

January, 2026 Current Affairs Test

1. Who has been appointed as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) from January 2026?

- (a) António Guterres
- (b) Filippo Grandi
- (c) Volker Türk
- (d) Barham Salih

2. What is the name of the Chinese military drills conducted around Taiwan in December 2025?

- (a) Dragon Strike 2025
- (b) Eastern Shield 2025
- (c) Sea-Patrol 2025
- (d) Justice Mission 2025

3. Former New Zealand cricketer Doug Bracewell has announced his retirement from which level of cricket?

- (a) Only Test cricket
- (b) Only limited-overs cricket
- (c) Domestic cricket only
- (d) All forms of international cricket Ans. e

4. Global Family Day is observed annually on which date?

- (a) 1 January
- (b) 5 January
- (c) 6 January
- (d) 7 January

5. DRDO Day is celebrated every year on 1 January to mark the achievements of India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). In which year was DRDO established?

- (a) 1947
- (b) 1950
- (c) 1962
- (d) 1958

6. Which country became the first in the world to grant legal rights to stingless bees?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Colombia
- (c) Peru
- (d) Ecuador

7. Who won the recent presidential election in Guinea as per the latest news?

- (a) Alpha Condé
- (b) Mamady Doumbouya
- (c) Umaro Sissoco Embaló
- (d) Paul-Henri Damiba

8. Which state has become the first in India to constitute its 8th State Pay Commission?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Assam

9. Which country has recently legalised cryptocurrency mining and exchanges?

- (a) Kazakhstan
- (b) Uzbekistan
- (c) Turkmenistan

(d) Kyrgyzstan

10. How many tigers did India lose in 2025 according to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)?

- (a) 126
- (b) 140
- (c) 150
- (d) 166

11. Who has been reappointed as the Chief Coach of the Indian women's hockey team?

- (a) Harendra Singh
- (b) Graham Reid
- (c) Sjoerd Marijne
- (d) Roelant Oltmans

12. National Birds Day is observed every year on which date?

- (a) 3 January
- (b) 4 January
- (c) 5 January
- (d) 6 January

13. International Mind-Body Wellness Day is observed every year on which date?

- (a) 1 January
- (b) 2 January
- (c) 3 January
- (d) 4 January

14. Which company successfully launched Italy's COSMO-SkyMed Second Generation satellite?

- (a) Blue Origin
- (b) United Launch Alliance (ULA)
- (c) Arianespace
- (d) SpaceX

15. Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court?

- (a) Justice Ramesh Chander Dimri
- (b) Justice Neerja Kulwant Kalson
- (c) Justice Mahesh Sharadchandra Sonak
- (d) Justice Dipak Misra

16. Who will be the chief guests at India's Republic Day celebrations in 2026?

- (a) Emmanuel Macron and Olaf Scholz
- (b) Ursula von der Leyen and António Costa
- (c) Charles Michel and Josep Borrell
- (d) Angela Merkel and Jean-Claude Juncker

17. Who released the book "Khutbat-e-Modi: Lal Qila Ki Faseel Se"?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (d) Rajnath Singh

18. Australian batter Steve Smith became the second-highest run-scorer in Ashes history on January 6, 2026. Whose record did Steve Smith surpass to become the second-highest run-scorer in Ashes history?

