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### Most Important Question for Current Affairs

**Q.1. Recently, India and which country have discussed 'crime free border cooperation'?**

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

**Q.2. Pavana river, which was in news recently, flows in which state?**

- (a) Telangana (c) Maharashtra  
(b) Karnataka (d) Gujarat

**Q.3. Recently, which country has built the world's most powerful hydrogen train engine?**

- (a) America (c) India  
(b) Russia (d) Japan

**Q.4. Recently, India and which country have announced to celebrate 2026 as a dual year?**

- (a) Spain (c) Russia  
(b) France (d) Germany

**Q.5. Recently, which has become the first private company to build its own constellation of satellites?**

- (a) Aurezon (c) Pixel  
(b) Lyrics (d) Tesla

**Q.6. Where was the cattle festival 'Kanuma' celebrated recently?**

- (a) Telangana (c) Bihar  
(b) Rajasthan (d) Odisha

**Q.7. Recently, which state government will give pension to the people who went to jail during the Emergency?**



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- (a) Manipur (c) Assam  
(b) Mizoram (d) Odisha

**Q.8. Recently, "Gaan-Ngai" 2025 festival is being organized in which state?**

- (a) Manipur (c) Odisha  
(b) Andhra Pradesh (d) Assam

**Q.9. Recently, in which state did Prime Minister Modi inaugurate Asia's second largest ISKCON temple?**

- (a) Kolkata (c) Surat  
(b) Navi Mumbai (d) Nagpur

**Q.10. Recently, Parshuram Kumbh Mela 2025 has started in which northeastern state?**

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (c) Meghalaya  
(b) Assam (d) Mizoram

**Q.11. Recently, which state has become the 34th state to implement the Ayushman Jan Arogya Yojana?**

- (a) Mizoram (c) Manipur  
(b) Odisha (d) Assam

**Q.12. Who has recently been selected as the 'ICC Player of the Month' for December 2024?**

- (a) Annabel Sutherland (c) Both of the above  
(b) Jasprit Bumrah (d) None of the above

**Q.13. Who has recently inaugurated the 'Mega Entrepreneurship Summit'?**

- (a) Rajiv Ranjan (b) Amit Shah



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(c) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

(d) Narendra Modi

**Q.14. Who has recently become the highest run-scorer in the history of the Women's Under-19 ODI Trophy?**

(a) Anupriya Sharma

(c) Ira Jadhav

(b) Isha Jain

(d) None of the above

**Q.15. Recently the 10th 'Ajanta Verul International Film Festival' has started in which state?**

(a) Maharashtra

(c) Punjab

(b) Uttarakhand

(d) Himachal Pradesh

### Answer Key & Explanation

1. A

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) summoned Acting High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India Mohammad Nurul Islam to South Block to discuss border security concerns and ongoing measures to deal with cross-border crimes. During the meeting, the MEA informed that India has followed all protocols and agreements established between the two countries as well as the Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) with regard to security measures, including border fencing.

2. C





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The National Green Tribunal recently directed the state-appointed rejuvenation committee to convene a meeting of stakeholders to set a new timeline for implementing the action plan to tackle pollution in the Pavana river. It is located in Pune district in the west of Maharashtra.

3. C

India's Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw recently shared a remarkable achievement in the field of green energy technology during the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. Indian Railways has developed the world's most powerful hydrogen-fueled train engine, setting a new benchmark in global railway innovation. This engine, built with indigenous technology, reflects India's growing capabilities in green energy and sustainable development.

4. A

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announced during his official visit to Spain that 2026 will be marked as a 'double year' to celebrate advances in culture, tourism and artificial intelligence between India and Spain. Addressing members of the Indian diaspora, Jaishankar acknowledged their role in shaping India's positive image globally and emphasised the growing potential of India-Spain relations.

5. C

Two Indian space startups Pixxel and Digantara announced the launch of their satellite on a SpaceX rocket. With the launch, Pixxel became the first private company in India to build its own constellation of satellites. The company plans to launch three additional satellites in the next two months, followed by 18 more satellites to complete its global hyperspectral constellation.

