

## CURRENT AFFAIRS JULY 2024

1. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, who recently passed away, was a
  - a. Scientist
  - b. Politician
  - c. Documentary film maker
  - d. Cartoonist

Answer:

B

Rajavarothiam Sampanthan was a Sri Lankan Tamil politician and lawyer who led the Tamil National Alliance from 2001 until his death in 2024. He was a Member of Parliament from 2001 until his death, and previously served as a Member of Parliament from 1977 to 1983 and from 1997 to 2000. He was the Leader of the Opposition from September 2015 to December 2018.

2. National Doctors' Day is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ July every year in India, honouring the legendary and renowned doctor Bidhan Chandra Roy, a politician, a freedom fighter, and an advocate for education.
  - a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  - d. 4

Answer:

A

National Doctors' Day is celebrated on 01 July every year in INDIA for the past 32 years (since 1991), honouring the legendary and renowned doctor Bidhan Chandra Roy, a politician, a freedom fighter, and an advocate for education.

3. The 16th edition of Joint Military Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant' between armies of India and Mongolia will be conducted in \_\_\_\_\_ from July 3-16.
  - a. Arunachal Pradesh
  - b. Rajasthan
  - c. Maharashtra
  - d. Meghalaya

Answer: D

The 16th edition of Joint Military Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant' between armies of India and Mongolia will be conducted in Meghalaya's Umroi from July 3-16, the Indian Army stated on Tuesday.

4. Three new criminal laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam 2023 — came into effect on\_\_\_\_\_.
- June 1, 2024
  - July 1, 2023
  - July 1, 2024
  - June 30, 2024

Answer:

C

Three new criminal laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam 2023 — will come into effect today, July 1. These laws will replace the British-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act.

5. SEBEX 2, recently seen in the news, is a
- Vacuum tube
  - Bomb
  - Catheter
  - Drone

Answer: B

India has achieved a significant milestone in military technology with the development and certification of SEBEX 2, a cutting-edge explosive formulation. Certified by the Indian Navy, SEBEX 2 marks a leap forward in explosive power, boasting a TNT equivalence of 2.01. This places it among the most potent non-nuclear explosives globally, aimed at revolutionizing various munitions without compromising on weight. India has achieved a significant milestone in military technology with the development and certification of SEBEX 2, a cutting-edge explosive formulation. Certified by the Indian Navy, SEBEX 2 marks a leap forward in explosive power, boasting a TNT equivalence of 2.01. This places it among the most potent non-nuclear explosives globally, aimed at revolutionizing various munitions without compromising on weight.

6. Dick Schoof has recently become the Prime Minister of which of the following countries?
- Australia
  - New Zealand
  - Netherlands
  - Iceland

Answer:

C

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today congratulated the newly-sworn in Prime Minister of Netherlands Dick Schoof on assuming office.

7. Which of the following ministries has recently launched a portal named “Noble Initiative for Rewarding Mains Aspirants of National Civil Services Examination (NIRMAN)”?
- Ministry of Education
  - Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
  - Ministry of Coal
  - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Answer:

C

Union Minister for Coal and Mines, Shri G Kishan Reddy launched a portal “Noble Initiative for Rewarding Mains Aspirants of National Civil Services Examination (NIRMAN)” in New Delhi today. In alignment with the vision “Mission Karmayogi” of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this is a unique CSR scheme by Coal India Limited for meritorious youth of its operating districts who have qualified the Preliminary round of UPSC examination (for Civil Services & Forest Service) in 2024. Secretary, Ministry of Coal Shri Amrit Lal Meena, other senior officers of the Coal Ministry and CMDs of Coal Companies were present on the occasion.

8. 13th edition of India-Thailand joint military Exercise \_\_\_\_\_ is scheduled to be conducted from 1st to 15th July 2024 at Fort Vachiraprakan in Tak Province of Thailand.
- MAITREE
  - DOSTI
  - SLINEX
  - Mitra Shakti

Answer:

A

The Indian Army contingent departed yesterday for the 13th edition of India- Thailand joint military Exercise MAITREE. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 1st to 15th July 2024 at Fort Vachiraprakan in Tak Province of Thailand. Last edition of the same exercise was conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya in September 2019.

9. Who won the Leon Masters chess tournament in 2024?
- Koneru Humpy
  - Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu
  - Nihal Sarin
  - Viswanathan Anand

Answer:

D

Viswanathan Anand turned the clock back in style to win the Leon Masters chess tournament in Spain on Sunday.

This was his 10th title in the event, the first one dating back to 1996; the last one came in 2016.

In the final, the 54-year-old Anand defeated Jaime Santos Latasa of Spain 3-1. In the semifinal, he had beaten his former World championship rival Veselin Topalov of Bulgaria 2.5-1.5. In the other semifinal, Latasa overcame Arjun Erigaisi 2.5-1.5.

10. World Sports Journalists Day is celebrated every year on July \_\_\_\_\_
- a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  - d. 4

Answer: B

World Sports Journalists Day is celebrated every year on July 2. Also referred to as International Sports Journalists Day, the holiday was created in 1994 by the International Sports Press Association to celebrate its 70th anniversary. Sports journalism developed during the 1800s but was centered on elitist sports and was more focused on reporting the social context of sports events. In the 1920s, the profession began to take shape as newspapers dedicated more time and space to sports journalism.

11. Kang Yatze is a mountain located in which of the following National Parks?
- a. Kaziranga National Park
  - b. Manas National Park
  - c. Namdapha National Park
  - d. Hemis National Park

Answer:

D

Kang Yatze or Kang Yatse (elevation 6,400 metres) is a mountain located at the end of the Markha valley in the Himalayas in the Ladakh region of northwest India. It is located in the Hemis National Park.

Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth flagged in triumphant expedition team of NCC Girl and Boy cadets to Mt Kang Yatse-II (Ladakh) at a ceremony held in New on July 03, 2024. The Raksha Rajya Mantri was the chief guest at the event. Speaking on the occasion, he praised the cadets for their outstanding accomplishment despite facing multiple odds like adverse weather conditions. Such an expedition fosters the values of leadership, resilience, and teamwork in the cadets. He exhorted the cadets to take a leaf out of the Prime Minister's address to NCC Rally in 2022 when he had said that it was because of the training imparted by NCC that he was capable of fulfilling the responsibility towards the nation.

12. The 6th meeting of the GPAI Ministerial Council was held on 3rd July 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi in a hybrid mode. What does A stand for in GPAI?

- a. Artificial
- b. Anonymous
- c. Augmented
- d. Accelerated

Answer:

A

The 6th meeting of the GPAI Ministerial Council was held on 3rd July 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi in a hybrid mode. The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Minister of State Electronics and Information Technology and Commerce & Industry, Shri Jitin Prasada. Hon'ble Vice Minister from the Outgoing Chair, Japan Shri Hiroshi Yoshida and Hon'ble Minister from the Incoming Chair, Serbia, Ms Jelena Begovic also addressed the meeting. The meeting was also attended by Jerry Sheehan, Director, Science Technology & Innovation from OECD and Dr Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director General from UNESCO also attended the meeting.

