

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

1) The Tamil Nadu government has announced that every year Minorities Rights Day will be observed on \_\_\_\_\_ at the state level.

- (a) 18 December
- (b) 19 December
- (c) 20 December
- (d) 21 December

Tamil Nadu government has announced that December 18, every year will be observed as Minorities Rights Day at the state level. The state government promotes the upliftment and economic advancement of the minorities through effective implementation of schemes and welfare measures.

2) Which of the following organization has conducted multiday cyber defence exercise known as the Locked Shields exercise in Tallinn, Estonia?

- (a) Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- (b) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
- (c) Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- (d) North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Cyber defense exercises called Locked Shields were conducted by NATO in Estonia. A cyber organisation recognised by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation will undertake the world's largest and most complicated "live-fire" cyber defence drills.

Abbreviation    NATO, OTAN  
Formation        4 April 1949  
Type                Military alliance  
Headquarters    Brussels, Belgium  
Membership      30 states  
Official language    English/French  
Secretary General    Jens Stoltenberg

3) Which country will host 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA) 2022?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Russia
- (c) India
- (d) China

According to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) president, Debashis Mitra, India is set to host the 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA), the Kumbh of accountants, for the first time in 118 years of its existence. About 6000 top accountants from 130 countries will participate in the programme physically. The event will be held from November 18 to 21 after outbidding France.

Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI):

Formation: 1 July 1949  
Headquarters: New Delhi, India  
President: Debashis Mitra  
Vice President: Aniket Sunil Talati  
Secretary: Jai Kumar Batra

4) Robert Golob has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) Somalia
- (b) Denmark
- (c) Sweden

**(d) Slovenia**

Robert Golob has defeated three-time prime minister Janez Janša in the Slovenia Prime Minister election. State election authorities have confirmed that the Freedom Movement won nearly 34% of the votes as compared to around 24% for the governing conservative Slovenian Democratic Party. The New Slovenia party with 7%, followed by the Social Democrats with more than 6%, and the Left party with just 4%

5) Who has been appointed as the co-chair of UNICEF's YuWaah board?

(a) Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas

**(b) Ashwin Yardi**

(c) LV Vaidyanathan

(d) Satya Easwaran

As Co-Chair, Ashwin Yardi, CEO of Capgemini India, joins the UNICEF YuWaah Board. YuWaah in India announced that Ashwin Yardi, CEO of Capgemini in India, has joined the organisation, alongside Yasumasa Kimura UNICEF Representative

6) Where was India's first bus service with 'Tap In, Tap Out' or the fully digital ticketing facility, inaugurated recently?

(a) Gujarat

(b) Tamil Nadu

(c) Kerala

**(d) Maharashtra**

Maharashtra is first state in India to launch a bus service with a totally digital ticketing system. Maharashtra State Environment Minister Aditya Thackeray inaugurated the tap-in tap-out service on the Gateway of India to Churchgate route.

7) Which company has been conferred the Public Relations Awards 2022 by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI)?

(a) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO)

(b) NTPC Limited

(c) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)

**(d) National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)**

The National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC) swept the Public Relations Society of India's (PRSI) Public Relations Awards 2022, taking first place in four categories

**Public Relations Society of India (PRSI)** :- Public Relations Society of India (PRSI), the national association of PR practitioners was established in 1958 to promote the recognition of public relations as a profession and to formulate and interpret to the public the objectives and the potentialities of public relations as a strategic management function.

8) Who among the following has been chosen for the Commonwealth Points of Light Award for his exceptional work in improving access to education for children from marginalised backgrounds?

**(a) Kishore Kumar Das**

(b) Vivek Lall

(c) Manoj Pande

(d) Babita Singh

The founder of educational charity 'Bidyanando' Kishroe Kumar Das from Bangladesh has been chosen for the Commonwealth Points of Light Award for his exceptional work in improving access to

education for children from marginalised backgrounds, said the British High Commission in a statement on Saturday.

9) 'Raisina Dialogue' which was inaugurated recently, is a Conference in which field?

[A] Foreign policy

[B] Climate Change

[C] Information and Communication Technology

[D] Agriculture

The Raisina Dialogue (ISO 15919: Rāyasīnā Saṁvāda ) is a multilateral conference held annually in New Delhi, India. Since its inception in 2016, the conference has emerged as India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geo-economics.

