommunications (DTE), Government of India (every 4 years)



- ❑ In this program, important steps were taken for the advancement of IG in 5G and 6G networks.
- ❑ Under the program, emphasis was laid on increasing gender diversity in the field of telecommunication standardization by 'The Network of Women Standards (WWS)'.
- ❑ In this meeting, India's leadership positions in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) were increased from 7 to 11.
- ❑ During this time, the 8th edition of 'India Mobile Congress' was organized in New Delhi in collaboration with Govt. 2024.

**India-Maldives Agreement**

- ❑ India and Maldives signed various agreements for economic and maritime security.
- ❑ Major announcements-
  - Free reconstruction of Maldives Coast Guard Ship Huravee by the Government of India
  - Launch of RuPay Card in Maldives
  - Inauguration of the new runway of Hanimaadhoo International Airport (HMU).

**India-Germany Agreement**

- ❑ Under the 7th India-Germany Intergovernmental Consultations (IIP)
- ❑ To be held - 25 October 2024 in New Delhi

**Key Agreements and Announcements**

- Innovation and Technology Roadmap
- Green Hydrogen
- Training Labour and Employment Related
- Health Related
- Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative Project

**India-Nepal Petroleum Infrastructure Agreement**

- ❑ Nepal and India signed a B2B framework agreement regarding the development of petroleum infrastructure in Nepal.
- ❑ This agreement was signed between Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) and Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) in New Delhi.
- ❑ According to this agreement, a 50 km long petroleum pipeline will be built from Siliguri in India to Charali, Jhapa in Nepal and a Greenfield Terminal will also be built at Charali.

**India-Colombia Agreement**

- ❑ The Audiovisual Co-production Agreement between India and Colombia was signed at the National Media Center, New Delhi.
- ❑ Objective - To share art and culture between the two countries.
- ❑ India has so far signed co-production agreements with a total of 17 countries including Colombia.

**India-Spain Agreement**

- ❑ Spain President Pedro Sanchez visited India on 28-29 October 2024.

**Major agreements-**

- ❑ Inauguration of C295 aircraft final assembly line plant in Vadodara in collaboration with Tata Advanced Systems.
- ❑ In the rail transport sector.
- ❑ Cultural exchange programme.
- ❑ Establishment of Spanish Consulate in Bengaluru (India).
- ❑ Announcement of Indian Consulate in Barcelona (Spain).
- ❑ Establishment of fast track mechanism for India-Spain mutual investment.

**India-Switzerland Agreement**

- ❑ Between Indian Railways and Department of Environment, Transport and Communications, (Switzerland)

**Major agreements -**

- Technology sharing to Railways.
- Including track maintenance management and construction.
- Provide comprehensive framework in various sectors.

**First corporate agreement for purchase of nuclear power**

- ❑ Between Google and Kairos Power.
- ❑ Objective - To ensure availability of clean and carbon free energy for artificial intelligence and data centers.

**Digital Infrastructure Development Initiative Framework (Digi Framework)**

- ❑ Digi Framework was signed by the US, Japan and South Korea for India.
- ❑ Objective - To further collaboration with Indian private sector to support digital infrastructure in India.

**Partner Agencies**

1. International Development Finance Corporation (USA)
  2. Japan International Cooperation Bank (JBIC) (Japan)
  3. Korea Exim Bank (Export-Import) (Korea)
- ❑ These agencies will support 5G submarine, cable optical fiber network, smart city, e-commerce and AI projects.

**ASEAN Summit 2024**

- ❑ The 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits and related summits were held under the chairmanship of Lao PDR (Laos).
- ❑ To be held - 8 to 11 October 2024 in Vientiane (Lao PDR)



- ❑ Theme - "ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience"
- ❑ Under this conference, emphasis was laid on digital public infrastructure development between India and ASEAN countries in the 21st ASEAN India Summit.
- ❑ A 10-point program was launched by the Prime Minister of India in the summit.

### 16th BRICS Summit

- ❑ Held - 22 to 24 October, Kazan (Russia)
- ❑ Chairman -
  - South Africa 2023 (15th)
  - Russia 2024 (16th)
  - Brazil 2025 (17th)



- ❑ Top leaders of 36 countries participated.

### Major decisions/agreements

- 13 new countries were included in BRICS as partner countries.
- Agreement on patrolling the LAC between India and China.
- Kazan Declaration: (Strengthening Multilateralism for Equitable Global Development and Security) adopted by various countries.

### 23rd SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) Meeting

- ❑ Held - 15-16 October in Islamabad (Pakistan).
- ❑ Under the summit, the agreement on Kartarpur Corridor between India and Pakistan was renewed for 5 years.



- *The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is an organisation established in 2001 in China.*
- *It includes 10 countries (currently) - India, Pakistan, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Russia, Iran (2023), Belarus (2024)*

### United Nations Convention on Biodiversity (CoP 16)

- ❑ 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- ❑ 21 October to 1 November 2024 Cali (Colombia)



- ❑ 2024 Aim - To make peace with nature.
- ❑ Colombia launched the Coalition along with 20 other countries in the CoP 16 negotiations.

### Work under CoP 16-

- Review of the status of implementation of the Kunming Montreal (2022) Global Biodiversity Framework to governments.
- Align national biodiversity strategies and action plans with the framework.

- Develop monitoring framework and mobilise resources.

**Rome Declaration**

- ❑ Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) welcomed the Rome Declaration on Water Scarcity in Agriculture.
- ❑ Objective - To address the increasing water scarcity due to climate crisis.
- ❑ This declaration was adopted by the heads of delegations of various countries and other stakeholders on the occasion of the high-level Rome Water Dialogue.

**Study in India**

- ❑ Organized - 20th International Education Exhibition, Sharjah (UAE)
- ❑ Organized - Public Sector Undertaking, Educational Consultants India (ADCIL), Ministry of Education.
- ❑ Organized by the exhibition, more than 100 universities from 20 countries participated.

**149th Inter-Parliamentary Union Meeting**

- ❑ Organized - 13 to 17 October in Geneva (Switzerland).
- ❑ Theme - "Harnessing science, technology and innovation for a more peaceful and sustainable future"
- ❑ The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) comprises of parliamentarians from more than 180 countries and 15 associate members
- ❑ Jamaica was included as the 181<sup>th</sup> member country.

**77th South East Asia Regional Committee Meeting**

- ❑ Held - 7 to 9 October in New Delhi.
- ❑ Objective - 'To address major issues related to public health'.
- ❑ Health ministers and senior officials of 11 member countries participated in this meeting.
- ❑ The South East Asia Regional Committee of the IPU was formed in the year 1948.

**India-UAE Joint Task Force Meeting**

- ❑ 12th meeting of the India-UAE High Level Joint Investment Task Force (HLJTFI).
- ❑ Organized - In Mumbai.
- ❑ Under this meeting, various investment related agreements were signed between both countries.
- ❑ First meeting organized - In the year 2013.

**Major agreements**

- Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) to set up a subsidiary in GIFT City (Gujarat).
- Launch of Invest India office in UAE
- Linking of national payment platforms UPI (India) and AANI between both countries.

**India Leadership Summit-2024**

- ❑ Organized - On 14 October in New Delhi.
- ❑ Organized by - US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).
- ❑ Objective - To provide a platform for strengthening the strategic partnership between Washington and New Delhi.

**Global Biofuel Alliance (GBA)**

- ❑ Global Biofuel Alliance signed an agreement to establish its secretariat in India.
- The Global Biofuel Alliance (GBA) is a multi-stakeholder alliance of governments, organizations and industries from many countries of the world.

**19th ICDRA International Conference**

- ❑ International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA-2024).
- ❑ To be held - 14 to 18 October 2024 in New Delhi.
- ❑ Theme - 'Smart Regulation: Delivering Quality assured Medical Products for All'.
- ❑ Organizers - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and World Health Organization.