During the sixth ministerial council meeting of the **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)**, representatives of the grouping announced an “integrated partnership” with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to bring “OECD members and GPAI countries on equal footing, under the GPAI brand” – but to arrive at this consensus, some trade-offs had to be made behind the scenes, The Indian Express has learnt.

13. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Medical Commission in July 2024?
- a. Sanjay Behari
  - b. Anil D'Cruz
  - c. B.N. Gangadhar
  - d. None

Answer: C

The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed various individuals to posts of the National Medical Commission and the Autonomous Boards. The appointments are for a period of 4 years, until the appointee attains the age of 70 years, or until further orders, whichever is earliest. The appointed members are as follows:

Dr. B.N. Gangadhar, President of the Medical Assessment and Rating Board, as the Chairperson of the National Medical Commission [in terms of Section 4 of the NMC Act, 2019].

Dr. Sanjay Behari, Director of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, as the President of the Medical Assessment and Rating Board [in terms of Section 17(2) of the NMC Act, 2019].

Dr. Anil D'Cruz, Director (Oncology) of Apollo Hospital, Mumbai, as a whole-time member of the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board [in terms of Section 17(2) of the NMC Act, 2019].

14. With reference to "Zika virus", which of the following statements is INCORRECT?
- Zika is an Aedes mosquito borne viral disease like Dengue and Chikungunya
  - Zika is associated with microcephaly (reduced head size) of babies born to affected pregnant women
  - India reported first Zika case from Kerala State in 2016
  - None are incorrect

Answer: C  
Zika is an Aedes mosquito borne viral disease like Dengue and Chikungunya. It is a non-fatal disease. However, Zika is associated with microcephaly (reduced head size) of babies born to affected pregnant women which makes it a major concern.

India reported first Zika case from **Gujarat** State in 2016. Since then, many other States namely Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Kerala, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, and Karnataka have reported cases subsequently.

In 2024 (till 2nd July), Maharashtra has reported eight cases from Pune (6), Kolhapur (1) and Sangamner (1).

15. The Codex Alimentarius Commission, an international body established by
- WHO and ILO
  - WTO and IMF
  - FAO and WHO
  - IMF and World Bank

Answer: C

India, as a member elected on a geographic basis (Asia), is actively participating in the 86th session of the Executive Committee (CCEXEC) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). Shri G Kamala Vardhana Rao, CEO of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) represented India in the session being held at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Headquarters in Rome from July 1st to 5th, 2024.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission, an international body established by FAO and the World Health Organization (WHO), aims to protect consumer health and promote fair practices in food trade. The CCEXEC plays a critical role in reviewing proposals for new work and monitoring the progress of standards development.

16. Who is the incumbent Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs?

- a. Arjun Ram Meghwal
- b. Prahlad Singh Patel
- c. Kiren Rijiju
- d. None

Answer:

C

After general elections for the 18th Lok Sabha, the First Session of Lok Sabha and 264th Session of Rajya Sabha were called from 24th and 27th June, respectively. Lok Sabha was adjourned sine die yesterday, on 2nd July, 2024 while Rajya Sabha has been adjourned sine die today, 3rd July, 2024.

Addressing a Press Conference in New Delhi today, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju gave the details of proceedings of this session of the Parliament. First two days in Lok Sabha were devoted exclusively for the purpose of Oath/Affirmation of newly elected Members of 18th Lok Sabha. During the Session in total 539 out of 542 Members took Oath/Affirmation.

17. Who was the Speaker Protem of the 18<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha?

- a. Faggan Singh Kulaste
- b. Sudip Bandyopadhyay
- c. Bhartruhari Mehtab
- d. Suresh Kodikunnil

Answer:

C

For facilitation of Oath/Affirmation, the President of India appointed Shri Bhartruhari Mehtab as Speaker Protem under Article 95(1) of the Constitution and Shri Suresh Kodikunnil, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Shri T. R. Baalu and Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, persons before whom Members may make and subscribe Oath/Affirmation under Article 99 of the Constitution.

18. Who is the current Chief Information Commissioner of India?

- a. Jitendra Singh
- b. Sumit Mullick
- c. Deepak Sandhu
- d. Heeralal Samariya

Answer: D

“Almost 100 percent disposal of Right to Information (RTI) appeals, with pendency coming down every year,” says Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh while chairing a high-level review meeting of the Central Information Commission here today.

The Chief Information Commissioner gave an update on the working and progress of the Central Information Commission to Dr. Jitendra Singh for the first time after the Modi 3.0 government assumed charge. Dr. Singh has also held this portfolio for the third time.

**Heeralal Samariya, Chief Information Commissioner**

19. 'Sampoornata Abhiyan' seeks to achieve saturation in each of the 6 identified indicators in the 112 Aspirational Districts and 500 Aspirational Blocks under the Aspirational Districts Programme and Aspirational Blocks Programme. It is an initiative of
- Ministry of Rural Development
  - NITI Aayog
  - Ministry of Panchayati Raj
  - NABARD

Answer: B

NITI Aayog is launching 'Sampoornata Abhiyan', a 3-month campaign from 4th July – 30th September 2024, to undertake a sustained effort to achieve saturation of 6 key indicators in Aspirational Districts and 6 key indicators in Aspirational Blocks across the country. 'Sampoornata Abhiyan' seeks to achieve saturation in each of the 6 identified indicators in the 112 Aspirational Districts and 500 Aspirational Blocks under the Aspirational Districts Programme and Aspirational Blocks Programme.

20. Which of the following has recently approved a \$1.5-billion loan to help India accelerate its low-carbon energy development?
- IMF
  - World Bank
  - OECD
  - WTO

Answer: B

The World Bank has approved a \$1.5-billion loan to help India accelerate its low-carbon energy development.

The funds will be used to promote a market for green hydrogen, electrolysers, and increased renewable energy penetration, it said in a statement on Friday.

21. Who is the incumbent Prime Minister of UK?
- Angela Rayner



- b. Rishi Sunak
- c. Liz Truss
- d. Keir Starmer

Answer:

D

Sir Keir Rodney Starmer is a British politician and barrister who has served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom since 2024, as Leader of the Labour Party since 2020, and as Leader of the Opposition from 2020 to 2024. He has been Member of Parliament (MP) for Holborn and St Pancras since 2015, and previously was Director of Public Prosecutions from 2008 to 2013.

22. 2024 Summer Olympics will be held in

- a. France
- b. USA
- c. UK
- d. Japan

Answer: A

The 2024 Summer Olympics is an upcoming international multi-sport event scheduled to take place from 26 July (the date of the opening ceremony) to 11 August 2024 in France, with some competitions starting on 24 July. Paris is the main host city, with events held at 16 other cities spread across Metropolitan France, plus one subsite in Tahiti—an island within the French overseas country and overseas collectivity of French Polynesia.

23. \_\_\_\_\_ and National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi for the development of Framework & Assessment of Logistics Cost in India.