6. A

Kanuma Panduga is an important festival celebrated in Telangana, India, which coincides with the Sankranti festival. It falls on the day after Makar Sankranti and is dedicated to honoring cattle, mainly cows and bulls, symbolizing the bond between humans, animals and nature. The festival marks the sun's journey towards the northern hemisphere, announcing the arrival of spring and





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longer days. The festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm, traditional rituals and cultural ceremonies.

7. D

The Odisha state government has announced a significant welfare measure for individuals jailed during the Emergency from 1975 to 1977. From January 1, 2025, all surviving prisoners in Odisha will receive a monthly pension of ₹20,000 along with medical coverage and other benefits. The move is part of the government's effort to honour and support those jailed under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) during the Emergency declared by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

8. A

The annual festival of Zeliangrong community Gaan-Ngai began in a colourful manner in Manipur. The state-level function was celebrated at Sagolband Ramji Kabui village near Imphal under the aegis of State Level Gaan-Ngai 2025 Celebration Committee. Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh along with his Cabinet colleagues Thomgam Biswajit Singh and Awangbo Newmai, Hill Area Committee chairman Dinganglung Gangmei, MLAs Sapam Kunjakeshwar Singh, Thangjam Arunkumar Singh, M Rameshwar Singh and Janghemlung Panmei attended the state-level function.

9. B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Asia's second largest ISKCON temple in Navi Mumbai. This temple is spread over 9 acres. Modi said that to understand India, spirituality has to be imbibed. He said that service is the symbol of true secularism. The government is also working with the spirit of service like ISKCON. PM said- When the country was in the chains of slavery, Prabhupad ji Swami started a mission like ISKCON. Spirituality and various traditions are also visible in this temple. A museum of Ramayana and Mahabharata is being built here.

10. A





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The Parshuram Kund Mela has begun in Arunachal Pradesh. Parshuram Kund is a Hindu pilgrimage site located on the Brahmaputra plateau near the Lohit River. Also known as the "Kumbh of the Northeast", this festival attracts thousands of devotees from across the country and abroad.

11. B

Odisha has become the 34th state to implement Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) after National Health Authority (NHA), Union Ministry of Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Odisha. The MoU was signed between Smt. L.S. Changsan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Chief Executive Officer, NHA and Smt. Aswathy S., Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Odisha at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

12. C

The International Cricket Council (ICC) awards the ICC Player of the Month award to male and female players in recognition of exceptional individual performances in international cricket. For December 2024, the honour has been given to India's Jasprit Bumrah and Australia's Annabel Sutherland for their outstanding contributions to the global cricket stage.

13. A

Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh inaugurated the Mega Entrepreneurship Summit in Pune. Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh inaugurated the Mega Entrepreneurship Development Summit in Pune. He inaugurated 40 livestock projects worth over Rs 545 crore. The main objective of the summit is to bring together policy makers, federations, cooperatives, industry associations, entrepreneurs and financial institutions. The platform is a forum for stakeholders to discuss challenges, share solutions and promote entrepreneurship.

14. C





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Mumbai's Ira Jadhav created a sensational record when she became the first batsman to score a triple century in the BCCI Women's Under-19 One-Day Tournament. Opening the batting at the Alur Cricket Stadium near Bengaluru, Jadhav smashed an unbeaten 346 off just 157 balls with 16 sixes and 42 fours against the Meghalaya Women's Under-19 team.

15. A

Inspired by the rich cultural heritage of the Marathwada region of the Indian state of Maharashtra, the Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival (AIFF) is an annual celebration of acclaimed films from India and around the world. This is the special 10th edition of the festival. Organised by the Marathwada Art, Culture and Film Foundation and presented by the Nath Group, Mahatma Gandhi Mission and Yashwantrao Chavan Centre, AIFF is proudly supported by FIPRESCI, a renowned international federation of film critics, and FFSI, Federation of Film Societies of India. It is also supported by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, National Film Development Corporation Limited, Government of Maharashtra and Maharashtra Film, State and Cultural Development Corporation Limited.

