

Static GK PDF - Lakes, Countries & Festivals



1. Buxa Wildlife Sanctuary situated in which state of India?

- A. Manipur
- B. Assam
- C. Meghalaya
- D. West Bengal

Ans. D
Sol.

- Buxa Wildlife Sanctuary is in West Bengal.
- The fourth 'Buxa Bird Festival' has begun in Buxa National Park in Alipurduar, West Bengal.
- Over 50 birdwatchers from across the country and abroad have registered for the 2020 edition of the four-day festival.

2. Which countries have been included in the Indian Ocean Region Division, which looks after India's maritime neighbors such as Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles?

- A. Brunei and Mauritius
- B. Madagascar and Comoros
- C. Singapore and Thailand
- D. Madagascar and Thailand

Ans. B
Sol.

- Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has included Madagascar and Comoros in the Indian Ocean Region Division, which looks after India's maritime neighbors such as Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles.
- Earlier these two island nations were looked after by East and South Africa Division of the MEA.

3. Rohtang tunnel named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, connects which two places?

- A. Leh and Manali
- B. Srinagar and Leh
- C. Lahaul Valley and Spiti
- D. Dharamshala and Kullu

Ans. A
Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi named **Rohtang passageway** in Himachal Pradesh as Atal Tunnel to mark the 95th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

- The strategic Atal tunnel will change the fortunes of this region and will help in promoting tourism in the region.

- The 8.8-kilometre-long tunnel is the world's longest tunnel above an altitude of 3,000 metres.

- After completion of the tunnel, it will provide all-weather connectivity to remote areas of Lahaul and Spiti Valley and reduce the distance between Manali and Leh by 46 Kilometres.

4. What is Chillai-Kalan?

- A. A Buddhist festival in Leh monastery
- B. Folk Dance of Tamil Nadu
- C. Local Dialect of Manipur
- D. 40-day harshest winter period in Kashmir

Ans. D
Sol.

- The **40-day harshest winter period** in Kashmir (known as '**Chillai-Kalan**') has begun with the upper reaches of the valley receiving snowfall.

- These 40 days are when the chances of snowfall are the highest and the maximum temperature drops considerably.

5. Where are Galapagos Islands located?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Morocco
- C. Fiji
- D. Ecuador

Ans. D
Sol.

- Ecuador has declared an emergency to contain the environmental impact of a fuel spill in the Galapagos Islands, after a barge carrying 600 gallons of diesel fuel sank.

- The Galapagos Islands, located 620 miles (1,000 kilometres) east of mainland Ecuador, helped English naturalist Charles Darwin develop the theory of evolution.

Ecuador activated emergency protocols to contain the environmental impact of a fuel spill in the **Galapagos Islands** after a barge carrying 600 gallons of diesel fuel sank, officials said.



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The Galapagos archipelago, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is home to one of the most fragile ecosystems on the planet.

6. The Maharaja Sayajirao University is situated in which city?

- A. Vadodara
- B. Jaisalmer
- C. Jodhpur
- D. Surat

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda (MSU), formerly Baroda College is a public university in the city of Vadodara, in Gujarat state, India.
- Originally established as a college in 1881, it became a university in 1949 after the independence of the country.
- It was later renamed after its benefactor Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III, the former ruler of Baroda State.

7. India's first maritime museum coming up at_____.

- A. Marina, Chennai
- B. Arossim, Goa
- C. Juhu, Mumbai
- D. Lothal, Gujarat

Ans. D

Sol.

- Government of India (GoI) & Portugal has decided to cooperate in the setting up of an India's 1st National Maritime Heritage Museum at Lothal in Gujarat.
- Lothal is famous for the discovery of several ruins of Indus Valley Civilization. Lothal is located between the Sabarmati river and its tributary Bhogavo, in the Saurashtra region. It was the famous port during Indus valley civilization.

8. Mahadayi river originates in which state?

- A. Goa
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Karnataka
- D. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. C

Sol.

