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1. Where was the world's first Vedic clock installed?

- A. Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
- B. Bikaner, Rajasthan
- C. Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ **The world's first Vedic clock, displaying time according to the ancient Indian Panchang, has been erected in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, standing at 85 feet within Jantar Mantar. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated it. The clock, adjacent to the Jiwaji observatory, showcases Vedic Hindu Panchang, planetary positions, Muhurat, astrological calculations, predictions, and indicates Indian Standard Time (IST) and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).**

2. Which institute developed the 'Investor Information and Analytics Platform'?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Roorkee
- D. IIT Bombay



- ✓ **Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar inaugurated IIT Madras' 'Investor Information and Analytics Platform,' aiding startups in accessing investor networks, government schemes, and comprehensive startup insights.**
- ✓ **Developed by CREST researchers, the platform offers a one-stop solution for entrepreneurs, integrating information on government agencies, investors, VCs, and banks supporting startups. Noteworthy is the AI-based "StartupGPT" for simplified data navigation. With information on 200,000 startups, 11,000 angel investors, 5,000 VCs, and more, the platform fosters growth in India's dynamic startup ecosystem.**

3. Neil Wagner, who recently retired from international cricket, is from which country?

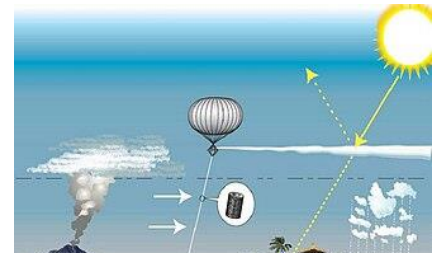
- A. New Zealand
- B. Australia
- C. South Africa
- D. England



- ✓ **New Zealand fast bowler Neil Wagner announced his retirement from international cricket on February 27, 2024. Wagner (37) made the decision after being told he would not be in the starting XI for the upcoming Test series against Australia. Wagner has played 64 tests for New Zealand and will finish fifth on New Zealand's list of all-time Test wicket-takers with 260 at an average of 37.**

4. What is the name of the substance which is generally injected into the stratosphere in Stratospheric Aerosol Intervention (SAI)?

- A. Sulfur dioxide
- B. Carbon dioxide
- C. Nitrogen dioxide
- D. Carbon Monoxide



- ✓ A recent study focused on the Stratospheric Aerosol Intervention (SAI) to combat global warming in West Asia and North Africa. SAI involves injecting reflective aerosols into the stratosphere to mimic the cooling effects of volcanic eruptions. Inspired by the 1991 Mount Pinatubo eruption, this method aims to scatter radiation in the stratosphere, reducing tropospheric absorption. The artificial aerosol layer can be created by deploying sulfur particles via cannons, balloons, or aircraft.

5. What is the rank of India in the Global Intellectual Property Index 2024?

- A. 42nd
- B. 45th
- C. 44th
- D. 46th

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- ✓ The US Chamber of Commerce released the 12th edition of the International Intellectual Property (IP) Index, ranking 55 economies on their IP frameworks. India secured the 42nd position with a 38.64% overall score. The United States, the United Kingdom, and France topped the list, emphasizing the pivotal role of strong IP systems in economic development. The index evaluates the effectiveness of IP landscapes in fostering innovation and creative industries globally.

6. Recently, which state government has decided to repeal the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Registration Act, 1935?

- A. Tripura
- B. Assam
- C. Kerala
- D. Uttar Pradesh

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

- ✓ The Assam government has repealed the Assam Muslim Marriage and Divorce Registration Act, 1935, as announced in a recent cabinet meeting in Guwahati. The Act, utilized by 94 Muslim registrars for marriage and divorce registrations, will no longer be valid. Assam Tourism Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah revealed the decision, stating that Muslim marriage and divorce registrations will no longer be conducted under this Act. The government will offer a one-time compensation of two lakh rupees to the affected Muslim Marriage Registrars for rehabilitation.

7. What is Roen olmi (Termitomyces species)?

- A. Daisy flower
- B. Common sunflower
- C. Wild mushroom
- D. Rubber Plant



- ✓ **Researchers in Goa have produced gold nanoparticles from the Termitomyces species, a wild mushroom widely consumed in the region. This mushroom plays a vital role in ecosystems, converting 50% of dead plant material into soil. Found on termite hills in the Western Ghats, it relies on termites for growth. Harvesting was banned in 1992 due to concerns about forest diseases, but the ban was later limited to wildlife sanctuaries and government-owned protected forests, emphasizing potential ecological risks.**

8. Which country has decided to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with India?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Maldives
- C. Australia
- D. Singapore



- ✓ **The Mauritius Government is set to amend its Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with India to align with OECD's Base Erosion and Profit Shifting proposal. The DTAA is a treaty preventing non-residents from paying double taxes. India has signed DTAA with 85 nations, aiming to prevent double taxation for non-resident Indians. The historic India-Mauritius DTAA, signed in 1983, has facilitated over \$160 billion in foreign investments. The amendment's primary objective is to curb tax avoidance, elevating the treaty to a covered tax agreement under BEPS MLI.**

9. Where was the 21st edition of BioAsia started?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Chennai
- C. Mumbai
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ **The 21st edition of BioAsia, an international business convention, began in Hyderabad, India on February 26–28, 2024. The event's theme is "Data and AI: Redefining Possibilities". BioAsia is a partnership between the Government of Telangana, the Government of India, and the Federation of Asian Biotech Associations (FABA). The event aims to bring together industry leaders, exchange ideas, and foster innovation. It also explores the potential of data and AI to shape the future of the life sciences industry and healthcare delivery.**

10. Agalega Island is located in which country?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Maldives
- C. Indonesia
- D. Iceland



- ✓ Indian PM and Mauritius PM will inaugurate a modern airstrip and jetty on Agalega Island, Mauritius, strengthening connectivity with mainland Mauritius. Agalega, a dependency of Mauritius, comprises two outer islands in the southwest Indian Ocean, situated 1,050 km north of Mauritius Island, with a total area of 2,600 ha.

11. According to latest NSSO survey, what is the poverty rate in India?

- A. 4%
- B. 5%
- C. 6%
- D. 10%



- ✓ According to the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) consumer expenditure survey, India's poverty rate is 5%. This indicates that both rural and urban areas are becoming more prosperous. The survey also shows that per capita monthly household expenditure has doubled. The survey also shows that rural poverty has declined from 25.7% in 2011-12 to 7.2% in 2022-23. Urban poverty has also declined from 4.6% in 2011-12 to 4.5-5% in 2022-23.

12. Pey Jal Survekshan Awards is an initiative of which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- B. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Defence



- ✓ The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs recently announced the inaugural Pey Jal Survekshan Awards, comprising 130 awards in various categories. Awards include Pey Jal Gold, Silver, and Bronze City Awards based on population categories.
- ✓ Other categories encompass Best Water Body, Sustainability Champion, Water Quality, and more. Parameters for evaluation cover access, coverage, water quality, sustainability, and infrastructure. Cities will receive star ratings based on performance, ensuring clean water through independent lab testing and transparent data collection via GIS-enabled web portal.

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1. Recently, Election Commission of India started the 'Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye' campaign with which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D. Ministry of Defence



- ✓ **The Ministry of Education conducted the "Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye" from Feb 28 to Mar 6, 2024, aiming to engage and encourage youth in the electoral process. UGC Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar issued a call to inspire and mobilize first-time voters, urging all to support the campaign.**

2. Kulasekarapattinam Spaceport is located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ **The Prime Minister inaugurated the Kulasekarapattinam Spaceport in Tamil Nadu, the second spaceport after Satish Dhawan Space Centre. The facility will specialize in launching Small Satellite Launch Vehicles commercially. Spanning 2,350 acres, it features 35 facilities, including launch pads and rocket integration areas. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 986 crores, boosting India's space capabilities.**

3. Recently, the National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) signed an agreement with which country to promote Ayurveda & Thai traditional medicine?

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



- ✓ **The National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) in Jaipur, India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine, Thailand in February 2024. The MoU is for academic collaboration in Ayurveda and Thai traditional medicine. The NIA also has collaborations with other universities, institutes, and organizations in countries like Malaysia and Korea.**

4. Recently, who has been appointed as the chairperson of Lokpal?

- A. Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar
- B. Satish Chandra Sharma
- C. Surya Kant
- D. Sanjiv Khanna



- ✓ **Former Supreme Court judge Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar has been appointed as the chairperson of Lokpal, a statutory body established under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act 2013. The Lokpal, mandated to investigate corruption allegations against public functionaries, consists of a chairperson and a maximum of eight members.**
- ✓ **Members, appointed by the President on the recommendation of a selection committee, serve a term of five years or until the age of 70. The salary and conditions of service mirror those of the Chief Justice of India and Supreme Court judges.**

5. Recently, where was the Asian Track Cycling Championships 2024 organized?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Bhopal
- C. New Delhi
- D. Jaipur



- ✓ **India concluded its successful run at the 43rd Asian Track Cycling Championships 2024 in New Delhi on February 26, winning a total of 18 medals. Held at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, the competition featured 500 riders from 18 countries, encompassing junior and para track cycling events. Notably, this championship served as the ultimate qualifying event for the Paris 2024 Olympics.**

6. Recently, which ministry launched the 'SWAYAM Plus Platform'?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D. Ministry of Defence



शिक्षा मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION

सत्यमेव जयते

- ✓ **The Ministry of Education introduced the SWAYAM Plus Platform, an extension of the Massive Open Online Course platform, aligning with the National Education Policy 2020. SWAYAM Plus now incorporates courses fostering industry-specific skills in collaboration with leaders, promoting learners' employability. Notable features include multilingual content, AI-guidance, credit recognition, and pathways to employment. IIT Madras is the appointed nodal agency for implementation, with funding from MoE and the Department of Higher Education.**

7. Recently, the first herpetofaunal survey was conducted in the Core Area of which tiger reserve?

- A. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve
- B. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
- C. Kalakkad Tiger Reserve
- D. Srivilliputhur-Megamalai Tiger Reserve



- ✓ **The inaugural herpetofaunal survey in the Core Area of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve uncovered 82 reptile and amphibian species, aiding the forest department in tailoring conservation strategies. Notable findings include the near-threatened Indian rock python and the vulnerable mugger crocodile.**

8. Recently, who has been appointed as the new CEO of the World Gold Council for India?

- A. Sachin Jain
- B. Arti Saxena
- C. Dharmesh Sodah
- D. Sheela Kulkarni



- ✓ **Sachin Jain was appointed as the new CEO of the World Gold Council for India in February 2024. Jain will join the World Gold Council from De Beers, where he has held several senior roles for the past 13 years. He has a deep understanding of the Indian consumer and jewelry market.**

9. What is the theme of 'Rare Disease Day 2024'?

- A. Rare is many, rare is strong, rare is proud
- B. Share Your Colours
- C. Reframe Rare for Rare Disease Day
- D. Bridging health and Social Care



- ✓ **February 29 marks Rare Disease Day, highlighting awareness and support for those with rare medical conditions. The 2024 theme, "Share Your Colours," emphasizes collaboration for individuals facing rare diseases.**

10. Tawi festival is celebrated in which state/UT?

- A. Kerala
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Delhi
- D. Goa



- ✓ The four-day 'Tawi Festival' in Jammu and Kashmir, starting on March 1, 2024, highlights the region's art, culture, and heritage. Emphasizing Jammu's diverse art forms and cultural heritage, the festival features seminars, workshops, folk music, street theatre, classical and folk dance, and a Mela. It provides a platform for youth creativity and encourages discussions with experts.

11. Recently, Prime Minister of India launched the country's first indigenous green hydrogen fuel cell inland waterway vessel in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's inaugural indigenous green hydrogen fuel cell inland waterway vessel in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi under the Harit Nauka initiative. This project, a gift from Tamil Nadu to Kashi, signifies India's commitment to innovative green energy solutions. Hydrogen fuel cells, pivotal in transportation, material handling, stationary, portable, and emergency backup power.

12. 'Annual Financial Literacy' week campaign, is recently organized by which one of the following?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. Reserve Bank of India
- C. State Bank of India
- D. ISRO



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RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been conducting Financial Literacy Week (FLW) every year since 2016. The 2024 FLW will be observed from February 26 to March 1, 2024 with the theme "Make a Right Start – Become Financially Smart". The FLW aims to promote financial literacy by spreading financial education messages to the public.

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1. Which organizations recently collaborated to launch the Women Exporters in the Digital Economy (WEIDE) Fund?

- A. International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank
- B. International Trade Centre (ITC) and World Trade Organization (WTO)
- C. International Labour Organization (ILO) and World Bank
- D. World Health Organization (WHO) and International Monetary Fund (IMF)



- ✓ **The International Trade Centre (ITC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) have jointly initiated the Women Exporters in the Digital Economy (WEIDE) Fund, with a substantial investment of USD 50 million. This global fund aims to support women-led businesses and entrepreneurs in developing economies and least-developed countries by facilitating the adoption of digital technologies.**

2. Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project is a bi-national hydropower project between which two countries?

- A. India and Bhutan
- B. India and Nepal
- C. India and Bangladesh
- D. India and Afghanistan



- ✓ **Despite the recent India-Nepal agreement, the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project (PMP) discussions remain deadlocked. Established through the Mahakali Treaty in 1996, the PMP is a cross-border hydropower initiative on the Mahakali River. With the goal of enhancing energy production and irrigation in both nations, it features a 315-meter dam (Sharda in India), aiming to generate 6,480 MW equally shared.**

3. Recently, Jal Shakti Ministry has signed an agreement with 12 technical education institutions for basin management of how many rivers?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 8

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- ✓ **The Jal Shakti Ministry has partnered with 12 technical education institutions to collaborate on academic and research initiatives for basin management of six rivers: Narmada, Godavari, Mahanadi, Krishna, Cauvery, and Periyar, as part of the National River Conservation Plan. Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat highlighted successful efforts in cleaning the Ganga, earning UNESCO recognition for the Namami Gange Mission.**

4. Recently, which Indian received an Honorary Knighthood from United Kingdom's King Charles III?

- A. Rajan Bharti Mittal
- B. Sunil Bharti Mittal
- C. Sushil Kumar Sayal
- D. Akhil Gupta



- ✓ King Charles III of the United Kingdom awarded Sunil Bharti Mittal, the founder and chairman of Bharti Enterprises, an honorary Knighthood. The honor is titled Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE), one of the highest honors given by the British Sovereign to civilians.

5. Vikramaditya Vedic Clock is located in which city?

- A. Ujjain
- B. Indore
- C. Bikaner
- D. Lucknow



- ✓ The Prime Minister inaugurated the Vikramaditya Vedic Clock at Jantar Mantar, Ujjain. A world-first 'Vedic Clock,' it displays time using the traditional Indian Panchang. Positioned on an 85-foot tower, it also provides planetary positions, Muhurat, astrological calculations, IST, and GMT. Developed by Lucknow-based Sanstha Arohan, it connects to the internet via a mobile app.

6. Global Waste Management Outlook - 2024 is published by which organization?

- A. UNEP
- B. UNDP
- C. UNESCO
- D. IMF



- ✓ The Global Waste Management Outlook 2024, co-published by UNEP and ISWA, highlights key trends. Predictions indicate municipal solid waste will surge from 2.3 to 3.8 billion tonnes by 2050. The direct cost of global waste management, at USD 252 billion in 2020, is projected to nearly double by 2050 without immediate intervention.

7. How many railway stations have successfully achieved the prestigious "Eat Right Station" certification?

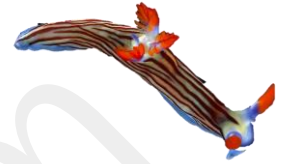
- A. 157
- B. 154
- C. 152
- D. 150



- ✓ 150 railway stations and 6 metro stations have earned the coveted "Eat Right Station" certification, a part of the Eat Right India movement by FSSAI. Led by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, the initiative mandates stringent food safety, hygiene, and nutrition standards for all vendors at certified stations.

8. *Melanochlamys Droupadi* belongs to which one of the following species?

- A. Octopus
B. Sea slug
C. Crab
D. Turtle



- ✓ Researchers from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have identified a new species of head-shield sea slug, *Melanochlamys Droupadi*, along the coasts of Odisha and West Bengal. Measuring up to 7 mm, it's a small invertebrate with a brownish-black body and a distinctive ruby red spot. Inhabiting wet sandy beaches, the hermaphroditic slug forms a protective mucus sheath, leaving a trail like a turtle as it moves beneath the sand.

9. Recently, who has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of the National Security Guard (NSG)?

- A. Anup Kumar Singh
B. Sudhir Pratap Singh
C. Daljit Singh Chaudhary
D. Subhash Joshi



- ✓ Daljit Singh Chaudhary, a 1990 batch IPS officer, has been appointed as the Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG), a crucial role in India's security. Currently the DG of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), he takes on the added responsibility of leading the NSG, known as the "black cats."

10. Recently, which two countries formally opposed the adoption of Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) agreement?

- A. India and Singapore
B. India and South Africa
C. India and China
D. India and Russia



- ✓ India and South Africa opposed the Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) agreement at the 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13) of the World Trade Organization on February 28. The MC-13, held in Abu Dhabi from February 26 to 29, saw over 120 countries advocating for IFD to enhance the investment and business climate. India argued that IFD is a non-trade issue outside the multilateral trade body's framework.

11. Which day is observed as 'World Seagrass Day'?

- A. 01 March
- B. 02 March
- C. 03 March
- D. 04 March



- ✓ **World Seagrass Day, observed annually on March 1, highlights the significance of seagrass in marine ecosystems. The 2024 theme is "Healthy Seagrass, Healthy Planet." Seagrass, the sole flowering plant in marine environments, comprises over 60 species worldwide, acting as effective carbon sinks and supporting marine life with vital nutrients.**

12. What is the theme of 'Zero Discrimination Day 2024'?

- A. Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower
- B. Save lives: Decriminalise
- C. To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights
- D. Open Up, Reach Out



- ✓ **March 1 marks Zero Discrimination Day, dedicated to advocating for every individual's right to a life free from discrimination. Initiated by UNAIDS, this global observance raises awareness about discrimination's harmful effects and promotes equality, compassion, and respect. First celebrated in 2014, its 2024 theme is "To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights".**

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1. Recently, which state government has decided to establish a State Water Information Centre (SWIC)?

