

# Current Affairs December 2023

## Important News of December 2023 + Top 50 MCQs

### Recent Books and Novels

- 'Zeba: An Accidental Superhero' - Huma Qureshi
- Welcome to Paradise - Twinkle Khanna
- Breaking the Mould - Raghuram Rajan & Rohit Lamba
- The Book of Life: My Dance with Buddha for Success- Vivek Agnihotri
- The Day I Became a Runner – S Chattopadhyay
- Tales from the Home of Wags & Wiggles – V Raghavan

### Recent Appointment (Indian Origin)

- Member of Board of Directors of the International Development Finance Corporation - Deven Parekh (Indian-American)
- Chief Financial Officer of Tesla -Vaibhav Taneja (Indian origin)
- As special agent in FBI in US - Shohini Sinha (Indian-American)
- President's Export Council by US Prez. - Shamina Singh (Indian-American businessman)
- Deputy CEO of US Finance Agency - Nisha Biswal (Indian-American)

### Recent Appointment

- President of FICCI - Anish Shah (replace Subhrakant Panda)
- Senior Vice President of FICCI - Harsha Vardhan Agarwal
- Chairman of World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 - Mohammed Al Ramsi (UAE)
- Head of British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Board - Samir Shah
- Chairman of Swiggy India - Anand Kripalu

### Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- Chairman of Max Life Insurance - Rajiv Anand (replace Anajit Singh)
- Executive Director of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) - Jithesh John
- MD of State Bank of India - Vinay M. Tonse (till 2025; for 2 years)
- Director of Jio Financial Services - Isha Ambani, Anshuman Thakur, and Hitesh Kumar Sethia
- MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank - Ashok Vaswani (replace Dipak Gupta) effect from 1 Jan 2024

### Recent Awards

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- Sahitya Akademi's Premchand Fellowship - Tshering Tashi (Bhutanese author)
- Bank of the Year (India) Award by Financial Times - Federal Bank
- CEO of the Year 2023 by TIME magazine - Sam Altman (co-founded OpenAI developed ChatGPT)
- Person of the Year 2023 by TIME magazine - Taylor Swift (American singer)
- Athlete of the Year 2023 by TIME magazine - Lionel Messi
- International Anti-Corruption champion by US Govt. - Nikhil Dey
- Italy's highest honour "Order of Merit of the Italian Republic" - Kabir Bedi
- 33rd Vyas Samman 2023 -Pushpa Bharati (for Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein)

## Recent MoUs signed by State Governments

- Rays Power Infra to build 500 MW solar park in Uttarakhand
- UK & Tamil Nadu partners on smart tech sustainable resource management
- Ashok Leyland signs MoU with UP Govt to set up integrated e-bus plant
- Odisha Govt signs MoU with six public sector banks to provide banking
- Maharashtra signs MoU with Germany's professional association football

## Recent MoU

- THDC India inks pact to develop renewable energy projects in Karnatakas
- IBM inks 3 pacts with IT Ministry on semiconductor, AI, Q-computing
- SUN Mobility partners with Bluwheelz to deploy over 16,000 EVs
- India Global Forum signs with World Governments Summit to develop an Emerging Economies Programme
- DMRC sign with BEL to develop Communication Based Train Control system

## Recent index

- Climate Change Performance Index 2023 - India ranked 7th
- World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2023 - India ranked 49th; topped by US\*
- Global Unicorn Rankings - Rank 1. USA, Rank 2. China, Rank 3. India
- Inclusiveness index by US varsity - India ranked 117th; topped by - New Zealand
- Global Pension Index 2023 - India ranked 45; Topped by Netherland
- Global Hunger Index 2023 - India ranked 111th

## Recent Brand Ambassador

- R Madhavan - The insurtech company Acko

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- Pankaj Tripathi - UPI Safety Ambassador
- MS Dhoni - State bank of India
- Katrina Kaif - Swiss Watchmaker 'Rado'
- Chetan Bhagat - Henry Harvin Education
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Lay's
- Amrita Raichand - Health Ambassador for Salaam Bombay Foundation
- Sourav Ganguly - Tripura Tourism