10) Which state government has signed an MoU with NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre to establish an international standard Data Centre?

(a) Nagaland

(b) Assam

(c) Manipur

(d) Tripura

The Tripura state government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre to develop an international grade Data Centre in the state.

11) Padma Shri Binapani Mohanty passed away recently. She was a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Politician

(b) Lyricist

(c) Writer

(d) Journalist

Eminent writer of Odisha and Padma Shri awardee (2020), Binapani Mohanty passed away at the age of 85. Eminent writer of Odisha and Padma Shri awardee (2020), Binapani Mohanty passed away at the age of 85. She was born in Berhampur and started her teaching career as a lecturer in Economy in 1960.

12) Emmanuel Macron has won the Presidential Election of which country?

[A] UK

[B] France

[C] Germany

[D] South Africa

13) Mwai Kibaki passed away recently. He was the Former President of which of the following country?

(a) Tanzania

(b) Rwanda

(c) Uganda

(d) Kenya

Former Kenyan president Mwai Kibaki, who led the East African nation for more than a decade, has died, his successor Uhuru Kenyatta announced on Friday. He was 90.

14) Who won the Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year 2022 Award?

a) Neeraj Chopra

**b) Emma Raducanu**

- c) Daniil Medvedev
- d) Pedri

Emma Raducanu's stunning 2021 US Open run—where she became the first qualifier in history to lift a major trophy clinching all 20 sets she played no less—has seen the captivating teenager amass a growing sponsorship portfolio, millions of Instagram followers and an appointment as a Member of the Order of the British Empire. The Brit can now add the 2022 Laureus World Sports Award for Breakthrough of the Year after being crowned over the weekend. She beat out fellow 2021 US Open winner Daniil Medvedev, Pedri (football), Neeraj Chopra (athletics), Yulimar Rojas (athletics) and Arianne Titmus (swimming).

15) Which country was the largest military spender in the world in 2021?

**a) US**

- b) India
- c) China
- d) Russia

The five largest spenders were the US (\$801 billion), which accounted for 38% of the world military spending, China (estimated \$293 billion), India (\$77 billion), the UK (\$68 billion) and Russia (\$66 billion).

16) Name the F1 race driver who has won Formula One Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2022 in Italy.

- (a) Sebastian Vettel
- (b) Charles Leclerc
- (c) Max Verstappen**
- (d) Valtteri Bottas

F-1 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2022 won by Red Bull's Max Verstappen. Formula One champion Max Verstappen (Red Bull-Netherlands) won the Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix in Italy.

17) Who among the following has been named the 2022 Laureus Sportsman of the Year?

- (a) Marcel Hug
- (b) Max Verstappen**
- (c) Rafael Nadal
- (d) Robert Lewandowski

F1 champion Max Verstappen has been named the 2022 Laureus Sportsman of the Year while Jamaican Olympic sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah has been named Sportswoman of the Year.

18) Prasar Bharati has signed an MoU with which country's Public Broadcaster 'RTA' for collaboration in the field of broadcasting?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Belgium
- (c) Mexico
- (d) Argentina**

In a landmark tie-up, Prasar Bharati has signed an MoU with the Public Broadcaster of Argentina Radio y Television Argentina (RTA) for collaboration in the field of broadcasting.

19) Which of the following country's president has recently received John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award 2022?

- (a) Hungary

- (b) Slovakia
- (c) Ukraine**
- (d) Poland

20) Kuril Islands, which was seen in the news, is claimed by which countries?

- [A] China and Russia
- [B] Japan and Russia**
- [C] Ukraine and Russia
- [D] UK and Russia

Japan for the first time said that Russia has illegally occupied four islands near the Kamchatka Peninsula. The Japanese have called these islands - the Northern Territories - while Russia calls them the Kurils.

21) Which village has become the nation's first carbon neutral panchayat, fully powered by solar energy?

- (a) Jerri hamlet, Reasi district, Jammu & Kashmir
- (b) Village Sirora, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Kachai Village, Ukhrul district, Manipur
- (d) Palli village, Samba district, Jammu**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated a 500 KV solar plant to the nation in the unassuming hamlet of Palli in Jammu and Kashmir's border region of Samba making it the country's first 'carbon neutral panchayat.'