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha
- C. Gujarat
- D. Jharkhand



- ✓ The Odisha government is establishing the State Water Information Centre (SWIC) to coordinate, store, and disseminate water resource data. Operating under the Water Resources Department, it aims to maintain a comprehensive repository of hydro-meteorological data for Odisha. The center will be staffed with experts in water resources management and data handling.

2. Sindri Fertiliser Plant is located in which state?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ PM Modi dedicated the HURL Sindri Fertilizer Plant in Jharkhand on March 1, 2024, addressing India's urea demand. The nation requires 360 lakh metric tons yearly, but in 2014, produced only 225 lakh metric tons. Thanks to government efforts, production increased to 310 lakh metric tons in the last decade. Modi revealed plans to revive more plants by 2025, ensuring affordable fertilizers for farmers and generating employment opportunities for local youth, including the Talcher Fertilizer Plant.

3. Recently, which state became the first state to issue five crore Ayushman cards under AB-PMJAY?

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



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has marked a milestone by issuing 5 crore Ayushman cards, making it the first state to do so under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. The state boasts 50,017,920 issued cards, benefiting 74,382,304 individuals across 3,716 hospitals. With 3,481,252 health claims filed, an impressive 92.48% were settled, reflecting the scheme's success.

4. Amrabad Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

- A. Telangana
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha



- ✓ The leopard population in Amrabad Tiger Reserve, Telangana, has significantly increased, as per the recent 'Status of Leopards in India' report. Spanning 2611.4 sq km, it is one of India's largest tiger reserves and the second-largest in core area. Originally part of Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve, Amrabad Tiger Reserve emerged post-state bifurcation.

5. Where was the 66th meeting of Network Planning Group held?

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Jaipur



- ✓ The 66th Network Planning Group meeting in New Delhi, chaired by the Additional Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, assessed three projects from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and two from the Ministry of Railways. The Integrated Multimodal NPG oversees unified planning and integration for connectivity infrastructure ministries, facilitating stakeholder interactions. It guides departments in creating economic zones and connectivity infrastructure.

6. What is 'VSHORADS'?

- A. Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPAD)
- B. Military exercise between India and Europe
- C. Peacekeeping Operations in Europe
- D. Mobile Short Range Air Defence System



- ✓ The DRDO successfully tested the Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile, a fourth-gen MANPAD developed indigenously in collaboration with Indian industry partners. Designed for short-range air defense, it boasts a 6-km range. The portable missile, propelled by a dual-thrust solid motor, aims to safeguard ground forces and critical assets against low-altitude aerial threats.

7. Which ministry recently launched the 'Alliance for Global Good-Gender Equity and Equality'?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Women & Child Development
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ **Union Minister of Women & Child Development Smriti Irani revealed the logo and website for the Alliance for Global Good – Gender Equity and Equality in a ceremony attended by Bill Gates and Chandrajit Banerjee. Emphasizing India's leadership in women's empowerment, Irani highlighted international support garnered at Davos.**
- ✓ **Launched at Davos 2024, the alliance aligns with PM Narendra Modi's vision for women-led development. Focused on SDGs, it seeks to consolidate practices, exchange knowledge, and attract investments in women's health, education, and entrepreneurship.**

8. How much funding has the Union Cabinet approved for the International Big Cat Alliance?

- A. Rs 250 crore
- B. Rs 150 crore
- C. Rs 100 crore
- D. Rs 110 crore



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet has officially launched the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) with a one-time budgetary allocation of Rs 150 crore from the Indian government until 2028. Initiated by the Prime Minister in April 2023 to commemorate Project Tiger's 50th anniversary, IBCA aims to foster cooperation among 97 'range' countries for the conservation of seven big cat species. Its multifaceted approach includes governance structures like a General Assembly, a Council, and a Secretariat, along with financial support from the Indian government.**

9. Recently, which ministry signed an MoU with ISRO on Urban Framed Survey using Bhuvan?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- C. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways



- ✓ **The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has partnered with ISRO for the Urban Frame Survey (UFS) using Bhuvan. UFS, managed by the Field Operations Division (FOD) of NSSO, utilizes compact units in urban areas with 120-150 households.**

- ✓ Executed in five-year phases, it acts as a sampling frame for large-scale socio-economic surveys. The digital implementation of UFS occurred for the first-time during Phase 2017-22, employing the Bhuvan platform for data collection.

10. Exercise Samudra Laksamana is conducted between which two countries?

- A. India and Singapore
- B. India and Malaysia
- C. India and China
- D. India and Russia



- ✓ The Exercise Samudra Laksamana, a joint naval drill between the Indian Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy, commenced on Feb.28 and concluded on March.2 off the coast of Visakhapatnam. In its 3rd edition, the exercise involves Indian Naval Ship Kiltan and Royal Malaysian Ship KD Lekir. Professional interactions, knowledge exchange, and collaborative sea operations aim to strengthen bilateral bonds, foster cooperation, and enhance interoperability between the two navies.

11. India's first indigenously developed hydrogen fuel cell ferry was deployed for service at which place of Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Kanpur
- C. Varanasi
- D. Ayodhya



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first indigenous hydrogen fuel cell ferry, built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, to operate in Varanasi. The hydrogen fuel cell system was developed by KPIT Technologies in collaboration with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Labs.
- ✓ The initiative, named Harit Nauka (green boat), is led by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, aiming for a green transition in inland vessels. Guidelines unveiled in January 2024 mandate states to use green fuels for 50% of inland waterways passenger fleets by 2034 and 100% by 2045 to combat greenhouse gas emissions.

12. According to Status of Leopards in India 2022 report, which state has the largest population of leopards?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ The 'Status of Leopards in India, 2022' report reveals a leopard population increase to 13,874 from 12,852 in 2018.
- ✓ Indian leopards, found in various forested regions spanning India, Nepal, Bhutan, and parts of Pakistan, are most abundant in Central India and Eastern Ghats (8,820), followed by the Western Ghats (3,596) and the Shivalik Hills/Gangetic Plains (1,109). Statewise, Madhya Pradesh leads with 3,907 leopards, followed by Maharashtra (1,985), Karnataka (1,879), and Tamil Nadu (1,070).

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1. Poshan Utsav is organized by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Defence



- ✓ **The Ministry of Women and Child Development organized the Poshan Utsav to promote good nutrition behavior and address malnutrition in India. Union Minister Smt. Smriti Irani and Bill Gates graced the event, which saw the release of the 'Poshan Utsav Book' by the Deendayal Research Institute. This initiative aims to revive ancient nutrition traditions and appreciate India's culinary heritage while combatting malnutrition.**

2. What is the theme of the National Birth Defects Awareness Month 2024?

- A. Breaking Barriers: inclusive support for children with birth defects
- B. Healthy Communities, Healthy Babies
- C. Best for You. Best for Baby
- D. Prevent to Protect: Prevent Infections for Baby Protection



- ✓ **Dr. V K Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, launched National Birth Defect Awareness Month 2024, emphasizing the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana's vital role in improving child health. The scheme covers half of India's health and complements the existing Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram. The month-long campaign, themed "Breaking Barriers: inclusive support for children with birth defects," aims to raise awareness about prevention, early identification, and timely management of birth defects.**

3. INS Jatayu is the Indian Naval base located in which region?

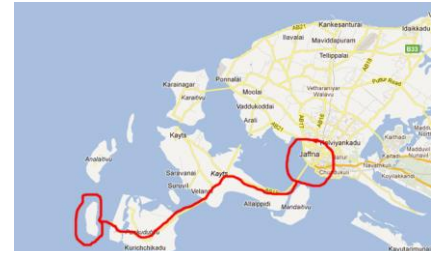
- A. Daman & Diu
- B. Lakshadweep
- C. Andaman & Nicobar
- D. Puducherry



- ✓ **The Indian Navy will commission Naval Detachment Minicoy as INS Jatayu on March 6, 2024, marking the second naval base in Lakshadweep after INS Dweeprakshak.**
- ✓ **This enhances the Navy's presence in the strategically vital Lakshadweep Islands, extending operational reach and surveillance. The southernmost Lakshadweep Island, Minicoy, holds strategic importance for Sea Lines of Communications (SLOCs). INS Jatayu will significantly boost the Indian Navy's operational capabilities in the region, aiding Anti-Piracy and Anti-Narcotics Operations in the Western Arabian Sea and strengthening connectivity with the mainland.**

4. Nainativu Island is located in which one of the following straits?

- A. Bali Strait
- B. Malacca Strait
- C. Palk Strait
- D. Bass Strait



- ✓ The Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority recently partnered with an Indian company to construct "Hybrid Renewable Energy Systems" on Delft, Neduntheevu, Nainativu, and Analaitivu islands near Jaffna peninsula.
- ✓ Nainativu Island, located in the Palk Strait near Jaffna, holds historical significance and is a pilgrimage site for Hindus and Buddhists. Notably, it houses the Nagapooshani Amman Kovil, a historic Hindu temple dedicated to the principal goddess Amman, identified with the renowned Tamil deity Meenakshi. The Mahavamsa mentions Buddha's second visit to the island.

5. Chapchar Kut festival is celebrated in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Assam
- C. Mizoram
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Mizoram's Chapchar Kut festival, celebrated at the Assam Rifles Ground in Aizawl, showed vibrant Mizo traditions with Cheraw and Chai dances. The spring festival, marked by clearing forests for jhum cultivation, featured locals in colorful attire, engaging in folk dances and songs. Chapchar Kut, observed annually in March, attracted a diverse crowd, highlighting the rich cultural heritage of the Mizo community in a day-long celebration.

6. Recently, how much funding has the government approved for the installation of solar plants under the 'PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana'?

- A. Rs 55,023 crore
- B. Rs 75,021 crore
- C. Rs 85,021 crore
- D. Rs 65,021 crore



- ✓ The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana on February 29, 2024, with a total outlay of Rs 75,021 crore. The scheme aims to install rooftop solar panels in one crore households and provide free electricity of up to 300 units per month.

- ✓ The scheme also includes: A central financial assistance of 60% of the system cost for 2 kW systems and 40% of the additional system cost for systems between 2 to 3 kW capacity and a subsidy of Rs 30,000 to Rs 60,000 for an average monthly electricity consumption of 0-150 units, Rs 60,000 to Rs 78,000 for 150-300 units, and Rs 78,000 for more than 300 unit.

7. Which day is celebrated as World Wildlife Day?

- A. March.03
- B. March.04
- C. March.05
- D. March.06



- ✓ World Wildlife Day, observed on March 3, emphasizes the critical importance of safeguarding global biodiversity. The 2024 theme, "Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation," highlights the role of technology in conservation efforts.
- ✓ Originating from Thailand's proposal to the United Nations General Assembly in 2013, this annual event underscores the urgency to protect flora and fauna worldwide, bringing attention to innovative digital solutions for wildlife preservation.

8. Recently, Financial Intelligence Unit-India has imposed a penalty of Rs 5.49 crore on which one of the following payment banks?

- A. Paytm Payments Bank
- B. Airtel Payments Bank
- C. Jio Payments Bank
- D. Fino Payments Bank



- ✓ Paytm Payments Bank Ltd faces a ₹5.49 crore penalty from the Financial Intelligence Unit-India for breaching the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The penalty stems from the bank's role in supporting illegal activities, notably online gambling, and mishandling funds derived from these operations.

9. Yars Missile is an intercontinental ballistic missile developed by which country?

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. Israel
- D. India



- ✓ Russia's defense ministry confirmed a recent successful test of the RS-24 Yars intercontinental ballistic nuclear missile. Developed by Russia, the Yars is a thermonuclear armed ICBM with a reported range of 12,000 km and the capability to hit targets over 11,000 km away.

10. What is 'MH 60R Seahawk'?

- A. Nuclear-powered submarine
- B. Maritime variant of the Blackhawk helicopter
- C. Amphibious assault ship
- D. Stealth Attack Craft



- ✓ **The Indian Navy will commission the MH 60R Seahawk, a maritime variant of the Blackhawk helicopter, on March 6, 2024, at INS Garuda, Kochi. The deal with the US government was signed in February 2020. The Seahawk will enhance the Navy's maritime power with roles like anti-submarine warfare, search & rescue and medical evacuation. It boasts advanced weapons and avionics, catering to conventional and asymmetric threats.**

11. 'ADITI scheme' is associated with which sector?

- A. Defence sector
- B. Health sector
- C. Education Sector
- D. Financial sector



- ✓ **Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched the Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI) scheme in New Delhi on March 04, 2024, allocating Rs 750 crore for 2023-24 to 2025-26. Operating under the iDEX framework, the scheme supports start-ups with grants up to Rs 25 crore for defence technology research. ADITI aims to develop 30 deep-tech critical technologies, fostering youth innovation and addressing Armed Forces' needs, with 17 challenges in its inaugural edition.**

12. Recently, which ministry has been honored with the award for Best Performance in Accounts during the Financial Year 2023-24?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs



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- ✓ **The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting was awarded for Best Performance in Accounts for FY 2023-24 on the 48th Foundation Day of the Indian Civil Accounts Service.**
- ✓ **Led by Chief Controller of Accounts Ajay S. Singh, the ministry showcased exceptional efficiency and diligence in accounting practices, earning the prestigious recognition from the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.**

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1. Indiramma Housing Scheme is associated with which state?

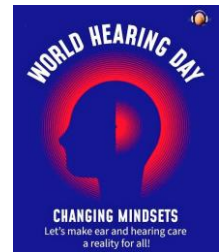
- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala



- ✓ **Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has revealed the Indiramma Housing Scheme, set to commence on March 11. The initiative targets economic empowerment by offering housing solutions to underprivileged segments. Landowners will receive Rs. 5 lakh to build on their plots, while the homeless will get the same amount along with a plot for house construction, amplifying support for the economically disadvantaged.**

2. What is the theme of 'World Hearing Day 2024'?

- A. Ear and hearing care for all! Let's make it reality
- B. Changing mindsets: Let's make ear and hearing care a reality for all
- C. To hear for life, listen with care
- D. Action for hearing loss: make a sound investment



- ✓ **World Hearing Day, celebrated annually on March 3, 2024, addresses the global issue of hearing loss. This year's theme, set by the World Health Organization, emphasizes "Changing mindsets: Let's make ear and hearing care a reality for all." This day advocates for preventative measures, treatment, and overall ear health awareness. It encourages individuals to protect their hearing and seek help for hearing-related concerns.**

3. Okhla Bird Sanctuary is located in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bihar



- ✓ **On March 3, 2024, the WWF EIACP PC-RP, led by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, marked World Wildlife Day at Okhla Bird Sanctuary. Recognizing its rich biodiversity and Mission LiFE focus, the celebration aimed to acknowledge wildlife's vital roles. It is situated at NOIDA's entrance in Uttar Pradesh, the sanctuary spans 4 sq km, making it one of the state's 15 bird sanctuaries.**

4. Which day is observed as National Safety Day in India?

- A. March.04
- B. March.05
- C. March.06
- D. March.07



- ✓ **National Safety Day, observed annually on March 4 in India, marks the beginning of National Safety Week. Emphasizing safety and precautions in all sectors, the 2024 theme is "Safety for a Sustainable Future," highlighting the vital connection between safety measures and sustainability. This day serves as a reminder of the critical importance of prioritizing safety.**

5. Rupa Tarkashi (Silver Filigree), which has recently received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, belongs to which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Assam
- C. Odisha
- D. Kerala



- ✓ **Cuttack's renowned Rupa Tarakasi (Silver Filigree) has secured the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai. The Odisha State Co-operative Handicrafts Corporation Limited submitted the application, supported by the Department of Textile and Handicrafts, Government of Odisha. Filigree, linked to exquisite craftsmanship in classical jewelry, dates back to 3500 BCE in Mesopotamia. Historical evidence suggests its introduction to Cuttack from Persia through Indonesia around 500 years ago via sea trade.**

6. Recently, which ministry hosted the first "Blue Talks" meeting on the ocean in New Delhi?

- A. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Defence



- ✓ **The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) hosted the first "Blue Talks" meeting on February 29, 2024 in New Delhi. The meeting was co-partnered by the Embassy of France and Embassy of Costa Rica in India. The Ambassador of France to India and the Ambassador of Costa Rica were co-convenors of the General Assembly. The meeting focused on Ocean Health and Governance.**

7. Recently, Indian scientists have developed an eco wound dressing from which one of the following?

- A. Banana fiber
- B. Cotton fiber
- C. Bast fiber
- D. Jute fiber



- ✓ Indian scientists at the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST) have developed a new wound dressing material from banana fibers. The material is a multifunctional patch that combines banana fibers with biopolymers like chitosan and guar gum. The patch has excellent mechanical strength and antioxidant properties.

8. Recently, who has received the 'Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2024' in recognition of his contributions to the field of regenerative medicine?

- A. Pradeep Mahajan
- B. Ashok Saraf
- C. Babasaheb Purandare
- D. Anil Kakodkar



- ✓ Dr Pradeep Mahajan, Founder and CMD of StemRx, received the Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2024 for groundbreaking contributions to regenerative medicine. His unique approach and commitment have advanced scientific understanding and provided innovative therapies globally.

9. Nhava Sheva Port is located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Gujarat
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Customs officials seized a dual-use shipment suspected for Pakistan's nuclear programs at Nhava Sheva Port, east of Mumbai, Maharashtra. Known as Jawaharlal Nehru Port, it's India's busiest port, handling half of the nation's trade. Commissioned in 1989 to ease Mumbai's congestion, it now boasts five terminals for containerized cargo and handles bulk liquid cargo.

