

## Latest Current Affairs

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Q1. InSight, NASA's 1<sup>st</sup> mission on Mars has placed its 1<sup>st</sup> instrument on Mars. What type of instrument is it?

- a) Thermometer
  - b) Seismometer
  - c) Rain guage
  - d) Drill machine
- A. Seismometer**

InSight, which landed on Mars on 26th November. InSight or the Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport mission of NASA is a robotic lander that seeks to gather information about the deep interior of Mars.

InSight's primary tasks include placing a seismometer, known as SEIS on planet Mar's dusky red surface to measure the seismic activity.

Q2. Name the recipient of the Skoch CM of the year award 2017?

- a) N Chandrababu Naidu
  - b) Amarinder Singh
  - c) Mamta Banerjee
  - d) ML Khattar
- A. Mamta Banerjee**

The Skoch Group is a think tank since 1997 that deals with socio-economic issues in the country while focusing on inclusive growth. Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu was also awarded by the Skoch Group with 'SKOCH Sprinter of the Year' Award. Commerce and Industry and civil aviation minister Suresh Prabhu won the 'Steady Reformer' Award.

Q3. Name the new coach of women's cricket team of India?

- a) WV Raman
  - b) Rahul Dravid
  - c) Ravi Shastri
  - d) Gary Kirsten
- A. WV Raman**

Q4. Which state has ranked number 1 in the States' StartUps ranking 2018 as announced by DIPP?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
  - b) Telangana
  - c) Punjab
  - d) Gujarat
- A. Gujarat**

DIPP - Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

Q5. Name India's new Ambassador to USA?

- a) Meera Shankar
  - b) Nirupama Rao
  - c) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
  - d) S Jaishankar
- A. Harsh Vardhan Shringla**

Harsh Vardhan Shringla will be succeeding Navtej Sarna as the ambassador to the United States of America. Riva Ganguly Das, who is presently the Director General of Indian Council for Cultural Relations will take the position of High Commissioner to Bangladesh.

Q6. Which Indian state is under President's Rule?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Punjab
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Assam

**A. Jammu and Kashmir**

The state of Jammu and Kashmir has come under President's rule from 20th December 2018 as Governor's rule in the state completed its six months. The state faced a political crisis when 25-member BJP withdrew its support from Mehbooba Mufti-led coalition government, reducing it to a minority government. The Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers will aid and advise the president regarding the decisions related to the state.

Q7. The strategy document "Strategy for New India@75" has been formulated by which organization?

- a) ATAL mission
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) SKOCH group
- d) RIL

**A. NITI Aayog**

Under "Strategy for New India@75" reforms to make India a 4-trillion dollar economy by 2022-23 have been suggested.

Q8. Which Indian state celebrated its 57<sup>th</sup> Liberation Day on 19 December 2018?

- a) Assam
- b) Goa
- c) J&K
- d) Tamil Nadu

**A. Goa**

Every year 19th December is celebrated by India as on this day Operation Vijay was completed by the Indian Forces liberating Territories of Goa, Daman and Diu and the Anjadiv Island from the Portuguese rule.

Q9. When does India observe the Minorities Rights day?

- a) 17 December
- b) 19 December
- c) 21 December
- d) 18 December

**A. 18 December**

Q10. As a commemoration of his contribution to the Champaran Satyagraha, the Department of Post has issued stamps on whom?

- a) Mahatma Gandhi
- b) Rajendra Prasad
- c) Raj Kumar Shukla
- d) Anugraha Narayan Singh

**A. Raj Kumar Shukla**

Q11. "Shiksha Setu" mobile App has been launched by which state?

- a) Haryana
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Maharashtra

**A. Haryana**

Q12. What is India's ranking in the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Index 2018?

- a) 110
  - b) 107
  - c) 109
  - d) 108
- A. 108**

Iceland has been ranked as number 1 in the WEF's Gender Gap Index for the 10th consecutive year. Norway (83.5 percent) came at the second spot, Sweden (82.2 percent) at the third, and Finland (82.1 percent) claimed the 4th spot in the rankings. Other countries in Top 10: Nicaragua at 5th, Rwanda at 6th, New Zealand at 7th, the Philippines at 8th, Ireland at 9th and Namibia at 10th.