**World Food Forum (WFA) Event 2024**

- ❑ To be held - 14 to 18 October, Rome (Italy)
- ❑ 2024 Theme - 'Good Food for All for Today and Tomorrow'
- ❑ Objective - To empower youth to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ❑ The World Food Forum program was launched in the year 2021.
- ❑ It is operated by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

**75th International Astronautical Congress 2024**

- ❑ Organized - From 14 to 18 October in Milan, Italy.
- ❑ Organizer - International Astronautical Federation (IAF)
- ❑ More than 8000 experts from various institutions participated in this conference.
- ❑ Motto of the event - "Responsible Space for Sustainability".

**15th ITU Kaleidoscope Academic Conference**

- ❑ Organized - From 21 to 23 October at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ❑ Theme - "Innovation and Digital Transformation for a Sustainable World".
- ❑ ITU Kaleidoscope is an annual event established in 2008 to promote innovation in digital transformation and telecommunications.

**IBSAMAR VIII Exercise 2024**

- ❑ To be held from 6 to 18 October 2024 (8th edition)
- ❑ Venue - Simon's Town, South Africa
- ❑ Held every two years between the Indian, South African and Brazilian navies.
- ❑ Last edition - Gakebarha (South Africa) in 2022.

**Exercise Malabar 2024**

- ❑ 28th edition organised by Eastern Navy

- ❑ To be held from 8 to 18 October 2024 at Visakhapatnam
- ❑ Objective - To enhance understanding, cooperation and collaboration by addressing maritime challenges.
- ❑ Started in 1992 as a bilateral exercise between India and the US.
- ❑ Japan and Australia have been included since 2007.

**Naseem Al Bahr**

- ❑ Organization - 13 to 18 October, Goa (India).
- ❑ Bilateral naval exercise (2 phases) by Indian Navy and Royal Oman Navy (AlSeeb).
  - Phase 1 - Harbour Phase
  - Phase 2 - Sea Phase
- ❑ Ships involved -
  - INS Trikanth
  - Dornier maritime patrol aircraft
- ❑ Yudhabhyas -
  - Inflatable gun firing
  - Close range anti-aircraft firing
  - Cross deck landing

**Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)**

- ❑ Organization - 21 to 23 October, in Bay of Bengal (Indian Ocean)
- ❑ Organizer - Indo-German Navy
- ❑ Objective - To strengthen maritime connectivity between the two countries.
- ❑ Ships involved -
  - INS Delhi (India)
  - Frigate Baden-Württemberg (Germany)
  - Tanker Frankfurt am Main (Germany)
- ❑ Exercise involved
  - Cross Deck Flying Operation
  - Underway Replenishment
  - Weapon Firing
  - Tactical Exercise

### SIMBEX (Singapore-India) Maritime Exercise

- ❑ "Singapore - India Maritime Bilateral Exercise" (SIMBEX)
- ❑ Singapore - India Naval Maritime Bilateral Exercise
- ❑ 31st edition of SIMBEX
- ❑ To be held from - 23 to 29 October (in two phases)
- ❑ Venue - Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam.
- ❑ Objective - To strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries.
- ❑ SIMBEX was started in the year 1994 as 'Exercise Lion King'.
- ❑ Exercises included
  - Live weapon firing
  - Anti-submarine warfare (ASW) training
  - Anti-surface and anti-air operations
  - Seamanship development

### Global Hunger Index 2024

- ❑ India was ranked 105th among 127 countries in the 2024 Global Hunger Index (GHI).
- ❑ India was included in the list of countries with severe hunger in the 19th edition of the index.
- ❑ The Global Hunger Index is published annually by "Concern Worldwide", "Welthungerhilfe" and "Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV)".

### Environmental Ship Index (ESI)

- ❑ The Mormugao Port Authority (Goa) has been listed as an incentive provider on the Environmental Ship Index portal.
- ❑ Mormugao (Goa) is the first port in India to launch Green Ship Incentive under Green Credit Scheme through ESI.

○ *Since 2011, the ESI has been identifying seagoing vessels that perform well in reducing critical air emissions.*

### WWF Living Planet Report 2024

- ❑ According to the Living Planet Report 2024, India's food consumption pattern has been considered the best. (Especially millets)
- ❑ According to the report, since the year 1970 (in 50 years) the average size of wildlife population has declined by a massive 73%. These include three species of vultures in India.
- ❑ The Living Planet Report 2024 is published by the World Wide Fund for Nature.

○ *World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is a charitable trust established in the year 1969, whose name was changed to "World Wide Fund for Nature" in the year 1986.*

### Global Nature Conservation Index (NCI)

- ❑ India ranked 176th out of 180 countries in the Global Nature Conservation Index (NCI) 2024.
- ❑ 1st place - Luxembourg
- ❑ 2nd place - Kiribati
- ❑ Issuer - 'Goldman Sonnenfeld School of Sustainability and Climate Change', Ben Gurion University, Negev.
- ❑ The NCI 2024 assesses how well 180 countries are protecting their natural environment.

### Rule of Law Index 2024

- ❑ India ranked 98th out of 142 countries in the Rule of Law Index of the World Justice Project (WJCP).
- ❑ 1st place - Denmark
- ❑ 2nd place - Nigeria
- ❑ The basis of this index are factors such as restrictions on government powers, absence of corruption, open government, civil justice etc.

### Pravasi Parichay Utsav

- ❑ To be held from - 22 October to 28 October 2024.

- ❑ Venue - Indian Embassy, Riyadh
- ❑ Objective - To bring the diaspora together by showcasing the diverse cultural traditions of India.



- ❑ The first edition of this conference was held in the year 2023.

### Amazing Thailand Diwali Festival 2024

- ❑ To be held from - 30 October
- ❑ Venue - Little India (Bangkok)



- ❑ Inaugurated by - Prime Minister Patongtarn Shinawatra (Thailand)
- ❑ Objective - To exchange cultural expressions between the two countries.

### 8th Future Investment Initiative (FII)

- ❑ Time - 29-30 October, 2024 Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- ❑ Objective - To explore new opportunities in the field of trade, investment and economic cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia.

- ❑ On this occasion, 'One District One Product Wall' was unveiled at the Indian Embassy, Saudi Arabia.

## Other Important Facts

- ❑ **India-Nepal-Bangladesh Tripartite Agreement** - A tripartite agreement on energy was signed between India-Nepal and Bangladesh.
- ❑ **Department of Posts and Amazon Logistics Cooperation Agreement** - MoU was signed between Department of Posts and Amazon (e-commerce app) to strengthen logistics and e-commerce.
- ❑ **IIFT Overseas Campus** - Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) will set up its first overseas campus at the India Pavilion of Dubai Expo City.
- ❑ Nepal's state media launched news service in Maithili, Awadhi, Bhojpuri and Dharu languages.
- ❑ **Anaconda Strategy** - In view of the growing tension between China and Taiwan, China is using a military strategy called Anaconda Strategy to weaken Taiwan.
- ❑ India provided solar rooftop systems to Sri Lanka for religious places under the Neighbourhood First Policy.
- ❑ The Israeli Knesset banned the United Nations Relief and Works Agency from working in Israel.
- ❑ A photo exhibition was inaugurated in Colombo (Sri Lanka) on the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- ❑ The Nepal government passed a law to provide free cancer treatment to children below 14 years of age in government hospitals.
- ❑ Lahore once again declared the most polluted city globally.

# Sports



## ICC Hall of Fame

- ❑ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has inducted three players into the Hall of Fame in the year 2024-
  - (i) Alastair Cook (113th position)
  - (ii) Neetu David (114th)
  - (iii) AB de Villiers (115th)



- ❑ Neetu David is the first Indian woman player to take 100 wickets in One Day International cricket.
- ❑ The Hall of Fame, established in the year 2009 during the centenary celebrations of ICC, inducts the greatest cricket players of the world.

