

**CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONS – MARCH 2017**

1. Which university has been awarded the Visitor's Award for the best university 2017?  
(a) Nalanda University (b) Jawaharlal Nehru University  
(b) Banaras Hindu University (d) Vishwa Bharati University
2. Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences is a laboratory of the  
(a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research  
(c) Indian Council of Medical Research (d) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
3. The purpose of Operation Thunder Bird launched by INTERPOL was to—  
(a) search for the remains of lost aircraft MH370 (b) locate international criminals  
(c) target the illegal trade in wildlife and timber (d) check the smuggling of arms to terrorists
4. In which city has ISRO commissioned world's third largest hypersonic wind tunnel to help in the launch of aerospace vehicles at hypersonic speed?  
(a) Bengaluru (b) Thiruvananthapuram (c) Ahmedabad (d) Hyderabad
5. Operation Save Kurma was launched by Wildlife Crime Control Bureau to save which of the following?  
(a) Dugongs (b) Turtles (c) Dolphins (d) Boars
6. What is the name given to first rake fully made in India and flagged off by the Railway Minister Shri Suresh Prabhu from Dadar?  
(a) Bharat (b) Medha (c) Daksha (d) Saksham
7. INS Viraat which was decommissioned recently was commissioned in the Indian Navy in the year –  
(a) 1987 (b) 1990 (c) 1992 (d) 1993
8. Sri Venkateswara Airport is the new name of airport at which of the following cities?  
(a) Tirupati (b) Madurai (c) Amravathi (d) Vijayawada
9. Who of the following is India's first female graphic novelist who has been awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar 2016?  
(a) Deepa Mathur (b) Janki Vasant (c) Reema Sathe (d) Amruta Patil

10. In which of the following forces has Tanushree Parik become the first woman to be commissioned as a combat officer?

- (a) CRPF (b) CISF (c) BSF (d) ITBP

11. With which sport is Jitu Rai associated?

- (a) Archery (b) Gymnastics (c) Swimming (d) Shooting

12. Which team has won the Santosh Trophy football tournament in March 2017?

- (a) West Bengal (b) Goa (c) Mizoram (d) Services

13. Who of the following has been awarded the National Photography Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017?

- (a) Homi Vyrawalla (b) Raghu Rai (c) Ravinder Kumar (d) KK Mustafah

14. Copernicus is an earth observation program launched by -

- (a) NASA (b) Japan (c) China (d) European Commission

15. Which team won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2016-17?

- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Gujarat (c) Bengal (d) Maharashtra

16. Which country is the largest producer of cotton?

- (a) India (b) China (c) Indonesia (d) Brazil

17. Who of the following is an adventure motorcyclist who has been awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar 2016?

- (a) Pamela Malhotra (b) Nandita Shah (c) Pallavi Fauzdar (d) Divya Rawat

18. Who of the following has developed a device that can be used to detect silent heart attacks?

- (a) Surjeet Singh (b) Ajay Kumar Sharma (c) Paresh Panchal (d) Akash Manoj

19. Listen to the Young Voices was the theme of which of the following days observed in March 2017?

- (a) World Wildlife Day (b) World Hearing Day (c) World Poetry Day (d) World Water Day

20. Who was the first woman President of South Korea?

- (a) Han Myung-Sook (b) Yingluck Shinawatra (c) Park Geun-Hye (d) Aung San Suu Kyi

21. Who of the following has been awarded the Col C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award 2015-16 by the BCCI?

(a) G. Vishwanath      (b) Rajinder Goel      (c) Eknath Solkar      (d) Farookh Engineer

22. Which country has been ranked at the top in World Happiness Report 2017 published by United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network?

(a) Denmark      (b) Bhutan      (c) Finland      (d) Norway

23. Who was the Chairman of the Committee constituted to suggest ways to strengthen border protection and address vulnerabilities in fencing along the Indo-Pakistan border?

(a) Vinod Rai      (b) Ajit Doval      (c) Arvind Gupta      (d) Madhukar Gupta

24. Which of the following rivers has become the first river in the world to be granted the legal status of a person?

(a) Whanghanui river      (b) Waikato river      (c) Waimakariri river      (d) Tongariro river

25. The first officially recognised cricket test match was played between which two countries?

(a) Australia and England      (b) Australia and West Indies  
(c) Australia and New Zealand      (d) England and New Zealand

26. Who of the following is Asia's first woman diesel locomotive driver, awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar 2016 recently?

(a) Qamar Dagar      (b) Smita Tandi      (c) Mumtaz Qazi      (d) Bano Haralu

27. Which country has launched its population census after a gap of 19 years?

(a) Bangladesh      (b) Pakistan      (c) Nepal      (d) Sri Lanka

28. Thomas E Starzl, who passed away recently was the physician who carried out the first

(a) Liver transplant      (b) Heart transplant      (c) Kidney transplant      (d) Knee transplant

29. The Weapon Locating Radar developed by DRDO and handed over to Indian Army recently is named

(a) Divya      (b) Swathi      (c) Indra      (d) Varuna

30. On which day in March is the World Sparrow Day observed?

(a) March 19      (b) March 20      (c) March 21      (d) March 22

31. India's longest extra-dosed bridge which was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister in March 2017 is located across river –

(a) Ganges      (b) Kaveri      (c) Tapti      (d) Narmada

32. Which High Court recently ruled that parents can evict their abusive adult children from their house?

(a) Uttarakhand High Court (b) Allahabad High Court

(c) Bombay High Court (d) Delhi High Court

33. As per National Health Policy 2017 what is target year for achieving Life expectancy at birth of 70 years from the present 67.5 years?