- a. Department of Commerce
- b. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- c. Department of Economic Affairs
- d. Department of Expenditure

Answer: B

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry and National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi today for the development of Framework & Assessment of Logistics Cost in India. The MoU was signed by Secretary and Operations Director, NCAER, Dr. Anil Sharma and Joint Secretary, DPIIT, Dr S K Ahirwar; the occasion was graced by Secretary, DPIIT, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh.

24. The Telecommunication Act 2023 seeks to repeal existing legislative framework like Indian Telegraph Act \_\_\_\_\_ and Indian Wireless Telegraph Act 1933 owing to huge technical advancements in the telecom sector and technologies.
- 1875
  - 1865
  - 1895
  - 1885

Answer: D

The Telecommunication Act 2023 aims to amend and consolidate the law relating to development, expansion and operation of telecommunication services and telecommunication networks; assignment of spectrum; and for matters connected therewith. The Telecommunication Act 2023 also seeks to repeal existing legislative framework like Indian Telegraph Act 1885 and Indian Wireless Telegraph Act 1933 owing to huge technical advancements in the telecom sector and technologies.

25. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently signed an MoU with Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL), a wholly owned subsidiary of EESL, to help facilitate “Sustainable Transport for Rural Entrepreneurs through Electric Bicycles” (STREE) for Self Help Group (SHG) Women under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- Ministry of Rural Development
  - Ministry of Panchayati Raj
  - Ministry of Women and Child Development
  - NITI Aayog

Answer: A

The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) today signed an MoU with Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL), a wholly owned subsidiary of EESL, to help facilitate “Sustainable Transport for Rural Entrepreneurs through Electric Bicycles” (STREE) for Self Help Group (SHG) Women under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM). STREE intends to empower the rural economy, especially the rural women by providing them access to green mobility through the introduction of electric bicycles.

26. The Women Entrepreneurship Program (WEP) is a public-private partnership platform incubated at \_\_\_\_\_ and aims to create an enabling ecosystem for women entrepreneurs in India
- UN Women
  - NITI Aayog
  - National Women Commission

d. None

Answer: B

SEHER, a credit education program launched today by the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and TransUnion CIBIL, will empower women entrepreneurs in India with financial literacy content and business skills, helping them to access the financial tools they need to drive further growth and create employment in the country's economy.

The Women Entrepreneurship Program (WEP) is a public-private partnership platform incubated at Niti Aayog and aims to create an enabling ecosystem for women entrepreneurs in India. The program is part of WEP's Financing Women Collaborative (FWC), a first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at accelerating access to finance for women entrepreneurs. The SEHER program was launched by Ms. Anna Roy, Mission Director, Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and Principal Economic Adviser, NITI Aayog in the presence of Mr. Jitendra Asati, Director (Financial Inclusion), Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance; Mr. Sunil Mehta, Chief Executive, Indian Banks' Association (IBA); Mr. Neeraj Nigam, Executive Director, Reserve Bank of India (RBI); Ms. Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary, Ministry of MSME; and Mr. Rajesh Kumar, MD and CEO at TransUnion CIBIL.

27. The four-day Global Conclave on Plastic Recycling and Sustainability (GCPRS) 2024 will be held in
- Delhi
  - Chennai
  - Bengaluru
  - Vijayawada

Answer:

A

The four-day Global Conclave on Plastic Recycling and Sustainability (GCPRS) got off to a robust start today at the Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, with Chief Guest Smt. Nivedita Shukla Verma, Secretary, Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers inaugurating the conference. Smt. Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary of the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, attended the session as the Guest of Honor. Among other notable attendees were AIPMA President Shri Manish Dedhia, CPMA President Shri Kamal Nanavati, AIPMA Governing Council Chairman Shri Arvind Mehta, GCPRS 2024 Chairman Shri Hiten Bheda, Pranav Kumar (CPMA), Prof. (Dr.) Shishir Sinha (Plastindia Foundation), Shri Ravish Kamath (Plastindia).

28. International Day of Cooperatives 2024 is on
- 7 July
  - 4 July
  - 6 July

d. 5 July

Answer:

C

This year on July 6, cooperatives around the world will celebrate the International Day of Cooperatives with the theme "Cooperatives Building a Better Future for All". Cooperatives will have the opportunity to showcase their current and historical contributions to building a sustainable future, accelerating efforts to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by 2030. The theme aligns well with the objectives of the upcoming UN Summit of the Future whose theme is "Multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow".

29. Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court in July 2024?

- a. Tejinder Singh Dhindsa
- b. Ravi Shankar Jha
- c. Sheel Nagu
- d. Sandeep Mehta

Answer: C

The President of India, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Constitution of India, appointed Shri Sheel Nagu, Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office.

30. Rohan Machanda Bopanna is associated with

- a. Badminton
- b. Shooting
- c. Tennis
- d. Chess

Answer:

C

Rohan Machanda Bopanna is an Indian professional tennis player who specialises in doubles. He attained the world No. 1 ranking after winning his first major doubles title at the 2024 Australian Open with Matthew Ebden, becoming the oldest first-time No. 1 at the age of 43.

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports' Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) has approved Tennis ace Rohan Bopanna's request for assistance for him and his men's doubles partner Sriram Balaji to compete in two ATP Tour events ahead of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Rohan Bopanna and Sriram Balaji, accompanied by their coach and physiotherapist, will compete in ATP 500 events in Hamburg and Umag before heading to Paris.

31. Project PARI is an initiative of

- a. Ministry of Culture
- b. Ministry of Tourism
- c. Ministry of Education
- d. Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer:

A

The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, on the occasion of the 46th Session of the World Heritage Committee Meeting, which is being held in New Delhi from 21st-31st July 2024, has initiated Project PARI (Public Art of India). Under it, Lalit Kala Akademi, an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture, has invited more than 150 visual artists from all over the country. The Project PARI aims to provide a platform to uplift the aesthetic and cultural outlook of Delhi while adding grandeur to the rich historical legacy of our national capital.

32. Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement is an international treaty under
- a. Convention on Biological Diversity
  - b. International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
  - c. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
  - d. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Answer:

C

The BBNJ Agreement, or the 'High Seas Treaty', is an international treaty under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). It aims to address the growing concerns over the long-term protection of marine biodiversity in the high seas. It sets precise mechanisms for the sustainable use of marine biological diversity through international cooperation and coordination. Parties cannot claim or exercise sovereign rights over marine resources derived from the high seas and ensure fair and equitable sharing of benefits. It follows an inclusive, integrated, ecosystem-centric approach based on the precautionary principle and promotes using traditional knowledge and the best available scientific knowledge. It helps minimise impacts on the marine environment through area-based management tools and establishes rules for conducting environmental impact assessments. It would also contribute to achieving several SDGs, particularly SDG14 (Life Below Water).