22) Which union ministry hosted the 'National Metallurgist Award 2021' program?

- [A] Ministry of Finance
- [B] Ministry of Steel**
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] None of these

National Metallurgist Award 2021 would be awarded at the Union Steel Ministry. The "National Metallurgist Award 2021" will be held here tomorrow by the Union Ministry of Steel. Shri Ram Chandra Prasad Singh, the Union Minister of Steel, will host the event.

23) Who is the author of the coffee table book titled "The Magic of Mangalajodi", released by Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik?

- (a) Prem Rawat
- (b) Avinash Khemka**
- (c) Rajesh Talwar
- (d) Harish Mehta

Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik released 2 books, a coffee table book titled "The Magic of Mangalajodi" by Avinash Khemka; and a compilation of the Sikh history of eastern India titled "My Research Works On Sikh History & Philosophy", authored by Abinash Mahapatra. The coffee table book "The Magic of Mangalajodi" provides a bird's eye view of Mangalajodi in Chilika lake through various images and descriptions.

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25) M. Vijayan passed away recently. He was a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Epigraphist

(b) Archaeologist

(c) Historian

(d) Structural biologist

Thiruvananthapuram: Molecular biophysicist and structural biologist professor Mamannamana Vijayan passed away in Bengaluru on Sunday, said the Indian National Science Academy (INSA). He was 80

26) What is the rank of India in the SIPRI Data on Global Military expenditure in 2021?

[A] Second

[B] Third

[C] Fifth

[D] Sixth

"The five largest spenders in 2021 were the United States, China, India, the United Kingdom and Russia, together accounting for 62 per cent of expenditure, according to new data on global military spending."

27) Which of the following country has been designated as the Guest of Honour Country at the Paris Book Festival 2022?

(a) India

(b) Ukraine

(c) China

(d) United Kingdom

As announced in the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – President Emmanuel Macron Joint Statement released in 2018 during the French President's visit to New Delhi, India has been designated as the Guest of Honour Country at the Paris Book Festival 2022, which will take place from April 21 to April 24, 2022.

28) Which district has become country's first district with library in every village?

(a) Reasi district, Jammu & Kashmir

(b) Jamtara district, Jharkhand

(c) Ukhrul district, Manipur

(d) Ernakulam district, Kerala

Jharkhand's Jamtara became country's 1st district with library in every village. Jamtara in Jharkhand has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries.

29) With which country, Kerala government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the 'Cosmos Malabaricus Project'?

(a) Australia

(b) United States

(c) Canada

(d) Netherlands

Kerala and the Netherlands have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the 'Cosmos Malabaricus' project. This study will contribute to a better understanding of Kerala's history in the 18th century.

30) UNEP has named who among the following as the recipient of the Champions of the Earth Award 2021 under the Lifetime Achievement category?

- (a) Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- (b) Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka
- (c) David Attenborough
- (d) Mia Mottley

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has named Sir David Attenborough, English natural history broadcaster and naturalist, as the recipient of the Champions of the Earth Award 2021 under the Lifetime Achievement category.

31) How many medals have been won by the Indian wrestlers at the 35th edition of Asian Wrestling Championships 2022 held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia?

- (a) 12
- (b) 14
- (c) 17
- (d) 19

The 30-member Indian contingent participated at the 35th Edition of Asian Wrestling Championships 2022 held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Indian wrestlers secured a total of 17 medals, that includes (1-Gold, 5-Silver, and 11-Bronze medals).

32) India's first Amrit Sarovar developed in which of the following state?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Jammu

33) Which state/UT government has signed an MoU with National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHLML) for the development of seven ropeway projects?

- (a) Sikkim
- (b) Jammu & Kashmir
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Ladakh

The correct answer is Himachal Pradesh. National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) and the Himachal Pradesh government have signed an MoU. It has been signed for seven ropeway projects in the state under the Parvatmala Yojna at a total cost of Rs. 3,232 cr.