- (a) Don Bradman
- (b) Joe Root

- (c) Jack Hobbs
(d) Alastair Cook
- 19. In January 2026, Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque was sworn in as the Chief Justice of which High Court?**
- (a) Kerala High Court
(b) Calcutta High Court
(c) Sikkim High Court
(d) Gauhati High Court
- 20. The Supreme Court of India recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country's apex court to facilitate the exchange of young legal professionals?**
- (a) Nepal
(b) Bangladesh
(c) Bhutan
(d) Sri Lanka
- 21. Kabindra Purkayastha, who recently passed away, was a senior leader of which political party?**
- (a) Indian National Congress
(b) All India Trinamool Congress
(c) Bharatiya Janata Party
(d) Janata Dal (United)
- 22. Jinson Johnson, who recently announced his retirement, is a national record-holder in which sport?**
- (a) Swimming
(b) Middle-distance running
(c) Long jump
(d) Shooting
- 23. Which medal did Indian squash player Anahat Singh win at the British Junior Open 2026 in the women's under-19 category?**
- (a) Gold
(b) Silver
(c) Bronze
(d) No medal
- 24. World Hindi Day is observed every year on 10th January to promote the Hindi language globally. What is the theme of World Hindi Day 2026?**
- (a) Hindi in Education
(b) Promoting Hindi on Global Platforms
(c) Hindi Literature Celebration
(d) Hindi for Digital India
- 25. When is Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (NRI Day) celebrated every year?**
- (a) 5 January
(b) 8 January
(c) 12 January
(d) 15 January
- 26. On which date is Earth's Rotations Day observed annually?**
- (a) 5 January
(b) 8 January
(c) 12 January
(d) 15 January
- 27. On which date is the African National Congress (ANC) Foundation Day celebrated annually?**
- (a) 11 January
(b) 8 January
(c) 10 January
(d) 12 January
- 28. The 2026 IEEE Medal of Honour, regarded as the most prestigious recognition in the field of technology, has been awarded for lifetime contributions to accelerated computing. Who is the recipient of this honour?**
- (a) Elon Musk
(b) Jensen Huang
(c) Satya Nadella
(d) Sundar Pichai
- 29. National Youth Day is observed on 12 January every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. What is the theme of National Youth Day 2026?**
- (a) Youth for Nation
(b) Empowering Young India
(c) Youth and Innovation
(d) Ignite the Self, Impact the World
- 30. National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed on which date?**
- (a) 10 January
(b) 11 January
(c) 12 January
(d) 15 January
- 31. Justice Revati Mohite Dere recently created history by being sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of which High Court, marking a milestone for a matrilineal northeastern state?**
- (a) Bombay High Court
(b) Gauhati High Court
(c) Manipur High Court
(d) Meghalaya High Court
- 32. Justice Soumen Sen was recently sworn in as the Chief Justice of which High Court?**
- (a) Meghalaya High Court
(b) Calcutta High Court
(c) Kerala High Court
(d) Karnataka High Court
- 33. What is the new name of the Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala?**
- (a) Aralam Bird Sanctuary
(b) Aralam Nature Park
(c) Aralam Insect Sanctuary
(d) Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary
- 34. Australia women's team captain Alyssa Healy announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket ahead of the T20 World Cup 2026. In which years did Alyssa Healy win the ODI World Cup?**
- (a) 2011 and 2019
(b) 2012 and 2018
(c) 2013 and 2022
(d) 2010 and 2016
- 35. India ranked 80th in the Henley Passport Index 2026, with visa-free, visa-on-arrival or eTA access to 55 destinations, sharing the rank with Algeria and**

Niger. Which country holds the world's most powerful passport in the Henley Passport Index 2026?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Germany
- (c) South Korea
- (d) Singapore

36. When is National Road Safety Week 2026 being observed in India?

- (a) January 10–20
- (b) January 11–17
- (c) January 15–21
- (d) January 20–26

37. The Makaravilakku festival is celebrated in which Indian state?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Kerala

38. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Yemen?

- (a) Salem bin Breik
- (b) Ali Mohsen Al-Ahmar
- (c) Shaya Mohsen Zindani
- (d) Ahmed Obeid bin Daghr

39. Who was named ICC Women's Player of the Month for December 2025?

- (a) Shafali Verma
- (b) Laura Wolvaardt
- (c) Ellyse Perry
- (d) Smriti Mandhana

40. The 2026 FIFA World Cup will be hosted jointly for the first time by multiple countries in North America. Which combination of countries has been announced as the official hosts of the tournament?