33. Anand Marriage Act is related to

- a. Hindus
- b. Parsis
- c. Buddhists
- d. Sikhs

Answer:

D

National Commission for Minorities today held a video conference meeting under the

chairmanship of Chairman, National Commission for Minorities, with 18 States/UTs to discuss the implementation and registration of marriages of Sikhs under Anand Marriage Act. Some of the States including Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Meghalaya reported implementation of the said Act in their respective States while Remaining States/UTs have assured to implement the Act within two months' time.

34. Which of the following is not zoonotic?

- a. Nipah
- b. Anthrax
- c. Tuberculosis
- d. Lumpy Skin Disease

Answer:

D

Zoonoses are infectious diseases that can transfer between animals and humans, such as rabies, anthrax, influenza (H1N1 and H5N1), Nipah, COVID-19, brucellosis, and tuberculosis. These diseases are caused by various pathogens, including bacteria, viruses, parasites, and fungi.

However, not all animal diseases are zoonotic. Many diseases affect livestock without posing a risk to human health. These non-zoonotic diseases are species-specific and cannot infect humans. Examples include Foot & Mouth Disease, PPR, Lumpy Skin Disease, Classical Swine Fever, and Ranikhet Disease. Understanding which diseases are zoonotic is crucial for effective public health strategies and preventing unnecessary fear and stigmatization of animals.

35. World Zoonoses Day is celebrated in honour of

- a. Edward Jenner
- b. Louis Pasteur
- c. Robert Koch
- d. Alexander Fleming

Answer: B

World Zoonoses Day is celebrated in honour of Louis Pasteur, who administered the first successful rabies vaccine, a zoonotic disease, on July 6, 1885. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about zoonoses—diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans—and promoting preventive and control measures.

36. Which of the following countries has recently conferred "The Order of St. Andrew the Apostle" on Indian Prime Minister?

- a. UK
- b. Spain

- c. Russia
- d. France

Answer:

C

In a special ceremony in St. Andrew Hall in the Kremlin, President of the Russian Federation, H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin conferred Russia's highest national award "The Order of St. Andrew the Apostle" on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his contribution to fostering India-Russia ties. The award was announced in 2019.

37. Who has been recently appointed as the Principle Advisor at the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme on a pro bono basis?
- a. Manjul Bhargava
  - b. A. S. Kiran Kumar
  - c. C.N.R. Rao
  - d. Soumya Swaminathan

Answer:

D

Prof. (Dr.) Soumya Swaminathan has been appointed as the Principle Advisor at the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme on a pro bono basis.

As the Principal Advisor for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, Prof. (Dr.) Soumya Swaminathan will provide technical advice on the overall strategy to achieve program goals, suggest policy directions and necessary course corrections for optimal outcomes, and advise on research strategy. She will also assist in the formation of expert groups with top talent globally. Additionally, she will support the Union Health Ministry, state officials, and development partners in assessing the impact of the programme.

Prof. Swaminathan was the former Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization and has also served as the Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) previously.

38. Which of the following has recently issued new guidelines to streamline operations of credit rating agencies?
- a. RBI
  - b. SEBI
  - c. CCI
  - d. NaBFID

Answer: B

Markets regulator SEBI has issued new guidelines to streamline operations and enhance the ease of doing business for credit rating agencies. The circular introduces specific timelines for dealing with appeals made by companies regarding rating actions carried out during periodic surveillance of ratings.

39. Roshni Nadar Malhotra has been recently conferred the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur. It is awarded by

- a. Russia
- b. France
- c. Spain
- d. Denmark

Answer: B

Ambassador of France to India Thierry Mathou confers the Légion d'Honneur, France's highest civilian award, to Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson, HCLTech.

40. Who among the following is not an incumbent Deputy Governor of RBI?

- a. Swaminathan J
- b. M. Rajeshwar Rao
- c. T. Rabi Sankar
- d. M.K. Jain

Answer:

D

Deputy Governors (present): Shri M. Rajeshwar Rao, Shri Swaminathan J, Shri T. Rabi Sankar, Dr. M.D. Patra

41. Durand Cup is related to

- a. Cricket
- b. Hockey
- c. Kabadi
- d. Football

Answer: D

The Durand Cup (also called the IndianOil Durand Cup Powered by Coal India Limited for sponsorship reasons) is an annual domestic football competition in India which was first held in 1888 in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

42. Anton Zeilinger was awarded Nobel Prize in

- a. Chemistry
- b. Physiology



- c. Economic sciences
- d. Physics

Answer: D

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met Nobel Laureate Mr. Anton Zeilinger, a renowned Austrian physicist. Mr. Zeilinger is known for his work on quantum mechanics and was awarded Nobel Prize for Physics in 2022.

Prime Minister shared his thoughts on India's National Quantum Mission with the physicist. He and Mr. Zeilinger exchanged views on the role of Quantum Computing and Quantum Tech on contemporary society and the promise it holds for the future.

43. The "Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)", was launched in December \_\_\_\_\_, with a view to conserve and develop indigenous bovine breeds in a scientific manner.
- a. 2002
  - b. 2014
  - c. 2019
  - d. 2008

Answer: B

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, is making all out efforts for the effective development of Animal Husbandry and Dairy sector to provide sustainable livelihood to the farmers. Indigenous bovine breeds of India are robust and possess the genetic potential to play crucial role in the national economy. The "Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)", was launched in December 2014, with a view to conserve and develops indigenous bovine breeds in a scientific manner.

44. Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga is located in
- a. Puri
  - b. Varanasi
  - c. Siliguri
  - d. Ujjain

Answer: D

Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga is a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva and is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas, shrines which are said to be the most sacred abodes of Shiva. It is located in the ancient city of Ujjain in the state of Madhya Pradesh, India. The temple is situated on the side of the holy river Shipra. The presiding deity, Shiva in the lingam form is believed to be

Swayambhu, deriving currents of power (Shakti) from within itself as against the other images and lingams that are ritually established and invested with mantra-shakti.

45. A high-level Indian delegation, led by \_\_\_\_\_ has recently participated in the 132nd session of the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London
- Atul Keshap
  - Aditya Kaushik
  - T.K. Ramachandaran
  - Sameer Guduru

Answer:

C

The A high-level Indian delegation, led by Shri T.K. Ramachandaran, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, is participating in the 132nd session of the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London. India, an elected member of the IMO Council in the category of countries with the largest interest in international seaborne trade, emphasized the urgent issue of seafarer abandonment. The delegation pointed out that despite efforts, there are currently 44 active cases involving 292 Indian seafarers. India's strong stance on the need for effective measures and oversight to resolve such issues was well received.

46. Exercise Pitch Black 2024 is a biennial, multi- national exercise hosted by \_\_\_\_\_
- India
  - Australia
  - UK
  - USA

Answer: B

An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent landed at the Royal **Australian** Air Force (RAAF) Base Darwin, Australia for participating in Exercise Pitch Black 2024. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 12 July 24 to 02 August 24, and is a biennial, multi- national exercise hosted by the RAAF. The name 'Pitch Black' was derived from the emphasis on night time flying over large un-populated areas. This edition is slated to be the largest in the 43 year long history of Ex Pitch Black, which includes participation by 20 countries, with over 140 aircraft and 4400 military personnel of various air forces. The exercise will be focusing on Large Force Employment warfare aimed at strengthening international cooperation and shall facilitate experience enhancement with the IAF Su-30 MKI operating alongside the F-35, F-22, F-18, F-15, Gripen and Typhoon fighter aircraft.