10. What is the name of the mobile app recently launched by Minority Affairs Minister Smriti Irani for Hajj pilgrims?

- A. Haj Pilgrims App
- B. Haj Suvidha App
- C. Haj Sewa App
- D. Haj Yatra App



- ✓ Minister Smriti Zubin Irani has launched the Haj Suvidha App, aiming to enhance the pilgrimage experience by offering crucial information and services. Developed under her guidance by BISAG-N, the user-friendly app streamlines travel logistics, providing access to training modules, flight details, accommodation, emergency helpline, and health services.

11. Recently, India's first Green Hydrogen Plant in the Stainless Steel Sector has been inaugurated in which state?

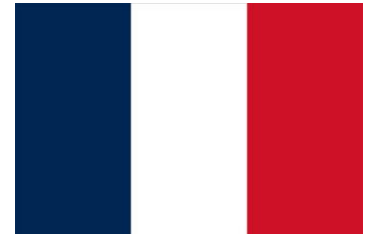
- A. Haryana B. Uttar Pradesh
C. Gujarat D. Rajasthan



- ✓ Union Minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia inaugurated India's 1st Green Hydrogen Plant at Jindal Stainless Limited, Hisar, Haryana. A global first in the stainless steel sector, the off-grid facility incorporates rooftop and floating solar tech, aiming to cut carbon emissions by 2,700 MT annually and 54,000 tons over two decades.

12. Recently, which country became the first country to include the right to abortion in its constitution?

- A. Germany
B. France
C. Poland
D. Malaysia



- ✓ France has made history by becoming the first nation to embed the right to abortion in its constitution. In a landmark joint parliamentary session, a resounding majority of 780 votes supported the constitutional amendment. This historic decision adds explicit language to Article 34 of the French Constitution, guaranteeing women's freedom to choose abortion within the legal framework, marking a significant milestone in reproductive rights.

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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'?

- A. IIT Madras
- 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.

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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1. Recently, which ministry launched the Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP) and 'Chakshu' facility on Sanchar Saathi portal?

- A. Ministry of Power
- B. Ministry of Civil Aviation
- C. Ministry of Communication
- D. Ministry of Earth Science



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MINISTRY OF
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- ✓ **The Minister of Communications unveiled the Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP) and 'Chakshu' on the Sanchar Saathi portal. DIP facilitates real-time intelligence sharing and coordination among stakeholders like Telecom Service Providers, Law enforcement agencies, Banks, Social media platforms, and Identity document authorities. Developed by the Department of Telecommunications, DIP is a secure platform inaccessible to citizens.**

2. Which state recently discovered the Neolithic child burial site?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Punjab
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ **Professors and students from the University of Madras discovered a Neolithic child burial site in Chettimedu Pathur, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu. The team said that burials from the Neolithic period, which lasted from 5000–1500 BCE, are rare. The burial site also contained a pot that likely dates back to the Neolithic period. The Neolithic, or New Stone Age, was the final division of the Stone Age in Europe, Asia, and Africa. It began around 12,000 years ago and lasted until the transitional period of the Chalcolithic, which was marked by the development of metallurgy.**

3. Which day is observed as 'International Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day' every year?

- A. March.04
- B. March.05
- C. March.06
- D. March.07



- ✓ **International Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day, observed annually on March 5, was established by the UNGA in 2021. The day aims to enhance global understanding of disarmament issues, especially among youth. Its objectives include raising awareness about weapons of mass destruction, promoting education on disarmament, and encouraging actions to reduce threats and foster peace and security. The theme for International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day 2024 is "The Way Forward".**

4. Gevra mine is located in which state?

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



- ✓ As of March 2024, the Gevra mine in Chhattisgarh, India, is set to become the largest coal mine in Asia. The mine is a subsidiary of Coal India, which is part of the South Eastern Coalfield Limited (SECL). In March 2024, the mine received environmental clearance to increase its production capacity from 52.5 million tons per year to 70 million tons per year.

5. Where was the India's first underwater metro service inaugurated?

- A. Kolkata
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Kolkata's groundbreaking underwater metro train service, a milestone in India's infrastructure. The project, part of Kolkata Metro's East-West corridor, aims to boost connectivity between Howrah and Salt Lake. The Ministry of Railways disclosed that the 10.8-kilometer East-West Metro route includes both underground and elevated sections, totaling 5.75 kilometers. This initiative signifies a significant advancement in urban development and transportation for West Bengal's capital.

6. Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana is launched by which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Bihar
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu introduced the "Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojna," a groundbreaking initiative empowering women aged 18 to 60. Eligible beneficiaries will receive a ₹1,500 monthly stipend, totaling ₹800 crore annually. Envisioned to aid over five lakh women, the scheme aims to provide crucial financial support, marking a significant step towards women's empowerment in the state.

7. What is the theme of 'National Horticultural Fair 2024'?

- A. Innovative Horticulture for self-reliance
- B. Start-Up & Stand-Up India
- C. Horticulture for Rural Prosperity
- D. Nextgen technology-led horticulture for sustainable development



- ✓ **The three-day National Horticulture Fair in Bengaluru, hosted by IIHR, focuses on 'Nextgen technology-led horticulture for sustainable development.' Emphasizing water conservation, it showcases innovative technologies like smart irrigation, vertical farming, and digital horticulture. The event aims to boost farmers' income & ensure high-quality horticultural goods.**

8. Which state government recently approved the green hydrogen policy?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ **The Uttar Pradesh government approved a 5-year green hydrogen policy with a goal to produce one million metric tonnes annually by 2028. Industries established within this period will receive subsidies and incentives totalling Rs 5,045 crore, with discounts ranging from 10 to 40 percent on capital expenditure. 2*800 MW units in Anpara with NTPC collaboration were also approved at a cost of Rs 8,624 crore.**

9. Recently, which institute has developed a drowning detection robot?

- A. IIT Mandi and Palakkad
- B. IIT Bombay and Mandi
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Roorkee



- ✓ **Researchers from IIT Mandi and Palakkad created a drowning detection robot, addressing challenges in underwater investigation and exploration. The robot, designed for sea, reservoirs, and dams, aims to replace risky human involvement. Led by Jagdeesh Kadiyam, an AI and Robotics Center assistant professor, the team developed a prototype, emphasizing safety and efficiency in marine operations. The innovation targets increased precision and reduced risks for costly search missions.**

10. Recently, who has been selected for the Bob Jones Award 2024, the US Golf Association's (USGA) highest honour?

- A. Jack Nicklaus
- B. Se Ri Pak
- C. Julie Inkster
- D. Tiger Woods



- ✓ **Tiger Woods was selected for the Bob Jones Award, the highest honor given by the United States Golf Association (USGA). The award recognizes Woods' commitment to sportsmanship and respect for golf's traditions. Woods is a 15-time major champion who has won 82 PGA Tour events.**

11. Recently, which state has launched the State Widow Remarriage Promotion Scheme?

- A. Assam
- B. Manipur
- C. Mizoram
- D. Jharkhand



- ✓ **Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren introduced the State Widow Remarriage Promotion Scheme, offering Rs 2 lakh to widows upon remarriage. Aimed at empowering widows, the initiative encourages remarriage within a year. Notably, the Jharkhand government allocated a budget of Rs 1.28 lakh crore for the fiscal year 2024-25.**

12. Where was the India's first small scale LNG unit inaugurated?

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



- ✓ **Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, inaugurated 201 CNG stations in 17 states and India's first Small Scale LNG Unit at GAIL's Vijaipur LPG plant. The event, conducted via video conferencing in New Delhi, included Minister of State Rameshwar Teli.**
- ✓ **Puri emphasized India's commitment to cleaner fuels, marking progress towards a 15% natural gas share in the primary energy basket by 2030.**

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1. UDGAM Portal is developed by which institution?

- A. RBI
- B. NABARD
- C. SIDBI
- D. SBI

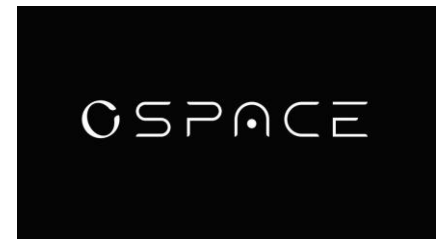


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RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced the UDGAM portal, facilitating users to search unclaimed deposits in 30 banks, covering 90% of Depositor Education and Awareness Fund deposits. UDGAM, meaning Unclaimed Deposits-Gateway to Access inforMation, allows centralized searches for both individual and non-individual categories.
- ✓ Users provide specific details like account holder's name, bank name, and relevant identification for the search. This initiative aims to enhance transparency and awareness regarding unclaimed deposits in the RBI's DEA Fund.

2. Which state recently launched the India's first government-backed OTT Platform?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Punjab
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Kerala launched its first government-backed OTT platform, CSpace at Kairali Theatre. The platform offers a unique blend of informative and entertaining content. CSpace operates on a pay-per-view model. Users can purchase a full-length feature film for Rs 75 and shorter content for a reduced price. Once purchased, viewers can access the content for up to three months if left unwatched. Once viewed, the content will expire within 72 hours.

3. Where was the first Bharat Steam Boiler Expo 2024 held?

- A. Guwahati, Assam
- B. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Pune, Maharashtra
- D. Indore, Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The first Bharat Steam Boiler Expo 2024 was held at Veterinary College Field in Guwahati, Assam, India, from March 5-7, 2024. The expo is organized by the Assam's Inspectorate of Boilers (CIB) and supported by the Assam government's Labour Welfare Department. The expo aims to improve the efficiency and growth of various sectors that use steam boilers.

4. India has successfully brought down the extreme rate of poverty below what percent of its population, according to 'World Poverty Clock'?

- A. 3%
- B. 4%
- C. 5%
- D. 6%

3%

- ✓ India has successfully reduced extreme poverty, with under 3% of its population living below the poverty line, in accordance with the UN's Sustainable Development Goal. Recent data from the World Poverty Clock, supported by organizations such as IFAD and Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, highlights India's significant strides towards ending extreme poverty, a key global objective set for achievement by 2030.

5. Who won the first prize at the 'National Youth Parliament Festival 2024'?

- A. Vaishna Pitchai
- B. Yatin Bhaskar Duggal
- C. Kanishka Sharma
- D. Aastha Sharma



- ✓ Yatin Bhaskar Duggal of Haryana clinched victory at the National Youth Parliament Festival, 2024. Vaishna Pitchai from Tamil Nadu secured second place, and Kanishka Sharma of Rajasthan claimed the third prize.

6. Recently, Ministry of Jal Shakti signed an agreement with which institute for the establishment of an International Centre of Excellence for Dams?

- A. IIT Kanpur
- B. IIM Ahmedabad
- C. IISc Bangalore
- D. IIT Bombay



- ✓ The Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) has signed a 10-year Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore to establish the International Centre of Excellence for Dams (ICED). With a focus on dam safety, ICED will provide technical support, conduct research, and offer academic courses. The MoA duration is ten years or until the completion of the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) Phase-II and III Scheme, whichever is earlier.

7. What is the theme of 'International Women's Day 2024'?

- A. Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress
- B. Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow
- C. DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality
- D. Think equal, build smart, innovate for change



- ✓ **International Women's Day is a global event on March 8th, acknowledging women's accomplishments in social, economic, cultural, and political spheres. In 2024, the United Nations' theme is 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress,' emphasizing the need for gender equality.**

8. Recently, which state government collaborated with World Economic Forum to establish AI centre?

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



- ✓ **The Karnataka state government has partnered with the World Economic Forum to establish a state-of-the-art AI center, formalized through a Letter of Intent signed on February 29. This strategic alliance aims to position Karnataka as a global hub for artificial intelligence, marking a crucial move towards integrating the state into the global digital and technological landscape.**

9. What is the new minimum age for senior citizens eligible for voting by postal ballot?

- A. 83
- B. 85
- C. 87
- D. 90



- ✓ **The Indian government, in consultation with the Election Commission of India, has increased the minimum age for senior citizens to use postal ballots from 80 to 85 years, effective immediately. With India's electorate at 96.88 crore, 1.85 crore citizens are aged above 80.**
- ✓ **The amended Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, now defines "senior citizens" eligible for postal ballot voting as those above 85 years, replacing the previous threshold of 80 years, aiming to enhance electoral convenience for the elderly.**

10. CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum has signed an MoU with which state to deploy the technology of making fuel from Pine Needles?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ The CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP) signed an agreement with the Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST) to deploy pine needles-based fuel-making technology in the state's Champawat district. The agreement includes implementing two technologies at the grassroots level in Champawat: A briquetting unit with a capacity of 50 kg per hour based on pine needles & 500 units of improved cookstoves for rural households.

11. Recently, which country hosted the 17th Annual International Biocuration Conference?

- A. Myanmar
- B. Nepal
- C. India
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ The 17th Annual International Biocuration Conference (AIBC-2024) is set to take place at the National Capital Region (NCR) Biotech Science Cluster in Faridabad, India. The venue, comprising the Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC) and the Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), offers a comprehensive platform for scientific discussions and collaboration during the conference.

12. Which day is celebrated as 'Jan Aushadhi Day' every year?

- A. March.06
- B. March.07
- C. March.08
- D. March.09



- ✓ Jan Aushadhi Day is celebrated every year on 7 March. This day is also known as Generic Medicine Day. The purpose of celebrating Jan Aushadhi Diwas is to increase awareness about generic medicines among the people and to promote the use of generic medicines. Jan Aushadhi Diwas started in the year 2019. This is a scheme of the government. Its objective is to make generic medicines accessible to the common people.

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1. Kulasekarapattinam Spaceport is located in which state?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister of India inaugurated ISRO's new rocket launchport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu, exclusively catering to commercial, on-demand, and small satellite launches. With the surge in commercial launches expected due to the new space sector policy, the second launchport aims to alleviate the burden on the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR.

2. Pars-I Satellite is launched by which country?

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. China
- D. Israel



- ✓ Iran launched its domestically developed "Pars-I" satellite into orbit using a Russian Soyuz-2.1b launcher from the Vostochny launch base, 8,000 km east of Moscow. The satellite, designed for remote sensing and imaging of Iran's topography, orbits 500 km above Earth, providing high-resolution images.

3. Majuli manuscript painting is associated with which state?

- A. Assam
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Majuli manuscript painting, a traditional art form dating back to the 16th century in Assam, recently received a Geographical Indication tag. The paintings are created on sanchi pat, manuscripts made from the bark of the sanchi or agar tree, using homemade ink. Srimanta Sankardev's illustrated rendering of the Adya Dasama from the Bhagwat Purana is considered the earliest example. Originally patronized by Ahom kings, this art form persists in every sattrā in Majuli.

4. Operation Kamdhenu is launched by which state/UT to curb cattle smuggling?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Jammu & Kashmir
- C. Delhi
- D. Kerala



- ✓ In March 2024, the Jammu and Kashmir police launched Operation Kamdhenu to curb cattle smuggling. The operation's goal is to catch the masterminds of cattle smuggling and to scrutinize their activities. The operation includes a meticulous approach, such as documenting details like the engine and chassis numbers, mobile numbers, and Aadhar card details of vehicles involved in smuggling.

5. RBI recently signed an MoU with which bank to promote use of local currencies?

- A. Bank of Bahrain
- B. Bank of America Corp. (BAC)
- C. Bank Indonesia
- D. Bank of Nova Scotia



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Bank Indonesia (BI) signed a MoU in Mumbai, promoting cross-border transactions using the Indian Rupee (INR) and Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and BI Governor Perry Warjiyo established a framework to boost the utilization of local currencies, aiming to enhance trade, deepen financial integration, and strengthen economic ties between India and Indonesia.

6. Recently, which country became the 32nd member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

- A. Egypt
- B. Sweden
- C. India
- D. Malaysia



- ✓ Sweden became the 32nd member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) 2024 after completing its accession process in Washington. Sweden's application to join NATO came two years after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine raised security concerns. NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said that Sweden's accession makes NATO stronger, Sweden safer, and the whole Alliance more secure.

7. Sea Defenders-2024 is a joint coast guard exercise between India and which country?

- A. United States
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Australia
- D. Maldives



- ✓ The US Coast Guard Bertholf ship arrived in Port Blair for the 'Sea Defenders-2024' joint exercise with the Indian Coast Guard. Set off the coast of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the two-day event focuses on maritime piracy, simulated drone attacks, search and rescue operations, firefighting, pollution response, and counter-drug exercises.

8. School Soil Health Programme is a joint initiative of which ministries?

- A. Ministry of Power & Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- B. Ministry of Rural Development & Ministry of Jal Shakti
- C. Ministry of Tribal Affairs & Ministry of Mines
- D. Ministry of Education & Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ The Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Union Minister for Rural Development launched the School Soil Health Programme in New Delhi. The collaborative effort between the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the Department of School Education and Literacy initiated a pilot project in 20 rural Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalaya schools.
- ✓ It involved setting up soil labs, developing study modules, and providing training to students and teachers. The program, now expanded to 1000 schools, encourages students to collect soil samples, test them in school labs, and educate farmers based on generated Soil Health Cards.

9. Taeniogonalos deepaki is belongs to which one of the following species?

- A. Flowering plant
- B. Wasp
- C. Frog
- D. Snake



- ✓ Entomologists from the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment discovered Taeniogonalos deepaki, a new wasp species in Karnataka's Western Ghat region. Found in Belgaum, it's named after Dr. Deepak Deshpande. Taeniogonalos belongs to the Trigonalysidae family, known for hyperparasitoids. Researchers also detailed the first male of Taeniogonalos eurysoma, expanding knowledge on these wasps, primarily found in South India.

10. Recently, which country has become the 97th member to ratify the International Solar Alliance?

- A. Iran
B. Panama
C. Egypt
D. Singapore



- ✓ Panama recently joined the International Solar Alliance as its 97th member. During a meeting in New Delhi, Ambassador Yasiel Burillo handed over the Instrument of ISA Ratification to Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary of Economic Diplomacy. This development marks Panama's commitment to global solar cooperation.