- (a) United States, Brazil, Mexico
- (b) United States, Canada, Mexico
- (c) Canada, Germany, Mexico
- (d) United States, Argentina, Canada

41. National Startup Day is observed in India on which date?

- (a) 12 January
- (b) 15 January
- (c) 16 January
- (d) 18 January

42. Who has won a seventh term as the President of Uganda?

- (a) Paul Kagame
- (b) Uhuru Kenyatta
- (c) Yoweri Museveni
- (d) Cyril Ramaphosa

43. In which country is the Finke River, believed to be the world's oldest continuously flowing river, located?

- (a) India
- (b) Egypt
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Australia

44. Which city will host the Laureus World Sports Awards for the third consecutive year?

- (a) Paris
- (b) Rome
- (c) Madrid
- (d) London

45. International Day of Education is observed every year on 24 January to highlight the role of education in peace, development, and human rights worldwide. What is the theme of International Day of Education 2026?

- (a) Education for All
- (b) The power of youth in co-creating education
- (c) Learning Never Stops
- (d) Global Education for Peace

46. Who released the book "Chalice of Ambrosia: Ram Janmabhoomi – Challenge and Response"?

- (a) President of India
- (b) Prime Minister of India
- (c) Union Home Minister
- (d) Vice President

47. National Tourism Day is observed every year in India on which date?

- (a) 24 January
- (b) 25 January
- (c) 26 January
- (d) 27 January

48. Recently, where was the rare worm-like amphibian *Gegeneophis valmiki* discovered?

- (a) Eastern Ghats
- (b) Himalayas
- (c) Northern Western Ghats
- (d) Sundarbans

49. Which company conducted the first-ever medical evacuation mission from the International Space Station (ISS)?

- (a) Blue Origin
- (b) Boeing
- (c) SpaceX
- (d) Roscosmos

50. Where was the 5th LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship held in Ladakh?

- (a) Leh Ice Stadium
- (b) Nubra Valley Ice Ground
- (c) Biamathang Ice Hockey Ground, Kargil
- (d) Pangong Ice Arena
- (e) Tso Moriri Ice Field

51. Which Indian Naval Sailing Vessel recently reached Muscat, strengthening India-Oman ties?

- (a) INSV Tarini
- (b) INSV Mhadei
- (c) INS Arihant
- (d) INSV Kaundinya

52. Which Indian Fintech Company has received NPCI approval to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider under the UPI framework?