47. Lieutenant General Bhavnish Kumar, General Officer Commanding, Delhi Area, flagged off the 'Heart to Bravehearts', a Car Rally to commemorate the \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary of

India's victory in the Kargil War from Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantonment on 11th July 2024.

- a. 20<sup>th</sup>
- b. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- c. 24<sup>th</sup>
- d. 25<sup>th</sup>

Answer:

D

Lieutenant General Bhavnish Kumar, General Officer Commanding, Delhi Area, flagged off the 'Heart to Bravehearts', a Car Rally to commemorate the 25th anniversary of India's victory in the Kargil War from Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantonment on 11th July 2024.

The 'Heart to Bravehearts' Car Rally is a tribute to the valour, resilience and sacrifices of heroes of Kargil War to commemorate Rajat Jayanti Celebrations of the Kargil War. The Car Rally was simultaneously flagged off from Tanot Border Post, Tezu, and Kochi Port on 30th June 2024, carrying messages from citizens to the soldiers across the country especially those deployed on the borders.

48. India is the \_\_\_\_\_ largest fish producing country with around \_\_\_\_\_% share in global fish production
- a. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8
  - d. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 15

Answer: A

India is blessed with rich and diverse fisheries resources and a variety of fish species are found that enrich our biodiversity. Fisheries and aquaculture is a promising sector that provides livelihood and employment opportunities to about 3 crore fishers and fish farmers at the primary level and many more along the fisheries' value chain. India is also the 2nd largest fish producing country with around 8% share in global fish production. Globally, India also stands 2nd in aquaculture production, is one of the top shrimp producing and exporting nations and 3rd largest capture fisheries producer.

49. Which of the following states has recently launched a portal called eSwasthya Dham?
- a. Kerala
  - b. Uttarakhand
  - c. Himachal Pradesh
  - d. Sikkim

Answer: B

eSwasthya Dham portal is now integrated with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). ABDM, a “Central Sector Scheme” launched in September 2021 aims to create an integrated digital health infrastructure of the country. The Uttarakhand Government’s Department of Health and Family Welfare has launched a portal called eSwasthya Dham. eSwasthya Dham portal, available at <https://eswasthyadham.uk.gov.in/> is a portal which helps in monitoring the Char Dham Yatra pilgrim's health parameters. As a result, it ensures the smooth journey of pilgrims visiting Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath-together called as the Char Dham Yatra.

The eSwasthya Dham portal provides a range of benefits to the pilgrims and one of them is the generation of ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account). Pilgrims can easily create their ABHA 14-digit number at the eSwasthya Dham portal in just 1-2 minutes.

50. The 7th India-Japan Medical Product Regulatory Symposium, organised by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, was successfully held in
- New Delhi
  - Bengaluru
  - Chennai
  - Kolkata

Answer:

A

7th India-Japan Medical Product Regulatory Symposium held at New Delhi

The 7th India-Japan Medical Product Regulatory Symposium, organised by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, was successfully held at the FICCI Convention Hall on 10th July 2024. The event was conducted in accordance with the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India and Japan, aimed at fostering collaboration in medical product regulations.

51. World Population Day is an annual event, observed on July \_\_\_\_\_ every year, which seeks to raise awareness of global population issues
- 10
  - 11
  - 12
  - 13

Answer: B

World Population Day is an annual event, observed on July 11 every year, which seeks to raise awareness of global population issues. The event was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989.

52. UrjaVarta 2024 is an initiative of
- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
  - Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
  - Ministry of Steel
  - Ministry of Mines

Answer: A

The Exploration and Production (E&P) sector offers investment opportunities worth 100 billion USD by 2030, said Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, **Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas** here today. The Minister was speaking at the inaugural session of first edition of Urja Varta. Addressing the distinguished gathering, he underscored the importance of the exploration and production (E&P) sector in achieving energy self-sufficiency and sustaining economic growth. He highlighted the vast potential of India's 26 sedimentary basins, containing substantial reserves of crude oil and natural gas yet to be fully tapped.

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas inaugurated the first edition of **UrjaVarta 2024** at Bharat Mandapam here today.

This two-day conclave, being held on 11th and 12th July and organized by the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), aims to unlock India's untapped upstream hydrocarbon resources sustainably. It serves as a vital platform for dialogues and deliberations on the future of India's hydrocarbon sector, fostering investment, innovation, partnerships, and sustainable growth.

53. Where is Manohar International Airport located?
- Karnataka
  - Maharashtra
  - Goa
  - Gujarat

Answer:

C

Manohar International Airport is an international airport at Mopa in Pernem Taluka, North Goa district in the state of Goa, India. It serves North Goa and the adjoining districts of Karnataka and Maharashtra, and as a second airport of Goa after Dabolim Airport in Dabolim.

54. Who is the incumbent Governor of Karnataka?

- a. Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala
- b. Konijeti Rosaiah
- c. Hansraj Bhardwaj
- d. Thaawarchand Gehlot

Answer:

D

Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot met Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today in New Delhi.

55. The Government of India has recently decided to observe the 25th of \_\_\_\_\_ every year as 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas.'
- a. April
  - b. May
  - c. June
  - d. July

Answer: C

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has said that declaration of 25th June as Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas will serve as a reminder of the time when the Constitution of India was trampled over.

Sharing a post on X by Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, the Prime Minister wrote;

“To observe 25th June as Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas will serve as a reminder of what happens when the Constitution of India was trampled over. It is also a day to pay homage to each and every person who suffered due to the excesses of the Emergency, a Congress unleashed dark phase of Indian history.”

56. SAGAR is a label used by the Government of India for India's vision and geopolitical framework of maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean region. What does S stand for in SAGAR?
- a. Sectoral
  - b. Strategic
  - c. Security
  - d. Surveillance

Answer:

C

SAGAR, used as a backronym or reverse acronym which stands for Security and Growth for All in the Region, is a label used by the Prime Minister and Government of India for India's vision and geopolitical framework of maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean region. Sagar means

'ocean' or 'sea' in multiple Indian languages. Since the first usage of the phrase in 2015 at Port Louis by Prime Minister Narendra Modi the term has been adapted to include more elements such as linkages with the Indo-Pacific region.

57. The Prime Minister of India has recently inaugurated Indian Newspaper Society (INS) Towers in \_\_\_\_\_
- Chennai
  - New Delhi
  - Noida
  - Mumbai

Answer: D

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the INS Towers on his visit to the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) Secretariat at G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai today. The new building will fulfill the evolving needs of Members of INS for a modern and efficient office space in Mumbai and would serve as the nerve center for the newspaper industry in Mumbai.

