#### 1. What is the theme of World TB Day 2024?

A. Invest to End TB. Save lives

- B. Yes! We Can End TB! ☑
- C. The clock is Ticking
- D. Wanted: Leaders for a TB-free World
- ✓ World Tuberculosis Day, observed annually on March 24th, aims to raise global awareness about tuberculosis (TB), a contagious lung disease. The theme for 2024 is "Yes! We can end TB," emphasizes efforts to eradicate this deadly disease through awareness and sustained action.
- ✓ The date commemorates Dr. Robert Koch's discovery of TB bacteria in 1882, leading to improved understanding, diagnosis, and treatment. Since 1983, World TB Day has been observed worldwide to combat TB.

2. Recently, who has been appointed as the flag bearer of the Indian contingent at the Paris Olympics 2024?

A. G Sathiyan

- B. Sharath Kamal 🗹
- C. Ankita Das
- D. Soumyajit Ghosh
- Sharath Kamal, a two-time Commonwealth Games gold medalist in Table Tennis, will lead the Indian contingent as the flag bearer at the Paris Summer Olympics 2024, announced by the Indian Olympic Committee. The 32nd Summer Olympics will take place in Paris from July 26 to August 11. Mary Kom, a bronze medalist in the 2012 London Olympics, will serve as the Chef De Mission, and Shiva Keshavan as the deputy Chef de Mission, supporting and representing the team.

3. Recently, who has become the first person to reach Point Nemo, the oceanic pole of inaccessibility in the Pacific Ocean?

A. Chris Brown 🗹

B. Hrvoje Lukatela

C. Jules Verne

D. Vilhjalmur Stefansson

✓ Chris Brown of Britain achieved a historic feat by becoming the first person to reach Point Nemo, the oceanic pole of inaccessibility in the Pacific Ocean. Located far from land, Point Nemo sits at coordinates 48°52.6′ South latitude and 123°23.6′ West longitude. Brown announced his accomplishment via Instagram on March 20, 2024. The nearest landmasses, Ducie Island, Motu Nui Island, and Maher Island, are thousands of kilometers away.









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4. Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) recently signed an MoU with whom to enhance peaceful use of nuclear energy?

- A. Railway Protection Force (RPF)
- B. National Cadet Corps (NCC) 🗹
- C. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- D. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- ✓ The National Cadet Corps (NCC) and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) signed a MoU to promote peaceful use of nuclear energy. Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh and BVS Shekhar signed the agreement in New Delhi in March, 2024. NPCIL will educate NCC cadets and provide resources for regional engagement and camps. Cadets will visit NPCIL facilities, gaining firsthand experience in nuclear energy's peaceful applications and technical aspects.
  - 5. What is the theme for World Meteorological Day 2024?
  - A. At the frontline of climate action  $\blacksquare$
  - B. Early Warning and Early Action
  - C. The Ocean, Our Climate and Weather
  - D. Climate and Water
- ✓ World Meteorological Day, celebrated annually on March 23, highlights environmental awareness and human impact on Earth. It marks the founding of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The objective is to raise awareness about meteorology and its ongoing changes. The 2024 theme, "At the frontline of climate action," emphasizes the vital role of meteorology in addressing climate change globally.
  - 6. Recently, which ministry launched the Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme (EMPS), 2024?
  - A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
  - B. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
  - C. Ministry of Power
  - D. Ministry of Heavy Industries ☑
- ✓ The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) initiated the Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme (EMPS) 2024 following the conclusion of the FAME-II on March 31, 2024. EMPS aims to expedite the adoption of electric two-wheelers and three-wheelers, fostering green mobility and EV manufacturing. With a tenure of four months from April 1 to July 31, 2024, EMPS offers subsidies.



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- 7. Recently, who won the first 'Global Inequality Research Awards 2024'?
- A. Aparna Mehrotra and Masood Karimipour
- B. Sylvie Bertrand and Karin Esposito
- C. Bina Agarwal and James Boyce ☑
- D. Micheal Martin and Qu Dongyu
- ✓ Bina Agarwal and James Boyce, recipients of the inaugural "Global Inequality Research Award," are recognized for their profound insights into worldwide inequalities, notably in social and environmental domains. They will be honored at conferences in Paris in fall and spring 2024.
  - 8. Global E-waste Monitor 2024 report is released by which one of the following?
  - A. UNEP
  - B. UNDP
  - C. UNITAR 🗹
  - D. World Bank
- ✓ The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) released the Global E-waste Monitor 2024 report in March 2024. The report states that the world's generation of electronic waste is growing five times faster than the amount that is documented to be recycled. The report also states that 62 million tonnes of electronic waste is generated annually globally, which has increased by 82 percent since 2010.
  - 9. Recently, which ministry has notified the Captive Elephant (Transfer or Transport) Rules, 2024?
  - A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
  - B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change 🗹
  - C. Ministry of Agriculture
  - D. Ministry of Defence
- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has introduced the Captive Elephant (Transfer or Transport) Rules, 2024, under the Wildlife (Protection) Act (WPA) 1972.
- ✓ Applicants must apply to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) for elephant transfer, who verifies facilities and forwards the request to the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWW). In-state transfers are approved within seven days by the CWW, while inter-state transfers involve coordination between CWWs.









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#### 10. Kokrajhar-Gelephu rail link is connected with which one of the following countries?

A. India and Nepal

- B. India and Bhutan 🗹
- C. India and Myanmar
- D. India and Bangladesh
- ✓ India and Bhutan have strengthened their bilateral ties through multiple MoUs and agreements covering energy, trade, digital connectivity, space, and agriculture. Notably, they finalized an MoU to establish rail links, including the Kokrajhar-Gelephu and Banarhat-Samtse routes.
- ✓ India will aid Bhutan's supply through designated entry/exit points. Additionally, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India will recognize Bhutan Food and Drug Authority's control, easing trade and compliance costs for both nations.
  - 11. Which organization recently adopted the first global resolution on Artificial Intelligence (AI)?
  - A. United Nations General Assembly ☑
  - B. United Nations Human Rights Council
  - C. United Nations Development Programme
  - D. World Health Organisation
- ✓ The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution championing safe, secure, and trustworthy AI systems in alignment with sustainable development goals. It stresses human rights in AI development and recognizes its potential for advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. Marking the first Assembly involvement in regulating AI, it urges against AI systems violating human rights and advocates for regulatory frameworks. Led by the US, the resolution garnered support from over 120 Member States.

12. Recently, the Election Commission of India launched which app to facilitate easier voting for persons above 85 years of age and PWDs with 40%?

- A. Madad App
- B. Sankalp App
- C. Saksham App 🗹
- D. Kavach App

✓ The Election Commission aims to ensure inclusivity in voting with new measures. Voters over 85 and those with 40% benchmark disability can vote from home. Polling stations will provide volunteers, wheelchairs, and transport. The Saksham App facilitates voting for PWDs. Permanent Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) in schools aim to enhance election processes.







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