1. Who has become the first Indian to be appointed a jury member at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Summer Olympics 2024 to be held in Paris?

- A. Bilquis Mir 🗹
- B. Madhumita Bisht
- C. Rajyalaksmi Singh
- D. Sania Mirza
- ✓ Bilquis Mir, a water sports promoter and athlete from Jammu and Kashmir, is making history as India's first female jury member at the Summer Olympics in Paris. Appointed by the Indian Olympic Association, she is set to officiate at the games from July 26 to August 11. Having started her journey as a canoeist in 1998, Bilquis sees her appointment as a dream come true, representing both athletes and sports promoters on the global stage.
  - 2. Recently, Indian Coast Guard Aquatic Centre has been inaugurated at which place?
  - A. Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu
  - B. Chennai, Tamil Nadu

C. Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu 🗹

- D. Thengai Pattinam, Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Director General Rakesh Pal of the Indian Coast Guard opened the Indian Coast Guard Aquatic Centre in ICGS Mandapam near Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu, on April 6, 2024. Established in 1977 under the Ministry of Defence, the Indian Coast Guard aimed to combat smuggling and protect marine resources, formally inaugurated in 1978 by Prime Minister Morarji Desai.

3. Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LUPEX) is a joint mission between which two space agencies?

- A. ISRO & JAXA 🗹
- B. NASA & ISRO
- C. CNSA & ROSCOSMOS
- D. ESA & NASA
- ✓ The Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LUPEX) is a joint mission between the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) to explore the moon's South Pole region. JAXA will provide the launch vehicle and rover, while ISRO will contribute the lander. Equipped with tools to measure water content in lunar sand and conduct drilling and sampling, the rover promises vital insights into the Moon's Polar Regions.









4. Which Indian Coast Guard ship has recently conducted a prompt operation and safely rescued 27 Bangladeshi fishermen?

- A. Vikram
- B. Amogh 🗹
- C. Sagar
- D. Talwar
- ✓ Indian Coast Guard's swift operation rescued 27 Bangladeshi fishermen stranded on fishing boat Sagar II in Indian waters. Patrol ship 'Amogh' identified the distressed vessel drifting in the India-Bangladesh Maritime Boundary Line on April 4, 2024. Investigation found its steering gear malfunctioning for two days. Prompt action ensured safe retrieval of all crew members by the Indian Coast Guard, showcasing their commitment to maritime safety and cooperation.

5. According to RBI, what is the projected Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation for the fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25)?

A. 3.2%

B. 4.5% 🗹

C. 5.1%

D. 5.5%

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, leading the Monetary Policy Committee, has maintained the reportate at 6.5% for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive time, as announced on April 5, 2024. Predicting a 7% growth for India's economy in FY 25, with a 4.5% expected Consumer Price Index inflation.

6. "Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2024" report, recently released by which organization?

A. World Bank



C. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

D. World Health Organization

✓ The "Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2024," released by UNESCAP, is a flagship publication providing insights into the region's economic trends. Established in 1947, UNESCAP serves as a platform for governments to address socio-economic issues and foster regional cooperation. With 53 member states and 9 associate members, including India, it highlights India's robust economic growth in 2023.









7. Recently, Telecom Secretary virtually launched an "Experimental Licence Module for 100 5G Labs" at which IIT?

- A. IIT Mumbai
- B. IIT Chennai 🗹
- C. IIT Hyderabad
- D. IIT Kanpur
- ✓ Dr Neeraj Mittal, Secretary (Telecom), inaugurated an "Experimental Licence module for 100 5G Labs" during a workshop at IIT Madras, streamlining processes for 5G Labs in Indian academic institutions. The initiative aims to simplify licensing requirements, facilitating smoother operations and fostering innovation in the 5G domain.
  - 8. Arrokoth, a double-lobed object in space, is located in which region of solar system?
  - A. Kuiper Belt 🗹
  - B. Oort Cloud
  - C. The outer Solar System
  - D. The inner Solar System
  - Scientists have proposed a model elucidating Arrokoth's ice core, a celestial body in the Kuiper Belt, named 'sky' in Powhatan language. Discovered in 2014 by Hubble, Arrokoth is the farthest explored object by humans, resembling a snowman. It's believed to hold ancient gaseous ice. The Kuiper Belt, also known as Edgeworth-Kuiper belt, comprises icy bodies orbiting beyond Neptune, named after astronomer Gerard Kuiper who hypothesized its existence in the 1950s.
    - 9. By what year does India aim to end urea imports according to the Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers?
    - A. 2024
    - B. 2025 🗹
    - C. 2030

D. 2050

- ✓ India aims to halt urea imports by 2025 as local production surges with new fertilizer plants. Currently importing 30% of its 35 million tonnes annual requirement, the country saw urea production rise from 225.08 to 284.95 lakh tonnes between 2014-15 and 2022-23.
- ✓ The government's strategy includes reviving closed plants and promoting alternative fertilizers like nano-liquid urea to achieve self-sufficiency and reduce reliance on imports from Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE.







- 10. What is the theme of 'International Day of Sports for Development and Peace 2024'?
- A. Scoring for People and the Planet
- B. Sport for the Promotion of Peaceful and Inclusive Societies  $\blacksquare$
- C. Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All
- D. The power of sport values
- ✓ The International Day of Sports for Development and Peace (IDSDP) on April 6 highlights the positive impact of sports and physical activity worldwide. In 2024, the theme is 'Sport for the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies'. An event at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on April 4 showcased collaborations between major sporting bodies to create positive change.

11. Peter Pellegrini recently became the new president of which country?

- A. Norway
- B. Slovakia 🗹
- C. Denmark
- D. Romania
- Peter Pellegrini, backed by Slovakia's nationalist-left government, wins the presidential election, defeating liberal Ivan Korčok. With 53.85% of the vote, Pellegrini pledges to maintain Slovakia's peace stance. He becomes the sixth president since independence in 1993, succeeding Zuzana Caputova.

12. The city of Miraj, recently awarded a GI tag for its craftsmanship in musical instruments, is located in which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra 🗹
- D. Odisha
- ✓ Miraj, a town in Maharashtra's Sangli district, famed for crafting sitars and tanpuras, earns Geographical Indication (GI) tags. These instruments are highly sought after by classical musicians and film industry professionals.









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