11. Recently, who was recently declared as the winner of the Pritzker Architecture Prize 2024?

- A. Riken Yamamoto
B. David Chipperfield
C. B V Doshi
D. Yvonne Farrell



- ✓ Riken Yamamoto, a Japanese architect and social advocate, has been named the winner of the 2024 Pritzker Architecture Prize. The Pritzker Prize is considered the highest international honor in the field of architecture and is sometimes called the "Architecture Nobel".

12. Neengal Nalama Scheme is launched by which state?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu's leader announced the launch of "Neengal Nalama" (Are you doing well) on March 6, 2024, as part of the government's ongoing efforts to support families. Also referred to as the 'Are you alright plan' Neengal Nalama Scheme 2024, it signifies a significant initiative by the Tamil Nadu government to aid all families in the state, reflecting their commitment to comprehensive welfare measures.

13. IRIS is related to which one of the following?

- A. India's first generative Artificial Intelligence teacher
B. Newly discovered Asteroid
C. Invasive plant species
D. Earth observation satellite



- ✓ A school in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, introduced Iris, India's first generative AI teacher, as part of the Atal Tinkering Lab project by NITI Aayog.
- ✓ Launched by the Kaduvayil Thangal Charitable Trust, Iris operates at KTCT Higher Secondary School, pushing educational boundaries and promoting innovation. The Atal Tinkering Lab initiative, announced in January 2021, encourages experiential learning and extracurricular activities, marking a significant step in integrating AI technology into Indian education.

14. Recently, the Union Government partnered with which organization to connect tribal villages with internet services?

- A. ISRO
- B. ILO
- C. WTO
- D. UNESCO



- ✓ The Ministry of Tribal Affairs plans to partner with ISRO to deploy V-SAT stations for a pilot project in eighty tribal villages across Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Maharashtra. The collaboration aims to provide essential services like Internet, medical, and educational connectivity.

15. Recently, which institute hosted the webinar on 'Viksit Bharat: Corporate governance for 2047'?

- A. Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)
- B. Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
- C. Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- D. Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research (IISERs)



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) hosted a webinar on "Viksit Bharat: Corporate Governance for 2047" on March 7, 2024. Viksit Bharat is the Government of India's vision to make India a developed nation by 2047. The vision includes many aspects of development, such as economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability, and good governance.

16. Which city recently received the first set of driverless metro train coaches, which are part of the Communication-based Train Control (CBTC) system?

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Mumbai
- D. New Delhi



- ✓ In March 2024, Bengaluru received the first set of six driverless train coaches as part of its Communication-based Train Control (CBTC) system. The coaches are part of the 18.8 km-long Yellow Line, which is under construction and connects RV Road and Bommasandra. The CBTC system is a radio-based communication system that provides timely and accurate train control information.

17. Fourier's Law is associated with which one of the following?

- A. Law of Elasticity
B. Law of Heat Conduction
C. Law of Partial Pressures
D. Law of Fluid Dynamics



- ✓ Scientists recently uncovered an exception to Fourier's Law, a 200-year-old principle governing heat diffusion in solids. Fourier's Law, or Law of Heat Conduction, elucidates how heat transfers through materials based on temperature gradients. The formula, $q = -k\nabla T$, encompasses heat flux (q), thermal conductivity coefficient (k), and temperature gradient (∇T). This revelation challenges long-standing beliefs, highlighting the dynamic nature of scientific understanding in thermal conduction, an essential aspect of material science.

18. What is the budget outlay for the 'IndiaAI mission' recently approved by the Cabinet of India?

- A. Rs.18, 371.92 crore
B. Rs.10, 371.92 crore
C. Rs.16, 678.92 crore
D. Rs.11, 371.45 crore



- ✓ The Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has approved the comprehensive national-level IndiaAI mission with a budget outlay of Rs.10,371.92 crore. The IndiaAI mission will establish a comprehensive ecosystem catalyzing AI innovation through strategic programs and partnerships across the public and private sectors.
- ✓ By democratizing computing access, improving data quality, developing indigenous AI capabilities, attracting top AI talent, enabling industry collaboration, providing startup risk capital, ensuring socially impactful AI projects and bolstering ethical AI, it will drive responsible, inclusive growth of India's AI ecosystem.

19. What is the primary objective of the 'UNNATI – 2024 scheme'?

- A. Promoting Tourism in North East region
B. Enhancing Agricultural Productivity in South Region
C. Developing industries and generating employment in the North East Region
D. Encouraging International Trade in India

- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the proposal of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade for Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme, 2024 (UNNATI – 2024) for a period of 10 years from the date of notification along with 8 years for committed liabilities at a total cost of Rs.10,037 crore.

20. Which city is going to host the world's largest literary festival, Sahityotsav?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Lucknow
- C. Chennai
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters, celebrates its 70th anniversary with 'Sahityotsav,' the world's largest literary festival from March 11 to 16, 2024. Over 1100 writers and scholars from 175+ languages will participate in 190 sessions. Highlighted by the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2023 on March 12, featuring Odia writer Pratibha Rai as Chief Guest.

21. Poshan Pakhwada is organized by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare



- ✓ The Ministry of Women and Child Development hosted Poshan Pakhwada nationwide from March 9 to March 23, 2024, a 15-day initiative focused on promoting awareness about nutrition, dietary practices, and women's health. The campaign aims to foster public participation and a collective movement to emphasize the significance of nutrition and advocate for healthier eating habits.

22. Which country received the prestigious 'Measles and Rubella Champion' global award for its exemplary efforts in combating these diseases?

- A. India
- B. Myanmar
- C. Bhutan
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ India was honored with the prestigious 'Measles and Rubella Champion' award on March 6, 2024, for its outstanding efforts in combatting these diseases. Ambassador Sripriya Ranganathan accepted the award on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the American Red Cross Headquarters in Washington DC.

- ✓ The recognition from 'The Measles and Rubella Partnership' highlights India's steadfast commitment to public health and controlling the spread of infectious diseases among children.

23. Recently, where was the 'Agriculture Integrated Command and Control Centre' inaugurated?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Bhopal



- ✓ Union Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated the Agriculture Integrated Command and Control Centre in New Delhi's Krishi Bhawan. The initiative aims to empower farmers by offering vital information and services, fostering nationwide self-reliance. Farmers will access real-time farm data for informed decision-making, addressing challenges in the agriculture sector.

24. Which day is celebrated as 'CISF Raising Day' every year?

- A. March.09
- B. March.10
- C. March.11
- D. March.12



- ✓ Celebrated annually on March 10, CISF Raising Day commemorates the inception of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in 1969 under the Ministry of Home Affairs. Formed by an Act of Parliament, CISF, initially comprising a few battalions, has evolved into a formidable, multi-skilled security force with specialized training, emphasizing growth and strength since its establishment.

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1. Which Indian writer was awarded with the 'Erasmus Prize' 2024 for highlighting the climate change crisis?

- A. Kiran Desai
- B. Arvind Adiga
- C. Arundhati Roy
- D. Amitav Ghosh



- ✓ Indian writer Amitav Ghosh, aged 67, has been awarded the prestigious 'Erasmus Prize' in 2024 by the Premium Erasmianum Foundation of the Netherlands. Recognized for his passionate contributions in highlighting the global climate change crisis through literature, Ghosh will receive the award, with an incentive of 150,000 Euros, in person in November. The award, established in 1958, honors individuals or institutions making exceptional contributions to culture or scholarship, emphasizing the cultural dimensions of the climate crisis.

2. Recently, where was the Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman Campaign Event organized?

- A. Ajmer
- B. Jaisalmer
- C. Bikaner
- D. Jaipur



- ✓ The Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman Campaign Event in Bikaner, Rajasthan, on March 9, marked India's 75th Republic year. Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal attended, joined by legal professionals, police officials, law students, and faculty. The event aimed to highlight the Constitution's principles, fostering national unity.

3. NAMASTE Scheme is related to which one of the following group of workers?

- A. Sanitation workers
- B. Agricultural workers
- C. Health workers
- D. Construction workers



- ✓ The NAMASTE Scheme, led by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, aims to eliminate manual engagement in hazardous sewer and septic tank cleaning. Implemented by NSKFDC for three years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26) with a budget of 349.73 crores, the scheme provides entitlements for Sewer and Septic Tank Workers, including digital profiling, PPE kits, safety training and health insurance for entrepreneurship in the sanitation sector.

4. Sela Tunnel is located in which state?

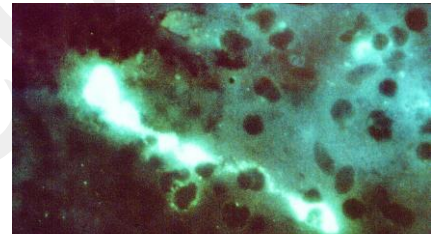
- A. Assam
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ Prime Minister of India inaugurated the Sela Tunnel, world's longest bi-lane road tunnel at 13,000 feet altitude in Arunachal Pradesh. Built by BRO under Project Vartak, construction started on April 1, 2019. It consists of two tunnels and 8.6 km of roads. It is vital for all-weather connectivity to Tawang, bordering China, reducing travel time by an hour.

5. Parrot fever caused by which one of the following agents?

- A. Virus
- B. Bacteria
- C. Fungi
- D. Protozoa



- ✓ Parrot fever, or psittacosis, has claimed five lives in a recent outbreak across Europe. Caused by bacterium *Chlamydia psittaci*, it primarily affects birds but can infect humans through contaminated particles. Common in those close to birds, symptoms include fever, headache, muscle pains, and pneumonia-like symptoms. Severe cases may lead to complications, treated with antibiotics like doxycycline.

6. Right to Repair Portal is an initiative of which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C. Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The recent stakeholders meeting discussed the launch of India's Right to Repair Portal by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs. Launched on National Consumer Rights Day 2022, the portal aims to combat e-waste by providing repair information across various sectors like automobiles, electronics, and farming equipment. It facilitates affordable repairs by OEMs or third-party repairers, promoting a circular economy.

7. What is the theme of 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain 2024' campaign?

- A. Valuing Water
- B. Jal Shakti se Vikas
- C. Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti
- D. Source Sustainability for Drinking Water



- ✓ **Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, inaugurated the fifth edition of "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" at the NDMC Convention Centre in New Delhi. Themed "Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti," the campaign highlights women's pivotal role in water conservation.**
- ✓ **Launched under the National Water Mission, it collaborates with the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation. Additionally, two books were virtually launched, detailing the journey of sustainable water future and women's contributions to the Jal Jeevan Mission.**

8. Mahtari Vandana Yojana is launched by which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Kerala
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the Mahtari Vandana Yojana in Chhattisgarh, aiming to empower women by providing Rs 1000 monthly through direct benefit transfer. The scheme targets eligible married women, including widows and divorced individuals, promoting economic independence, gender equality, and reinforcing women's pivotal role in families. Over 70 lakh women in Chhattisgarh stand to benefit from this initiative, emphasizing financial security and inclusive support for women above 21 years as of January 1, 2024.**

9. Recently, where was the 'Naval Exercise Cutlass Express 2024' held?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Madagascar
- C. India
- D. Seychelles



- ✓ **INS Tir, the flagship of the First Training Squadron, recently joined Exercise Cutlass Express - 24 in Seychelles. Held from Feb 26 to Mar 08, 2024, the exercise aims to counter malign activities in East African coastal regions and the West Indian Ocean.**
- ✓ **Sponsored by US AFRICOM and led by US Naval Forces Europe-Africa/US Sixth Fleet, it enhances maritime security, cooperation, and interoperability among participating nations. The Indian**

Navy, part of the exercise since 2019, actively engaged with participants from 16 friendly foreign countries in Maritime Interdiction Operations.

10. Recently, where was the MSME-Technology Center inaugurated by Union Minister Narayan Rane?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ Union Minister Narayan Rane inaugurated the MSME-Technology Centre in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra, laying the foundation for its estimated Rs 182 Crore project. The event included the launch of Sindhudurg Audyogik Mahotsav and Self Employment Conclave.
- ✓ The Government of India plans to establish 20 new Technology Centres and 100 Extension Centres nationwide, enhancing technology access for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises. The Sindhudurg center will prioritize General Engineering and Food Processing, fostering growth opportunities in the region.

11. Recently, which players have clinched their second French Open Men's doubles Badminton title?

- A. Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth
- B. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
- C. Anders Antonsen and Viktor Axelsen
- D. Weng Hongyang and Lu Guangzu



- ✓ Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won their second French Open men's doubles badminton title on March 10. The Indian top seed beat Lee Jhe-Huei and Yang Po-Hsuan of Chinese Taipei in straight games (21-11, 21-17). Rankireddy and Shetty previously won the title in 2022.

12. Sabroom Land Port is located in which state?

- A. Tripura
- B. Manipur
- C. Nagaland
- D. Mizoram



- ✓ The Prime Minister inaugurated the Sabroom Landport in Tripura along the India-Bangladesh border. Connected to Bangladesh's Chittagong port via the Maitree Bridge on River Feni, it enhances passenger and cargo movement between the two nations.

- ✓ Land Ports, like the newly inaugurated Sabroom Landport, are designated areas on international borders, currently numbering 11 in India, facilitating customs clearance and transportation of goods and passengers across borders.

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1. Presently, which country has emerged as the world's second-largest producer of mobile phones?

- A. India
- B. United States
- C. Germany
- D. Vietnam



- ✓ **By 2024, India has become the world's second-largest mobile phone producer, shifting from 78% import-dependency in 2014 to 97% self-sufficiency. A mere 3% of total mobile phones sold are now imported, marking a significant transformation in the sector.**

2. Where was the National Dairy Mela & Agricultural Exhibition inaugurated?

- A. Odisha
- B. Gujarat
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Bihar



- ✓ **Union Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated the 3-day National Dairy Mela in Chaibasa, Jharkhand, organized by the National Dairy Research Institute. The first-of-its-kind event in Jharkhand aims to enhance livestock and agriculture development in tribal areas, attracting over 6,000 participants, including cattle rearers, farmers, entrepreneurs, students and government officials.**

3. Krystyna Pyszkova, who recently won Miss World 2024 title, belongs to which country?

- A. Poland
- B. Czech Republic
- C. Jamaica
- D. Mexico



- ✓ **Krystyna Pyszkova of the Czech Republic won Miss World 2024 at the Jio World Cinema in Mumbai, succeeding Poland's Karolina Bielawska. Alongside the main title, Pyszkova was honored with the Best Fashion Designer Award - Europe. Notable contestants included India's Sini Shetty and Trinidad and Tobago's Aché Abrahams. The first runner-up was Yasmina Zaytoun from Lebanon.**

4. Recently, who has been elected as the new President of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)?

- A. Lalit Thakur
- B. Sunil Pradhan
- C. R Chandrasekhar
- D. Devendra Jhajharia



- ✓ Devendra Jhajharia, a two-time Paralympic gold medalist in javelin throw, is the newly elected President of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), succeeding Deepa Malik. He secured the position uncontested and leads the PCI unopposed. Jhajharia's notable achievements include winning gold in the 2004 Athens and 2016 Rio Paralympics in the F46 disability category.

5. Recently, the government is planning to implement a new highway toll collection system based on which technology?

- A. Radio-Frequency Identification
- B. Global Navigation Satellite System
- C. Near Field Communication
- D. Barcode Scanning



- ✓ The government plans to introduce a new highway toll collection system using the global navigation satellite system. The objective is to enable pay-as-you-use tolling, allowing users to pay based on actual distance traveled. The system involves an On-Board Unit (OBU) inside vehicles, utilizing GAGAN for accurate location tracking.

6. India recently signed a Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) with which organization?

- A. European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
- B. Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
- C. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
- D. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)



- ✓ India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) inked the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA). EFTA, founded in 1960, promotes trade and integration for its four member states. TEPA with Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, and Liechtenstein marks India's first FTA with a major European economic bloc. The historic pact commits to a \$100 billion investment and 1 million jobs in 15 years, boosting Make in India and providing Indian exporters access to expansive European and global markets.

7. Recently, who became the 14th president of Pakistan?

- A. Amir Muqam
- B. Musadik Malik
- C. Mahmood Khan Achakzai
- D. Asif Ali Zardari



- ✓ Asif Ali Zardari is the 14th president of Pakistan. He was sworn in on March 10, 2024, replacing Dr Arif Alvi. Asif Ali Zardari is a veteran politician who has been the president of Pakistan People's

Party Parliamentarians and co-chairperson of the Pakistan People's Party. He is the first president to be elected twice to the office.

8. Recently, which state/UT conducted All-Women Maritime Surveillance Mission?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andaman & Nicobar
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ The Andaman & Nicobar Command marked the 40th anniversary of INAS 318 and International Women's Day with a historic all-women maritime surveillance mission. The crew, consisting of Lt Cdr Shubhangi Swaroop, Lt Cdr Divya Sharma, and Lt Vaishali Mishra, showcased women's pivotal role in the Naval Air Arm. The event emphasized gender equality.

9. Recently, where was the Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) programme inaugurated?

- A. Bhopal
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Lucknow



- ✓ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, launched the Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) program in Chandigarh. Olympic Champion Neeraj Chopra commended the initiative, emphasizing its potential to balance sports and studies.
- ✓ KIRTI, part of the Khelo India mission, targets athletes aged nine to 18 in schools nationwide. The program plans 20 lakh assessments annually through Talent Assessment Centres, utilizing IT tools to identify and showcase talent, reflecting India's commitment to global sports excellence.

10. Mission Divyastra is related to which one of the following missile system?

- A. Trishul
- B. Agni-5
- C. Prithvi
- D. Akash



- ✓ India successfully conducted the inaugural flight test of the Agni-5 nuclear ballistic missile on March 11, 2024, as part of the Make in India initiative by DRDO. The indigenously developed missile incorporates MIRV technology, allowing a single missile to deploy multiple warheads across different locations. Referred to as 'Mission Divyastra' by PM Modi, Agni-5 marks a significant advancement as it can simultaneously target multiple locations, in contrast to conventional missiles with a single warhead for a solitary target.