## Recent Loan approved by ADB

- India and ADB sign \$250 million loan for Industrial Corridor Development in India
- India, ADB signed \$200 million loan agreement for Uttarakhand power system project
- India, ADB signed \$175 million loan deal to improve Madhya Pradesh roads
- India, ADB approved \$181 Million to Improve Ahmedabad's Peri-urban Areas
- ADB and Fourth Partner Energy Collaborate for Solar Power Plant worth Rs 120 cr in Tamil Nadu

## Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President

- Prime Minister of Poland - Donald Tusk
- Prime Minister of Luxembourgish - Luc Frieden
- Prime Minister of Spain - Pedro Sanchez (re-elected)
- Prime Minister of Slovakia - Robert Fico (4th time)
- President of Ecuador - Daniel Noboa
- President of Gabon – Gen Brice Oligui

## Top 50 MCQs of December 2023

1. Jal Itihas Utsav is organized by which ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (b) Ministry of urban and Housing affairs
- (c) Ministry of women and child development
- (d) Ministry of finance
- (e) Ministry of aviation

Ans. a

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2. Which portal has been recently launched by the ministry of urban and Housing affairs?

- (a) Samagra portal
- (b) Samadhan portal
- (c) Deeksha portal
- (d) Amplifi 2.0 portal
- (e) Disha portal

Ans. d

3. High level virtual interaction MAHASAGAR is launched by which?

- (a) Indian Navy
- (b) Indian Army
- (c) BSF
- (d) CRPF
- (e) Delhi police

Ans. a

Sol. On November 29, 2023, the Indian Navy reached an important achievement by hosting the

first MAHASAGAR, Maritime Heads for Active Security And Growth for All in the Region, a virtual

meeting to enhance safety and development in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

4. V R Lalithambika who received a top French award called the Légion d'honneur was used

to lead which institute?

- (a) DRDO
- (b) BHEL
- (c) ISRO
- (d) HAL
- (e) GAIL

Ans. c

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Sol. V R Lalithambika, who used to lead the Human Spaceflight Program at ISRO, received a top

French award called the Légion d'honneur.

5. Who received the top French Literary honour?

- (a) Sashi Tharur
- (b) Arshia Sattar
- (c) Laxmi Nayar
- (d) S. Something
- (e) R. Narayan

Ans. b

Sol. Famous author and translator Arshia Sattar was honored with the Knight of the Order of Arts

and Letters from the French government, a prestigious honor.

6. Border Security Force is celebrating its Raising Day on which date?

- (a) 30th November
- (b) 1st December
- (c) 2nd February
- (d) 8th December
- (e) 10th January

Ans. b

Sol. On December 1 every year, the Border Security Force (BSF) of India celebrates its Raising Day.

7. Welcome to Paradise book is written by which personality?

- (a) Ravina Tondon
- (b) Twinkle Khanna
- (c) Sashi Tharur
- (d) Sudha Mutry
- (e) Alia Bhatt

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Ans. b

8. Which country becomes the first country in South Asia to register same sex marriage?

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Myanmar
- (e) Bhutan

Ans. a

9. World's AIDS day is observed on which day?

- (a) 1st December
- (b) 2nd February
- (c) 4th December
- (d) 8th December
- (e) 10th January

Ans. a

Theme 2023 - "Let communities lead"

10. Cyclone 'Michaung' hit the eastern coast of the country in the month of December 2023. The name Michaung is given by which country?

- (a) China
- (b) India
- (c) Myanmar
- (d) Bhutan
- (e) Nepal

Ans. c

11. The Mitra Shakti 2023 joint military exercise, involving the Indian and Sri Lankan Armies,

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observed in which city?

- (a) Pune
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh
- (e) Himachal Pradesh

Ans. a

12. Which state government has launched "Mission Daksh" to minimize school dropout?

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

Ans. d

13. Angkor Wat temple has become the eighth Wonder of the World. It is located in which country?

- (a) Cambodia
- (b) India
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Vietnam
- (e) Sri Lanka

Ans. a

14. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is all set to launch its first XPoSat mission. What is the full

form of the XPoSat mission?