• Mahadayi river originates from Western Ghats from the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary in Khanapur taluk of Karnataka's Belagavi district.

• Flowing westward, it enters Goa from Sattari taluk of North Goa districts.

• This was in news recently because Goa Congress launched a digital campaign to apprise people about the state's dispute with neighbouring Karnataka on the sharing of Mahadayi River waters, and the "failure" of Pramod Sawant and Union governments on the issue.

9. Guru Ghasidas National Park is located in which state which is set to become the state's 4th 'tiger reserve'?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Chhattisgarh

Ans. D

Sol.

• Chhattisgarh government has announced that the state is set to have Guru Ghasidas National Park in Kotiya district as its fourth 'tiger reserve'.

• This decision was taken in 11th meeting of Chhattisgarh State Wildlife Board chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

• The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) had approved to declare Guru Ghasidas National Park as a tiger reserve in 2014.

• At present there are three tiger reserves in state:

- 1) Achanakmar Tiger Reserve in Bilaspur.
- 2) Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Gariaband,
- 3) Indravati Tiger Reserve in Bijapur district.

10. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium is located at which city?

- A. Sri Nagar, Jammu & Kashmir
- B. Punji, Goa
- C. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- D. Pune, Maharashtra

Ans. B

Sol.



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* Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium is an indoor stadium located in Punji, Goa.

* The stadium was constructed for the 2014 Lusophony Games for events of volleyball and basketball. The stadium is named after Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee former Indian politician and the founder of Bhartiya Jana Sangh.

* India's biggest cinematic event, the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) has begun at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium in Panaji, Goa. (20th to 28th November)

11. In Which state is the Sardar Patel Zoological Park located?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

Ans. A

Sol.

* Sardar Patel Zoological Park is located in Gujarat which is coming up near the 'Statue of unity' in Kevadia.

* It was recently in news because it has got 43 new inmates from across the world.

* Animals like giraffes, zebras, oryx, gemsbok, blue wildbeest and impalas have been specially flown in by the Hyderabad-based Seaways Shipping Ltd on the occasion of the 144th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel on October 31.

* Seaways Shipping transported the animals in a Boeing 777 from Johannesburg (South Africa) to Ahmedabad on a chartered flight.

12. Chandaka Dampara Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Meghalaya
- C. Assam
- D. Odisha

Ans. D

Sol.

* Chandka Dampara Elephant Sanctuary is a wildlife reserve located in the south fringe of cuttack in the Indian state of Odisha.

* Nestled on Khurdha uplands of the Eastern Ghats biotic region, Chandaka forest is spread over 175.79 square kilometres (67.87 sq mi) of rolling table land and small sprawling hillocks of Khurdha and Cuttack Districts.

* It was designated as an elephant reserve in December 1982.

13. Kudankulam nuclear power plant is located in which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu

Ans. D

Sol.

• Kudankulam nuclear power plant was in news because some said that the plant was hacked.

• Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant's (KKNPP) Site Director Sanjay Kumar said the totally isolated network of KKNPP could not be accessed by any outside network from any part of the globe.

• Hence, there was no question of it being hacked.

14. Maharaj Maharaj Bir Bikram Airport is located in which city?

- A. Guwahati
- B. Dispur
- C. Imphal
- D. Agartala

Ans. D

Sol.

* Maharaj Bir Bikram Airport is located in Agartala, Tripura.

* Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated daily Air-Asia flights from Agartala-Kolkata, Agartala-Delhi, Agartala-Guwahati and Agartala-Imphal routes.

15. Gorumara National Park is located in which state?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. West Bengal
- D. Jharkhand

Ans. C



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Sol.

- Gorumara National Park is a National Park in northern West Bengal, India.
- Located in the Dooars region of the Himalayan foothills, it is a medium-sized park with grasslands and forests.
- It is primarily known for its population of Indian rhinoceros
- It is situated on the banks of rivers Murti and Raidak in the Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal.

16. 'Vijay Ghat' is a memorial dedicated to _____.