58. Commerce and Industry Minister of India, will visit Reggio Calabria, \_\_\_\_\_ on 16th and 17th July 2024 to participate in the outreach session of the G7 Trade Ministers' Meeting
- Italy
  - France
  - Spain
  - Germany

Answer: A

Shri Piyush Goyal, Commerce and Industry Minister of India, will visit Reggio Calabria, Italy on 16th and 17th July 2024 to participate in the outreach session of the G7 Trade Ministers' Meeting. During this visit, Shri Goyal will also engage in bilateral meetings with the trade ministers of G7 countries and other participating nations in the outreach session, reinforcing India's commitment to global trade and investment partnerships.

59. Vibrant Villages Programme is an initiative of
- Ministry of Home Affairs
  - Ministry of Defence
  - Ministry of Rural Development
  - Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Answer:

A

**Union Home Minister** and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah reviewed the implementation of the "Vibrant Villages Programme" at a high-level meeting in New Delhi today. During the meeting, the Union Home Minister said that the Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is committed to the all-round development of the border villages. Shri Shah stressed on the need to provide employment opportunities to local residents and increase connectivity with villages to prevent migration from these border villages.

60. India will host World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit, a landmark event for the Media and Entertainment industry world over, in \_\_\_\_\_, from 20th to 24th November
- Karnataka
  - Goa
  - Maharashtra
  - Kerala

Answer: B

Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Shri Ashwani Vaishnaw today announced that India will host World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit, a landmark event for the Media and Entertainment industry world over, in Goa, from 20th to 24th November. The Minister made this announcement at a curtain raiser event in New Delhi today along with Chief Minister of Goa Shri Pramod Sawant and Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan.

61. Conrad K Sangma is the incumbent Chief Minister of
- Meghalaya
  - Assam
  - Manipur
  - Nagaland

Answer:

A

The Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shri Conrad K Sangma met Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today in New Delhi.

62. Who became the Prime Minister of Nepal in July 2024?
- Ram Chandra Poudel
  - Pushpa Kamal Dahal
  - Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli
  - Sher Bahadur Deuba



Answer:

C

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today congratulated Shri K P Sharma Oli on being appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal. He expressed hope to work closely to further strengthen the deep bonds of friendship and expand the mutually beneficial cooperation between India and Nepal.

63. Which of the following organised the Second National Seminar SAUSHRUTAM Shalya Sangoshti on the auspicious occasion of Sushruta Jayanti-2024?
- National Institute of Unani Medicine
  - All-India Institute of Ayurveda
  - National Institute of Homeopathy
  - National Institute of Siddha

Answer:

B

The Department of Shalya Tantra at All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) New Delhi successfully organised the Second National Seminar SAUSHRUTAM Shalya Sangoshti on the auspicious occasion of Sushruta Jayanti-2024. Sushruta Jayanti is celebrated every year on 15th July to honour the legendary Sushruta, considered as the father of surgery. The seminar started on the 13th July and concluded today.

64. Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has recently inaugurated the \_\_\_\_\_ Indian Council of Agricultural Research Foundation and Technology Day at Dr. C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC Complex, New Delhi
- 90<sup>th</sup>
  - 96<sup>th</sup>
  - 100<sup>th</sup>
  - 106<sup>th</sup>

Answer: B

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan will inaugurate the 96th Indian Council of Agricultural Research Foundation and Technology Day tomorrow at Dr. C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC Complex, New Delhi. Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Union Ministers of States for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Bhagirath Choudhary, Shri Ram Nath Thakur, Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Ministry of Minority Affairs Shri George Kurian and Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Ministry of Panchayati Raj Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel will also grace the event.

65. Union Civil Aviation Minister has recently announced the implementation of a uniform IGST rate of \_\_\_\_\_% on all aircraft and aircraft engine parts, effective from, 15th July 2024. This decision marks a significant milestone for the domestic Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) industry, aimed at making India a global aviation hub.
- a. 1
  - b. 5
  - c. 12
  - d. 18

Answer: B

Union Civil Aviation Minister, Shri Kinjrapu Rammohan Naidu has announced the implementation of a uniform IGST rate of 5% on all aircraft and aircraft engine parts, effective from today, 15th July 2024. This decision marks a significant milestone for the domestic Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) industry, aimed at making India a global aviation hub.

Commenting on this development, Shri Naidu, said, "The introduction of a uniform 5% IGST rate on MRO items is a major boost for the aviation sector. Previously, the varying GST rates of 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28% on aircraft components created challenges, including an inverted duty structure and GST accumulation in MRO accounts. This new policy eliminates these disparities, simplifies the tax structure, and fosters growth in the MRO sector."

66. Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh?
- a. Jai Ram Thakur
  - b. Virbhadra Singh
  - c. Shanta Kumar
  - d. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Answer:

D

Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu called on the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today.

67. Who is the Chancellor of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade?
- a. Union Commerce Minister
  - b. Union Commerce Secretary
  - c. Prime Minister of India
  - d. President of India

Answer: B

Shri Sunil Barthwal, Commerce Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India is the Chancellor of the Institute.

68. THINQ2024 is a unique national level quiz competition. The event provides a unique opportunity of nurturing intellectual growth and inspiring young minds while instilling a sense of pride and patriotism in our rich cultural heritage. It is an initiative of
- a. Indian Navy
  - b. Indian Army
  - c. Indian Air Force
  - d. NITI Aayog

Answer:

A

The Indian Navy proudly announces the launch of the flagship event THINQ2024 - The Indian Navy Quiz, a unique national level quiz competition. The event provides a unique opportunity of nurturing intellectual growth and inspiring young minds while instilling a sense of pride and patriotism in our rich cultural heritage. The resounding success of the first two editions i.e. THINQ-22 and G20 THINQ (which saw participation of G20 countries last year) has encouraged Indian Navy to continue with the initiative.

This year, the theme of THINQ2024 is 'Viksit Bharat' aligned with the GoI vision to transform India into a developed nation by 2047 on the 100th year of independence. This competition goes beyond the concept of just testing the general awareness of students. It is a forum to ignite the young minds and spread awareness amongst the students on their role in nation building and reaching greater heights.

69. SRIJAN Portal comes under
- a. Ministry of Home Affairs
  - b. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
  - c. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
  - d. Ministry of Defence

Answer:

D

In a major boost to Aatmanirbharta in defence & minimise imports by Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), Department of Defence Production (DDP), Ministry of Defence has notified the fifth Positive Indigenisation List (PIL) consisting of 346 items. These include strategically-important Line Replacement Units/Systems/ Sub-systems/Assemblies/Sub-assemblies/Spares & Components and raw materials, with import substitution value worth Rs 1,048 crore. The items will only be procured from the Indian Industry after the timelines of indigenisation as indicated in the list available on the Srijan portal (<https://srijandefence.gov.in>). The items are available in the attached list.

The Ministry of Defence had launched the SRIJAN PORTAL in 2020. On this portal, DPSUs and Service Headquarters (SHQs) offer defence items to the industries, including MSMEs and start-ups, for indigenisation. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's major push for 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' has yielded remarkable results in the indigenisation of defence items, with Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh driving the efforts to realise the vision of self-reliance in defence production.

