

1. Where was Uttar Pradesh's first traffic park recently opened?

- A. Prayagraj
- B. Ayodhya
- C. Saharanpur
- D. Varanasi



- ✓ **The first traffic park in Uttar Pradesh was inaugurated by the Prayagraj Development Authority in Prayagraj district. Costing 90 lakh rupees, it features a motion theater, digital games, free swings for kids, and electric vehicles for both kids and adults. The park aims to educate about traffic rules and safety while providing recreational activities.**

2. Recently, Indian Army's Kharga corps and the Indian Air Force have conducted a joint exercise 'Gagan Shakti II' in which state?

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



- ✓ **The Indian Army's Kharga Corps, with the Western Command, conducted a three-day joint exercise, "Gagan Strike-II," with the Indian Air Force in Punjab. Utilizing assets like Apache helicopters and UAVs, the exercise focused on validating attack helicopters' role in supporting mechanized operations. It aimed to refine protocols and enhance coordination for ground offensives, including live fire maneuvers, in developed terrains.**

3. Recently, where was the 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Group of Customs (JGC) meeting between India & Bhutan held?

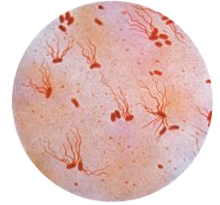
- A. Ladakh
- B. New Delhi
- C. Jaipur
- D. Bhopal



- ✓ **The 5th Joint Group of Customs (JGC) meeting between India and Bhutan convened on May 6th-7th, 2024, in Leh, Ladakh. Meeting was co-chaired by officials from both nations, discussions centered on bilateral matters like new Land Customs Stations, trade routes, infrastructure, digitalization, smuggling prevention, and coordinated cross-border management. Bhutan lauded India's support for capacity building and cross-border trade initiatives through workshops and bilateral agreements, expressing gratitude for ongoing collaboration.**

4. Widal Test is associated with which disease?

- A. TB  
B. Malaria  
C. Dengue  
D. Typhoid



- ✓ **The Widal Test, crucial for diagnosing typhoid fever caused by Salmonella Typhi, suffers from inaccuracies, complicating India's battle against the disease. Symptoms of typhoid overlap with other illnesses, necessitating precise testing. Developed in the late 1800s, the test lacks reliability, prompting caution from the World Health Organization.**

5. Recently, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) inaugurated a Krishi Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) at which place?

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



- ✓ **The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare launched a Krishi ICCC at Krishi Bhavan in New Delhi. The initiative utilizes tech like AI, remote sensing, and GIS for informed agricultural decision-making. It consolidates geospatial data from sources such as Digital Crop Survey and Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics. The Krishi ICCC aims to monitor the farm sector effectively, enhancing productivity and market intelligence.**

6. Which organization recently released a report titled 'Amplifying the Global Value of Earth Observation'?

- A. International Monetary Fund  
B. World Bank  
C. World Economic Forum   
D. World Meteorological Organization



- ✓ **The World Economic Forum's report titled 'Amplifying the Global Value of Earth Observation' highlights Earth Observation (EO) technologies' economic potential, estimating a \$3.8 trillion contribution to global GDP from 2023-2030. EO encompasses remotely-sensed and in-situ data collection, offering insights across sectors. Agriculture benefits from precision techniques, while energy sectors utilize EO for forecasting and operations management. Mining gains insights for mineral exploration. EO also aids climate efforts.**

7. According to Global Electricity Review 2024 report, India surpassed which country to become 3<sup>rd</sup> largest solar power generator?

- A. Japan   
B. China  
C. Pakistan  
D. France



- ✓ India surpassed Japan to become the world's third-largest solar power generator in 2023, per Ember's report. Solar energy accounted for a record 5.5% of global electricity, with India generating 5.8%. Solar's global generation expanded over six times since 2015. By 2030, solar is projected to contribute 22% to global electricity, crucial for combating climate change. India aims for 50% non-fossil fuel-based energy by 2030.

8. Which institute recently identified two new species of needlefish in Indian waters?

- A. Central Marine Research Institute
- B. Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute
- C. Central Marine Biology Research Institute
- D. Central Marine Ecology Research Institute



- ✓ **Researchers at Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) identified two new needlefish species in Indian waters. These marine creatures are commonly found in temperate and tropical regions, characterized by silvery bodies with blue or green backs. They are carnivorous, preying on small fish, crustaceans, and cephalopods.**

9. Recently, the term "Doubtful voter" or "D-voter" has been primarily used in which state?

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



- ✓ **During India's general elections, 'D voters' were a significant issue in Assam. A 'Doubtful voter' or 'D-voter' is someone whose citizenship status is uncertain during the creation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam. Legal ambiguity surrounds the term, and those classified undergo a verification process. D-voters are ineligible to vote or stand for office until their citizenship status is resolved.**

10. Recently, where was the sixth edition of the Commandants Conclave held?

- A. Indore
- B. Varanasi
- C. Pune
- D. Jaisalmer



- ✓ **The sixth Commandants' Conclave convened at MILIT, Pune on May 7, 24, hosted by HQ Integrated Defence Staff. Commandants of esteemed Armed Forces Training Institutions and War Colleges, alongside senior leadership, strategized on future defence strategies. They exchanged insights, shared best practices, and discussed topics like strategic resilience, technological advancement, and human capital development.**

11. Which ministry recently launched the 'Capacity Building on Design and Entrepreneurship (CBDE) program?

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



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- ✓ Sanjay Murthy, Secretary of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, virtually launched the 'Capacity Building on Design and Entrepreneurship (CBDE)' program. The program, led by industry-academia collaboration, aims to foster problem-solving skills and entrepreneurial mindset among students. At this stage, 30 HEIs have been selected through a process anchored by the IIITDM, Kancheepuram, a Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Center (MMTTC) as Nodal Centre for the program.

12. How many medals were won by India in the Asian Open Pickleball Championship 2024?

- A. 6
- B. 5
- C. 4
- D. 2



- ✓ India showcased dominance at the Asian Open Pickleball Championship in Vietnam, clinching three gold and two bronze medals. Sachin Pahwa and Priyanka Chhabra secured gold in mixed doubles intermediate 35+. Isha Lakhani and Pei Chuan Kao triumphed in women's doubles open, while Aniket Patel and Rohit Patil claimed gold in men's doubles.

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