11. Revamped Pharmaceuticals Technology Upgradation Assistance (RPTUAS) Scheme introduced by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- D. Ministry of Rural Development



रसायन एवं
उर्वरक मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
**CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS**

- ✓ **The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers introduced the Revamped Pharmaceuticals Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (RPTUAS). The initiative provides quality-based subsidies to pharmaceutical companies for achieving Revised Schedule M and WHO-GMP certifications. The scheme aims to elevate the pharmaceutical industry's standards, promoting adherence to Revised Schedule-M and WHO-GMP guidelines, thereby enhancing the quality and safety of pharmaceutical products manufactured in the country.**

12. What are "Carmoisine, Tartrazine, and Rhodamine"?

- A. Infectious diseases
- B. Industrial pollutants
- C. Food coloring agents
- D. Medicinal plants



- ✓ **The Karnataka government has banned artificial colors in 'Gobi Manchurian' and cotton candy due to health concerns. Among 171 Gobi Manchurian samples, 107 contained unsafe colors like tartrazine and sunset yellow. 25 cotton candy samples revealed 15 with unsafe colors including carcinogenic Rhodamine-B.**

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1. Recently, Nayab Saini was sworn in as the 11th chief minister of which state?

- A. Punjab
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Haryana
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ **Nayab Saini, a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, became the 11th Chief Minister of Haryana on March 12, 2024. The swearing-in ceremony took place in Chandigarh, administered by Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, succeeding Manohar Lal Khattar, the state's first BJP Chief Minister. Earlier, Khattar resigned along with his council of ministers after the Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), led by Dushyant Chautala, terminated its alliance with the BJP government in Haryana.**

2. Recently, which state government has signed MoUs with NTPC, CIL, NLC India and SJVN for 28.5 GW of solar power capacity and green hydrogen production?

- A. Odisha
- B. Gujarat
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Bihar



- ✓ **The Rajasthan government has inked MoUs with NTPC, CIL, NLC India, and SJVN for 28.5 GW solar power capacity and green hydrogen production. NTPC collaborates with Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam to explore supercritical units at Chhabra Thermal Power Plant. CIL partners with RVUNL for 4,100 MW power projects. NLCIL agrees with Rajasthan for a 125 MW lignite power plant and 1,000 MW solar plant. SJVN's subsidiary SGEL signs a 500 MW solar power usage agreement.**

3. Recently, Prime Minister of India inaugurated the Kochrab Ashram in which state?

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



- ✓ **Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Sabarmati Ashram, inaugurating Kochrab Ashram and launching the Gandhi Ashram Memorial's Master Plan. He paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi's statue and toured Hriday Kunj, while also planting a sapling and exploring an exhibition. Kochrab Ashram, established by Gandhi in 1915.**

4. Recently, Union Minister of Science & Technology inaugurated the first-of-its-kind “National Speed Breeding Crop Facility” at which place?

- A. Aduthurai, Tamil Nadu
- B. Mohali, Punjab
- C. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Kozhikode, Kerala



- ✓ **The Union Minister of Science & Technology inaugurated India's first National Speed Breeding Crop Facility at the National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) in Mohali, Punjab. The facility will revolutionize crop improvement programs by rapidly developing advanced crop varieties through speed breeding methods.**
- ✓ **Established in 2010, NABI is India's first Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute, dedicated to catalyzing transformations in the agri-food sector. NABI has actively contributed to initiatives like 'Atal Jai Anusandhan Biotech (UNaTI) Mission' and Biotech Kisan Hubs for various regions.**

5. When was the Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 implemented in India?

- A. 10 March 2024
- B. 11 March 2024
- C. 12 March 2024
- D. 13 March 2024



- ✓ **On March 11, 2024, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs enforced the Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 nationwide. The government established an Empowered Committee and District-Level Committee for processing citizenship applications. The Act, passed on December 11, 2019, allows illegal migrants of six religious communities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan to be eligible for Indian citizenship, provided they sought refuge in India due to religious persecution on or before December 31, 2014.**

6. Recently, which airport was given the title of 'Best Airport' in the Asia-Pacific region?

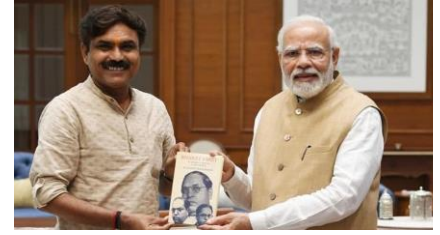
- A. Chennai International Airport
- B. Indira Gandhi International Airport
- C. Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport
- D. Kempegowda International Airport



- ✓ **Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi, India has been named the "Best Airport" in the Asia-Pacific region for six years in a row. The award is given by the Airport Service Quality Awards, which measure passenger satisfaction using real-time surveys.**

7. Recently, who has been appointed as the chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)?

- A. Vijay Sampla
- B. Kishor Makwana
- C. Subhash Ramnath Pardhi
- D. Anju Bala



- ✓ **Kishor Makwana assumed the position of Chairman of the National Scheduled Castes Commission (NCSC), appointed by the President of India. Luv Kush Kumar also joined as a member on the same day. The NCSC, a constitutional body, works to prevent the exploitation of Scheduled Castes (SC) and promotes their social, educational, economic, and cultural interests in India.**

8. The Research Network in India (SheRNI) initiative is introduced by which organization?

- A. UGC
- B. UNESCO
- C. UNICEF
- D. WHO



- ✓ **The UGC's INFLIBNET Centre introduced the 'She Research Network in India' (SheRNI) to combat gender disparity in science. SheRNI empowers women in science, challenging stereotypes and inspiring future generations.**
- ✓ **It aims to boost women's participation in science and research careers. SheRNI's objectives include establishing a national-level expert platform for women faculty members, fostering collaboration, and creating networking opportunities within academia.**

9. India's fastest and indigenously developed IP/MPLS (Multiprotocol Label Switching) router inaugurated in which city?

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Lucknow



- ✓ **Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw revealed India's fastest indigenous IP/MPLS router in Bengaluru, boasting a 2.4 tdps capacity. Collaboration between the Department of Telecom, CDOT, and Nivetti, the router signifies a major milestone in India's technological progress, showcasing the nation's prowess in innovation.**

10. Recently, where is North India's first Government Homeopathic College being established?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Haryana
- D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ North India's first government homeopathic college is being established in the Jasrota area of Kathua district in Jammu and Kashmir. The college will be centrally funded and cost around Rs 80 crore. The college will have a hospital complex, administrative block, and hostels for male and female students. The project aims to integrate traditional Indian medicine with allopathy, providing cost-effective healthcare solutions.

11. Recently, who has been appointed as Lokayukta of Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Kamlesh Kumar Itavdiya
- B. Satyendra Kumar Singh
- C. Aruna Gupta
- D. Bhupendra Kumar Nigam



- ✓ Justice Satyendra Kumar Singh was appointed as the new Lokayukta of Madhya Pradesh. The Lokayukta is a state-level authority that handles complaints of corruption and maladministration from the general public. The Lokayukta's tenure is six years. The Governor of the state appoints the Lokayukta through nomination by the Chief Minister.

12. Recently, where was the India's first FutureLABS center inaugurated?

- A. C-DAC Hyderabad
- B. C-DAC Kolkata
- C. C-DAC Thiruvananthapuram
- D. C-DAC Bengaluru



- ✓ Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar inaugurated India's first FutureLABS center at Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) Thiruvananthapuram, focusing on semiconductor chip and strategic electronics. It aims to foster chip design, manufacturing, and research.
- ✓ Collaboration with the Ministry of Railways for electric locomotive technology development was announced, along with an MoU with Tata Power for microgrid tech. Moreover, the electric vehicle wireless charger technology developed by C-DAC(T) and VNIT Nagpur will be transferred to BelRise Industries Limited.

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1. Recently, which university conferred President Murmu with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Civil Law?

- A. University of Chicago
- B. University of Mauritius
- C. University of Melbourne
- D. University of Pennsylvania



- ✓ **The University of Mauritius awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Civil Law to Indian President Smt Droupadi Murmu on Mar.12. President Murmu emphasized the pivotal role of education in shaping the future, highlighting India's commitment to youth empowerment and the transformative impact of education. She praised Mauritius as a valued partner in education and regional cooperation, with hundreds of Mauritian students benefiting from Indian programs annually.**

2. According to recent released CEEW's report, which of the following states have been placed on the top in water management?

- A. Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Maharashtra
- B. Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand
- C. Haryana, Karnataka and Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan



- ✓ **Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW's) report on used water management spotlights Haryana, Karnataka, and Punjab as leaders in the country. Urban water demand rises while groundwater levels dwindle. Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) require enhanced treatment and reuse infrastructure. Financial constraints hinder 90% of ULBs. Merely 28% of 72,000 million liters of used water is treated.**

3. Prime Minister of India recently laid the foundation stone of Petronet LNG's Petrochemicals Complex at which place?

- A. Narimanam, Nagapattinam
- B. Pune, Maharashtra
- C. Dahej, Gujarat
- D. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Petronet LNG's Petrochemicals Complex in Dahej, costing over Rs 20,000 crore. The complex aims to boost national hydrogen production and polypropylene demand. Additionally, 50 'Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra' were dedicated to the nation from Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The complex features ethane and propane handling facilities, valued at Rs 20,600 crore.**

4. According to the SIPRI report, which country ranked as the world's leading arms importer from 2019 to 2023?

- A. Russia
- B. Ukraine
- C. Israel
- D. India



- ✓ According to report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India leads global arms imports with a 4.7% growth from 2014-2018 to 2019-2023. Russia remains India's primary arms supplier, but its share fell below 50% for the first time since 1960-64. India sourced 36% of its arms imports from Russia. The US supplied 55% of Europe's weapons, while Japan's imports rose by 155%, and South Korea's by 6.5%. China's imports decreased by 44%.

5. India has recently signed the protocol for the establishment of Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) with which country?

- A. Cuba
- B. Dominican Republic
- C. Jamaica
- D. Angola



- ✓ India signed the protocol for the establishment of the Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) with the Dominican Republic at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Santo Domingo. Ramu Abbagani, India's ambassador to the Dominican Republic, and Roberto Álvarez, the Dominican Republic's Minister of Foreign Affairs, signed the agreement. India primarily imports gold from the Dominican Republic, and exports pharmaceuticals, marine products, motor vehicles, and two and three wheelers to them.

6. Recently, India signed an agreement with which country in the field of food security?

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. Myanmar
- D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ On March 13, 2024, the Union Cabinet approved an agreement between India and Bhutan in food security. The pact involves cooperation between Bhutan's BFDA, Bhutan's Ministry of Health, and India's FSSAI. BFDA will issue health certificates for Indian exports, simplifying trade and lowering compliance costs. This agreement enhances bilateral trade facilitation and underscores the commitment to mutual prosperity between the two neighboring nations.

7. Perumbakkam wetland is located in which district?

- A. Chennai
- B. Chengalpattu
- C. Kanchipuram
- D. Tiruvallur



- ✓ **Perumbakkam wetland, known for its pied avocets, faced drought concerns, potentially jeopardizing their annual visit. Pied avocets (*Recurvirostra avosetta*) are large black and white waders that breed in temperate Europe, Central Asia and the Russian Far East. They are migratory birds that spend the winter in Africa or Southern Asia. They nest in flat, open areas in shallow water, marshes, swamps, coastal lagoons, and other wetlands. The Perumbakkam wetland is a suburb of Chennai, in the Chengalpattu district.**

8. Vajra Sentinel System is related to which one of the following?

- A. Anti drone system
- B. Ancient Irrigation Technique
- C. New solid waste management technique
- D. Earth Observation Satellite



- ✓ **The Vajra Sentinel System is an anti-drone technology that can detect, track, and neutralize drones. The system was recently in the news because it is related to defense against unmanned aerial threats. The Vajra Sentinel System was developed by Big Bang Boom Solutions (BBBS) and has secured a contract with the Indian Army and Air Force. The system uses passive radio frequency sensors to identify and track drones. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) recently entered into a contract for the Vajra Sentinel System under the iDEX (Indian Defence Exhibition) initiative.**

9. Which organization recently published a first national report on AMR surveillance in India's fisheries, livestock sectors for 2019-22?

- A. WHO
- B. FAO
- C. UNESCO
- D. UNEP



- ✓ **The FAO's inaugural national report on AMR surveillance in India's fisheries and livestock sectors (2019-22) highlights the critical role of antibiotic use in food animal production in driving Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR).**
- ✓ **Low resistance levels were observed to less commonly used antibiotics like chloramphenicol, but significant resistance to macrolides and quinolones was noted. The report underscores the necessity for prudent antibiotic usage in aquaculture and livestock production.**

10. What is the theme of 'International Day of Action for Rivers 2024'?

- A. The Importance of Rivers for Biodiversity
- B. Rights to Rivers
- C. Water for All
- D. Accelerating Change



- ✓ **Annually on March 14th, the International Day of Action for Rivers is observed, with the 2024 theme "Water for All" highlighting universal access to clean water. Originating from the 1997 First International Meeting of People Impacted by Dams in Curitiba, Brazil, experts from 20 nations declared March 14th as the "Day of Action for Rivers." Its aim is to combat the degradation of ecologically sensitive water bodies, rivers, and watersheds.**

11. Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 is introduced by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- B. Ministry of Heavy Industries
- C. Ministry of Power
- D. Ministry of Earth Sciences



- ✓ **The Ministry of Heavy Industries, Government of India, announced the Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 (EMPS 2024) in March 2024 to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the country. The scheme will run from April 2024 to July 2024, with a total outlay of Rs 500 crore. The scheme will support purchase of two-wheelers and three-wheelers.**
- ✓ **The scheme will provide a subsidy of Rs 10,000 for two-wheelers, and Rs 25,000 for small three-wheelers. The subsidies will be eligible for electric two, three, and four wheelers sold until March 31, 2024, or until the time funds are available, whichever is earlier.**

12. Recently, where was the 12th edition of India-Italy Military Cooperation Group meeting held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ **The 12th edition of the India-Italy Military Cooperation Group (MCG) meeting took place in New Delhi on March 12–13, 2024. The two-day meeting focused on new initiatives to enhance defense cooperation and military-to-military exchange between the two countries. Both sides expressed satisfaction with the proposed new initiatives.**

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1. What are 'Agray' and 'Akshay'?

- A. Anti-submarine warships
- B. Climate monitoring satellite
- C. Medicinal plant found mainly in South India
- D. Newly discovered Exoplanets



- ✓ **Indian Navy launched ships 'Agray' and 'Akshay' to bolster anti-submarine capabilities. The Ministry of Defence contracted Kolkata-based PSU GRSE for eight ASW Shallow Water Craft (SWC). GRSE built these ships, launched nearly five years post-contract signing.**

2. PM-SURAJ Portal is implemented by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ **The Prime Minister launched the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) Portal, overseen by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Targeting marginalized groups like Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, and sanitation workers, it offers credit assistance nationwide. Eligible individuals can access support through banks, NBFC-MFIs, and other entities, fostering socio-economic upliftment.**

3. Recently, where was the 54th session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) held?

- A. Chennai, India
- B. Nairobi, Kenya
- C. Melbourne, Australia
- D. Paris, France



- ✓ **The 54th session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) took place from March 11–15, 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya. The US government hosted the event, which was the first CCFH meeting in Kenya. At the session, India presented its recently released Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Modernization of Food Streets. The SOP was presented along the lines of the proposed draft guidelines for Food Hygiene Control Measures in Traditional Markets for Food.**

4. Project SOORYA is launched by which organization?

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. WHO
- D. UNEP



- ✓ ISRO's Project SOORYA is the name of its Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV) project, which aims to build the country's own space station and send Indians to the moon. The project is led by S. Sivakumar, with the initial phase being his responsibility. The first launch of the NGLV, codenamed SOORYA, is expected by 2034-35, and will require a third launch pad at Sriharikota.

5. Operation Rising Sun is related to which one of the following?

- A. Smuggling of foreign-origin gold
- B. Smuggling of drugs
- C. Smuggling of Tiger's skin
- D. Smuggling of red sandalwood



- ✓ In March 2024, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) launched Operation "Rising Sun" to bust a major gold smuggling syndicate. The operation took place across four states on March 12 and 13, 2024 and resulted in the seizure of 61.08 kilograms of gold, valued at around Rs 40 crore, along with 19 vehicles, cash, and other electronic items. The gold was recovered from Guwahati, Barpeta, Darbhanga, Gorakhpur, and Araria.

6. Which day is celebrated as International Day of Mathematics every year?

- A. 13 March
- B. 14 March
- C. 15 March
- D. 16 March



- ✓ The International Day of Mathematics also known as Pi Day, is celebrated annually on March 14th to honor the mathematical constant Pi (approx. 3.14). Originating in 1988 by physicist Larry Shaw, it gained official recognition in 2009 by the US House of Representatives and UNESCO in 2019. This day acknowledges the importance of mathematics globally.

7. 'Vocal for Local' initiative launched by which one of the following?

- A. IIT Chennai
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. UGC



- ✓ NITI Aayog launched the 'Vocal for Local' initiative to foster self-reliance and sustainable growth. Under the Aspirational Blocks Programme, it promotes local products from 500 blocks through the Aakanksha brand. Aakanksha serves as an umbrella brand, facilitating international market access. The initiative includes a dedicated window on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal for these products.

