

Current Affairs 2021: January (Part – I)

Question 1. The 19th SCO Council of Heads of Govt. Meeting was chaired by

- a. M Venkaiah Naidu
- b. Vladimir Putin
- c. Xi Jinping
- d. Ram Nath Kovind

Answer: M Venkaiah Naidu

Question 2. Name the cruise service that is going to be launched on River Sarayu (Uttar Pradesh) by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.

- a. Ramayan Cruise Service
- b. Namami Sarayu Cruise Service
- c. Pavan Putra Cruise Service
- d. Ayodhya Cruise Service

Answer: Ramayan Cruise Service

Question 3. Madhavsinh Solanki, former Chief Minister of Gujarat passed away recently. He had also served as India's

- a. Finance Minister
- b. Defence Minister
- c. External Affairs Minister
- d. Home Minister

Answer: External Affairs Minister

Question 4. Which of the following pairs is correct with respect to RBI's Regulatory Sandbox (RS) themes?

- a. 1st Cohort: Retail Payments
- b. 2nd Cohort: Cross Border Payments
- c. 3rd Cohort: P2P (Peer to Peer Lending)
- d. Both A & B

Answer: Both A & B

Question 5. PM Modi was conferred the Legion of Merit (Degree-Chief Commander) award by which of the following nations?

- a. USA
- b. United Kingdom
- c. Australia
- d. New Zealand

Answer: USA

Question 6. On 24th January (National Girl Child Day), Shrishti Goswami assumed the post of Chief Minister for a single day in

- a. West Bengal
- b. Uttarakhand
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Uttarakhand

Question 7. Which of the following states won the Best Tableau award during the 2021 Republic Day celebrations?

- a. Uttar Pradesh
- b. Uttarakhand
- c. Tripura
- d. Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

Question 8. The winner of the Best Tableau award conferred to Ministries & Govt. Departments went to the

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- a. Department of Science & Technology
- b. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
- c. Department of Biotechnology
- d. Ministry of Education

Answer: Department of Biotechnology

Question 9. In which of the following states is Tesla Motors going to set up its manufacturing plant?

- a. Andhra Pradesh
- b. Telangana
- c. Tamil Nadu
- d. Karnataka

Answer: Karnataka

Question 10. Where was the Khelo India Winter Sports and Youth Festival held recently?

- a. Kufri, Himachal Pradesh
- b. Zaskar Valley, Ladakh
- c. Manali, Himachal Pradesh
- d. Auli, Uttarakhand

Answer: Zaskar Valley, Ladakh

Question 11. SBI recently performed Inter Bank Money Market Transactions linked to SOFR. SOFR is going to replace LIBOR (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate). SOFR stands for

- a. Security Offered Financing Rate
- b. Savings Overnight Finance Rate
- c. Secured Overnight Financing Rate
- d. SBI Offered Finance Rate

Answer: Secured Overnight Financing Rate

Question 12. Which of the following pairs is incorrectly matched in the context of India Innovation Index 2020 published by NITI Aayog?

- a. No.1 Rank (Major States): Karnataka
- b. No.1 Rank (North East & Hill States): Himachal Pradesh
- c. No.1 Rank (Union Territories & City States): Delhi
- d. None of the above

Answer: None of the above

Question 13. Desert Knight-21 Exercise was conducted recently at Jodhpur (Rajasthan) between the Air forces of India and

- a. USA
- b. France
- c. United Kingdom
- d. Australia

Answer: France

Question 14. Which of the following trains was recently renamed as Netaji Express?

- a. Magadh Express
- b. Durgam Express
- c. Howrah-Kalka Mail Express
- d. August Kranti Rajdhani Express

Answer: Howrah-Kalka Mail Express

Question 15. Who was the recipient of the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award of the Decade?

- a. Misbah-ul-Haq (Pakistan)
- b. MS Dhoni (India)
- c. Kane Williamson (New Zealand)
- d. Mahela Jayawardene (Sri Lanka)

Answer: MS Dhoni (India)

Question 16. Name the country in focus at the 51st IFFI (International Film Festival of India) that was held in Goa recently.