- (a) Paytm
- (b) ZET

- (c) PhonePe
(d) Google Pay
- 53. Which nuclear reactor was restarted at Japan's Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant in 2026, marking nearly 15 years since the Fukushima disaster?**
(a) Reactor No. 4
(b) Reactor No. 5
(c) Reactor No. 6
(d) Reactor No. 7
(e) Reactor No. 8
- 54. Gulfood 2026, the world's largest annual food and beverage exhibition, will be held from January 26–30, 2026, making history as the first exhibition to operate simultaneously across two mega venues—Dubai World Trade Centre and Dubai Exhibition Centre, Expo City Dubai—with India as the partner country for the first time. Which country has been named the partner country for Gulfood 2026 for the first time?**
(a) Saudi Arabia
(b) United States
(c) Egypt
(d) India
- 55. The 25th edition of Bharat Rang Mahotsav (BRM) 2026, organised by the National School of Drama (NSD), will be held during which period?**
(a) January 10 – February 5, 2026
(b) January 20 – February 15, 2026
(c) January 27 – February 20, 2026
(d) February 1 – February 28, 2026
- 56. Government e-Marketplace (GeM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which organisation to strengthen MSME participation in public procurement?**
(a) FICCI
(b) CII
(c) World Trade Centre
(d) ASSOCHAM
- 57. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the PM SVANidhi Credit Card during his visit to Kerala. The launch took place in which city, highlighting the government's focus on financial inclusion for informal sector workers?**
(a) Kochi
(b) Kozhikode
(c) Thiruvananthapuram
(d) Kollam
- 58. Who became the first woman CRPF officer from Rajouri to lead an all-male CRPF contingent at the Republic Day Parade?**
(a) Pooja Singh
(b) Simran Bala
(c) Ritu Sharma
(d) Parul Tyagi
- 59. According to the World Economic Forum (WEF) white paper "Rethinking AI Sovereignty", India was placed at which position among 11 countries based on their historical accumulated investments in the artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem between 2010 and 2024, calculated as a percentage of their 2024 GDP?**
(a) 5th
(b) 6th
(c) 7th
(d) 8th
- 60. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has constituted a high-level committee named the Strategic Asset Allocation and Risk Governance (SAARG) panel to review and modernise the investment framework of the National Pension System (NPS). Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of this SAARG committee?**
(a) Uday Kotak
(b) Nandan Nilekani
(c) Narayan Ramachandran
(d) Deepak Parekh
- 61. Who has been appointed as the head coach of the senior Indian women's football team by the All India Football Federation (AIFF)?**
(a) Igor Štimac
(b) Thomas Dennerby
(c) Maymol Rocky
(d) Sunil Chhetri
- 62. Indian Air Force Group Captain and astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla has been awarded the Ashok Chakra, India's highest peacetime gallantry award, for his exceptional service. The Ashok Chakra was awarded to Shubhanshu Shukla in recognition of his service, including his role in which space mission?**
(a) Gaganyaan Mission
(b) Chandrayaan-3
(c) Axiom Mission
(d) Artemis Mission
- 63. On the eve of the 77th Republic Day, how many Armed Forces personnel were approved for gallantry awards by President Droupadi Murmu?**
(a) 50
(b) 60
(c) 70
(d) 80
- 64. Which Indian state has announced 2026 as the 'Year of Agriculture'?**
(a) Uttar Pradesh
(b) Maharashtra
(c) Madhya Pradesh
(d) Rajasthan
- 65. Who will inaugurate the first phase of Assam's largest multi-sports stadium in Dibrugarh?**
(a) Narendra Modi
(b) Himanta Biswa Sarma
(c) Nitin Gadkari
(d) Amit Shah
- 66. Which Indian Coast Guard ships arrived at the Port of Colombo for an official visit?**
(a) ICGS Vijaya and ICGS Sarang
(b) ICGS Varaha and ICGS Atulya
(c) ICGS Samrat and ICGS Shaurya

(d) ICGS Sagardhwani and ICGS Sujeet

67. Which country has replaced Bangladesh in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026?

- (a) Ireland
- (b) Scotland
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) Netherlands

68. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) is set to sign a term contract with which company to source crude oil?

- (a) Shell
- (b) ExxonMobil
- (c) Petrobras
- (d) TotalEnergies

69. Which company is starting the second phase of construction of the Vizhinjam International Seaport in Kerala?

- (a) DP World
- (b) Adani Port Pvt Ltd
- (c) Essar Ports
- (d) Mumbai Port Trust
- (e) Cochin Port Trust

70. According to the UNCTAD 2025 report, FDI inflows to India surged significantly due to large investments in services like finance, IT, and R&D, as well as manufacturing, supported by government policies to integrate India into global supply chains. What was the total value of FDI inflows to India in 2025?

- (a) USD 35 billion
- (b) USD 40 billion
- (c) USD 47 billion
- (d) USD 50 billion

71. National Geographic Day is observed every year on which date?

- (a) 25 January
- (b) 26 January
- (c) 27 January
- (d) 28 January

72. International Customs Day is observed every year on which date?

- (a) 25 January
- (b) 26 January
- (c) 27 January
- (d) 28 January

73. How much financial assistance has the World Bank approved for the 'Jal Sanrakshit Haryana Project' to make Haryana self-reliant in the water sector?