8. What is Devin AI?

- A. India's first government owned OTT platform
- B. Species of Fish known for its high omega 3 content
- C. World's first fully autonomous AI software engineer
- D. Anti-drone system



- ✓ **Cognition, a US based company, introduces Devin, the world's first fully autonomous AI software engineer. Devin excels in software development, possessing advanced skills like coding, debugging, and problem-solving. Utilizing machine learning, it continuously enhances its abilities. Devin remembers context, self-learns, and rectifies errors.**

9. What is the rank of India in Gender Inequality Index (GII) 2022 released by the United Nations Development Programme?

- A. 106
- B. 107
- C. 108
- D. 110



- ✓ **The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) releases the Gender Inequality Index (GII) in their Human Development Report. The 2022 GII was released on March 13, 2024, and shows that India has improved its ranking by 14 ranks from 2021 to 2022. India's rank is 108 out of 193 countries with a score of 0.437. The GII measures gender inequalities based on three aspects of human development, including reproductive health. The index ranges from 0, where women and men fare equally, to 1, where one gender fares as poorly as possible in all measured dimensions.**

10. Recently, Prime Minister of India inaugurated the first Oil Palm Processing Mill under Mission Palm Oil in which state?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Karnataka
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ **The Prime Minister inaugurated the first Oil Palm Processing Mill under Mission Palm Oil in Arunachal Pradesh. Launched in 2021, the National Mission for Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) aims to boost oil palm cultivation and crude palm oil production. This scheme targets a significant increase in oil palm area and productivity by 2025-26, focusing on the North East and Andaman-Nicobar Islands.**

11. Recently, who among the following has been selected as the new election commissioner?

- A. Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
- B. Arun Goel and Anup Chandra Pandey
- C. Sukumar Sen and RK Trivedi
- D. KVK Sundaram and SL Shakdhar



- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-member selection panel has appointed Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu as the new Election Commissioners in the Election Commission of India.**
- ✓ **However, there seems to be dissent from the Opposition member of the panel, Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, who has questioned the process of their appointment. The appointments have been made under the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service, and Term of Office) Act 2023.**

12. What is the rank of India in the Global Human Development Index, according to UNDP's latest report?

- A. 133
- B. 134
- C. 145
- D. 140



- ✓ **India ascended to 134th place in the 2023/24 Global Human Development Index (HDI) by UNDP. Initiated in 1990, HDI assesses health, education, and standard of living. It highlights people's well-being over mere economic metrics. Scores range from 0 to 1, with 1 indicating higher human development. Categories include Very High, High, Medium, and Low human development, emphasizing holistic progress beyond economic growth.**

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1. What is the primary objective of 'Sagar Parikrama'?

- A. To explore marine biodiversity
- B. To understand the needs and challenges of fishermen
- C. To encourage tourism in coastal areas
- D. To enhance maritime security



- ✓ **The Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying unveiled a book and video on "Sagar Parikrama". This outreach program aims to engage coastal fishermen along a predetermined sea route, addressing their concerns and promoting government schemes. Conducted by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, the Sagar Parikrama Yatra covered 7,986 kilometers across 80 coastal districts, awarding certificates and sanctions under schemes like PMMSY and KCC to progressive fishermen and entrepreneurs.**

2. What is the theme of 'World Consumer Rights Day 2024'?

- A. Fair digital finance
- B. Fair and responsible AI for consumers
- C. The Sustainable consumer
- D. Empowering consumers through clean energy transitions



- ✓ **World Consumer Rights Day, observed annually on March 15, aims to safeguard consumer rights globally. It raises awareness about consumer needs, rights, and market injustices. The theme for 2024 is 'Fair and Responsible AI for Consumers'. It's an opportunity to advocate for fair treatment and ethical practices in the marketplace, emphasizing the importance of consumer protection.**

3. Kazhuveli watershed region is located in which state?

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



- ✓ **Conservationists plan to nominate Kazhuveli watershed region of Tamil Nadu for inclusion in World Monuments Fund Watch 2025, linking local preservation efforts with global attention and action. The World Monuments Fund, founded in 1965, aims to conserve significant architectural and cultural sites worldwide. Headquartered in New York, it operates in 112 countries, partnering with communities, funders, and governments.**

4. Sankalan App is related to which one of the following?

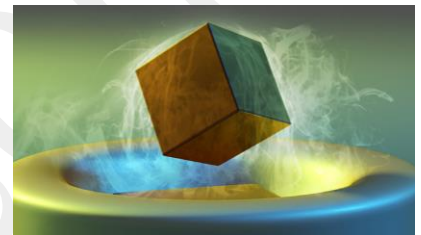
- A. Mining related laws
B. New criminal laws
C. New environmental laws
D. Health awareness laws



- ✓ **Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation inaugurated a digital Criminal Case Management System (CCMS) and the 'Sankalan' mobile app. CCMS, developed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), aids in terrorism and organized crime case coordination, enhancing justice delivery. Sankalan serves as a guide through new criminal laws, bridging old and new legislation, benefiting all stakeholders.**

5. Which one of the following best describes about 'Miassite (Rh17S15)'?

- A. World's largest solar power plant
B. Newly discovered marine species
C. World's First Unconventional Superconductor
D. Ancient Irrigation technique



- ✓ **Scientists have discovered Miassite, the first unconventional superconductor found in nature. It's one of only four minerals that exhibit superconductivity when grown in the lab. Miassite shares properties with high-temperature superconductors. Superconductivity allows electricity transmission without energy loss. The London penetration depth test determined Miassite's superconductivity type.**

6. Recently, which team won the 42nd Ranji Trophy title?

- A. Tamil Nadu
B. Mumbai
C. Vidarbha
D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ **Mumbai won the 42nd Ranji Trophy title in 2024, defeating Vidarbha by 169 runs on the fifth and final day of the final at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. The Mumbai team's performance was marked by Dhawal Kulkarni's exceptional performance, supported by key players like Ajinkya Rahane, Tanush Kotian, and Musheer Khan.**

7. Which state became the first Indian state to buy land in Kashmir for tourism?

- A. Tamil Nadu
B. Kerala
C. Maharashtra
D. Meghalaya



- ✓ Maharashtra is the first Indian state to buy land in Kashmir to build a bhawan for tourists. The land transfer agreement, costing ₹8.16 crore, symbolizes cooperation between states, promoting tourism and cultural exchange. This historic step reflects a proactive approach towards strengthening bonds and signifies a commitment to mutual growth and understanding.

8. According to the DHL Global Connectedness Report 2024, what is the rank of India on the DHL Connectedness Index?

- A. 61st
B. 62nd
C. 63rd
D. 64th

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- ✓ According to the 2024 DHL Global Connectedness Report, India ranks 62nd out of 171 countries on the DHL Connectedness Index. This is a 5-position improvement from the previous year, when India ranked 67th. The report ranks countries based on their connectedness to the world through the flow of trade, capital, information, and people. The report also says that India is the world's fastest-growing major economy, and that it will play an increasingly central role in the development of globalization over the coming decades.

9. Noctis Volcano, a recently discovered massive volcano, was found on which planet?

- A. Mars
B. Jupiter
C. Neptune
D. Saturn



- ✓ Scientists recently discovered a massive volcano on Mars called Noctis, which is located on the eastern edge of Tharsis, a broad regional topographic rise. The volcano is 9,022 meters high and 450 kilometers wide, which makes it almost 200 meters taller than Mount Everest.
- ✓ It's located south of Mars' equator, in Eastern Noctis Labyrinthus, west of Valles Marineris, the planet's vast canyon system. Scientists discovered Noctis using data from NASA's Mariner 9, Viking Orbiter 1 and 2, Mars Global Surveyor, Mars Odyssey, and Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter missions, as well as ESA's Mars Express mission.

10. According to a report by TRAFFIC and WWF-India, which state has topped in the illegal trade of shark body parts?

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



- ✓ According to a 2024 analysis by TRAFFIC and WWF-India, Tamil Nadu has topped the illegal trade of shark body parts in India, accounting for nearly 65% of seizures between 2010 and 2022. The study found that 16,000 kilograms of shark fins were seized during this period, which is almost 80% of the total. The confiscated products are headed to Singapore, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Sri Lanka, and mainland China.
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11. Recently, the Indian Navy has set up its first independent headquarters named 'Nausena Bhawan' at which place?

- A. Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chennai
- D. Jaipur



- ✓ Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated Nausena Bhawan, Indian Navy's new headquarters at Delhi Cantonment, consolidating operations from 13 locations. The building, selected through a nationwide competition, features 3 wings across four stories, incorporating innovative technologies for efficiency and sustainability. This marks the Navy's first independent HQ in Delhi, emphasizing functionality and aesthetics in its architectural design.
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12. What is the theme of 'National Vaccination Day 2024'?

- A. Vaccine Prevents the Unwanted
- B. Protected Together: Vaccines Work
- C. Vaccines Work for All
- D. Close the immunization gap



- ✓ National Vaccination Day, celebrated annually on March 16, signifies collective commitment to public health. Its 2024 theme, "Vaccines Work for All," emphasizes universal protection against diseases through vaccination. Originating in 1995 with India's Pulse Polio Vaccination Program, it also commemorates WHO's polio eradication initiative since 1988. Notably, it marks the 1975 eradication of smallpox.
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1. Recently, where was the National Time Protocol (NTP) for dissemination of Indian Standard Time (IST) inaugurated?

- A. Chennai
- B. Allahabad
- C. Mumbai
- D. Nagpur



- ✓ The National Time Protocol (NTP) for dissemination of Indian Standard Time (IST) was inaugurated in Mumbai on Mar.15 by Union Minister of Consumer Affairs Piyush Goyal. The NTP will provide accurate time information with milliseconds, and will also improve cyber security.

2. 'Fair share for health and care' report is launched by which organization?

- A. WHO
- B. UNEP
- C. UNICEF
- D. UNDP



World Health Organization

- ✓ The WHO's "Fair share for health and care" report highlights the gender gap in global healthcare. Women represent 67% of the health and social care workforce but face a 24% pay gap compared to men. Globally, 90% of women's earnings support family well-being, while only 30–40% of men's do. Despite comprising 25–60% of doctors, women make up 30–100% of nursing staff in 35 countries. Women perform 76% of unpaid care activities worldwide, with significant imbalances in India.

3. Recently, who has been appointed as the new chairman of Prasar Bharti?

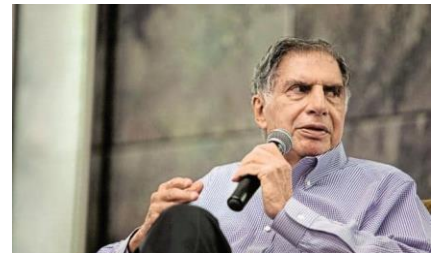
- A. Gaurav Dwivedi
- B. Navneet Kumar Sehgal
- C. Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- D. Jagat Singh Chauhan



- ✓ The Government of India appointed retired IAS official Navneet Kumar Sehgal as the new chairman of Prasar Bharati, the country's public broadcaster. His term will last for three years or until he reaches the age of 70, whichever comes earlier. Sehgal succeeded Surya Prakash, whose term ended in February 2020 after he turned 70.

4. Recently, who received the prestigious received the PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for his philanthropy work?

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Mukesh Ambani
- C. Gautam Adani
- D. Shiv Nadar



- ✓ **Ratan Tata, the former chairman of Tata Sons, received the PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award in 2024 for his philanthropy work. The award ceremony took place in Mumbai. Tata is recognized for his exceptional contributions that have benefited many communities across the country.**

5. Hemoglobin A1C Test is used to test which one of the following diseases?

- A. Diabetes
- B. Dengue
- C. Tuberculosis
- D. Anaemia



- ✓ **A 2023 nationwide study revealed that India has an estimated 10.13 crore individuals with diabetes and 13.6 crore with pre-diabetes. The glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) test, commonly used in diagnosing and managing both type 1 and type 2 diabetes, measures blood sugar levels over time. Hemoglobin, found in red blood cells, transports oxygen throughout the body. This crucial blood test offers insights into diabetes management effectiveness.**

6. Recently, RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 1.40 crore on which bank?

- A. Bank of India
- B. PayTM Payments Bank Ltd
- C. Bank of Baroda
- D. Canara Bank



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1, 40, 76,000 on Bank of India (BoI) for non-compliance with certain RBI directions on interest rates on deposits, customer service, and other areas. The penalty is for deficiencies in regulatory compliance, not to pronounce on the validity of any transactions or agreements between the bank and its customers.**

7. Exercise "LAMITIYE" is conducted between which two countries?

- A. India and Japan
- B. India and Australia
- C. India and Egypt
- D. India and Seychelles



- ✓ The Indian Army contingent embarked for Seychelles for the Tenth edition of Joint Military Exercise "LAMITIYE-2024". This biennial event, meaning 'Friendship' in Creole, fosters cooperation between the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF). 45 personnel from each side will participate, aiming to enhance interoperability in Sub-conventional Operations. The exercise, under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, promotes bilateral military relations, exchanging skills, experiences, and tactical drills in a Semi-Urban environment.

8. Recently, which state government has agreed to implement the PM SHRI Schools scheme by signing an MoU with the Ministry of Education?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ In March 2024, the Tamil Nadu government agreed to implement the PM SHRI (Prime Minister Schools for Rising India) scheme by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Education. The scheme aims to improve the quality of education in Tamil Nadu and upgrade existing government schools to become model schools for the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

9. Tamilisai Soundararajan, who announced her resignation recently, was the governor of which state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Telangana
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan resigned from her post on Monday, citing a desire to serve the public directly, amidst speculation of contesting the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Tamil Nadu. Also, the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, she submitted her resignation from both positions to President Droupadi Murmu.

10. Recently, 'Startup Mahakumbh' is being organized at which place?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Prayagraj
- D. Lucknow



- ✓ The 'Startup Mahakumbh' is set from March 18-20, 2024, at Bharat Mandapam and India Trade Promotion Organization in New Delhi. Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary of the Department of

Industrial Promotion and Internal Trade, believes it will boost innovation ranking. Over 34 deep-tech startups will exhibit innovations at the NASSCOM Pavilion during the three-day event.

11. Recently, which Para-archer was announced as the National Disability Icon of the Election Commission of India?

- A. Rakesh Kumar
- B. Sheetal Devi
- C. Aditi Swami
- D. Pooja Jatyan



- ✓ Sheetal Devi was named the National Disability Icon by the Election Commission of India. She's a para-archer and Arjuna Awardee. A cricket match between IDCA and DDCA was organized at Karnail Singh Stadium, New Delhi, in collaboration with BCCI. DDCA won by 69 runs, with DDCA scoring 190/5 and IDCA 121/8. The event aimed to promote inclusivity and unity, echoing the message 'There is nothing like voting, I definitely vote'.

12. Ministry of Tribal Affairs laid the foundation stone of 'Centre for Preservation and Promotion of Tribal Culture and Heritage' in which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Bihar



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- ✓ Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Shri Arjun Munda, inaugurated the 'Centre for Preservation and Promotion of Tribal Culture & Heritage' in Padampur, Jharkhand. The museum aims to preserve Jharkhand's tribal legacy and lifestyle. The Ministry allocated Rs. 10 crores for the project, intending to showcase tribal culture, history, and provide developmental support. The center plans to evolve into a live cultural hub and tourism destination.

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1. Who has been conferred the Sangita Kalanidhi award in 2024 by the Madras Music Academy?

- A. Aruna Sairam
- B. N G Ganesan
- C. T M Krishna
- D. Ritha Rajan



- ✓ Carnatic vocalist T M Krishna was awarded the Sangita Kalanidhi award in 2024 by the Madras Music Academy. The award recognizes Krishna's powerful voice, adherence to tradition, exploratory approach to music, and his use of music as a tool for social reform.

2. Which state's Animal Husbandry department has announced to recognize the 'Thenmala Kullan' a dwarf cow, as an indigenous breed?

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



- ✓ The Kerala Animal Husbandry department has announced plans to register the ThenmalaKullan, a dwarf cow, as an indigenous breed. The cow is known for its distinctive features and adaptation to the local agro-ecological conditions. The Thenmala utilise are also important for tribal communities and traditional farming practices in the area. The cow has a small hump and is reared by tribes' people in Arippa and Thenmala.

3. Kalkothy–Walayar Corridor is a critical route for elephants to move between which two states?

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



- ✓ Disturbances in the proposed Kalkothy–Walayar corridor force elephants into villages. Conservationists worry about disturbances and infrastructural developments along the corridor, leading to increased elephant incidents in Coimbatore's Madukkarai region.
- ✓ Coimbatore Forest Division acts as a vital link between Kerala's Nilambur-Silent Valley and Sathyamangalam, the Nilgiris, and the Eastern Ghats. The Kalkothy–Walayar Corridor, essential for Tamil Nadu-Kerala elephant movement, faces bottleneck issues due to land use changes and construction activities, including a Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board site and private educational institutions.

4. ULLAS initiative is related to which one of the following sectors?

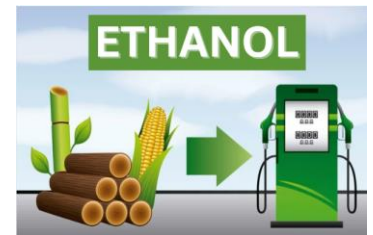
- A. Education sector
- B. Health sector
- C. Agriculture sector
- D. Finance sector



- ✓ The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), under the Ministry of Education, India, conducted the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) on March 17, 2024, across 23 states. FLNAT is part of the ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram initiative, aimed at revolutionizing education nationwide. ULLAS fosters a learning ecosystem for individuals, providing basic education, digital and financial literacy, and critical life skills, particularly for those aged 15 and above without schooling opportunities, through volunteerism.

5. Ethanol 100 fuel, recently launched by petroleum ministry, is currently accessible in how many states?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6



- ✓ Union Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri launched 'ETHANOL 100', a groundbreaking automotive fuel at IndianOil's retail outlet in Delhi. This ethanol-based fuel will be available in 183 outlets across Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, New Delhi, and Tamil Nadu.

6. Which day is celebrated as 'Ordnance Factories Day' annually?

- A. 17 March
- B. 18 March
- C. 19 March
- D. 20 March



- ✓ The theme for Ordnance Factories Day 2024 is "Operational Efficiency, Readiness, and Mission Accomplishment in the Maritime Domain". The theme highlights the importance of improving the country's naval capabilities through efficient ordnance manufacturing and supply networks. Ordnance Factories Day is celebrated annually on March 18th. The day commemorates the establishment of the Ordnance Factory in Cossipore, Kolkata.