34) James Dringwell Rymbai passed away recently. He was the former Chief Minister of which state?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Tripura

The former Chief Minister of Meghalaya, James Dringwell Rymbai, died at the age of 88. He was born in Meghalaya on October 26th, 1934. The Meghalaya Government had declared three days of state mourning from April 21st to April 23, 2022, as a mark of respect for his sad and sudden demise. He

had entered into electoral politics in 1982 and contested elections to the legislative assembly from the Jirang constituency successfully. On June 15, 2006, the veteran politician was elected Chief Minister of Meghalaya and served until March 2007.

35) Which city has become the first city in India to have vacuum-based sewers?

- (a) Dhanbad
- (b) Kanpur
- (c) Ghaziabad
- (d) Agra

Agra, Uttar Pradesh has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewer systems. These vacuums would be used in public places.

36) Which of the following has partnered with I&B Ministry to develop short videos highlighting role of women changemakers?

- (a) SonyLIV
- (b) Disney+ Hotstar
- (c) Netflix
- (d) Amazon Prime Video

**Netflix & GoI** collaborate for video series on 'women change-makers' Netflix India, in collaboration with the Information & Broadcasting Ministry, has released a series of short video series under an initiative called 'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya'.

37) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the construction of the 540-Megawatt Kwar Hydro Electric project located on which river?

- (a) Chenab
- (b) Sutlej
- (c) Ganga
- (d) Tapti

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the 540-megawatt Kwar hydroelectric project on the Chenab in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir. Kwar Project is part of the Indus basin and would be one of at least four projects coming up in the district, including the 1,000 MWs Pakal Dul hydroelectric project and 624 MWs run-of-the-river Kiru hydroelectric project.

Under the 1960 vintage Indus Water Treaty (IWT) between India and Pakistan, the two countries share the waters of six rivers in the Indus basin that flow through India towards Pakistan. Of these, India has complete rights over three eastern rivers – Sutlej, Beas and Ravi, while Pakistan has rights over the western rivers – Chenab, Jhelum, and Indus. The Kwar project will be implemented by Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Ltd (CVPPPL), a joint venture company between NHPC Ltd and Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development (JKSPDC).

The project is expected to generate 1975.54 million units in a 90% dependable year.

38) Elvera Britto has passed away recently. She was the captain of which sport's Indian women's team?

- (a) Football
- (b) Cricket
- (c) Wrestling

**(d) Hockey**

Elvera Britto, former Indian women's **hockey** team captain, dies at 81. Elvera was the second Indian women's hockey player to win the prestigious Arjuna Award. Indian women's hockey legend Elvera Britto died at the age of 81 on Tuesday.

39) Which is the first Indian company to hit the Rs 19 lakh crore market valuation mark in intra-day trade?

- (a) Infosys
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) Tata Consultancy Services

**(d) Reliance Industries Limited**

**Reliance Industries** on Wednesday became the first Indian company to hit the Rs 19 lakh crore market valuation mark in intra-day trade. Earlier in March, the company's market valuation had gone past Rs 18 lakh crore. Last year on October 13, its market valuation went past Rs 17 lakh crore mark.

40) Which district has become the first district in India to cover 100% of households under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

(ABPMJAY)- SEHAT scheme?

- (a) Reasi district, Jammu & Kashmir
- (b) Jamtara district, Jharkhand
- (c) Ernakulam district, Kerala

**(d) Samba district, Jammu**

Malcha Mahal

- The Delhi government is about to renovate the 14th century monument Malcha Mahal.
- It was built in 1325 by the then Sultan Firoz Shah Tughlaq and was, for a long time, used as a hunting lodge.
- It later became the residence of the descendants of the Nawab of Awadh.
- It is said that it came to be known as 'Wilayat Mahal' after Begum Wilayat Mahal of Awadh, who claimed that she was a member of the royal family of Oudh.
- She was given the palace by the government in 1985.
- When she died by suicide in 1993, it came into the ownership of her daughter Sakina Mahal, and son Prince Ali Raza (Cyrus), who died in 2017, his sister passed away some years before that.

41) Who has been appointed as chairperson of National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom)?