- (a) X-Ray Polarimeter Satellite
- (b) X-Ray Polymer Satellite

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- (c) X-Ray Polygraphy Satellite
- (d) X-Ray Polarization Satellite
- (e) X-Ray Power Satellite

Ans. a

15. What is the rank of India in the World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2023?

- (a) 5th
- (b) 15th
- (c) 41st
- (d) 49th
- (e) 74th

Ans. d

16. Which word has been chosen by the Oxford University Press as its word of the year for 2023?

- (a) Peace
- (b) Rizz
- (c) Artificial Intelligence
- (d) Situationship
- (e) World

Ans. b

17. Who has become the fastest Indian to accomplish 4,000 runs in men's T20 cricket?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) KL Rahul
- (d) Ruturaj Gaikward
- (e) Suryakumar Yadav

Ans. d



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18. Who has become India's 84th grandmaster?

- (a) R Praggnanandhaa
- (b) Aravindh Chithambaram
- (c) Alexandr Predke
- (d) Abhijeet Gupta
- (e) Vaishali Rameshbabu

Ans. e

19. In December 2023, Revanth Reddy takes oath as the chief minister of which of the following state?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Chhattisgarh
- (e) Telangana

Ans. e

20. The world's largest and most advanced nuclear fusion reactor 'JT-60SA' inaugurated in which country?

- (a) India
- (b) Russia
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) China

Ans. c

21. Who has been appointed as Vice Chief of Naval Staff?

- (a) Anish Dayal Singh
- (b) Dinesh Tripathi
- (c) M A Ganapathy
- (d) Umesh Mishra

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(e) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal

Ans. b

22. Who has been appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Development Finance Corporation

(IDFC board) by US president Joe Biden?

(a) Gitanjali Rao

(b) Sadhna Saxena Nair

(c) Vasudha Gupta

(d) Ipsita Dasgupta

(e) Deven Parekh

Ans. e

23. Who has become the first woman medical officer in the Indian Army to be deployed at Siachen?

(a) Anshika Singh

(b) Neeli Bendapudi

(c) Gitanjali Rao

(d) Geetika Koul

(e) Deepika Misra

Ans. d

24. Who has become the first Indian to operate the Mars rover with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)?

(a) Anshika Singh

(b) Sadhna Saxena Nair

(c) Vasudha Gupta

(d) Ipsita Dasgupta

(e) Akshata Krishnamurthy

Ans. e

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25. How many gold medals have won by India at the IBA Junior World Boxing Championship

2023 in Yerevan, Armenia?

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 5
- (e) 6

Ans. b

Sol. India bagged 3 gold, 5 silver, and 1 bronze medals at the IBA Junior World Boxing Championship 2023 in Yerevan, Armenia. Akansha won gold in 70 kg category, Pari clinched gold medal in 48 kg weight category, while Nisha won gold in 52 kg category.

26. Who has been awarded Singapore's Highest Arts Award 'Cultural Medallion'?

- (a) Deepak Shenoy
- (b) Meira Chand
- (c) Raghu Ram Pillarisetti
- (d) Shanti Lakra
- (e) Deepika Misra

Ans. b

27. Who has been named Time magazine's Athlete of the Year for 2023?

- (a) Novak Djokovic
- (b) Rafael Nadal
- (c) Roger Federer
- (d) Lionel Messi
- (e) Carlos Alcaraz

Ans. d

28. Which city will host the World Weightlifting Championships 2026?

- (a) New Delhi, India

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- (b) Berlin, Germany
- (c) Paris, France
- (d) Ningbo, China/
- (e) London, UK

Ans. d

29. Recently, Mohammed Al Ramsi has been appointed Chairman of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC 23). He is from which country?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Iraq
- (c) UAE
- (d) Syria
- (e) Saudi Arabia

Ans. c

30. In December 2023, Lalduhoma was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which of the following states?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Telangana
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Ans. a

31. Who has been named as the CEO of the Year 2023 by TIME magazine?

- (a) Sundar Pichai
- (b) Tim Cook
- (c) Satya Nadella
- (d) Shantanu Narayen
- (e) Sam Altman

Ans. e

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32. 113. International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled the logo for the upcoming T20 World Cup 2024 in Men's and Women's cricket.