Q13. When is the International Migrants day observed?

- a) 18 December
  - b) 19 December
  - c) 16 December
  - d) 17 December
- A. 18 December**

The theme of International Migrants Day 2018 is "Migration with Dignity".

Q14. Who has been appointed as the Additional Solicitor General in the government of India?

- a) Madhavi Divan
  - b) Anil Divan
  - c) Pinky Anand
  - d) Shyam Divan
- A. Madhavi Divan**

Q15. What is the word of the year 2018 according to Merriam Webster?

- a) Judge
  - b) Legal
  - c) Justice
  - d) Jaw
- A. Justice**

According to Merriam Webster, the Word of the Year for 2016 was 'Surreal' and for 2017 was 'Feminism'.

Q16. Mt Soputan volcano that erupted on 16 December 2018 is located in which country?

- a) Malaysia
  - b) Vietnam
  - c) Japan
  - d) Indonesia
- A. Indonesia**

Q17. Who has won the National Squash Women's Singles title?

- a) Dipika Pallikal Karthik
  - b) Urvashi Joshi
  - c) Joshna Chinappa
  - d) Janet Vidhi
- A. Joshna Chinappa**

Q18. Miss Universe 2018 is from which country?

- a) India
- b) USA

- c) Philippines
- d) Maldives

**A. Philippines**

Catriona Elisa Gray from the Philippines was crowned as the Miss Universe 2018. She was crowned by Demi Leigh Nel-Peters from South Africa, the Miss Universe 2017 title winner.

Q19. Name the first Indian to win the BWF World Tour Finals?

- a) Kidambi Srikanth
- b) PV Sindhu
- c) Pullela Gopichand
- d) Saina Nehwal

**A. PV Sindhu**

The 2018 BWF World Tour Finals, officially the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2018 Guangzhou, was the final tournament of the 2018 BWF World Tour. It was held from 12 to 16 December 2018 in Tianhe, Guangzhou, China, and had a total prize of \$1,500,000.

Q20. Which country has won the Hockey World cup 2018 title?

- a) France
- b) India
- c) Belgium
- d) USA

**A. Belgium**

Belgium Hockey team won their first ever World cup title on 16th December 2018 after they defeated The Netherlands. Turtle 'Olly' was the official mascot for the Hockey World Cup 2018 cup. 'Olly' mascot of the Hockey World Cup 2018 represents the Olive Ridley turtle. It was held at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Q21. Who has sworn – in as the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?

- a) Maithripala Sirisena
- b) Gamini Dissanayake
- c) Mahinda Rajapaksa
- d) Ranil Wickremesinghe

**A. Ranil Wickremesinghe**

Q22. 16 December 2018 was the \_\_\_ anniversary of the Kargil divas?

- a) 47th
- b) 48th
- c) 45th
- d) 50th

**A. 47th**

Q23. Who will be the new CM of Chhattisgarh?

- a) Bhupesh Baghel
- b) Anandiben Patel
- c) Ajit Jogi
- d) Deepak Khatri

**A. Bhupesh Baghel**

Bupesh Baghel is set to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> CM of Chhattisgarh.

Q24. Where was the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IRIGC-MTC held?

- a) Moscow
- b) St Petersburg
- c) Gurugram
- d) New Delhi

**A. New Delhi**

IRIGC-MTC- India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation. Set up in 2000. The First meeting of the IRIGC-MTC was held in Moscow in 2001. The 19th IRIGC meeting is proposed to be held in Russia next year. Russia has been the most important arms supplier for India's Defence forces. IRIGC oversees all the issues of military-technical cooperation.

Q25. Where is India's 1<sup>st</sup> Railway University located?

- a) Vadodra
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) NOIDA
- d) New Delhi

**A. Vadodra**

National Rail and Transportation Institution (NRTI).

The Railway University will be first of its kind institution in the nation and the third in the world after Russia and China. The chairman of Railways Board Sh. Ashok Lohani has been named the Vice Chancellor of the University.