- A. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- B. Rajiv Gandhi
- C. Choudhary Charan Singh
- D. PT. Jawaharlal Nehru

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Vijay Ghat memorial established in the memory of former **Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri**.
- Lal Bahadur Shastri was the **2nd Prime Minister of India** and a senior leader of the Indian National Congress political party.
- Lal Bahadur Shastri was born on 2 October 1904 in Mughalsarai, Uttar Pradesh.
- He was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award posthumously in 1966.

17. Pangon lake is situated in which state/UTs?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Ladakh

Ans. D

Sol.

- * Pangong lake is situated in Ladakh.
- * The Indian and Chinese armies clashed recently along the Pangong lake in Ladakh.
- * Pangon lake or Pangong Tso, a 135-km long lake, located in the Himalayas at the height of approximately 4,350 m, stretches out from India to China.

- * One-third of water body, its 45 km stretch, is in Indian control while the rest of the 90 km is under Chinese control.
- * It is formed from Tethys geosyncline.
- * It is a salt water lake.

18. Which river is known as the Sorrow of Bihar?

- A. Gandak
- B. Maiti
- C. Son
- D. Kosi

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Kosi River is known as the "Sorrow of Bihar" as the annual floods affect about 21,000 km sq (8,100 sq mi) of fertile agricultural lands thereby disturbing the rural economy.
- Bihar's economy is mainly based on Farming and Kosi River ruins it during floods as well as claims many thousand of life of Human & Cattle.

19. Tungnath Temple is situated in which of the following cities of India?

- A. Chamoli
- B. Mandi
- C. Chamba
- D. Madurai

Ans. A

Sol.

- Tungnath (3,680m), is the one of the highest Shiva temple located at second highest altitude in the world which lies in India, after Muktinath (3,710m), Nepal which is first highest altitude Shiva temple in the world.
- Tungnath is the highest of the five PanchKedar temples located in the mountain range of Tunganath in Rudraprayag district, in the Indian state of Uttarakhand.
- It is located at an altitude of 3,680 m (12,073 ft), and just below the peak of Chandrashila.
- The temple is believed to be 5000 years old [citation needed] and is the third



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(Tritiya Kedar) in the pecking order of the PanchKedars.

20. Ramanathaswamy Temple is situated in which of the following states of India?

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Karnataka

Ans. B

Sol.

- Ramanathaswamy Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to the god Shiva located on Rameswaram island in the state of Tamil Nadu, India.
- It is also one of the twelve Jyotirlinga temples. It is one of the 274 Paadal Petra Sthalams, where the three of the most revered Nayanars (Saivite saints), Appar, Sundarar and TirugnanaSambandar, have glorified the temple with their songs.

21. On which date every year the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is observed across the globe?

- A. 3rd February
- B. 4th February
- C. 5th February
- D. 6th February

Ans. D

Sol.

- International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is observed globally on 6 February. This day is sponsored by the United Nations for their efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation.
- In 2012, the UN General Assembly designated February 6th as the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, with the aim to amplify and direct the efforts on the elimination of this practice.

22. World Cancer Day is being observed globally on 4th February. What is the theme of the 2020 World Cancer Day?

- A. Together it is possible
- B. Cancer – Did you know?

C. Together we can
D. 'I Am and I Will'

Ans. D

Sol.

- The World Cancer Day is being marked annually on February 4 by the Union for International Cancer Control. The day is being marked from 2008.
- The day is observed by the United Nations as well. The theme of this year's World Cancer Day is "I am and I will". This theme is being followed for the years of 2019-2021.
- According to WHO, every year 8.8 million people die of cancer in low- and middle-income countries. The World Cancer Day is marked to reduce illness and death caused by cancer.

23. The 'Anti-Leprosy Day' is being observed in India on which day?

- A. January 27
- B. January 28
- C. January 29
- D. January 30

Ans. D

Sol.

The 'Anti-Leprosy Day' (Martyrdom Day of Mahatma Gandhi) is observed on 30th January across India.