- (a) Rs 4,500 crore
- (b) Rs 5,000 crore
- (c) Rs 5,500 crore
- (d) Rs 5,700 crore

74. Ajit Pawar tragically died in a plane crash near Baramati in Pune district. Ajit Pawar held which political position in Maharashtra at the time of his death?

- (a) Chief Minister
- (b) Governor

(c) Mayor

(d) Deputy Chief Minister

75. Bharti AXA Life Insurance launches "Swabhimaan Retirement" deferred annuity plan, offering customers the ability to plan early, lock in current annuity rates, and secure guaranteed lifetime income, with an Atmanirbhar option. What is the "Atmanirbhar" option in this plan?

- (a) Allows customers to withdraw funds in case of emergency
- (b) Offers higher interest rates
- (c) Provides additional tax benefits
- (d) Provides a free health check-up

76. Which AI tools can now be used to order groceries, food, and make dining reservations on Swiggy?

- (a) Siri and Alexa
- (b) Watson and Bixby
- (c) ChatGPT, Claude, and Google Gemini
- (d) Cortana and IBM Watson

77. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has notified the launch of the 'NPS Swasthya Pension Scheme' as a Proof of Concept (PoC) under its Regulatory Sandbox Framework. Under the Swasthya Pension Scheme, subscribers over 40 years of age (excluding government employees) can transfer what percentage of their contributions from their Common Scheme Account?

- (a) 20%
- (b) 25%
- (c) 28%
- (d) 30%

78. Which Indian Company signed an MoU with Embraer to establish a commercial aircraft assembly facility in India?

- (a) Tata Aerospace
- (b) Reliance Defence
- (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- (d) Adani Defence & Aerospace
- (e) Mahindra Aerospace

79. PM Narendra Modi and European Commission President H.E. Ms Ursula von der Leyen jointly announced the conclusion of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement at the 16th India-EU Summit, held during the visit of the European leaders to India. Under the India-EU FTA, what percentage of items India exports to the EU will have tariffs dropped?

- (a) 95%
- (b) 50%
- (c) 92.5%
- (d) 99.5%

80. According to the three reports launched by NITI Aayog during the International Material Recycling Conference (IMRC) at Jaipur, which analysed challenges and opportunities in India's circular economy for End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs), waste tyres, e-waste, and lithium-ion batteries, the demand for Lithium-ion batteries in India is

projected to increase significantly from 29 GWh in 2025 to what level by 2035, reflecting the rapid rise of electric vehicles and digitalisation in the country?

- (a) 100 GWh
- (b) 158 GWh
- (c) 210 GWh
- (d) 248 GWh

81. Which ministry of the Government of India recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Zepto Limited through its Export Promotion Council to facilitate online access to AYUSH medicines and wellness products across the country, aiming to strengthen digital discovery while ensuring quality compliance and consumer trust?

- (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (b) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- (c) Ministry of Science & Technology
- (d) Ministry of Ayush

82. International Data Privacy Day is observed every year on 28 January to raise awareness about the importance of protecting personal and sensitive data online. What is the official theme for International Data Privacy Day 2026?

- (a) Take Control of Your Data
- (b) Cybersecurity for All
- (c) Protect Your Passwords
- (d) Safe Social Media

83. International Day of Peaceful Coexistence is observed every year on which date?

- (a) 24 January
- (b) 26 January
- (c) 28 January
- (d) 30 January

84. President Droupadi Murmu has approved the conferment of the Jeevan Raksha Padak Series of Awards–2025 on 30 persons, which includes Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak, Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak and Jeevan Raksha Padak. How many persons received the Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak in 2025?

- (a) 4
- (b) 6
- (c) 8
- (d) 12

85. International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust is observed on which date?

- (a) 24 January
- (b) 25 January
- (c) 26 January
- (d) 27 January

86. Veteran journalist Sir William Mark Tully has passed away at the age of 90 in New Delhi. Tully was associated with which international media organisation?

- (a) CNN
- (b) Reuters
- (c) BBC
- (d) Al Jazeera