## Women's T20 World Cup 2024

- ❑ Edition - 9<sup>th</sup>
- ❑ New Zealand defeated South Africa to win the Women's T20 World Cup title for the first time.
- ❑ Organised on - From 3 to 20 October in the United Arab Emirates.

## Kho-Kho World Cup 2025

- ❑ The first Kho-Kho World Cup will be organized in India in the year 2025.
- ❑ Organizer - Kho-Kho Federation of India and International Kho-Kho Federation
- ❑ Total Teams - Total 32 teams (16 men, 16 women) from 6 continents

## ISSF Junior World Cup Shooting Championship 2024

- ❑ India topped the medal table by winning a total of 24 medals (13 gold, 3 silver, 8 bronze).
- ❑ 2nd Place - Italy, 3rd Place - Norway
- ❑ Umesh Choudhary of Sikar district of Rajasthan won the gold medal in the 10 meter air pistol category.
- ❑ Organised at - Lima, Peru

**27th Asian Table Tennis Championship 2024**

- ❑ The 27th Asian Table Tennis Championship was held in Astana, Kazakhstan.



- ❑ The Indian women's doubles pair Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee are the first women's doubles pair to win a bronze medal in the Asian Table Tennis Championship.

**Asian Youth Archery Championship 2024**

- ❑ India has won the team silver medal in the recurve under-18 women's category at the Asian Youth Archery Championship 2024.
- ❑ The Indian team included Vaishnavi Pawar, Pranjal Tholia and Jannat.
- ❑ The Asian Youth Archery Championship 2024 was held in Taipei.

**Japan Para Badminton International 2024**

- ❑ Sukant Kadam of India has won the gold medal in the men's singles category.
- ❑ Sukant Kadam and Dinesh Rajaiya won the silver medal in men's doubles.

**SAFF Under-17 Championship 2024**

- ❑ India defeated Bangladesh to win the South Asian Football Federation Under-17 Championship title.
- ❑ SAFF Under-17 Championship 2024 was held at Changlimithang Stadium in Thimpu, Bhutan.

**Sultan Johor Cup Junior Men's Hockey Tournament**

- ❑ India defeated New Zealand (2-2, 3-2) to win the bronze medal in the Sultan Johor Cup Junior Men's Hockey Tournament.
- ❑ Held in - Malaysia.

**50th National Women's Chess Championship 2024**

- ❑ Tamil Nadu chess player PV Nandidha has won the 50th National Women's Chess Championship title by defeating Priyanka Nutakki of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❑ Held in - Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

**Manasi Ahlawat**

- ❑ Indian wrestler Manasi Ahlawat has won the bronze medal in the women's 59kg category at the Senior World Wrestling Championships held in Tirana, Albania.
- ❑ Manasi Ahlawat shared the bronze medal with Elena Heike Brugger of Germany.

**Rani Rampal**

- ❑ Former Indian women's hockey captain Rani Rampal has retired.
- ❑ Rani Rampal was the youngest (14 years) Indian player to make her international hockey debut.
- ❑ Rani Rampal scored 205 goals in 254 matches for India.
- ❑ Awards - Arjuna Award (2016), World Games Athlete of the Year (2019), Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and Padma Shri (2020)

**Dipa Karmakar**

- ❑ Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar has officially announced her retirement from professional competition.



- ❑ Achievements-
  - ✎ Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014 - First Indian woman player to win a bronze medal in the vault category.
  - ✎ Asian Championships 2015 - Bronze medal.
  - ✎ Artistic Gymnastics World Cup 2018 - Gold medal winning first Indian gymnast.
  - ✎ Asian Gymnastics Championships 2021 - Gold medal.
- ❑ Awards-
  - (i) Padma Shri      (ii) Arjuna Award
  - (iii) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award

**Rafael Nadal**

- ❑ Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal has retired from professional tennis.



- ❑ Rafael Nadal is a 22-time Grand Slam singles champion and a gold medalist at the Olympic Games.

**Coco Gauff**

- ❑ American tennis player Coco Gauff defeated Caroline Muchova of the Czech Republic to win the China Open women's singles title.
- ❑ 14-year-old Coco Gauff has become the youngest China Open champion.

**Other Important Facts**

- ❑ **Arjun Erigaisi** - Crossed the 2800 mark in Live Chess Rating.

- ❑ **Krittika Roy and Yashaswini Ghorpade** - Won the Women's Doubles title at the WTT Feeder Cagliari 2024 Table Tennis Tournament in Italy.
- ❑ **Akasha Salunkhe** - Won the Women's Singles title at the 2nd International Women's Open of Kujex 2024 held in France.
- ❑ **Abhishek** - Won the bronze medal in the Men's 61kg freestyle category at the Under-23 World Wrestling Championships 2024 held in Tirana, Albania.
- ❑ **Manika Batra** - First Indian table tennis player to reach the top eight at the WTT Champions Montpellier 2024 tournament held in France.
- ❑ **Singapore Open** - India's Pankaj Advani won by defeating Jaden Ong of Singapore.

**Sports - Rajasthan**
**33rd National Bench Press Championship**

- ❑ Satyendra Singh Rathore and Riya Kanwar Shekhawat of Jaipur won gold medals in the 33rd National Bench Press Championship held in Goa.
- ❑ Satyendra Singh - 205 kg bench press (in 105 kg weight category)
- ❑ Riya - 80 kg bench press (in 75 kg weight category)

**South Asian School Combat Games-2024**

- ❑ Held - Dhaka (Bangladesh) from 1 to 4 October.
- ❑ India won a total of 24 medals in this competition, including 15 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze medals.
- ❑ Rahnuma Bano of Jaipur won the gold medal in the 42 kg category in Taekwondo in this competition.
- ❑ Ananya Pareek of Jaipur won the gold medal in the Taekwondo competition.
- ❑ 5 countries including India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka participated in this competition organized by Bangladesh School Sports Association.

# Science and Technology



## Camouflage Technology

- ❑ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)'s Jodhpur-based Defence Laboratory has developed camouflage technology.
- ❑ Under camouflage technology, special algorithm coatings and stickers are applied on large weapons like artillery guns, tanks, missiles.
- ❑ With this technology, weapons cannot be traced by thermal and infrared cameras installed on enemy satellites.
- ❑ This technology has been tested for the first time on a T-90 tank located at Field Firing Range, Pokhran (Jaisalmer).

## Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS)

- ❑ It is a short-range man portable air defence system indigenously developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ❑ Testing - At Pokhran Field Firing Range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

## Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory

- ❑ Inauguration - At Hanle, Ladakh.
- ❑ Situated at an altitude of about 4300 meters, the MACE is the highest telescope of its kind in the world.
- ❑ The MACE is Asia's largest imaging Cherenkov telescope.
- ❑ The MACE telescope has been indigenously built by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in collaboration with Indian industry partners.
- ❑ The MACE telescope has been established to study cosmic rays (high energy gamma rays).

## S-4

- ❑ The fourth nuclear submarine of the Arihant class, S-4, was launched from the Ship Building Centre in Visakhapatnam.
- ❑ The S-4 nuclear submarine is capable of firing 8, K-4 ballistic missiles simultaneously.



- ❑ Six nuclear submarines of the Arihant class are being built by the Visakhapatnam Ship Building Centre in collaboration with Russia.
- ❑ India's other three nuclear submarines -
  - (i) INS Arihant
  - (ii) INS Arighat
  - (iii) INS Aridaman

**Ashva (Yard 337)**

- ❑ Built by M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited, Kolkata.
- ❑ Ashva (Yard 337) will provide assistance to Indian Navy ships and submarines in berthing and unberthing, turning, assisting during maneuvers and extinguishing fire on ships.