24. In which of the following states the 1st ever 'Innovation Festival' was organized in partnership with National Innovation Foundation?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Kerala

Ans. A

Sol.

- Arunachal Pradesh state council for Science & Technology (APSCS&T) with the partnership with National Innovation Foundation organised the 1st ever Innovation festival at science centre IG Park, Itanagar Arunachal Pradesh.
- The two days festival aims to encourage the cultural innovation among the people and students of Arunachal Pradesh.



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25. Konark dance festival is held in which state?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Odisha
- C. Karnataka
- D. Assam

Ans. B
Sol.

- Konark Dance Festival is a five-day dance festival held every year in the month of December mostly from 1 to 5 in the backdrop of the Sun temple in Konark, Odisha in India.

- It is one of the biggest dance festivals held in Odisha. The exquisite 'Salamander' or the 'dancing hall' of this shrine is an architectural wonder

26. 11-day long 'Dhanu Jatra' is celebrated in which state of India?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Orissa
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu

Ans. B
Sol.

- On **31st December** 2019 the famous 11-day long '**Dhanu Jatra**', has begun in **Odisha**.

27. Five-day event 'Mandu Festival' (1st-edition) kicked-off in which state of India?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. D
Sol.

- Five-day event 'Mandu Festival' (1st-edition) kicked-off at Mandu, a world-famous picturesque tourist destination located in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh.

- Mandu Festival' has been organised by **Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board** to dive deep into the rich history of the city.

28. Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the statue of which popular leader in

Lucknow on Good Governance Day 25 December 2019?

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Chandra Shekhar Azad
- C. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- D. Madan Mohan Malviye

Ans. C
Sol.

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unveiled a statue of former **Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee** at Lok Bhawan in Lucknow.

- The event coincides with the birth anniversary of **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, the co-founder of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

29. Classical Music Festival "Tansen Samaroh" 2019 was held in which city of India?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Indore
- C. New Delhi
- D. Gwalior

Ans. D
Sol.

- Popular classical music festival '**Tansen Samaroh**' 2019 was held in Gwalior, **Madhya Pradesh**.

- The five-day festival is celebrated every year in the memory of one of the most eminent singers of Indian history, Mian Tansen.

- **Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas** has been honoured with this year's prestigious Tansen Samman.

- On this occasion, the music-driven platform is used by the musicians and instrumentalists from all over the world to showcase their talent.

30. Human Library event was held in _____.

- A. Mumbai
- B. Delhi
- C. Kochi
- D. Mysuru

Ans. D
Sol.



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In Karnataka, Human Library, a concept which seeks to replace books with humans, will be held in the City of Palaces, Mysuru. The notion of Human Library was initially launched in the year 2000 and currently exists in more than 85 countries, known as The Human Library Organization.

31. Bangkok is the capital of which country?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Thailand
- C. Malaysia
- D. Singapore

Ans. B

Sol.

- Bangkok, Thailand's capital, is a large city known for ornate shrines and vibrant street life. The boat-filled Chao Phraya River feeds its network of canals, flowing past the Rattanakosin royal district, home to opulent Grand Palace and its sacred Wat Phra Kaew Temple.

32. What is the Capital and Currency of Portugal?

- A. Madrid And Euro
- B. Athens And Euro
- C. Sicily And Peso
- D. Lisbon And Euro

Ans. D

Sol.

- Capital of Portugal is Lisbon and Currency is Euro.
- Prime Minister of Portugal Antonio Costa arrived.

33. The Maharaja Sayajirao University is situated in which city?

- A. Vadodara
- B. Jaisalmer
- C. Jodhpur
- D. Surat

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda (MSU), formerly Baroda College is a public university in the city of Vadodara, in Gujarat state, India.

- Originally established as a college in 1881, it became a university in 1949 after the independence of the country.
- It was later renamed after its benefactor Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III, the former ruler of Baroda State.

34. In Which state is the Sardar Patel Zoological Park located?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

Ans. A

Sol.