Which of the following countries will host the Women's T20 World Cup 2024?

- (a) India
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Australia
- (d) South Africa
- (e) Sri Lanka

Ans. b

33. What is the India's rank in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023?

- (a) 4th
- (b) 1st
- (c) 2nd
- (d) 7th
- (e) 10th

Ans. d

34. In December 2023, Vishnu Deo Sai became the new Chief Minister of which of the following states?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Telangana
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Ans. b

35. Recently, which country has unveiled two new nuclear-powered submarines "Krasnoyarsk and Emperor

Alexander"?

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- (a) India
- (b) Russia
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) China

Ans. b

36. Donald Tusk was elected as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) England
- (b) Poland
- (c) Australia
- (d) South Africa
- (e) Ireland

Ans. b

37. Which country has launched world's deepest and largest underground laboratory on Earth?

- (a) India
- (b) Russia
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) China

Ans. e

38. Which country has launched the world's first Methane powered rocket "Zhuque 2"?

- (a) India
- (b) Russia
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) China

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Ans. e

39. India is aiming to get 50,000 electric buses on its streets by 2027 with help from a joint finance

mechanism with which country?

- (a) France
- (b) Italy
- (c) UK
- (d) USA
- (e) Canada

Ans. d

40. Which country has won the Under-19 Asia Cup 2023 after defeating the UAE in Dubai?

- (a) India
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Pakistan
- (e) Bangladesh

Ans. e

41. Which state has won Vijay Hazare Trophy 2023?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Punjab
- (e) Haryana

Ans. e

42. Which airline has made history by “becoming the first Indian airline to carry 100 million

passengers in a single calendar year”?

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- (a) Vistra
- (b) Akasha
- (c) SpiceJet
- (d) Air India
- (e) IndiGo

Ans. e

43. Mitchell Starc of Australia has emerged as the most expensive player in the history of the

Indian Premier League (IPL) at the auction in Dubai. He was bought by which team for ₹24.75

crore?

- (a) Sunrisers Hyderabad
- (b) Royal Challengers Bangalore
- (c) Lucknow Super Giants
- (d) Kolkata Knight Riders
- (e) Chennai Super Kings

Ans. d

44. Who has won the Women's Goalkeeper of the Year award in the FIH Annual awards?

- (a) Gurjit Kaur
- (b) Deep Grace Ekka
- (c) Vandana Katariya
- (d) Monika
- (e) Savita

Ans. e

45. Which of the following countries left the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) group with effect from January 1,

2024?

- (a) Saudi Arabia



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- (b) Iraq
- (c) Venezuela
- (d) Angola
- (e) Iran

Ans. d

46. Poet Sukrita Paul Kumar has won the 6th edition of the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for which book?

- (a) Poems Come Home
- (b) Narrating Partition
- (c) Vanishing Words
- (d) Salt & Pepper
- (e) Country Drive

Ans. d

Sol. The sixth edition of the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize was awarded to poet-critic Sukrita Paul Kumar for her book, 'Salt & Pepper: Selected Poems'.

47. The United Nations has declared 2024 as the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) International Year of Alpaca /
- (b) International Year of Procamelus
- (c) International Year of Chickade
- (d) International Year of Camelids
- (e) International Year of Cheetah

Ans. d

48. Uttar Pradesh will build India's first AI city in which city?

- (a) Ayodhya
- (b) Ghaziabad
- (c) Kanpur
- (d) Lucknow

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(e) Noida

Ans. d

49. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)?

(a) Rajnish Kumar

(b) Pramod Agrawal

(c) Deepak Mohanty

(d) Tablesh Pandey

(e) Siddhartha Mohanty

Ans. b

50. What is the name of the first Hindu woman for elections in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Buner district in the General Elections in Pakistan?

(a) Saveera Parkash

(b) Samia Khan

(c) Syra Yousuf

(d) Sarah Khan

(e) Kaveri Seth

Ans. a

51. Who is set to be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi?

Ans: Emmanuel Macron