

## **December 17, 2024, Current Affairs**

**1. What was the theme of the 4th National Conference of Chief Secretaries held in December 2024?**

- a) Cooperative Federalism and Growth
- b) Promoting Entrepreneurship, Employment, and Skilling – Leveraging the Demographic Dividend
- c) Digital India and Skilling Initiatives
- d) Rural and Urban Development Synchronization

**2. What is the key focus of the 'Jalvahak' cargo promotion scheme?**

- a) Enhancing air freight systems
- b) Incentivizing movement of long-haul cargo via national waterways
- c) Improving road transport logistics
- d) Developing coastal trade routes

**3. Which river is NOT included under the 'Jalvahak' cargo promotion scheme?**

- a) Ganga
- b) Brahmaputra
- c) Barak
- d) Godavari

**4. India became the first country to define which type of steel?**

- a) Sustainable Steel
- b) Green Steel
- c) Recycled Steel
- d) Carbon-neutral Steel

**5. Who was elected as the new President of Georgia?**

- a) Giorgi Margvelashvili
- b) Mikheil Saakashvili
- c) Mikheil Kavelashvili
- d) Salome Zourabichvili

**6. What is the name of the trilateral air exercise between India, France, and the UAE?**

- a) Indra
- b) Desert Knight
- c) Blue Flag
- d) Trishul Strike

**7. When is Vijay Diwas celebrated in India?**

- a) 15th August
- b) 16th December
- c) 26th January
- d) 2nd October

**8. What is the emission intensity threshold for steel to be considered 'Green Steel' in India?**

- a) Less than 1.0 t-CO<sub>2</sub>e/tfs

- b) Less than 2.2 t-CO<sub>2</sub>e/tfs
- c) Less than 3.0 t-CO<sub>2</sub>e/tfs
- d) Less than 4.0 t-CO<sub>2</sub>e/tfs

**9. Which Indian badminton player won the BWF Super 100 title at the Odisha Masters?**

- a) PV Sindhu
- b) Kidambi Srikanth
- c) Rithvik Sanjeevi Satish Kumar
- d) Lakshya Sen

**10. What is the focus of the AI Health Innovations Hub launched by AIIMS and Wipro GE Healthcare?**

- a) Medical equipment production
- b) AI-driven precise diagnosis and real-time patient data tracking
- c) Hospital infrastructure development
- d) Telemedicine services expansion

**11. Who announced India's plan to supply LNG to Sri Lankan power plants?**

- a) President of India
- b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- c) Finance Minister of India
- d) Energy Minister of India

**12. Which major air combat exercise involves India, France, and the UAE?**

- a) Operation Blue Flag
- b) Desert Knight
- c) Exercise Garuda
- d) Operation Iron Dome

**13. What does the Vijay Diwas on 16th December commemorate?**

- a) India's Independence
- b) India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war
- c) Formation of the Indian Constitution
- d) India's victory in the Kargil War

**14. Who is the current Prime Minister of Sri Lanka as mentioned in the document?**

- a) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- b) Anura Kumara Disanayake
- c) Ranil Wickremesinghe
- d) Harini Amarasuriya

**15. Which operation targeted Karachi Harbor during the Indo-Pak War of 1971?**

- a) Operation Vijay
- b) Operation Trident
- c) Operation Python
- d) Operation Meghdoot

**16. What award did Afcons Infrastructure Ltd win for its engineering excellence?**

- a) Padma Shri
- b) CII Industrial Innovation Award

- c) Bharat Ratna
- d) Golden Globe for Infrastructure

**17. What is the capital of Sri Lanka as mentioned in the document?**

- a) Colombo
- b) Kandy
- c) Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- d) Galle

**18. Which Indian city won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in 2024?**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Mumbai
- c) Chennai
- d) Kolkata

**19. What tax-related clause did Switzerland withdraw from India?**

- a) Most Favoured Nation status
- b) Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement
- c) Generalized System of Preferences
- d) Trade Facilitation Agreement

**20. What award did Zakir Hussain receive posthumously in 2024?**

- a) Padma Shri
- b) Grammy Award
- c) Bharat Ratna
- d) Nobel Prize

## **Answer Keys:**

1. **Answer:** b) Promoting Entrepreneurship, Employment, and Skilling – Leveraging the Demographic Dividend
2. **Answer:** b) Incentivizing movement of long-haul cargo via national waterways
3. **Answer:** d) Godavari
4. **Answer:** b) Green Steel
5. **Answer:** c) Mikheil Kavelashvili
6. **Answer:** b) Desert Knight
7. **Answer:** b) 16th December
8. **Answer:** b) Less than 2.2 t-CO<sub>2</sub>e/tfs
9. **Answer:** c) Rithvik Sanjeevi Satish Kumar
10. **Answer:** b) AI-driven precise diagnosis and real-time patient data tracking

11. **Answer:** b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
12. **Answer:** b) Desert Knight
13. **Answer:** b) India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war
14. **Answer:** d) Harini Amarasuriya
15. **Answer:** b) Operation Trident
16. **Answer:** b) CII Industrial Innovation Award
17. **Answer:** c) Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
18. **Answer:** b) Mumbai
19. **Answer:** a) Most Favoured Nation status
20. **Answer:** b) Grammy Award