- (a) Navrang Saini
- (b) Anant Maheshwari
- (c) Rekha M Menon

**(d) Krishnan Ramanujam**

IT industry body Nasscom has appointed **Krishnan Ramanujam**, a senior executive at Tata Consultancy Services, as its Chairperson for 2022-23. Krishnan was the Vice Chairperson of the body. He succeeds Accenture's Senior Managing Director in India Rekha M Menon, who had served as the Chairperson for 2021-22.

**Nasscom**

Chairperson: U. B. Pravin Rao

Headquarters location: New Delhi

Founded: 1 March 1988

Abbreviation: NASSCOM

Purpose: Policy advocacy

Affiliations: NASSCOM Foundation; National Institute for Smart Government (NISG); Data Security Council of India (DSCI)

Founders: Dewang Mehta, Nandan Nilekani

42) Who is the author of the book titled "Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping"?

- (a) Natasha Lehrer
- (b) Martin Horn
- (c) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- (d) Roger Faligot

HarperCollins India has published a new book titled "**Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping**" authored by French journalist **Roger Faligot** and translated by writer, editor and translator, **Natasha Lehrer**. The foreword of the book is written by **Vikram Sood**, the former head of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), India's foreign intelligence agency. The book 'Chinese Spies' was originally published in French in 2008 and later translated into English from the updated 4th edition by Natasha Lehrer.

43) When will LIC IPO open for the investors?

- a) May 4th
- b) May 5th
- c) May 6th
- d) May 7<sup>th</sup>

The much-awaited initial public offering of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) will open on May 4, 2022. The LIC IPO price band has been set at Rs 902 to Rs 949 per equity share. There is expected to be a discount of Rs 60 for the existing LIC policyholders and Rs 40 discount for retail investors and employees.

44) How much discount will LIC policyholders get in LIC IPO?

- a) Rs 40
- b) Rs 50
- c) Rs 60
- d) Rs 80

The mega LIC IPO Price Band has been fixed at Rs 902-949 per share with Rs 60 discount per share for policyholders and a Rs 40 discount per share for retail investors and employees. LIC is looking to raise close to Rs 21000 crore at the upper end of the price band.

45) Which country has become the first one to suspend the Covid-19 vaccination programme?

- a) Poland
- b) Finland
- c) Denmark
- d) Sweden

Denmark has become the first country in the world to suspend the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Danish Health Authority said that the epidemic has been brought under control and that the country was in a "good position". Denmark's health officials stated that the invitations for vaccinations would no longer be issued after May 15th.

46) Which Indian actress will be part of the 75th Cannes Film Festival Jury?

- a) Deepika Padukone

- b) Alia Bhatt
- c) Priyanka Chopra
- d) Kajol

Deepika Padukone has been chosen to be a part of the exclusive jury for the 75th Cannes Film Festival. The actress herself shared the news on her social media by sharing an image of the other jury members including Oscar-winning filmmaker Asghar Farhadi, British actress and filmmaker Rebecca Hall, Swedish actress Noomi Rapace, and Italian actress Jasmine Trinca, French film director Ladj Ly and Norwegian film director Joachim Trier.

47) Which among the following country is not a part of PM Modi's European visit?

- a) Germany
- b) Denmark
- c) France
- d) Italy

Prime Minister Modi will be on an official visit to Germany, Denmark, and France from May 2-4, 2022. This will be Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first foreign visit in 2022. He will be attending various events and will also hold bilateral talks with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and French President Emmanuel Macron.

48) Which four planets will align in a straight line after 1000 years in the last week of April?

- a) Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter
- b) Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Uranus
- c) Mercury, Mars, Venus, Saturn
- d) Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn

In a rare and unique astronomical event known as the 'Planet Parade', four planets- Venus, Jupiter, Mars, and Saturn will align in a straight line after 1,000 years during the last week of April 2022. The moon along with the 4 planets will be visible one hour before sunrise on April 26 and April 27. The moon will reportedly move along with the four planets until April 29, and the others will remain in the cosmic line till early July 2022.

49) The first known human case of H3N8 bird flu has been reported in which country?

- a) Japan
- b) South Korea
- c) Malaysia
- d) China

China has reported the first known human case of the H3N8 strain of avian flu in a 4-year-old boy living in the Central Henan province of China. The Chinese health authorities have, however, said that there is a low risk of widespread transmission among the people.