70. ASMITA (Augmenting Study Materials in Indian languages through Translation and Academic writing), led by UGC in collaboration with Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, aims to produce 22000 books in the next five years in \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled languages
- 20
  - 23
  - 22
  - 24

Answer: C

Shri K. Sanjay Murthy launched three significant projects during the valedictory session. These were ASMITA (Augmenting Study Materials in Indian languages through Translation and Academic writing); Bahubhasha ShabdKosh; and Real-time Translation Architecture. Addressing the audience, Shri Murthy said that the major role in shaping all these projects will be technology, and NETF and BBS will have a huge role in these.

ASMITA, led by UGC in collaboration with Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, aims to produce 22000 books in the next five years in 22 scheduled languages. Bahubhasha ShabdKosh, led by the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) in collaboration with Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti is an extensive initiative to create a grand repository of multilingual dictionaries. Real-time Translation Architecture, led by the National Education Technology Forum (NETF) in collaboration with Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, will facilitate the creation of a technological framework to enhance real-time translation capabilities in Bharatiya Bhasha.

71. Who is the author of the work "Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi"?
- Anuradha Roy
  - Anjum Hasan
  - R Balasubramaniam
  - Hansda Sowvendra Shekhar

Answer:

C

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi met Dr R Balasubramaniam today and signed a copy of his book 'Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi'. The book captures Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership journey and interprets it through Western and Indic

lenses, amalgamating them to provide a roadmap for those who aspire to a life of public service.

72. Shayani Ekadashi is associated with

- a. Hinduism
- b. Buddhism
- c. Jainism
- d. None

Answer:

A

Shayani Ekadashi is the eleventh lunar day (Ekadashi) of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Hindu month of Ashadha (June - July). This occasion is holy to Vaishnavas, the followers of the Hindu preserver deity, Vishnu, as it is regarded to be the day the deity's sleep commences.

73. Who is the incumbent Administrator of Lakshadweep, Daman Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli?

- a. Jitendra Singh
- b. Farooq Khan
- c. Ashish Kundra
- d. Praful Patel

Answer: D

Administrator of Lakshadweep, Daman Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli Sh Praful Patel called on Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh here today to express gratification for initiatives such as installing world's first of its kind "Desalination Plant" for drinking water by National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai under the aegis of Union Ministry of Earth Sciences.

74. 'Operation Nanhe Farishtey' is an initiative of

- a. RPF
- b. NIA
- c. CBI
- d. DRI

Answer:

A

Over the past seven years, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been at the forefront of an operation named 'Nanhe Farishtey' – a mission dedicated to rescuing children in need of care and protection across various Indian Railway Zones. During last seven years (2018- May 2024), RPF has rescued 84,119 Children who were at risk in stations and trains, preventing them from falling into harm's way.

'Nanhe Faristey' is more than just an operation; it is a lifeline for thousands of children who find themselves in precarious situations. The data from 2018 to 2024 illustrates a story of unwavering dedication, adaptability, and resilience. Each rescue is a testament to the RPF's commitment to safeguarding the most vulnerable members of society.

75. Which of the following has recently released a report titled “Electronics: Powering India’s Participation in Global Value Chains”?
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
  - FICCI
  - Internet and Mobile Association of India
  - NITI Aayog

Answer:

D

NITI Aayog will unveil its report titled “Electronics: Powering India’s Participation in Global Value Chains” tomorrow on 18 July, 2024. This report is the outcome of extensive analysis of India’s electronics sector including its scopes and challenges. The report lays down the roadmap for the country to become a global manufacturing hub in electronics manufacturing.

In the current scenario, 70% of international trade comprises Global Value Chain (GVC) items emphasizing the critical need for India to enhance its GVC participation. This can be achieved by prioritizing sectors such as electronics, semiconductors, automobiles, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals, which play a significant role in the GVC landscape. Within GVCs, the electronics sector holds a significant position as nearly 80% of electronics exports come from GVCs.

76. The books ‘Wings to Our Hopes’ and ‘Aashaon Ki Udaan’ are the collection of selected speeches of \_\_\_\_\_
- Narendra Modi
  - Droupadi Murmu
  - Ram Nath Kovind
  - Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer: B

The books ‘Wings to Our Hopes’ and ‘Aashaon Ki Udaan’ are the collection of selected speeches of President Droupadi Murmu during first year of her Presidency. ‘Kahani Rashtrapati Bhavan Ki’ is a book for children which includes information about Rashtrapati Bhavan and President Droupadi Murmu in an interesting manner and simple language. ‘Rashtrapati Bhavan: Heritage Meets the Present’ is a pictorial representation of the history and architecture of Rashtrapati Bhavan and contains information about all the former Presidents. Information about President

Droupadi Murmu and pictures of the major events of current Presidency are also part of the book.

77. Lakshman Prasad Acharya is the incumbent Governor of

- a. Sikkim
- b. Assam
- c. Meghalaya
- d. Nagaland

Answer: A

The Governor of Sikkim Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya met Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today.

78. Chhattisgarh-based Coal India subsidiary South Eastern Coalfields Limited's (SECL) Gevra and Kusbunda coal mines have secured the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ spot in the list of the world's 10 largest coal mines released by WorldAtlas.com.

- a. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>
- d. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>

Answer: C

Chhattisgarh-based Coal India subsidiary South Eastern Coalfields Limited's (SECL) Gevra and Kusbunda coal mines have secured the 2nd and 4th spot in the list of the world's 10 largest coal mines released by WorldAtlas.com.

79. Directorate General Re-settlement comes under

- a. Ministry of Defence
- b. Ministry of Home Affairs
- c. Ministry of External Affairs
- d. None

Answer:

A

Directorate General Re-settlement (DGR), Ministry of Defence, is organising an Ex-Servicemen Job Fair at Air Force Station Jalahalli (MT Complex), Jalahalli West (Near CTI), Bengaluru on 19 July 2024. The Job Fair aims to connect Job Seekers and Employers, offering a second opportunity to Ex-servicemen (ESM).

80. Union Home Minister has recently launched National Narcotics Helpline called \_\_\_\_\_

- a. MANAS

- b. SIMAN
- c. NUROR
- d. SMART

Answer:

A

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah chaired 7th Apex Level Meeting of Narco-Coordination Center (NCORD) in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi today. On this occasion, Home Minister launched National Narcotics Helpline 'MANAS' (Madak Padarth Nishedh Asuchna Kendra) and virtually inaugurated Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Zonal Office at Srinagar. Shri Amit Shah also released NCB 'Annual Report 2023' and Compendium on 'Nasha Mukta Bharat'.

81. Nguyễn Phú Trọng, who recently passed away, was a political figure of
- a. China
  - b. Vietnam
  - c. South Korea
  - d. Laos

Answer: B

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has condoled the passing away of General Secretary of Communist Party of Vietnam H.E. Nguyen Phu Trong.