7. World Air Quality Report 2023 is published by which organization?

- A. World Health Organization
- B. Swiss organisation IQAir
- C. United Nations Environment Programme
- D. United Nations Development Programme



- ✓ **Delhi was labeled as the world's most polluted capital city in the 2023 World Air Quality Report by Swiss Organization IQAir. India ranked third in air quality with an average annual PM2.5 concentration of 54.4 µg/m³.**
- ✓ **Bangladesh and Pakistan were worse off, while Bihar's Begusarai was named the most polluted metropolitan area. Ten of the top 11 polluted cities were Indian, with Lahore being the only exception. 96% of India's population faces PM2.5 levels exceeding WHO guidelines.**

8. e-crop, a crop simulation model-based device, was developed by which one of the following institutes?

- A. Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasargod
- B. Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Kerala
- C. Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair
- D. National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack



- ✓ **e-Crop, a crop simulation model, offers growers SMS advice on water and nutrient needs. Developed by Santhosh Mithra of CTCRI, Kerala, it received a patent from the Indian Patent Office retroactively from 2014. Farmers utilize the 'krihi kruthya' app to record and transmit soil moisture data to the server for analysis. This innovative device aids farmers in optimizing water and nutrient management for enhanced crop yields.**

9. Exercise 'Tiger Triumph' is conducted between which two countries?

- A. India and Australia
- B. India and Sudan
- C. India and UK
- D. India and USA



- ✓ **Exercise Tiger Triumph, occurring from March 18 to 31, 2024, is a bilateral Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) drill between India and the USA on the Eastern Seaboard. It focuses on enhancing interoperability and refining SOPs for rapid disaster response.**
- ✓ **The Harbor Phase runs from March 18 to 25, featuring joint training, exchanges, and social events. Afterward, participating ships engage in maritime, amphibious, and HADR operations. Both Indian and US forces, including naval, army, and air assets, partake in the exercise.**

10. Recently, Nepal has declared which city as its tourism capital?

- A. Bharatpur
- B. Pokhara
- C. Gaighat
- D. Ghorahi



- ✓ **Nepal's government announced that Pokhara, a city in the Gandaki province, will be the country's tourism capital. The declaration took place during a ceremony at Barahi Ghat, on the shores of Phewa Lake. This move is anticipated to elevate Pokhara's status and draw increased global visitors, enhancing Nepal's tourism industry.**

11. Signals Technology Evaluation and Adaptation Group (STEAG) is related to which one of the following?

- A. CISF
- B. Indian Army
- C. NSG
- D. Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ **The Signals Technology Evaluation and Adaptation Group (STEAG) is a specialized unit of the Indian Army that research and evaluates cutting-edge communication technologies for defense applications. STEAG is the first of its kind specialized unit in the Indian Army and is headed by a Colonel-rank officer from the Corps of Signals. The unit is made up of approximately 280 personnel and is poised to revolutionize communication infrastructure within the army.**

12. 'Kovind Committee' is related to which one of the following?

- A. Appointment of Governor
- B. Simultaneous elections
- C. Reservation
- D. Electoral Bond



- ✓ **The High-Level Committee on One Nation, One Election, chaired by former President Ram Nath Kovind, proposes synchronizing Lok Sabha, state Assembly, and local body (municipalities, panchayats) elections. To implement this, 15 constitutional amendments are suggested, including provisions for transitioning to simultaneous elections and procedures for early elections. Two Constitution Amendment Bills are proposed to enact these changes. The report was submitted to President Droupadi Murmu.**

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1. SAKHI app is associated with which mission?

- A. Chandrayaan 2 mission
- B. Gaganyaan mission
- C. Chandrayaan 3 mission
- D. Aditya L1 mission



- ✓ **The Space-borne Assistant and Knowledge Hub for Crew Interaction (SAKHI) is a multi-purpose app developed by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) and ISRO to help the crew of the Gaganyaan space flight mission with tasks, health monitoring, and communication. The app functions as a digital assistant and knowledge hub.**

2. Recently, which space organization is planning to carry a 'message in a bottle' to Europa, one of Jupiter's moons in October 2024?

- A. NASA
- B. ISRO
- C. JAXA
- D. ESA



- ✓ **In October 2024, NASA's Europa Clipper mission will journey to Jupiter's moon, Europa, aiming to uncover signs of life. It's speculated there's a salty lake beneath its icy crust. The spacecraft carries a metal plate featuring a poem by US Poet Laureate Ada Limón and over 2.6 million names etched on a silicon microchip. Notably, it also includes 103 waveforms representing the word "water" in various languages, including Hindi, showcasing an Indian connection.**

3. Recently, who has been conferred the Nritya Kalanidhi Award 2024?

- A. Vasanthalakshmi Narasimhachari
- B. Jayshree
- C. Neena Prasad
- D. Vid Bragha Bessell



- ✓ **Dr. Neena Prasad, a top exponent of Mohiniyattam, has been awarded the Nritya Kalanidhi Award in 2024. She has trained in multiple classical dance forms, including Bharat Natyam, Kuchipudi, and Kathakali. She has also received a PhD from Rabindra Bharati University and a post-doctoral fellowship from the University of Surrey.**
- ✓ **Prasad runs music academies in Chennai and Thiruvananthapuram, including the Bharatanjali Academy of Indian Dances, and teaches students at her academies.**

4. Which day is celebrated as 'International Day of Happiness' every year?

- A. 18 March
- B. 19 March
- C. 20 March
- D. 21 March



- ✓ The International Day of Happiness is celebrated on March 20th every year to promote happiness, mental health, and well-being. The United Nations General Assembly established the day on June 28, 2012, and it has been celebrated annually since then.
- ✓ It encourages balanced economic growth, sustainable development, and poverty reduction. The day underscores the importance of happiness for human survival and promotes human rights. In 2024, the UN invites global participation to spread joy and prioritize well-being.

5. Recently, National Commission for Women signed an MoU with which security force to control human trafficking?

- A. Central Armed Police Force
- B. Central Reserve Police Force
- C. Railway Protection Force
- D. Central Industrial Security Force



- ✓ The National Commission for Women (NCW) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Railway Protection Force (RPF) in New Delhi in March 2024 to combat human trafficking in India. The MoU's key objectives include working together to prevent human trafficking and rescue trafficked women.

6. What is the rank of India in the World Happiness Report 2024?

- A. 125th
- B. 126th
- C. 127th
- D. 128th



- ✓ In the 2024 World Happiness Report released by the United Nations on March 20th, Finland claimed the title of the happiest country for the seventh year in a row. According to the 2024 World Happiness Report, India ranks 126th out of 146 countries, this is the same as last year. India's neighbors, however, rank higher than India, with China ranked 60th, Nepal ranked 93rd, Pakistan ranked 108th, Myanmar ranked 118th, Sri Lanka ranked 128th, and Bangladesh ranked 129th.

7. State of Global Climate Report is released by which organization?

- A. World Health Organization
- B. World Meteorological Organization
- C. United Nations Environment Programme
- D. United Nations Development Programme



- ✓ **The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the United Nations' (UN) climate agency, releases the State of the Global Climate report. The 2023 report confirms that 2023 was the warmest year on record, with the global average near-surface temperature 1.45 °Celsius (with a margin of uncertainty of ± 0.12 °C) above the pre-industrial baseline.**

8. Recently, who has been appointed as the Ambassador of India to Russia?

- A. Saurabh Kumar
- B. Vinay Kumar
- C. Amal Kumar Goswami
- D. DB Venkatesh Varma



- ✓ **Vinay Kumar, an Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1992 batch, is appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Russia, currently serving in Myanmar. The Ministry of External Affairs announced his new assignment, reinforcing the longstanding partnership between India and Russia. The move highlights the strategic importance of diplomatic ties between the two nations amidst recent elections in Russia.**

9. Recently, who won the 'Saraswati Samman 2023' for his work Roudra Sathwikam?

- A. Vijay Tendulkar
- B. Vasdev Mohi
- C. Prabha Varma
- D. Padma Sachdev



- ✓ **Malayalam poet Prabha Varma won the 2023 Saraswati Samman for his work Roudra Sathwikam. The KK Birla Foundation selected Varma for the award, which is given annually to an outstanding literary work written in an Indian language. The award includes a citation, plaque, and 15 lakh rupees. Roudra Sathwikam is a 2022 poetic work that explores the conflict between power and politics, the individual and the state, and art and power.**
- ✓ **The Saraswati Samman is one of the most prestigious awards in India, and was established in 1991. The award is given to an Indian citizen for an outstanding literary work published in the last 10 years.**

10. Which institute recently developed a method to extract valuable components from bauxite residue, promoting sustainability and circular economy?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Bombay
- D. IIT Roorkee



- ✓ Researchers at IIT Madras devised a method utilizing phosphoric acid to treat bauxite residue, commonly known as Red Mud. This process extracts valuable materials, including ceramics with notable dielectric and optical properties, suitable for electronic components and energy storage. Red Mud, a byproduct of aluminum production, harbors toxic heavy metals like arsenic, lead, and mercury. Its corrosive nature and high alkalinity pose significant threats to soil and ecosystems.

11. What is 'KKL (R) 3'?

- A. Salt tolerant paddy variety
- B. Newly discovered plant disease
- C. Asteroid
- D. Black hole



- ✓ Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture and Research Institute (PAJANCOA & RI) introduces KKL(R)3, its third paddy variety. Developed to address water scarcity during the kuruvai season, KKL(R)3 is salt tolerant, crucial for delta regions facing saline water issues. It matures in 110-115 days, tailored for the coastal delta region. Yielding 3,435-3,500 kg/ha in salt-affected areas and 6,420 kg/ha under normal conditions.

12. Which day is celebrated as 'World Sparrow Day' every year?

- A. 20 March
- B. 21 March
- C. 22 March
- D. 23 March



- ✓ World Sparrow Day is celebrated annually on March 20th. The day is dedicated to raising awareness about the protection of sparrows and other birds that share our environment. The theme for World Sparrow Day 2024 is "I Love Sparrows". This theme highlights the special connection between humans and sparrows.

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1. Recently, which country hosted the third summit for Democracy?

- A. India
- B. South Korea
- C. Vietnam
- D. Germany



- ✓ **South Korea hosted the 3rd Summit for Democracy in Seoul from 18-20 March 2024, initiated by President Joe Biden in 2021 to combat authoritarianism and uphold human rights. South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken opened the summit.**

2. Which Indian Naval Ship recently rescued the 'Bulgarian Ruen vessel', which had been hijacked by Somali pirates?

- A. INS Kalvari
- B. INS Kolkata
- C. INS Kumbhir
- D. INS Khanderi



- ✓ **Bulgarian President Rumen Radev thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the Indian Navy's rescue of seven Bulgarian citizens from Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean. The MV Ruen, hijacked on December 14, 2023, marked the first Somali pirate hijacking since 2017. The Indian Navy's operation, led by INS Kolkata, successfully rescued the crew on March 16, 2024, affirming India's commitment to maritime security and combating piracy in the region.**

3. Recently, who has been given additional charge of Telangana Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry?

- A. Tamilisai Soundararajan
- B. CP Radhakrishnan
- C. Banwarilal Purohit
- D. Kalraj Mishra



- ✓ **President Droupadi Murmu appointed Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan as the additional charge of Telangana Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, replacing Tamilisai Soundararajan, who resigned on March 18. Soundararajan, previously BJP Tamil Nadu unit president, contested but lost in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The upcoming Lok Sabha polls in Tamil Nadu, with 39 seats, are scheduled for April 19, 2024.**

4. Recently, where was the 3rd edition of the North East Games 2024 started?

- A. Nagaland
- B. Assam
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Mizoram



- ✓ The 3rd edition of North East Games 2024 commenced in Nagaland at Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence, Sovima. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the event. Over 3000 athletes from eight North Eastern states compete in 15 disciplines across three districts. The games feature sports like archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, football, lawn tennis, Pencak Silat, table tennis, taekwondo, volleyball, and wushu.

5. Recently, where was the 4th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Startup Forum organized?

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ The fourth Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Startup Forum was held in New Delhi on March.19. The initiative aims to promote innovation, job creation, and collaboration among SCO member states, as well as inspire young talent. The forum also focuses on increasing interactions between startups within the SCO, and creating an environment that encourages innovation.

6. Which day is celebrated as 'International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination' every year?

- A. 20 March
- B. 21 March
- C. 22 March
- D. 23 March



- ✓ The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD) is celebrated annually on March 21. This day marks the day in 1960 when police opened fire on a peaceful group of protesters in Sharpeville, South Africa, killing 69 people. The United Nations established IDERD. 2024 theme for this day is, "A Decade of Recognition, Justice, and Development".

7. What is Brucethoa isro?

- A. Plant disease
- B. New species of spider
- C. New species of deep sea isopod
- D. Asteroid



- ✓ **Researchers named a new species, Brucethoa isro, of deep-sea isopod found off the Kerala coast after ISRO. Discovered near Kollam, Kerala, this tiny fish-parasitic crustacean lives in the gill cavity of the Spinyjaw greeneye. It's the second species of its genus found in India. It's named in tribute to ISRO's space missions.**

8. Recently, which space startup is preparing to launch India's second privately developed rocket, Agnibaan SOrTeD?

- A. GalaxEye Space
- B. Agnikul Cosmos
- C. Bellatrix Aerospace
- D. Dhruva Space



- ✓ **Agnikul Cosmos, a private space startup based in Chennai, is preparing to launch India's second privately developed rocket, Agnibaan SOrTeD (Suborbital Tech Demonstrator), in March 2024. The rocket will be launched from Agnikul's own launchpad. Agnibaan is the second privately developed rocket after Vikram-S, which was launched in 2022 by Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited. Vikram-S was the first rocket made entirely of composite materials.**

9. What is theme of 'World Water Day 2024'?

- A. Groundwater: Making the invisible visible
- B. Leveraging Water for Peace
- C. Water and Climate Change
- D. Leaving No One Behind



- ✓ **World Water Day, observed on March.22 since 1993, raises awareness about freshwater conservation. The United Nations General Assembly initiated this observance to emphasize water's significance in our lives. The 2024 theme, 'Leveraging Water for Peace', highlights the crucial role of transboundary water cooperation in fostering universal peace and sustainable development.**

10. Recently, which organization of India has received the Aviation Week Laureates Award?

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. ICAR
- D. CSIR



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) received the Aviation Week Laureates Award in 2024 for its achievements with the Chandrayaan-3 mission. Deputy Ambassador at the Indian Embassy in the US, Sripriya Ranganathan, accepted the award on behalf of ISRO. The award recognizes extraordinary accomplishments in the aerospace industry.

11. What is the theme of 'World Forestry Day 2024'?

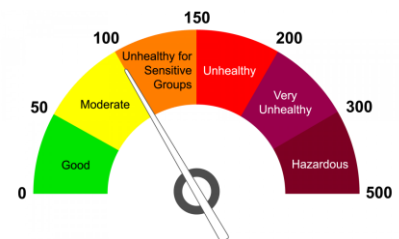
- A. Forests and innovation: new solutions for a better world
- B. Forests restoration: The path to recovery and welfare
- C. Forests and Biodiversity
- D. Learn to Love Forests



- ✓ World Forest Day is celebrated annually on March 21. It promotes the value of forests and encourages global participation in tree-related campaigns, including planting drives. Coordinated by the FAO and UN Forum on Forests, it was established in 1971. This year's theme is "Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World."

12. According to the World Air Quality Report, which country was the 3rd most polluted country in 2023?

- A. Nepal
- B. Egypt
- C. India
- D. Finland



- ✓ In 2023, India ranked as the 3rd most polluted country globally, per the World Air Quality Report by Swiss company IQAir. Drawing data from 30,000+ air quality monitoring stations across 7,812 locations in 134 countries, only 10 met the WHO's clean air standard. French Polynesia, Mauritius, and Iceland had the cleanest air, while India trailed behind Pakistan and Bangladesh in pollution levels.

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1. What is the name of the operation recently launched by India to evacuate Indian Nationals from Haiti?

- A. Operation Meghdoot
- B. Operation Shakti
- C. Operation Raahat
- D. Operation Indravati



- ✓ **Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar announced 'Operation Indravati' on microblogging site X to evacuate stranded Indians from violence-hit Haiti to the Dominican Republic. 12 citizens were safely relocated. Around 75 to 90 Indians reside in Haiti, with 60 registering for repatriation.**

2. 'Order of the Druk Gyalpo' Award is the highest civilian honour award of which country?

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. Myanmar
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ **Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi made history by being the first non-Bhutanese to be honored with Bhutan's highest civilian award, the 'Order of the Druk Gyalpo'. During his two-day state visit to Thimphu, he received the prestigious award from Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck. This lifetime achievement award is the apex of Bhutan's honor system, with only four individuals, including Modi, having received it since its establishment.**

3. IMT Trilateral Exercise is conducted between which one of the following countries?

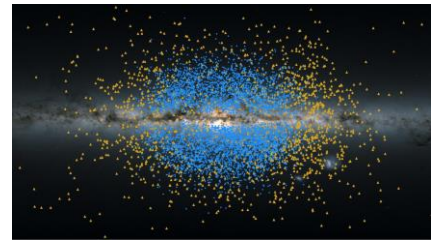
- A. India, Malaysia and Turkey
- B. India, Mozambique and Tanzania
- C. Iran, Myanmar and Thailand
- D. Ireland, Malta and Turkmenistan



- ✓ **INS Tir and INS Sujata join India Mozambique Tanzania (IMT) Tri Lateral Exercise, March 21-29, 2024. IMT TRILAT began in Oct 22 with INS Tarkash. The current edition's harbour phase (Mar 21-24) involves joint training in Damage Control, Fire Fighting, Visit Board Search and Seizure, Medical Lectures, and more in Zanzibar and Maputo.**

4. Recently, which two-star clusters have been discovered in space by European Space Agency's Gaia space telescope?

- A. Aditya and Vikram
- B. Ajay and Pushp
- C. Shiva and Shakti
- D. Dhruv and Ganga



- ✓ The European Space Agency's Gaia telescope uncovered ancient star streams, Shiva and Shakti, shedding light on galaxy origins. These structures, formed 12 billion years ago, influenced Milky Way formation. Shakti stars orbit farther from the galactic center in circular paths, unlike Shiva. Gaia, launched in 2013, maps the Milky Way by analyzing data from over a decade, measuring stars' positions, distances, and speeds.