**Samarthak**

- ❑ Indian Navy's first multi-purpose vessel Samarthak was launched at L&T, Chennai.
- ❑ This ship has been built indigenously by private Indian shipyard L&T, Chennai.

**Adamy and Akshar**

- ❑ Two Fast Patrol Vessels of Indian Coast Guard
- ❑ Built by - Goa Shipyard Limited
- ❑ For the first time, two ships have been launched simultaneously using the state-of-the-art Ship Lift System.

**Very Low Frequency (VLF) Naval Station**

- ❑ Indian Navy's second VLF radar station will be set up in Damagundam Reserve Forest area in Vikarabad district of Telangana.

- ❑ The VLF Naval Station will provide military communication facility to Indian Naval ships and submarines.
- ❑ The first VLF station of Indian Navy was established in 1990 at INS Kattabomman in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.

**Pawan Chitra**

- ❑ India's first airport based self-operated indoor air quality monitoring facility "Pawan Chitra" has been installed at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport in Kerala.
- ❑ Pawan Chitra has been developed by National Institute of Inter Disciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

**Trachoma Free India**

- ❑ India has been officially declared free of trachoma by the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- ❑ Trachoma is a highly contagious bacterial infection affecting the eyes.
- ❑ Trachoma is caused by infection with a bacterium called Chlamydia trachomatis.
- ❑ The Government of India launched the National Trachoma Control Programme in 1963 in collaboration with WHO and UNICEF to combat trachoma, which was merged with the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment in 1976.

**MQ-9B Predator Drone**

- ❑ The Government of India has approved the purchase of 31 MQ-9B Predator drones from the US.
- ❑ The MQ-9B Predator drone is a next-generation remote-controlled unmanned aerial vehicle.



- ❑ With an operational altitude of more than 40 thousand feet and a speed of about 400 km-per-hour, the Predator drone is capable of collecting intelligence and attacking.

**Starship Booster Rocket**

- ❑ The American space technology company SpaceX has achieved the feat of landing the first stage booster rocket "Super Heavy" of its Starship launch vehicle safely back on the launch pad after launch.



- ❑ SpaceX is the first company in the world to achieve this feat.

**LM 2500**

- ❑ The LM 2500 marine engine of engine manufacturer General Electric will be used in the next generation missile ships (NGMV).
- ❑ Six NGMV are being manufactured for the Indian Navy by Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kerala.

**Polymer Nanocomposite (Road Safety Sensor)**

- ❑ Polymer nanocomposite developed by researchers of the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Science (CeNS), Bangalore.
- ❑ Objective - Invention of prototype of road safety sensor for energy harvesting and pressure sensing.

**Europa Clipper**

- ❑ The first mission designed by NASA to conduct a detailed study of Jupiter's moon Europa.
- ❑ This spacecraft built by NASA was launched on October 14 by SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket.

- ❑ This spacecraft will travel 2.9 billion kilometers to reach Jupiter by the year 2030.
- ❑ Europa is the fourth largest moon of Jupiter's 95 moons where a suitable environment for life is expected to be found.

**Agreement for the purchase of six Air Cushion Vehicles (ACV)**

- ❑ Between the Ministry of Defense of the Government of India and Chaugule and Company Private Limited of Goa.
- ❑ Total cost - Rs 387.44 crore.
- ❑ The ACV (amphibious vehicle) hovercraft will be manufactured indigenously in India for the first time.

**BharatGen**

- ❑ Is a generative AI initiative started by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- ❑ The world's first government-funded multi-model large language model focused on creating efficient and inclusive AI in Indian languages.
- ❑ Run by IIT Bombay under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems (NM-ICPS).

**Four Thematic Hubs under National Quantum Mission**

- (i) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- (ii) Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and Centre for Development of Telematics, New Delhi
- (iii) Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- (iv) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- ❑ Each T-Hub will operate under the Hub-Spoke-Spike model.

**India's first super capacitor manufacturing facility**

- ❑ Inaugurated on 1 October by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at PSU Keltron Component Complex Ltd at Kalyassery, Kannur, Kerala.
- ❑ Developed in collaboration with ISRO.

- ❑ Supercapacitors store and discharge energy faster than conventional batteries.

**Alinity m MPXV assay**

- ❑ World's first monkeypox diagnostic test approved for emergency use by the World Health Organization.
- ❑ Real-time PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test capable of detecting monkeypox virus DNA from samples of human skin lesions.
- ❑ Manufactured by - US company Abbott Molecular Inc.

**Srijan**

- ❑ Generative AI Centre of Excellence set up at IIT Jodhpur by India AI and META in collaboration with All India Council for Technical Education (AICE).

**YuvAi Initiative for Skill and Capacity Building**

- ❑ A joint initiative of META, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and All India Council for Technical Education.
- ❑ Objective - To reduce the AI talent gap in the country by empowering one lakh students and young developers in the age group of 18 to 30 years.

**Act4Dyslexia Campaign**

- ❑ Under the Act4Dyslexia campaign, on 27 October, central government offices and major monuments in Delhi were illuminated in red colour to symbolise dyslexia awareness.
- ❑ The campaign was run by UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) and Changeinkk Foundation.
- ❑ Dyslexia is a learning disability related disease.

**Lunar Polar Exploration (LUPEX)**

- ❑ Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) have partnered for the LUPEX project.

**LUPEX Project**

- *An international cooperative project.*
- *Aim - To search for water and other resources on the moon.*
- *A rover will be developed by JAXA and lander by ISRO.*
- *A plan is to launch the LUPEX project in the year 2025.*

**Hwasong-19**

- ❑ North Korea successfully tested the new ballistic missile Hwasong-19.
- ❑ Hwasong-19 can cover a distance of 1001 km in 86 minutes at an altitude of 7687 km.

**Moonlight Initiative (Program)**

- ❑ The Moonlight program was organized by the 'European Space Agency (ESA).'
- ❑ Aim - To establish Europe's first dedicated satellite constellation for telecommunications and navigation services for the moon.
- ❑ Moonlight Lunar Communication and Navigation Services (LCNS) programme is a partnership project between ESA and an industry consortium led by space systems developer Telespazio.

**Indigenous catalyst for production of methanol from CO<sub>2</sub> from flue gas**

- ❑ Developed by NTPC Ltd and Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun.



# Important Days

| Date       | Day                      | Theme                                                                      | Important Facts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 6 October  | World Cerebral Palsy Day | "#UniquelyCP"                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Started - In the year 2012 by Cerebral Palsy Alliance.</li> <li>144 partner organizations in 45 countries</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7 October  | World Habitat Day        | "Engaging youth to create a better urban future."                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the year 1985, the United Nations decided to celebrate this day on the first Monday of October.</li> <li>This day was celebrated for the first time in the year 1986.</li> <li>Objective - To focus on the active participation of youth in shaping sustainable cities and communities.</li> </ul> |
| 9 October  | World Postal Day         | "150 years of enabling communication and empowering people across nations" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organised (for the first time) - In the year 1969 in Tokyo (on the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU))</li> <li>A special set of commemorative postage stamps was issued on the 150th anniversary of the UPU in the year 2024.</li> </ul>                                                |
| 16 October | World Food Day           | "Right to food for a better life and a better future"                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Started - In the year 1979 at the 20th conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).</li> <li>Objective - Global call for action against hunger and malnutrition</li> </ul>                                                                                                              |
| 20 October | World Statistics Day     | "Connecting the world with data we can trust"                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Started - By the United Nations Statistical Commission in the year 2010 (during the 41st session)</li> <li>This day is celebrated once every five years.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                   |
| 24 October | United Nations Day       | -                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Nations Day is celebrated since the year 1948.</li> <li>The United Nations Charter was implemented on 24 October 1945.</li> <li>India was a founding member of the United Nations.</li> </ul>                                                                                                  |