(a) 2020 (b) 2022 (c) 2024 (d) 2025

34. INS Viraat which was decommissioned recently was formerly named –

(a) HMS Ulysses (b) HMS Hermes (c) Admiral Gorshkov (d) Admiral Kuznetsov

35. Which High Court recently declared Indian rivers, the Ganga and Yamuna as living entities, bestowing on them same legal rights as a person?

(a) Uttarakhand High Court (b) Allahabad High Court

(c) Patna High Court (d) Kolkata High Court

36. At which of the following places was India's largest flag hoisted in March 2017?

(a) Srinagar (b) Katra (c) Attari (d) Pokhran

37. On which day is the Bihar Diwas observed?

(a) March 21 (b) March 22 (c) March 23 (d) March 24

38. Al-Nagah was a joint military exercise conducted by the armies of India and –

(a) Oman (b) Qatar (c) Iran (d) Saudi Arabia

39. Which country is also called the Hellenic Republic?

(a) Greece (b) Turkey (c) Egypt (d) Syria

39. March 25 was the National Day of Greece.

40. With which of the following fields was Dev Raj Sikka, who expired recently associated?

(a) Astrology (b) Astronomy (c) Meteorology (d) Agriculture

41. Which neighbouring country observes March 26 as its National Day?

(a) Pakistan (b) Nepal (c) Bangladesh (d) Sri Lanka

42. Which country tops the Women in Politics (Women in Parliament) report released by UN Women and Inter-Parliamentary Union recently?

(a) Bulgaria (b) Rwanda (c) U.S.A. (d) Norway

43. At which place in Kerala did the NTPC establish India's largest floating solar photo voltaic plant?

(a) Palakkad (b) Alappuzha (c) Kayamkulam (d) Kasargod

44. Which organisation founded the Earth Hour in 2007?

(a) UNESCO (b) W.H.O. (c) W.E.F. (d) W.W.F.

45. Which woman cricketer was awarded the Jag Mohan Dalmiya for Best Woman Cricketer (Sr.) 2015-16 by BCCI?

(a) Mithali Raj (b) Harmanpreet Kaur (c) Poonam Raut (d) Jhulan Goswami

46. From which of the following countries does India import electricity?

(a) Nepal (b) Myanmar (c) Bangladesh (d) Bhutan

47. In which State was the eleventh edition of Indo-Nepal Joint Military exercise Surya Kiran – XI held in March 2017?

(a) Uttarakhand (b) Bihar (c) West Bengal (d) Himachal Pradesh

48. Which State was awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar 2016 for its work in improving child sex ratio?

(a) Uttarakhand (b) Rajasthan (c) Haryana (d) Punjab

### Answers

1. (b)	2. (a)	3. (c)	4. (b)	5. (b)	6. (b)	7. (a)	8. (a)	9. (d)	10. (c)
11. (d)	12. (a)	13. (b)	14. (d)	15. (a)	16. (a)	17. (c)	18. (d)	19. (a)	20. (c)
21. (b)	22. (d)	23. (d)	24. (a)	25. (a)	26. (c)	27. (b)	28. (a)	29. (b)	30. (b)
31. (d)	32. (d)	33. (d)	34. (b)	35. (a)	36. (c)	37. (b)	38. (a)	39. (a)	40. (c)
41. (c)	42. (b)	43. (c)	44. (d)	45. (a)	46. (d)	47. (a)	48. (b)		

### Additional information on answers to the above questions

2. INMAS is actively engaged in research in the field of radio protectors, de-corporating agents and antidotes for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) emergencies, combat casualty care and other life saving drugs. Recently 15 drugs developed by INMAS were handed over to the Indian Army for induction

5. The operation was launched from December 15 last year to January 30, this year. A total of 15,739 live turtles were recovered from 45 suspects, having inter-state linkages
8. The airport at Tirupati has been renamed Sri Venkateswara Airport while the airport at Vijayawada has been renamed Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao-Amaravati Airport
11. He won the gold medal in 50 m pistol at ISSF Shooting World Cup in Delhi
14. The European Commission in partnership with European Space Agency launched the fifth satellite of the program
16. As per International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) report for the month of March 2017
20. Park was impeached by the National Assembly in December 2016 and on 10 March 2017 the impeachment was upheld by the Constitutional Court forcing her out of office
23. The committee was constituted in April 2016 and submitted its report in August 2016.
25. The match was played from 15 to 19 March 1877, 140 years ago
27. The last population census was done in 1998.
30. World Sparrow Day is an initiative of Nature Forever Society started by Mohammad Dilawar of Nashik. The first World Sparrow Day was observed in 2010
37. It was on this day in 1912 that Bihar was carved out of Bengal Presidency.
41. It commemorates the country's declaration of independence from Pakistan. Note: The Republic Day of Pakistan is observed on 23 March.
44. Earth Hour is observed on a designated hour and day in March every year. This year it was observed on March 25 from 08.30 pm.
46. India has been importing electricity from Bhutan since the eighties. However, for the first time in March 2017 India has become a net exporter of electricity. Nepal, Myanmar and Bangladesh are countries to which India exports electricity.