5. Recently, ISRO successfully conducted the Reusable Landing Vehicle (RLV) LEX 02 Landing Experiment. What is the name of RLV?

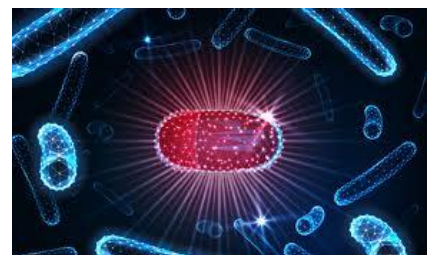
- A. Rishabam
- B. Akash
- C. Pushpak
- D. Gadayuddha



- ✓ ISRO's successful Pushpak Reusable Landing Vehicle (RLV) LEX 02 Landing Experiment marks a milestone in India's space program. This experiment is part of the Reusable Launch Vehicle Technology Demonstration (RLV-TD) Programme, reaffirmed indigenous high-speed autonomous landing technologies. RLV, resembling a space plane, aims to enable cost-effective access to space.

6. Project ANAGRANINF is related to which one of the following?

- A. Development of nuclear powered submarines
- B. Development of a novel class of antibiotics
- C. New strategy to combat naxal attacks
- D. To study the prevalence of disease in rural areas



- ✓ The Technology Development Board has allocated funds for Project ANAGRANINF, aimed at developing a new class of antibiotics to combat Gram-Negative Bacterial Infections. This collaborative effort involves Indian and Spanish companies with the objective of creating a novel lead compound to combat critical gram-negative pathogens. The project aligns with WHO's criteria for tackling Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) infections.

7. Recently, which institute has developed an indigenous electric standing wheel chair named 'NeoStand'?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Kharagpur
- C. IIT Roorkee
- D. IIT Delhi



- ✓ IIT Madras has unveiled 'NeoStand,' an indigenous electric standing wheelchair, claimed as India's most customizable. Professor Sujatha Srinivasan led its development under TTK Center for Rehabilitation Research. She also led 'Arise,' India's first manual standing wheelchair, and 'NeoBolt,' the first motorized add-on.

8. Recently, which one of the following companies has been awarded the status of Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)?

- A. Bharat Petroleum
- B. NTPC Ltd
- C. GRID-INDIA
- D. Indian Oil Corporation



- ✓ GRID-India, a crucial entity in India's power sector, achieved Miniratna Category-I CPSE status in March 2024, designated by the Ministry of Power. Responsibilities include ensuring smooth operation of the Indian Electricity System, efficient power transfer within and across regions, and facilitating transnational power exchange.

9. Recently, the government has approved inclusion of which crops under its price stabilization fund (PSF)?

- A. Cotton and Coffee
- B. Wheat and Rice
- C. Jute and Tea
- D. Pulses and Barley



- ✓ The government has recently included wheat and rice in the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF). Established in 2014-15 under Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), it was transferred to DOCA in 2016. Managed centrally by PSFMC, it regulates proposals from State Governments and Central Agencies. SFAC maintains it as a central corpus fund. The fund aims to stabilize prices of selected commodities by distributing or procuring them.

10. Recently, where was the 41st Steering Committee Meeting of the International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy (IPHE) held?

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ India recently hosted the 41st Steering Committee Meeting of the International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy (IPHE) in New Delhi. Established in 2003, IPHE comprises 23 member countries and the European Commission, including major economies like the US, Japan, and China. It aims to expedite the transition to clean energy and mobility systems through hydrogen and fuel cell technologies. IPHE fosters international collaboration in research, development, and commercial utilization activities.

11. Which player won WTT Feeder Beirut Table Tennis 2024 title?

- A. Mouma Das
- B. G Sathiyam
- C. Sharath Kamal
- D. Manav Thakkar



- ✓ Indian table tennis player G Sathiyam clinched the men's singles title at the WTT Feeder Beirut 2024 tournament, defeating compatriot Manav Vikash Thakkar. Diya Chitale and Manush Shah secured the mixed doubles title, marking India's second win. G Sathiyam's victory marked India's first-ever singles title at the WTT Feeder Series, beating world no 74 Manav Thakkar.

12. Which ministry has recently announced guidelines for betting and gambling platforms?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- C. Ministry of Communications
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



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- ✓ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting advises endorsers and influencers on social media to avoid promoting offshore online betting and gambling platforms due to their negative impact on consumers, especially youth.
- ✓ Social media and online advertising intermediaries are urged not to target Indian audiences with such content. The Central Consumer Protection Authority expresses concerns about celebrities endorsing these platforms and warns of legal consequences under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 for non-compliance.

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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 Sathiyam
- 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.**

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

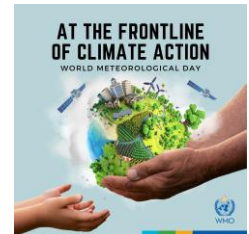
- A. Railway Protection Force (RPF)
- B. National Cadet Corps (NCC)
- C. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- D. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)



- ✓ **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
- 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



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- ✓ **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.**

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?

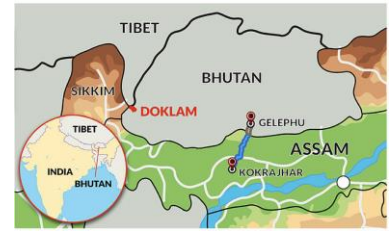
- A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Defence



- ✓ **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.**

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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1. Recently, where was the 148th Inter Parliamentary Union meeting held?

- A. Paris, France
- B. Washington DC, United States
- C. Geneva, Switzerland
- D. Vienna, Austria

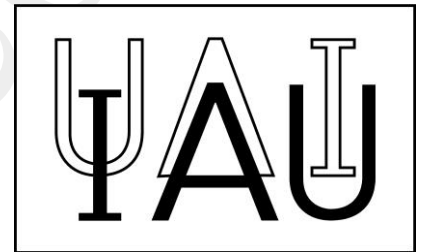


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- ✓ **The 148th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly was held in Geneva, Switzerland from March 23–27, 2024. The IPU is an international organization founded in 1889, with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, as well as offices in New York, United States of America, and Vienna, Austria. A seven-member Indian parliamentary delegation, led by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh attended the event. The IPU boasts 180 member countries**

2. Recently, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named an asteroid after which Indian scientist?

- A. Harish Chandra
- B. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan
- C. Jayant Murthy
- D. Avadh Saxena



- ✓ **The International Astronomical Union honored Indian astrophysicist Professor Jayant Murthy by naming asteroid (215884) Jayantmurthy after him. Discovered in 2005 by MW Buie at Kitt Peak National Observatory, the asteroid orbits the Sun between Mars and Jupiter every 3.3 years.**

3. According to the Lancet study, what is the projected fertility rate for India in 2050?

- A. 2.1
- B. 1.29
- C. 1.91
- D. 2.5



- ✓ **India's total fertility rate (TFR) is projected to plummet to 1.29 children per woman by 2050 and further to 1.04 by 2100, as per a Lancet study. The decline signifies a substantial drop from 6.18 children per woman in 1950. India currently falls below the replacement level of fertility, with a TFR of 1.91 in 2021, below the required 2.1.**

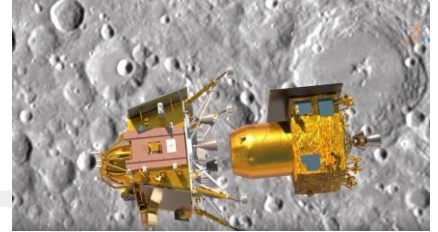
4. Recently, which ministry has introduced the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- D. Ministry of Law and Justice

- ✓ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, introduced the Cinematograph Certification Rules 2024 to revamp the film certification process. The new rules, part of ongoing government efforts, aim to regulate the certification and exhibition of cinematograph films effectively. They are a significant step towards modernizing the Indian film industry's regulatory framework.

5. What is the name approved by the IAU Working Group for Planetary System Nomenclature for the landing site of Chandrayaan's Vikram lander?

- A. Trishul
- B. Shiv Shakti
- C. Parmesh
- D. Swastik



- ✓ The International Astronomical Union approved 'Station Shiv Shakti' for Chandrayaan's Vikram lander site. On Aug.26, PM announced Chandrayaan 3's landing site would be named Shiv Shakti. Rooted in Hindu mythology, "Shivshakti" symbolizes determination and empowerment. PM highlighted the connection between humanitarian efforts and Shiva. The "Shakti" component honors women scientists.

6. Recently, a Switzerland-based hyperloop company signed an MoU with which IIT to develop hyperloop systems in India?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IIT Hyderabad



- ✓ Swisspod Technologies, a Swiss hyperloop company, has inked an MoU with TuTr Hyperloop, an IIT Madras spin-off, to pioneer hyperloop systems in India. Hyperloop, proposed by Elon Musk in 2013, offers ultra-high-speed ground-level transport powered by solar energy. It's the 5th mode of transport, employing maglev technology for levitated travel in low-pressure tubes.

7. POEM 3 Mission is launched by which space organization?

- A. ISRO
- B. NASA
- C. JAXA
- D. CNSA



- ✓ ISRO's PSLV Orbital Experimental Module 3 (POEM 3) Mission aims to tackle orbital debris with PSLV's PS4 stage, designated as the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module. This marks ISRO's third deployment of PS4 for orbital experiments, dubbed POEM-3. The module will conduct in-orbit scientific experiments for 4-6 months, powered by solar panels and a Lithium-ion battery.

8. Which valley hosting the largest nesting colony for Gyps vultures in southern India?

- A. Araku Valley
- B. Moyar Valley
- C. Kharahal Valley
- D. Barak Valley



- ✓ **The Moyar Valley, also known as Maayar Valley, hosts the critically endangered Gyps Vulture. Located within the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, stretching from Gudalur through Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, it harbors vital species like tigers and elephants. This region boasts the largest nesting colony of Gyps vultures in peninsular India.**

9. Haryana Agricultural University Scientists have identified a new and potentially devastating disease affecting pea crops. What is name of disease?

- A. Fusarium
- B. Witches' Broom
- C. Antirrhinum rust
- D. Gray mold



- ✓ **Scientists at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University discovered a new disease, "Witches' Broom," affecting pea crops, caused by 'Candidatus Phytoplasma asteris' (16SrI). The American Phytopathological Society published their report in 'Plant Disease,' marking the first research on the disease.**

10. India Employment Report 2024 is released by which organization?

- A. International Labour Organization & Institute of Human Development
- B. Amnesty International
- C. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- D. World Health Organization



- ✓ **The India Employment Report 2024, co-published by the ILO and IHD, underscores the ongoing challenges for Indian youth in finding jobs. Alarmingly, around 83% of the unemployed are young individuals. Particularly troubling is the rise in educated youth among the jobless, with those possessing secondary education or higher comprising 65.7% of the unemployed youth, up from 35.2% in 2000.**

11. Recently, who has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to Myanmar?

- A. Vinay Kumar
- B. Abhay Thakur
- C. Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- D. Pavan Kapoor



- ✓ Senior Indian diplomat Abhay Thakur, a 1992-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Myanmar. This was announced by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on March 26. Thakur, currently an Officer on Special Duty in the MEA, previously served as sous-sherpa for the G20 process during India's presidency.

12. Who won the Abel Prize 2024, sometimes called the Nobel Prize of Mathematics?

- A. Avi Wigderson
- B. Luis A. Caffarelli
- C. Michel Talagrand
- D. Laszlo Lovasz



- ✓ The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters awards the 2024 Abel Prize to Michel Talagrand from CNRS, Paris, France, for his contributions to probability theory and stochastic processes.
- ✓ Talagrand's work illuminates the role of randomness in various phenomena, crucial for fields like weather forecasting and business logistics. Central to his research is the understanding and application of the Gaussian distribution, evident in seemingly random events such as birth weights, academic performance, and athlete retirements.

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1. On World Kabaddi Day 2024, which country created history by creating a Guinness World Record with the participation of 128 players?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. Malaysia
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ **India achieved a Guinness World Record on World Kabaddi Day, March 24, with 128 players participating at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula. An MOU between HIPSA and Haryana Govt. facilitated the event, aiming to promote Kabaddi globally. This historic feat highlight India's commitment to Kabaddi's growth and global recognition.**

2. What kind of vessel is ICGS Samudra Paheredar?

- A. Oil exploration vessel
- B. Pollution control vessel
- C. Fishing vessel
- D. Research vessel



- ✓ **External Affairs recently visited Indian Coast Guard ship Samudra Paheredar in Manila Bay, part of an ASEAN deployment. ICGS Samudra Paheredar, a Pollution Control Vessel, was commissioned in 2012 and built by ABG Shipyard. It's stationed in Vishakhapatnam, India. It's equipped with advanced pollution response tools, including containment and recovery equipment, and can operate a twin-engine helicopter.**

3. National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) is coming under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Water Resources
- B. Ministry of Urban Development
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Power



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare expressed concern over States failing to compile living and deceased donors' data. The apex organization, located in New Delhi, operates under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Established under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA), 1994, its aim is to organize organ procurement and distribution. NOTTO maintains a national registry and runs the National Organ Transplant Program (NOTP) to enhance access to transplantation through deceased organ donation.**

4. Recently, the Archeological Survey of India has decided to delist how many 'centrally protected monuments'?

- A. 16
- B. 17
- C. 18
- D. 20

18

- ✓ In Delhi, the Barakhamba Cemetery, now Ghalib Park, has vanished, leaving only a few worn graves. Across India, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) plans to remove 18 monuments from its list of protected sites due to lack of "national importance". Nine are in Uttar Pradesh, two each in Delhi, Rajasthan, and Haryana. The list also encompasses Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

5. Naheed Divecha, who recently won two gold medals in the Indian Masters National Badminton Championship, belongs to which state?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Gujarat
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Naheed Divecha from Maharashtra triumphed with two golds at the 2024 Indian Masters National Badminton Championship in Panchkula. Representing Bombay Gymkhana and Shuttle Craze Academy, she secured the Women's 50 singles title by defeating Haryana's Sunita Singh Panwar. Additionally, Divecha partnered with Kiran Mokade to claim the Mixed Doubles 50 title, beating top-seeded Karnataka pair Prabakaran Subbaiyan and Jayashree Raghu.

6. Which day is celebrated as 'World Theatre Day' every year?

- A. 26 March
- B. 27 March
- C. 28 March
- D. 29 March



- ✓ World Theatre Day is celebrated annually on March 27, initiated by the International Theatre Institute (ITI) in 1961. Each year, a prominent theatre figure delivers a message. Jean Cocteau gave the inaugural speech in 1962. ITI boasts over 85 global centers. Theatre encompasses various roles including writers, directors, actors, sound producers, costume and set designers, and show callers, all crucial in bringing a performance to life beyond acting and narration.

7. Global Trade Update report is released by which organization?

- A. UNCTAD
- B. ILO
- C. WHO
- D. WTO



- ✓ The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released a Global Trade Update report noting a 14% increase in India's services exports in 2023, while goods exports fell by 6%. It anticipates a global trade rebound in 2024. However, logistical challenges like shipping disruptions in the Red Sea and Black Sea may escalate costs and disrupt supply chains. Established in 1964, UNCTAD serves as the primary authority of the UN General Assembly in trade and development matters.

8. cVIGIL app, or Vigilant Citizen app, recently seen in the news, is developed by which constitutional body?

- A. Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- B. Election Commission of India
- C. Finance Commission
- D. Central Information Commission



- ✓ The cVIGIL app, or Vigilant Citizen app, was developed by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to help citizens report violations of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) during elections. The app allows citizens to report political misconduct and expenditure violations in real time using smartphones. The app's primary objective is to bridge the gap between citizens and election enforcement authorities. It emphasizes the responsible role citizens can play in free and fair elections.

9. START 2024, a space program, recently launched by which organization?

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. CSIR
- D. Department of Science & Technology



- ✓ ISRO's START 2024 program is an online training program that teaches space science and technology to undergraduate and postgraduate science and technology students. The program is scheduled to take place in April and May 2024. The main goal of the program is to attract young students to space science and technology.

10. Kalpa Suvarna is a new dwarf variety of which plantation crop?

- A. Coconut
- B. Teak wood
- C. Bamboo
- D. Plantain



- ✓ The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare introduced 'Kalpa Suvarna,' a new dwarf coconut variety, and two cocoa hybrids by CPCRI. 'Kalpa Suvarna' is optimal for tender coconut and copra production, blooming 30-36 months after planting. Its fruits are large, oblong, green, with tender nut water content of 431ml, copra content of 186g, and 64.5% oil. Yielding 108 to 130 nuts yearly, it suits Karnataka and Kerala.
- ✓ The cocoa hybrids, VTL CH I and VTL CH II, have high fat and nutrient contents, with CH I suitable for intercropping in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, and Andhra Pradesh, and CH II resistant to black pod rot, fitting high rainfall regions.

11. Afanasy Nikitin Seamount lies in which ocean?

- A. Pacific Ocean
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Atlantic Ocean
- D. Arctic Ocean



- ✓ India recently applied to the International Seabed Authority (ISBA) for rights to explore the Afanasy Nikitin Seamount (AN Seamount) in the Indian Ocean. AN Seamount is a 400 km-long and 150 km-wide feature rich in cobalt, nickel, manganese, and copper. It lies 3,000 km from India's coast, rising 1200 m above the ocean floor. Seamounts, formed through volcanic activity near mid-ocean ridges, are hotspots for marine life, with potential for active resource extraction.

12. Recently, which country hosted the G20 second Employment Working Group meeting?

- A. Brazil
- B. China
- C. South Africa
- D. India



- ✓ The 2nd Employment Working Group meeting, led by Brazil, convened in Brasilia with India's participation. Ms Sumita Dawra, Secretary of Labour & Employment, India, co-chairs alongside Brazil and South Africa. The meeting's focus includes quality employment, technology's role in enhancing life quality, and gender equity in workplaces.

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