

**1. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva recently took charge as the President of which country?**

- [A] Brazil [B] France [C] Italy [D] Argentina

**Correct Answer:** A [Brazil]

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva took office for a third term as Brazil's President, after the divisive election in October.

The outgoing leader of the Latin America's biggest economy is Jair Bolsonaro. The 77-year-old ex-metalworker Lula da Silva previously led Brazil from 2003 to 2010.

**2. Which institution has urged stock exchanges to set up Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform?**

- [A] RBI [B] SEBI  
[C] NITI Aayog [D] Supreme Court

**Correct Answer:** B [SEBI]

Markets regulator SEBI has asked stock exchanges to set up an Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform

The platform will give investors an opportunity to square off their position or cancel pending orders in case of disruption of trading services. There is a rise in instances of glitches in systems of trading members, some of which lead to disruption of trading services.

**Q3. Which state information commission worst performing in RTI responsiveness?**

- (a) Kerala (b) Punjab (c) Tamil Nadu  
(d) Uttar Pradesh (e) Uttarakhand

Ans.(b)

Sol. Sixth anniversary of indigenously developed payment application BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money). It was launched on this day in 2016 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi

**Q4. Which state police has received the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 2022 Award for the 'Nijaat' campaign?**

- (a) Tripura (b) West Bengal (c) Assam  
(d) Bihar (e) Chhattisgarh

Ans.(c)

Sol. Recently, Satark Nagrik Sangathan (SNS) has released a report card of Responsiveness under RTI (Right to Information) Act 2021-22, which shows that Tamil Nadu has been the worst performing RTI responsiveness, furnishing only 14% of the information sought

**Q5. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Zuari bridge in which state/UT of India?**

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir (b) Maharashtra  
(c) Goa (d) Karnataka (e) Gujarat

Ans.(c)

Sol. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Goa's new Zuari bridge. The bridge is an important link between North and South Goa

**6. Which footballer has been named as the 'World's Best Player' for 2022 by IFFHS?**

- [A] Kylian Mbappe [B] Neymar  
[C] Lionel Messi [D] Cristiano Ronaldo

**Correct Answer:** C [Lionel Messi]

PSG superstar Lionel Messi has been crowned the 'World's Best Player' for 2022 by the International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS).

In 51 official games for club and country, Messi scored 35 goals and laid on 30 assists. Messi was also named the winner of the IFFHS World's Best International Goal Scorer 2022 Award.

**7. Which organisation publishes the Food Price Index (FFPI)?**

- [A] UNICEF [B] FAO [C] IMF [D] World Bank

**Correct Answer:** B [FAO]

The UN agency, Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) has published its latest Food Price Index (FFPI) which tracks the monthly international prices of cereals, vegetable oil, dairy, meat and sugar.

**8. Which start-up built the 'AzaadiSAT' satellite, which is made by 750 school girls?**

- [A] Dhruv Aerospace [B] Pixxel  
[C] Space Kidz India [D] Astra

**Correct Answer:** C [Space Kidz India]

**Notes:**

Space Kidz India, a Chennai-based space tech start-up is set to launch their satellite made by 750 girls from government schools aboard an Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launch vehicle.

**9. Which city is the host of the India-US Trade Policy Forum Meeting in 2023?**

- [A] Mumbai [B] New Delhi  
[C] California [D] Washington DC

**Correct Answer:** D [Washington DC]

Union Commerce minister Piyush Goyal is visiting New York and Washington DC to participate in India-US Trade Policy Forum.

**Q10. Which of the following year announced as the “International Year of millets”?**

- (a) 2021 (b) 2022 (c) 2023 (d) 2024 (e) 2025

**Ans.(c)**

Sol. The Government of India sponsored the proposal for International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023 which was accepted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The declaration has been instrumental for the Government of India to be at the forefront in celebrating the IYM

**11. Which country has taken over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the first six months of 2023?**

- [A] Finland [B] Sweden [C] Italy [D] Germany

**Correct Answer:** B [Sweden]

Sweden has taken over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the first six months of the year, on January 1, 2023,

**Q12. Recently, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) recommended Dexa as a selection criteria. What is Dexa?**

- (a) Bone density scan (b) Aerobic endurance fitness test  
(c) Local muscular endurance  
(d) Flexibility test (e) Balance test

**Ans.(a)**

Sol. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) put forth a number of recommendations in the review meeting on January 1 in Mumbai

**Q13. Election Commission’s launches ‘Mission-929’ to take voter turnout in \_\_\_\_\_ to over 90.**

- (a) Nagaland (b) Sikkim  
(c) Arunachal Pradesh (d) Assam (e) Tripura

**Ans.(e)**

Sol. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has started ‘Mission 929’ in Tripura. It will focus on 929 polling booths across Tripura with a target to increase the voter turnout to 92 percent in the next assembly elections. However the ECI has yet to announce the poll schedule of Tripura