- a. Portugal
- b. Bangladesh
- c. France
- d. Turkey

Answer: Bangladesh

Question 17. Banks that have an asset size of more than 2% of GDP are classified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) by RBI. Which of the following banks have been classified as D-SIBs?

- a. SBI, ICICI and HDFC
- b. SBI, PNB and Bank of Baroda
- c. SBI, Bank of Baroda, PNB and HDFC
- d. SBI, Bank of Baroda, PNB and ICICI

Answer: SBI, ICICI and HDFC

Question 18. PIDF (Payment Infrastructure Development Fund) scheme has been launched by RBI to boost the Payment Acceptance infrastructure from tier-3 to tier-6 centres. Which of the following is not correct in the context of the PIDF scheme?

- a. It will have a validity of 3 Years, which, if required, can be extended by 2 Years.
- b. The fund is being managed by BP Kanungo headed advisory council.
- c. The scheme will have a special focus on the North Eastern states
- d. None of the above

Answer: None of the above

Question 19. Name the Panel constituted by RBI to suggest Digital Lending regulations.

- a. NS Vishwanathan Panel
- b. BP Kanungo Panel
- c. Usha Thorat Panel
- d. Jayant Kumar Dash Panel

Answer: Jayant Kumar Dash Panel

Question 20. The 2021 Khelo India Youth Games (4th Edition) are scheduled to be held in

- a. Rourkela (Odisha)
- b. Panchkula (Haryana)
- c. Jaipur (Rajasthan)
- d. Indore (Madhya Pradesh)

Answer: Panchkula (Haryana)

Question 21. Which of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- a. National Youth Day: 12th January
- b. World Braille Day: 4th January
- c. World Hindi Day: 10th January
- d. All of the above

Answer: All of the above

Question 22. From 1st January, 2021, the limit for Contactless Card Payments (without entering the pin number) has been increased to

- a. Rs. 3000/-
- b. Rs. 4000/-
- c. Rs. 5000/-
- d. Rs. 6000/-

Answer: Rs. 5000/-

Question 23. 'Loktantra Ke Swar' and 'The Republican Ethic Volume-3' are the collections of speeches of

- a. Ram Nath Kovind
- b. M Venkaiah Naidu

- c. Narendra Modi
- d. APJ Abdul Kalam

Answer: Ram Nath Kovind

Question 24. Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY SEHAT, a Health Insurance scheme for Jammu & Kashmir, was launched recently. PM-JAY SEHAT stands for

- a. Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana Social Endeavour for Health and Telemedicine
- b. Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yearly Scheme for Effective Health and Telemedicine
- c. Pradhan Mantri-Jammu & Kashmir Arogya Yojana Social Effort for Health and Telemedicine
- d. Pradhan Mantri-Jammu & Kashmir Arogya Yearly Scheme for Effective Health and Telemedicine

Answer: Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana Social Endeavour for Health and Telemedicine

Question 25. Which of the following pairs is incorrect with respect to the recently announced ICC Awards?

- a. Men's Player of the Decade & Men's ODI Player of the Decade: Virat Kohli (India)
- b. Men's Test Player of the Decade: Steve Smith (Australia)
- c. Men's T20 Player of the Decade: Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)
- d. None of the above

Answer: None of the above

Question 26. Name India's 1st indigenously developed Air-to-Air BVR (Beyond Visual Range) Missile.

- a. Prithivi-II
- b. Akash-NG
- c. Astra MK-I
- d. BrahMos

Answer: Astra MK-I

Question 27. To commemorate the memory of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Parakram Diwas is going to be observed annually on

- a. 22nd January
- b. 23rd January
- c. 24th January
- d. 25th January

Answer: 23rd January

Question 28. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is observed annually on 9th January. Chandrikapersad Santokhi (Chan Santokhi), the Chief Guest on the 2021 PBD, is the President of

- a. South Africa
- b. Suriname
- c. Maldives
- d. Mauritius

Answer: Suriname

Question 29. As per NSO, India's GDP Growth 2020-21 (Advance Estimate) is

- a. -8.5%
- b. -9.5%
- c. -8.7%
- d. -7.7%

Answer: -7.7%

Question 30. SKYROS, a wargames exercise, was conducted recently between the Air Forces of India and France in

- a. Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- b. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- c. Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- d. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Jodhpur, Rajasthan