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|            | World Polio Day       | “A global mission to reach every child” | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Started - By Rotary International in the year 1988.</li><li>• This day was established on the birthday of Dr. Jonas Salk.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 29 October | National Ayurveda Day | “Ayurveda innovation for global health” | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This day is celebrated every year since the year 2016 on the auspicious occasion of Dhanvantari Jayanti.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 31 October | National Unity Day    | “Raigad Fort”                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is celebrated every year on the occasion of Sardar Patel Jayanti.</li><li>• It was started in the year 2014.</li><li>• Objective - To promote unity and integrity among citizens.</li><li>• On this occasion, "Run for Unity" was organized on 29 October 2024 from Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Delhi.</li></ul> |

# Rajasthan Economic Review

## Questions

### Chapter-7 Urbanization and Urban Development

1. According to Census 2011, what is the percentage of urban population in India and Rajasthan respectively?

(a) 31.87% and 24.14%  
**(b) 31.14% and 24.87%**  
 (c) 36.24% and 31.14%  
 (d) 28.87% and 23.52%

- Total population of Rajasthan - 6.85 crore
- Urban population of Rajasthan - 1.70 crore
- Number of urban women - 81 crore
- Number of urban men - 89 crore

2. According to Census 2011, what is the sex ratio in the rural areas of Rajasthan?

**(a) 933** (b) 914  
 (c) 928 (d) 939

- Sex ratio in rural area - 933
- Sex ratio in urban area - 914

3. Which districts of Rajasthan have the highest and lowest urban sex ratio respectively?

(a) Tonk and Dholpur  
 (b) Banswara and Jaisalmer  
**(c) Tonk and Jaisalmer**  
 (d) Banswara and Dholpur

- Districts with highest urban sex ratio - Tonk (985) > Banswara (964) > Pratapgarh (963)
- Districts with lowest urban sex ratio - Jaisalmer (807) < Dholpur (864) < Alwar (872)

4. What is the child sex ratio in urban areas of Rajasthan according to Census 2011?

(a) 892 (b) 914  
 (c) 887 **(d) 874**

- Child sex ratio in urban area - 874
- Child sex ratio in rural area - 892
- Districts with highest urban child sex ratio - Nagaur (907) > Bikaner (906)
- Districts with lowest urban child sex ratio - Dhaulpur (841) < Ganganagar (842)

5. What is the literacy rate for urban areas in Rajasthan, as per 2011 census?

(a) 61.40% (b) 66.11%  
**(c) 79.70%** (d) 76.80%

- Literacy rate in 2011 - 66.11%
- Literacy rate in urban areas - 79.70%
- Literacy rate in rural areas - 61.40%

6. Which of the district have highest urban literacy in Rajasthan, as per 2011 census?

**(a) Udaipur** (b) Nagaur  
 (c) Ajmer (d) Jaipur

- District with highest urban literacy - Udaipur (87.5%)
- District with lowest urban literacy - Nagaur (70.6%)

7. Which is the most urbanized district in Rajasthan?

(a) Jaipur (b) Ajmer  
 (c) Udaipur **(d) Kota**

- Most urbanized district - Kota (60.31%)
- Least urbanized district - Dungarpur (6.39%)

8. In the case of urban housing in Rajasthan, what percentage of houses are in 'good' condition?

- (a) 68.9 (b) 68.4  
(c) 69.9 (d) 69.4

- Houses in good condition - 68.9%
- Habitable houses - 29.3%
- Houses in dilapidated condition - 1.8%

9. Which city has the highest percentage of slum dwellers in the total population of the city?

- (a) Jahazpur (b) Kesarisinghpur  
(c) Pilibanga (d) Suratgarh

- 74.53% population of Pilibanga lives in slums.

10. In which year Rajasthan Real Estate Regulatory Authority was formed?

- (a) 2018 (b) 2019  
(c) 2016 (d) 2017

- Established - On 6 March 2019
- Objective - To develop and promote a healthy, transparent, efficient and competitive real estate sector in the state

11. Where was the Constitution Club of Rajasthan established by Rajasthan Housing Board?

- (a) Jodhpur (b) Udaipur  
(c) Ajmer (d) Jaipur

12. How much interest free loan is being made available to street vendors under Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme?

- (a) Rs 50,000 (b) Rs 75,000  
(c) Rs 25,000 (d) Rs 10,000

13. Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 aims to be completed till?

- (a) 2025 (b) 2026  
(c) 2030 (d) 2027

- Duration - From October 2021 to 2 October 2026

14. Consider the following statements regarding Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme-

1. It guarantees 100 days of employment every year to families residing in urban areas.
2. Persons between the age of 21 to 60 years are eligible in this scheme.

Choose the correct statement/statements-

- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2  
(c) Neither 1 nor 2 (d) Both 1 and 2

- Eligibility - Persons aged 18 to 60 years
- Working days - 125 days employment guaranteed

15. How much additional grant was announced to be given to the beneficiaries of weaker sections under Pradhan Mantri Urban Housing Scheme in Rajasthan Budget 2024-25?

- (a) Rs 20,000 (b) Rs 25,000  
(c) Rs 15,000 (d) Rs 10,000

### Chapter-8 Basic Social Services- Education and Health

16. When was the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 implemented in Rajasthan?

- (a) 1 April, 2010 (b) 1 April, 2009  
(c) 26 April, 2010 (d) 26 April, 2009

- Under this Act, 25 percent seats are reserved for boys / girls of weaker sections and deprived sections in private schools.

17. What is the objective of Gyan Sankalp Portal?

- (a) Online education for students  
(b) Promoting Anganwadi education.  
(c) Strengthening the infrastructure of government schools.  
(d) Providing free education to economically weaker students.

- This portal has been created by the Education Department.
- Objective - To provide financial assistance to government schools and strengthen the infrastructure.
- To collect the necessary funds through Bhamashahs / donors and from crowd funding and to get support for various projects for the development of schools.

- The amount given by Bhamashah through this portal will be included in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

**18. Consider the following statements related to the Chief Minister's Free Uniform Fabric Distribution Scheme -**

1. Under this scheme, all students studying up to class 10th in government schools are eligible.
2. Eligible students will be provided 2 sets of uniform fabric.
3. Rs 400 will be given per student for sewing the uniform.

**Choose the correct statements-**

- (a) Only 1 and 2      (b) Only 1  
(c) **Only 2**            (d) Only 2 and 3

- All students studying up to class 8th are eligible.
- Rs 200 will be given per student for stitching uniform.

**19. What is the objective of the 'STARS' project funded by the World Bank?**

- (a) To improve the quality and administration of engineering colleges.  
(b) **To improve the quality and administration of school education.**  
(c) To strengthen the information technology sector in the state.  
(d) To provide technical training to new entrepreneurs.

- STARS - Strengthening Teaching Learning and Result for State
- This program is launched under Samagra Shiksha

**20. How many schools of Rajasthan were selected in the first phase of PM Shri Vidyalaya Yojana?**

- (a) 412                      (b) 448  
(c) 430                      (d) **402**

- The aim of this scheme is to bring about a holistic transformation of schools by ensuring access to quality inclusive education at all

levels in accordance with the recommendations of the National Education Policy - 2020.

- A total of 14,500 schools were selected under the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM Shri) scheme.

**21. Consider the following statements regarding the Ullas Nav Bharat Literacy Program-**

1. This program was implemented in the state from 1 April 2022.
2. Under this scheme, persons of 15 years and above age group from rural and urban areas of the state will be made literate.

**Choose the correct statements-**

- (a) Only 1                      (b) Only 2  
(c) **Both 1 and 2**          (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**22. Consider the statements related to Devnarayan Girl Student Scooty Distribution and Incentive Scheme-**

1. Under this scheme, 1500 scooties are being distributed free of cost every year.
2. Students securing 60% or more marks in the Higher Secondary Examination are eligible.
3. For eligibility, the family annual income should be less than Rs. 8 lakhs.

