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1. B Sai Praneeth, who recently announced his retirement, is associated with which sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Hockey
- C. Football
- D. Badminton



✓ In March 2024, Praneeth announced his retirement from international badminton on social media. The 31-year-old from Hyderabad, Telangana cited injuries since the 2020 Tokyo Olympics as the reason for his retirement. He plans to become a coach in the US. In 2019, Praneeth won a bronze medal at the World Championships, becoming the first Indian to do so since 1983.

2. Recently, which institute hosted the 'All India Research Scholars' Summit (AIRSS) 2024'?



- B. IIM Ahmedabad
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Bombay



✓ IIT Madras is hosting the All-India Research Scholars' Summit (AIRSS) 2024 from March 4th to 7th. Organized by the Research Affairs Council, the event brings together minds from diverse disciplines across India to showcase and explore the latest research advancements. With a focus on fostering collaboration between academia and industry, the summit aligns with Aatmanirbhar Bharat's vision, promoting self-reliance through innovation.

3. Who has been appointed as the new chief secretary of Bihar?

- A. Brajesh Mehrotra 🗹
- B. Tripurari Sharan
- C. Nishith Verma
- D. Aamir Subhani



✓ The Bihar government appointed Brajesh Mehrotra, a senior IAS officer, as the new chief secretary. Presently the additional chief secretary of revenue and land reforms, Mehrotra's distinguished career includes roles in general administration and parliamentary affairs, showcasing his dedication and competence in public service.

4. Recently, National Workshop on Logistics Efficiency Enhancement has been jointly organized by the DPIIT and which organization?

- A. World Bank 🗹
- B. IMF

C. WTO

D. UNICEF

✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and the World Bank Group organized the National Workshop on Logistics Efficiency Enhancement in New Delhi. The workshop brought together the logistics sector community to brainstorm. The DPIIT is under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

- 5. Recently, who became the first woman sniper of the Border Security Force?
- A. Mitali Madhumita
- B. Suman Kumari 🗹
- C. Tanushree Pareek
- D. Sonali Mishra



✓ Sub-inspector Suman Kumari is the first woman sniper in the Border Security Force (BSF). She recently completed an eight-week sniper course at the Central School of Weapons and Tactics (CSWT) in Indore and achieved "instructor grade". She volunteered for the sniper course, becoming the sole female among 56 male counterparts.

- 6. Recently, which state government has launched an initiative to support young entrepreneurs called 'MYUVA scheme'?
- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh ☑
- C. Bihar
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has introduced "Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA)" to back young entrepreneurs. The initiative offers interest-free loans, up to Rs 5 lakh, supporting digital transactions and providing grants to encourage the adoption of digital payment methods. The government aims to nurture one lakh young entrepreneurs annually through this program, fostering economic growth and innovation in the state.
 - 7. Recently, where was the 'Asian River Rafting Championship' organized?
 - A. Shimla 🗹
 - B. Dehradun
 - C. Varanasi
 - D. Ayodhya



✓ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the Asian River Rafting Championship near Basantpur on Sutlej River near the Ridge Shimla. The event hosts 20 teams from nations including Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Iran, Iraq, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Indonesia. This emphasizing the government's commitment to promoting adventure tourism.

8. Project Seabird, India's largest naval infrastructure project, is located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka 🗹
- C. Kerala
- D. Maharashtra



✓ The Defence Minister is set to inaugurate two piers and seven towers, providing 320 homes for Navy officers and Defence civilians at Naval Base Karwar, Karnataka, under Project Seabird—the largest naval infrastructure project in India. Conceived in the early 1980s and sanctioned in 1985, the project spans 11,000 acres, featuring a deep-sea harbour, breakwaters, a township, a naval hospital, and more.

9. Where was the India's first National Dolphin Research Centre inaugurated?

- A. Patna 🗹
- B. Bhopal
- C. Lucknow
- D. Dehradun



- ✓ India's first National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC) was inaugurated by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The center is located near the Ganga River on the Patna University campus.
- ✓ The NDRC is a center of excellence that will help researchers and students understand the ecosystem of rivers. Researchers at the center will focus on various aspects of dolphin behavior in their natural habitat, including studying food habits and adaptation to changing environments. The center will also play a crucial role in training fishermen on methods to avoid inadvertently harming dolphins during fishing activities.
 - 10. Where did the Prime Minister of India witness the initiation of the core-loading process for the indigenous Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR)?
 - A. Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu 🗹
 - B. Tarapur, Maharashtra
 - C. Kaiga, Karnataka
 - D. Narora, Uttar Pradesh



✓ India's Prime Minister inaugurated the core-loading process of the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Madras Atomic Power Station, Kalpakkam. The PFBR is a nuclear machine generating more fuel than it consumes, utilizing Uranium-Plutonium Mixed Oxide (MOX) fuel and Thorium-232 for transmutation. Liquid sodium serves as a coolant, facilitating electricity production. With advanced safety features, the indigenously designed PFBR by BHAVINI marks a significant achievement involving 200+ Indian industries, including MSMEs.

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11. Risa Textile, which has recently received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, belongs to which state?

- A. Assam
- B. Manipur
- C. Mizoram
- D. Tripura 🗹



✓ Tripura's traditional tribal attire, 'risa,' has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This handwoven cloth serves as a female upper garment, headgear, stole, and a gesture of respect. Adorning vibrant designs, it holds social and religious significance, notably in Garia Puja and weddings.

12. What is the rank of India in the World Bank's Women, Business and Law index?

- A. 112
- B. 113 🗹
- C. 114
- D. 115

113

✓ India's rank in the World Bank's Women, Business and Law index rose to 113 out of 190 countries. The index assesses the legal environment for women's economic opportunities across eight categories, including mobility, workplace, and entrepreneurship. Scores range from 0 to 100, with 100 representing equal rights. The report provides objective benchmarks for global progress towards gender equality.

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