**Q14. Which armed force has celebrated ‘Jashn-e-Chillai-Kalan’ with students in Srinagar?**

- (a) BSF (b) CISF (c) CRPF  
(d) ITBP (e) Assam Rifles

**Ans.(c)**

Sol. CRPF celebrated ‘Jashn-e-Chillai-Kalan’ with students in Srinagar. Chillai-Kalan is the harshest winter period in Kashmir for a period of 40 days starting from 21st December to 29th January every year

**Q15. Name the author of the book “Breaking Barriers: the Story of a Dalit Chief Secretary”.**

- (a) U. Sagayam (b) Hari Chandana Dasari  
(c) Kaki Madhava Rao (d) D Subbarao

**Ans.(c)**

Sol. Former IAS officer Kaki Madhava Rao has authored a new book titled “Breaking Barriers: the Story of a Dalit Chief Secretary” which addresses the details about the dynamics of civil services at the ground level and also fills the gap in the knowledge about micro policies and governance

**16. Which sportsperson won both the World Rapid and World Blitz chess titles?**

- (a). R Praggnananda (b). Koneru Humpy  
(c). Harika Dronavalli (d). Magnus Carlsen

**ANSWER: (d). Magnus Carlsen**

Magnus Carlsen, a Norwegian grandmaster, achieved an unprecedented achievement by winning both the World Rapid and World Blitz chess championships in Almaty. For the third time in his career, the 32-year-old has held all three global chess championship titles - Classical, Rapid, and Blitz. No other player has ever won both the Rapid and Blitz titles in the same year as 2022.

**17. In which state does NTPC has started India’s first green hydrogen blending operation?**

- (a). Gujarat (b). Himachal Pradesh  
(c). Uttarakhand (d). Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: (a). Gujarat**

Green hydrogen blending has begun in the NTPC Kawas township's piped natural gas (PNG) network in Surat, Gujarat. The project is a collaboration between NTPC and Gujarat Gas Limited (GGL). Prime Minister Narendra Modi lay the project's foundation stone in July of last year.

**18. Who is the first female officer to be appointed in the Siachen Battlefield?**

- (a). Puja Singh                      (b). Arti Shah  
(c). Shivani Singh                  (d). Shiva Chouhan

**ANSWER: (d). Shiva Chouhan**

After a month of grueling training at Siachen Battle School with other soldiers, Captain Shiva Chouhan of the Indian Army's Fire and Fury Corps became the first woman officer to be operationally deployed at the world's highest battlefield, Siachen.

**19. In which did Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights Scheme start?**

- (a). Madhya Pradesh                  (b). Uttar Pradesh  
(c). Haryana                          (d). Punjab

**ANSWER: (a). Madhya Pradesh**

On January 4, 2023, the Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights Scheme (Mukhyamantri Aavaseya Bhoomi Adhikaar Yojana) in Madhya Pradesh was inaugurated from Bakpura Panchayat in Tikamgarh district. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan gave free leases on residential land to a limited group of people. 14 lakh applications have been received from around the state.

**20. 'Lecanemab', which was granted approval by the US FDA, is used to treat which disease?**

- [A] COVID-19    [B] Alzheimer    [C] Cancer    [D] Diabetes

**Correct Answer: B [Alzheimer]**

**21. As per the CMIE's latest report, which state had recorded the highest unemployment rate among states in December 2022?**

- [A] New Delhi    [B] Uttar Pradesh  
[C] Haryana    [D] Andhra Pradesh

**Correct Answer: C [Haryana]**

India's unemployment rate reached a 16-month high of 8.3 percent in December 2022 according to a report by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).

**22. Which country inaugurated the Pokhara Regional International Airport (PRIA), with the support of China?**

- [A] Sri Lanka    [B] Nepal    [C] Bangladesh    [D] Bhutan

**Correct Answer: B [Nepal]**

Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachand inaugurated the country's third international airport in Pokhara built with Chinese assistance.

**23. Which Australian player broke the record of the highest test centuries owned by Sir Donald Bradman?**

- (a). Usman Khawaja                  (b). Steve Smith  
(c). Travis Head                      (d). David Warner

**ANSWER: (b). Steve Smith**

On January 5, 2023, Australia's Steve Smith smashed another century, breaking the great Sir Donald Bradman's record for the most Test hundreds in Australian history. Smith scored his 30th century in the game's longest format. Smith became the fourth Australian to achieve 30 after Ricky Ponting (41), Steve Waugh (32), and Matthew Hayden (30).

**24. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, who is a recipient of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award, is the President of which country?**

- [A] Israel                  [B] Guyana                  [C] Ukraine                  [D] UAE

**Correct Answer: B [Guyana]**

President Mohamed Irfaan Ali, the ninth President of Guyana, is one among the 21 recipients of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA).

**25. Who has been elected as the speaker of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly?**

- (a). Kuldeep Singh Pathania                  (b). Virbhadra Singh  
(c). Sunil Jakhar                      (d). Sushil Singh Rajput

**ANSWER: (a). Kuldeep Singh Pathania**

Kuldeep Singh Pathania, a senior Congress lawmaker and five-time MLA, was unanimously elected Speaker of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly by voice vote on January 5, 2023. Following his election, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur accompanied Mr. Pathania to the Speaker's chair.