**Choose the correct statements-**

- (a) **Only 1**                      (b) Only 1 and 2  
(c) Only 1 and 3            (d) 1, 2 and 3

- Girl Students securing 50% or more marks in the Higher Secondary Examination will be eligible.
- For eligibility, the family annual income should be between Rs. 2-5 lakhs.
- An annual incentive of Rs. 10,000 is given for securing 50% or more marks in all three years of graduation.
- An annual incentive of Rs. 20,000 is given for securing 50% or more marks in two years of post graduation.

**23. In which district is the Mahila Shikshan Vihar program being run?**

- (a) Kota                      (b) Karauli  
(c) Baran                      (d) **Jhalawar**

- A Residential school up to class 10 to provide educational opportunities to divorced, widowed, tribal and deprived group women in the age group of 15-30.

24. What is the objective of Student Police Cadet Scheme?

- (a) To train students and make them alert and responsible citizens.
- (b) To give police training to students after graduation.
- (c) To control incidents of theft in rural areas.
- (d) To establish Police University at the divisional level.

- Operated under the joint aegis of Police and Education Department

25. According to Rajasthan Budget 2024-25, in which districts will the engineering colleges be upgraded and RIT will be established?

- (a) Jaipur, Bikaner, Ajmer
- (b) Jaipur, Jodhpur, Ajmer
- (c) Bharatpur, Bikaner, Ajmer
- (d) Bharatpur, Bikaner, Udaipur

26. Where will the Migrant Animal Husbandry Residential School be established as per Budget 2024-25?

- (a) Pindwara, Sirohi
- (b) Sumerpur, Pali
- (c) Bali, Pali
- (d) Jaswantpura, Jalore

- Nomadic Caste Residential School - Sumerpur, Pali

27. Where will the Center of Excellence be established to promote the study and research of Astrology and Vastu Vidya?

- (a) Udaipur
- (b) Jodhpur
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Ajmer

- It will be established in Maharaj Acharya Sanskrit College, Jaipur.

28. Which statements are correct about 'Swasthya Mitra'?

- 1. In this, volunteer persons have to work as health friends without any remuneration.
- 2. They make the public aware about health to fulfill the objective of Nirogi Rajasthan Abhiyan.

- (a) Both 1 and 2
- (b) Only 1
- (c) Only 2
- (d) None of these

29. Consider the following statements about the Chief Minister's Nishulk Nirogi Rajasthan Scheme-

- 1. It was launched on April 1, 2020.
- 2. This scheme was started as an extension of the Chief Minister's Nishulk Dava and Chief Minister's Nishulk Janch Scheme.

- (a) Both 1 and 2
- (b) Only 1
- (c) Only 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- This scheme was launched on April 1, 2022.
- Under this scheme, free facilities of essential medicines and tests are provided at medical colleges, community health centers, primary health centers and sub health centers.

30. Which statement is false regarding the Chief Minister's Ayushman Arogya Yojana?

- (a) A total of 1806 packages are included in this scheme, out of which 1761 packages are on insurance mode and 45 packages are on trust mode.
- (b) Every family is provided coverage of up to Rs 20 lakh in insurance mode and up to Rs 5 lakh in trust mode.
- (c) As per the Budget Announcement 2024, 73 day care packages for cancer treatment are also included in this scheme.
- (d) Under this scheme, a special package is given for organ transplantation.

- Every family is provided coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh in insurance mode and up to Rs 20 lakh in trust mode.

31. When was the Rajasthan Government Health Scheme (RGHS) launched?

- (a) 1 July, 2020
- (b) 1 July, 2021
- (c) 1 July, 2022
- (d) 1 July, 2023

- This scheme was started by the Rajasthan Government on the lines of CGHS to provide cashless and quality medical facilities in the field of health.

32. Under the Ayushman Jeevan Rakshak Yojana, how much incentive amount is given to the person who saves the life of a road accident victim as per Budget 2024-25?

- (a) Rs 10,000 (b) Rs 5,000  
(c) Rs 15,000 (d) Rs 20,000

- Under this scheme, all types of traffic road accident victims are provided free emergency treatment for 72 hours.

33. How much free accident insurance is provided to each family under the Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Accident Insurance Scheme?

- (a) Rs 10 lakh (b) Rs 7 lakh  
(c) Rs 25 lakh (d) Rs 5 lakh

- This scheme was started from May 1, 2022.
- 7 types of accidents were included.

34. To strengthen primary health care services, the Government of India converted all sub-health centers and primary health centers under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme into what?

- (a) Ayushman Arogya Mandir  
(b) Ayushman Arogya Kendra  
(c) Ayushman Arogya Booth  
(d) Ayushman Arogya Cluster

- At present, 9391 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are functioning in the state, which includes 246 urban Ayushman Arogya Mandirs.

35. Where was the state level health fair organized?

- (a) Chaumu (b) Dudu  
(c) Ringas (d) Kekri

36. What is the objective of the Chief Minister Ayushman Arogya Voucher Scheme?

- (a) Free vaccination  
(b) Free institutional delivery  
(c) Free sonography  
(d) Free medicines

- Provision for free sonography for prenatal checkup of pregnant women.
- Women will get QR code based e-voucher through SMS.

37. Where will the 'Ayushman Tower' be established under Budget 2024-25?

- (a) Jaipur (b) Jodhpur  
(c) Bikaner (d) Ajmer

- 1200 bed IPD tower will be set up under Sawai Mansingh Medical College in Jaipur.

38. According to Budget 2024-25, how many Ayushman Model CHCs will be set up in the state?

- (a) 400 (b) 200  
(c) 100 (d) 300

- One Ayushman Model CHC will be set up in each assembly constituency.

39. According to Budget 2024-25, where will the Center of Excellence for Medical Genetics be set up?

- (a) Ajmer (b) Jaipur  
(c) Jodhpur (d) Bikaner

- It will be set up at JK Lone Hospital, Jaipur.
- Purpose - For diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases

40. According to NFHS-5, what is the neonatal mortality rate (NNMR) and infant mortality rate (IMR) respectively in Rajasthan?

- (a) 20.2 and 30.3 (b) 30.3 and 20.2  
(c) 21.2 and 31.3 (d) 31.3 and 21.2

- Total Fertility Rate (TFR) - 2
- Institutional Birth Percentage - 94.9%
- Full Immunization Percentage - 80.4%