- * Sardar Patel Zoological Park is located in Gujarat which is coming up near the 'Statue of unity' in Kevadia.

- * It was recently in news because it has got 43 new inmates from across the world.

- * Animals like giraffes, zebras, oryx, gemsbok, blue wildbeest and impalas have been specially flown in by the Hyderabad-based Seaways Shipping Ltd on the occasion of the 144th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel on October 31.

- * Seaways Shipping transported the animals in a Boeing 777 from Johannesburg (South Africa) to Ahmedabad on a chartered flight.

35. Nandankanan National Park is situated in which state?

- A. Kerala
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu

Ans. B

Sol.

The Nandankanan National Park is located on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This is a host zoo for white tigers and the only zoo in the country, which has Patas Monkeys, Eastern Rosella variety of parakeet and Open-billed Stork (it is the second largest heronry for Open-billed Storks in Odisha).

36. On which river Omkareshwar temple is situated in India?



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- A. Ganga river
- B. Tapi river
- C. Narmada river
- D. Yamuna river

Ans. C
Sol.

- Omkareshwar is a Hindu temple dedicated to God Shiva.
- It is one of the 12 revered Jyotirlinga shrines of Shiva.
- It is on an island called Mandhata or Shivapuri in the Narmada river; the shape of the island is said to be like the Hindu ॐ symbol.

37. In Ekambareswarar Temple, which Hindu deity-god is worshipped?

- A. Durga
- B. Shiva
- C. Vishnu
- D. Hanuman

Ans. B
Sol.

- Ekambareswarar Temple (Ekambaranathar Temple) is a Hindu temple dedicated to the deity Shiva, located in the town of Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu, India.
- It is significant to the Hindu sect of Saivism as one of the temples associated with the five elements, the PanchaBhootaStalas, and specifically the element of earth, or Prithvi.
- Shiva is worshipped as Ekambareswarar or Ekambaranathar, and is represented by the lingam, with his idol referred to as Prithvi lingam.

38. According to the UNESCO, which caves are masterpieces of Buddhist religious art that influenced Indian art?

- A. Elephanta Island Caves
- B. Badami Caves
- C. Ajanta caves
- D. Dugeswari Cave

Ans. C

Sol. The Ajanta Caves are 30 (approximately) rock-cut Buddhist cave monuments which date from the 2nd

century BCE to about 480 CE in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra state of India.

- According to UNESCO, these are masterpieces of Buddhist religious art that influenced the Indian art that followed.
- The site is a protected monument in the care of the Archaeological Survey of India.
- In 1983 the Ajanta Caves have been a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The caves also present paintings depicting the past lives and rebirths of the Buddha, pictorial tales from Aryasura's Jatakamala, and rock-cut sculptures of Buddhist deities.

39. On which river bank Statue of Unity is built?

- A. Kosi
- B. Narmada
- C. Krishna
- D. Yamuna

Ans. B

Sol. • The Statue of Unity is a colossal statue of Indian statesman and independence activist Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (1875–1950) who was the first Home Minister of independent India.

- It is located in the state of Gujarat, India. It is the world's tallest statue with a height of 182 metres (597 ft).
- It is located on a river island facing the Sardar Sarovar Dam on river Narmada in Kevadiya colony, 100 kilometres (62 mi) southeast of the city of Vadodara.
- It was designed by Indian sculptor Ram V. Sutar and was inaugurated by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 31 October 2018, the 143rd anniversary of Patel's birth.

40. Which lake is 21st-highest lake in the world?

- A. Chandra lake
- B. Kanwar lake bird sanctuary
- C. Suraj tal
- D. Bhimtal lake

Ans. C

Sol. Suraj Tal or Suraj Tal Lake is a sacred body of water which literally means the



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Lake of the Sun God. It is also called Surya Taal. It lies just below the Bara-lacha-la pass (4,890m) (8 km (5.0 mi) in length) in the Lahaul and Spiti valley of Himachal Pradesh state in India. It is the third highest lake in India, and the 21st-highest in the world.



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