# Current Affairs Questions

1. What kind of infection is trachoma recently eliminated by India as a Public health problem?  
(a) Parasitic (b) Viral  
(c) Bacterial (d) Fungal
2. What is the name of the Japanese organization that was awarded with the Nobel peace prize-2024?  
(a) Nihan Hidankyo  
(b) Sampo welfare  
(c) Tianshvi Association  
(d) Japanese council of social welfare
3. Which city host the world Tele-communication standardization assembly (WTSA)-2024?  
(a) Geneva, Switzerland  
(b) New Delhi, India  
(c) Paris, France  
(d) Rome, Italy
4. What is the name of the campaign recently launched by Meta to combat rising online scams in India?  
(a) Safety first (b) Scam se bacho  
(c) Dekh ke chalo (d) Scam ke Virudh aawaj uthao
5. India host "Malabar Naval Exercise-2024" in which city?  
(a) Kokinada (b) Kochi  
(c) Kannur (d) Visakhapatnam
6. Luong Cuong has been elected as the new President of which country?  
(a) Myanmar (b) Vietnam  
(c) Cambodia (d) Philippines
7. Exercise "Nasem-Al-Bahr" is held between India and which country?  
(a) Oman (b) Yemen  
(c) Afghanistan (d) United Arab Emirates
8. Where was the 10<sup>th</sup> "World Green Economy Forum" launched?  
(a) Qatar (b) India  
(c) Kuwait (d) U.A.E.
9. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of National commission for women?  
(a) Rekha Sharma (b) Girija Vyas  
(c) Mamta Sharma (d) Vijiya Rahatkar
10. When is the World Cerebral Palsy Day observed?  
(a) 6<sup>th</sup> October (b) 8<sup>th</sup> October  
(c) 10<sup>th</sup> October (d) 12<sup>th</sup> October
11. Where among the following places "The Indo Pacific Regional Dialogue-2024" was organized?  
(a) Goa (b) New Delhi  
(c) Rajasthan (d) Maharashtra
12. Where was the India's first Coal gallery inaugurated?  
(a) Kolkata (b) Chennai  
(c) New Delhi (d) Bhopal
13. Where was the 26<sup>th</sup> Water, Energy Technology and Environment Exhibition (WETEX) organized?  
(a) Dubai, UAE (b) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
(c) New Delhi, India (d) Paris, France
14. Who among the following has recently been appointed as the Indian Ambassador to France?  
(a) Rahul Srivastava  
(b) Ajit Gupte  
(c) Sanjeev Kumar Singala  
(d) Priyanka Chouhan
15. Who among the following has been elected as the president of Tunisia?  
(a) Mohamed Ennaceur  
(b) Kais Saied  
(c) Moncef Marzouki  
(d) Mehdi Jomaa
16. Rajasthan economic revival task force is formed under the chairmanship of which of the following?  
(a) Chief Minister (b) Deputy Chief Minister  
(c) Finance Secretary (d) Minister of commerce and Industry
17. Urban Design Regional Planning and Inner city category in HUDCO awards for best practices to improve the living environment 2023-24 which of the following smart cities has been given ?  
(a) Jaipur Smart City Limited  
(b) Kota Smart City Limited  
(c) Ajmer Smart City Limited  
(d) Jodhpur Smart City Limited
18. World postal day is observed on?  
(a) 9<sup>th</sup> October (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
(c) 19<sup>th</sup> October (d) 15<sup>th</sup> October

19. Which of the following statements about exercise (IBSAMAR) is/are correct?
  1. Its is a joint exercise of Navy of India, Brazil and Sri Lanka.
  2. The fifth edition of IBSAMAR was held in Goa.
  3. All previous editions of IBSAMAR were held outside of India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 2 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only              (d) 1, 2, 3
20. The Prime Minister of India inaugurated “Banjara Virasat Museum” in which state?
 

(a) Maharashtra              (b) Gujarat  
(c) Madhya Pradesh        (d) Rajasthan
21. Which language have conferred the status of classical language by the Union government?
 

(a) Kashmiri, Persian, Punjabi, Rajasthani  
(b) Marathi, Persian, Haryanvi, Sanskrit  
(c) Bengali, Gujarati, Assamese, Kashmiri  
(d) Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali
22. Prabowo Subianto has been elected as the New President of which country?
 

(a) Malaysia                  (b) Thailand  
(c) Indonesia                (d) Vietnam
23. MQ-9B predator drone was developed by which of the following countries?
 

(a) India                        (b) United States America  
(c) Russia                    (d) Japan
24. In which of the following Places Gandhi Vatika Museum is located in Rajasthan?
 

(a) Central Park, Jaipur  
(b) Smriti Van, Jaipur  
(c) City Park, Jaipur  
(d) Kanak Virndavan Park, Jaipur
25. Which district of Rajasthan has got the first position for the implementation of activities organized under “Rashtriya Poshan Maah” 2024.
 

(a) Churu                      (b) Jalore  
(c) Jaipur                      (d) Jodhpur
26. Who has been appointed as the first woman Deputy secretary of Rajasthan legislative assembly?
 

(a) Indira Sharma            (b) Rekha Sharma  
(c) Kusum Sharma         (d) Mamta Sharma
27. Who among the following won the gold medal in taekwondo 42 kg category in the first south Asian school combat competition held in Dhaka?
 

(a) Rahnuma Bano            (b) Kamya Malhotra  
(c) Xena Raja                (d) Latika Bhandari
28. Who among the following has been selected as a mentor for ASCEND-2024?
 

(a) Dr. Pawan Singhal  
(b) Dr. Ravi Prakash Mathur  
(c) Dr. Srikant Sharma  
(d) Dr. Rajkumar Rathore
29. What position did India hold in the Global Hunger Index 2024?
 

(a) 106<sup>th</sup>                        (b) 105<sup>th</sup>  
(c) 115<sup>th</sup>                        (d) 120<sup>th</sup>
30. Who became the first women to head the DGAFMS?
 

(a) Arti Sareen                (b) Kavita Sahay  
(c) Sadhana S. Nayar        (d) Rajshree Ramasetu
31. Who among the following took oath as the chief minister of Haryana?
 

(a) Nayab Saini  
(b) Manohar Lal Khattar  
(c) Bhupinder Singh Hudda  
(d) Bansilal
32. Who won the 2024 Femina Miss India Pageant?
 

(a) Arshia Rashid              (b) Nikita Porwal  
(c) Nandini Gupta            (d) Aayushi Dholakia
33. Who won the Best Actor Award at the 70<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards?
 

(a) Salman Khan              (b) Rishabh Shetty  
(c) Sharukh Khan            (d) Akshay Kumar
34. Which Film was given the best Hindi Film Award at the 70<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards?
 

(a) Gulmohar                (b) Maidan  
(c) Vedaa                      (d) Stree-02
35. Who won the Nobel Prize-2024 in literature?
 

(a) Deborah Smith            (b) Han Kang  
(c) Han Sung-won            (d) Kang Shin-Jae
36. What is name of the first vessel launched under the two multipurpose vessel (MPV) project by the Indian Navy?
 

(a) SARTHAK                (b) SAMARTHAK  
(c) SAKSHAM                (d) SAMIKSHA
37. VSHORADS missile was developed by which of the following organization?
 

(a) DRDO                      (b) OPCW  
(c) SIPRI                      (d) Almaz-Antey

38. On which Day was the “Foundation Day of the India Air Force celebrated annually?  
(a) 8<sup>th</sup> October (b) 9<sup>th</sup> October  
(c) 11<sup>th</sup> October (d) 10<sup>th</sup> October
39. Who among the following has recently launched “Hamsafar Niti” in new Delhi?  
(a) Narendra Modi (b) Amit Shah  
(c) Nitin Gadkari (d) Rajnath Singh
40. Where among the following 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN-India summit was held?  
(a) LAOS (b) India  
(c) Pakistan (d) Myanmar
41. Who won the 2024 China open final by defeating Karolina Muchova?  
(a) Coco Gauff (b) M. Linette  
(c) A. Sablenka (d) M. Kostyuk
42. What position did India hold in the Medal tally in the ISSF Junior World Shooting Championship-2024 held in Peru?  
(a) First (b) Second  
(c) Third (d) Fourth
43. Who has appointed as the Director General of the Indian Coast Guard ?  
(a) Parimesh Shivmani (b) Krishna Swami Natrajan  
(c) Shri Rakesh Pal (d) Virendra Singh Pathania
44. Which of the following Cyclones hit India recently?  
(a) Cyclone Dana (b) Cyclone Asna  
(c) Cyclone Remal (d) Cyclone Asani
45. Which of the following players won the title of 50<sup>th</sup> National Chess Championship-2024 held in Chennai?  
(a) P. V. Nandidha (b) Harika Dronavalli  
(c) Divya Deshmukh (d) Tania Sachdev
46. Where was the 23<sup>rd</sup> council of heads (CHG) meeting held?  
(a) Islamabad, Pakistan  
(b) Moscow, Russia  
(c) Bijing, China  
(d) New Delhi, India
47. Where will be the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of India International Science festival organized?  
(a) IIT Kharagpur (b) IIT Kanpur  
(c) IIT Roorkee (d) IIT Guwahati
48. Which of the following Former Indian Cricketers has been inducted in ICC Hall of Fame with AB de villiers and Alastair cook?  
(a) Neetu Devid (b) Gautam Gambhir  
(c) Mithali Raj (d) Virat Kohli
49. Who has been appointed as the 51<sup>st</sup> Chief Justice of India?  
(a) Justice Pankaj Bhandari  
(b) Justice Sanjeev Khanna  
(c) Justice Pawan Kumar Garg  
(d) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
50. In Which Biological Park of Rajasthan, the Chief Minister named the Male tiger cub “Bheem” and Female tiger cub “Iskandi”  
(a) Sajjangarh Biological Park  
(b) Nahargarh Biological Park  
(c) Machia Biological Park  
(d) Abhedha Biological Park



| Current Affairs |           |           | Springboard Academy |           |
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# Toppers Talk - 2



## Rohit Choudhary

|                  |                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Father           | - Mr. Omprakash                                 |
| Mother           | - Mrs. Sohni Devi                               |
| Graduation       | - MDSU Ajmer, B.Sc. (2019)                      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | - Bright Sinor Sec. School, Merta city (84.30%) |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | - Bright Sinor Sec. School, Merta city (87.83%) |

**Question: Congratulations on your brilliant success in the Civil Services Examination!**

**Rohit :** Thank you very much.

**Question: Tell us about your family background. What role did your family play in your success?**

**Rohit :** I am a resident of Panchkura Ki Dhani (Ren) in Merta Tehsil of Nagaur district. My father is a cloth merchant and my mother is a housewife.

I did my primary education from my maternal grandmother's house Sirasana (Nagore) and higher education from Merta City and then I completed my graduation from Maharishi Dayanand University, Ajmer.

**Question: When did you start preparing for RAS exam? And how much time do you think is sufficient to prepare for this exam?**

**Rohit :** I started preparing for RAS in June 2018. According to me, a new student needs at least two years to ensure success in this exam. But during this time, proper guidance and self-discipline are very important.

**Question: Was it your aim from the very beginning to join the civil services and who was your source of inspiration for preparing the civil services exam?**

**Rohit :** Since I had a rural background, I did not know much about civil services till 12th. So after 12th, my inclination towards civil services increased.

My inspiration in this preparation was RAS Laksharam ji (RAS 2016). He gave me initial information regarding RAS preparation.

**Question: What is the role of coaching in the civil services exam? Can self-study also help in getting success in this exam?**

**Rohit :** I believe that a student should evaluate himself and if he can study on his own by remaining disciplined, then success can be achieved through self-study as well but the fact is that coaching not only saves your time but also helps you know the level of competition and develops a clear perspective. Personally, I benefited a lot from coaching and I got selected in the first attempt itself.

**Question: What should be the criteria for selecting an institute for coaching? Have you prepared from any coaching institute?**

**Rohit :** According to me, the opinion of previously selected people should be considered as the criteria for coaching selection. I joined Springboard Academy institute on the advice of officers selected in 2016 RAS exam and I did my entire preparation from here. I believe that taking admission in Springboard Academy was the foundation stone of my success.

**Question: What was your medium? Tell us about the role of language medium in getting success in civil services?**

**Rohit :** I had Hindi medium in this exam. I don't think the medium has any effect in the RAS exam. But whatever language medium the student chooses, he should try to improve his level of expression in it. Because only better expression sets you apart from the crowd.

**Question: What suggestions would you give to improve answer-writing style in the mains exam?**

**Rohit :** The candidate should first focus more on the subject matter. If the candidate has a strong grip on the subject matter then his/her writing skill will improve. Giving tests regularly and practising two to three questions regularly will improve the writing skill. The copies of former toppers can also be used for this purpose.

**Question: What study material did you use during preparation?**

**Rohit :** Springboard Academy's notes were the main source in my preparation. Apart from this, Dainik Jagran, Newspaper (editorial page), Manoj Mishra's book for Hindi and Lucent and B.K. Rastogi for English were the main books.

**Question: What is the role of short notes in the preliminary and mains examination?**

**Rohit :** Since the preliminary exam is fact based, short notes of important facts and current affairs are very important. But the role of short notes is very important in the mains exam because the syllabus of the main exam is very detailed, so short notes prove to be helpful at the last moment.

**Question: Tell us about the role of mock interview and how was your interview experience in Rajasthan Public Service Commission?**

**Rohit :** I gave 10-12 mock interviews in different institutes and I feel that the more mock interviews I gave, the more my interview skills will improve. Springboard Academy's mock interview program helped me continuously improving my interview preparation and the result was that I was comfortable while giving the RPSC interview and I answered almost all the questions with full confidence and got good marks.

**Question: Tell us about the contribution of teachers in your success?**

**Rohit :** Dilip Sir, Rajveer Sir, Lakshita Maam, Narendra Sir and the entire Springboard faculty contributed a lot in my preparation. The teachers in the institute behave like friends and guardians for all the students and this is the reason why I remained dedicated to my goal.

**Question: What was the role of friends during preparation?**

**Rohit :** My friends played an important role in my preparation. My younger brothers Mahipal, Rajpal, Manish and Prahlad Khileri and Madan played a major role. A good group of friends makes the path of preparation much easier.

**Question: What challenges did you face while preparing away from home?**

**Rohit :** The initial phase in Jaipur is quite challenging for a candidate from a rural background. There are challenges ranging from room to food, commuting to coaching, lack of concentration, etc. but if the student has high level of dedication then all the challenges become insignificant.

**Question: What was the most difficult time during preparation?**

**Rohit :** The most difficult time in this preparation is to maintain patience. You have to wait a lot from the exam to the result. Apart from this, there are many low phases during the preparation. For this, it is necessary to have some good friends.

**Question: How did you keep yourself motivated to prepare continuously due to the long duration of the Civil Services Examination?**

**Rohit :** For motivation, as I said earlier, it is important to have some good friends who keep motivating you. Apart from this, look upon this preparation as a joy and I always kept one thing in my mind that you have to study only so much at one time that you do not have to study it again later.

**Question: What is your opinion about Plan-B?**

**Rohit :** There is some uncertainty in preparing for civil services but I believe that if one prepares seriously for RAS then other competitive exams of Rajasthan can be cleared easily. I kept B.Ed., M.A. and teacher exams as plan-B in this preparation.

**Question: What changes have come in your life after selection in RAS exam?**

**Rohit :** If I talk about change, then life changed completely at 360° level. The beauty of this exam is that it is the most prestigious exam of Rajasthan. Therefore, the happiness of cracking it is unique for oneself and the family.

**Question: As an officer, what changes will you work to bring about?**

**Rohit :** Since I have been allotted the Rajasthan Police Service, my primary goal will be to ensure a

safe environment in society and will prove the motto of the police - trust among the public and fear among the criminals.

**Question: What is the utility of monthly contemporary magazine for RAS exam?**

**Rohit :** Current affairs are very important in all three stages of the exam, therefore a comprehensive subject and syllabus based monthly magazine can prove to be very useful. Springboard Academy's monthly current affairs magazine meets these criteria.

**Question: Tell us the key-mantra of your success?**

**Rohit :** As I always say, during this preparation, apart from eating, drinking and sleeping, one should only study, that is, hard work and consistency is the key to success.

**Question: How did you manage your time during preparation?**

**Rohit :** If you have complete dedication towards your goal, then you should devote most of your time to exam preparation. I did not use any special time management technique but I kept studies at the center of my daily routine.

**Question: We wish you a bright future as an administrative officer!**

**Rohit :** Thank you!

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