82. M. S. Valiathan, who recently passed away, was associated with
- a. Healthcare
  - b. Literature
  - c. Film industry
  - d. Defence

Answer: A

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has condoled the passing away of Dr. MS Valiathan, a pioneer in the field of healthcare and medical research.

83. Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Haryana?
- a. Bansi Lal
  - b. Om Prakash Chautala
  - c. Manohar Lal Khattar
  - d. Nayab Singh Saini



Answer:

D

The Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Nayab Singh Saini met the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today.

84. Lockheed Martin Corporation is an \_\_\_\_\_ aerospace and defense manufacturer
- German
  - French
  - American
  - British

Answer:

C

The Lockheed Martin Corporation is an American aerospace and defense manufacturer with worldwide interests.

85. Who has been recently re-elected as the President of the European Commission?
- Jean-Claude Juncker
  - Ursula von der Leyen
  - Romano Prodi
  - José Manuel Barroso

Answer: B

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today congratulated Ursula von der Leyen on being re-elected as the President of the European Commission.

86. Prime Minister of India has recently inaugurated the \_\_\_\_\_ Session of the World Heritage Committee on 21st July 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- 43<sup>rd</sup>
  - 44<sup>th</sup>
  - 45<sup>th</sup>
  - 46<sup>th</sup>

Answer:

D

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 46th Session of the World Heritage Committee on 21st July 2024 at 7 PM at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Prime Minister will also address the gathering on the occasion. DG UNESCO, Ms Audrey Azoulay will also attend the inaugural event.

India is hosting the World Heritage Committee Meeting for the first time. It will take place from 21 to 31 July, 2024, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The World Heritage Committee meets once a year and is responsible for managing all matters pertaining to World Heritage and

deciding on sites to be inscribed on the World Heritage list. During this meeting, proposals for nominating new sites on the World Heritage list, State of Conservation reports of 124 existing World Heritage properties, International Assistance and Utilisation of World Heritage Funds, etc., will be discussed. Meeting will be attended by more than 2000 international and national delegates from more than 150 countries.

87. Kamala Pujari, who recently passed away, was associated with

- a. Agriculture
- b. Design
- c. IT sector
- d. Quantum mechanics

Answer:

A

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed deep grief over the demise of Padma Shri Awardee, Kamala Pujari.

She made a monumental contribution to agriculture, particularly boosting organic agricultural practices and protecting indigenous seeds, the Prime Minister said.

88. Christopher Luxon is the incumbent Prime Minister of

- a. UK
- b. Australia
- c. Singapore
- d. New Zealand

Answer: D

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a telephone call from the Prime Minister of New Zealand, H.E. Rt. Hon'ble Christopher Luxon.

89. The Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has recently launched the 13th edition of the India Chem with the theme \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Future Ready: How Indian Chemical Industries are Shaping Tomorrow
- b. Global Leaders: India's Emerging Role in the Chemical Industry
- c. Advantage Bharat: Indian Chemicals and Petrochemicals Paving the Future
- d. Innovative Petrochemicals: Driving India's Economic Growth

Answer:

C

The Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the 13th edition of the India Chem with the theme "Advantage Bharat: Indian Chemicals and Petrochemicals Paving the Future", here today in the presence of Ms. Anupriya Patel, Minister

of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers. Shri Nadda also launched the brochure for the 13th edition of IndiaChem. Ms Nivedita Shukla Verma, Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals was also present on the occasion along with senior officials from the Ministry and industry representatives from the chemical and petrochemical sector.

90. The Annual Safety Review- 2024 (ASR-24), the 7th edition of Indian Navy's apex meeting on safety, was conducted at Southern Naval Command, \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Chennai
  - b. Kochi
  - c. Mangalore
  - d. Panaji

Answer: B

The Annual Safety Review- 2024 (ASR-24), the 7th edition of Indian Navy's apex meeting on safety, was conducted at Southern Naval Command, Kochi on 19 Jul 24. The meeting was attended by senior officers from Naval Headquarters and representatives from all Command Headquarters, Area Headquarters and Safety Class authorities. Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff delivered the keynote address virtually and reviewed the Annual Safety Report. The CNS emphasized the need to build a robust safety culture by encouraging units to educate and train personnel to think and act safely. In this 'Year of Promoting Safety, Security and Mental Health & Wellness', he urged the senior leadership to examine effectiveness of safety programmes at every level and strengthen the safety climate of Indian Navy.

91. Department of Posts is advancing an initiative to establish a standardized, geo-coded addressing system in India, for ensuring simplified addressing solutions for citizen-centric delivery of public and private services. In this regard, the Department had collaborated with IIT \_\_\_\_\_ for developing a National Addressing Grid, named as Digital Postal Index Number (DIGIPIN). This system will act as a strong and robust pillar of Geospatial Governance, leading to enhancements in public service delivery, faster emergency response and a significant boost to logistics efficiency.
- a. Hyderabad
  - b. Madras
  - c. Bombay
  - d. Kharagpur

Answer:

A

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Hyderabad for developing a National Addressing Grid, named as Digital Postal Index Number (DIGIPIN). This system will act as a strong and robust pillar of Geospatial Governance, leading to enhancements in public service delivery, faster emergency response and a significant boost to logistics efficiency.

92. Moidams are the mound-burial system of the \_\_\_\_\_ dynasty
- Kakatiya
  - Rashtrakuta
  - Gahadavala
  - Ahom

Answer: D

India is hosting the World Heritage Committee Meeting for the first time. It takes place from 21 to 31 July 2024, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The World Heritage Committee meets annually and is responsible for managing all matters on World Heritage and deciding on sites to be inscribed on the World Heritage list.

The 46th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2024 will examine 27 nominations from around the world, including 19 Cultural, 4 Natural, 2 Mixed sites and 2 Significant modifications to the boundaries. Out of which, India's Moidams – The Mound – Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty is set to be examined under the category of Cultural Property.

93. How many Indian languages have been accorded the status of Classical Language?
- 24
  - 6
  - 5
  - 22

Answer:

B

Six Indian languages namely Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia have been accorded the status of Classical Language.

94. Ministry of Culture administers a Scheme by the name of 'Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists' to provide financial assistance to veteran artists aged 60 years and above having annual income not exceeding Rs. 72,000/-. The selected artist is provided maximum financial assistance of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_/- per month. The scheme is meant to provide financial assistance for improving the financial and socio-economic status of the old artistes and scholars who have contributed significantly in their active age or are still contributing in the field of arts, letters etc. but due to old age are unable to generate a steady income.
- 2,000

- b. 6,000
- c. 8,000
- d. 10,000

Answer:

B

Ministry of Culture administers a Scheme by the name of 'Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists' to provide financial assistance to veteran artists aged 60 years and above having annual income not exceeding Rs. 72,000/-. The selected artist is provided maximum financial assistance of Rs. 6000/- per month. The scheme is meant to provide financial assistance for improving the financial and socio-economic status of the old artistes and scholars who have contributed significantly in their active age or are still contributing in the field of arts, letters etc. but due to old age are unable to generate a steady income.

95. The Government of India under the Ministry of Culture has initiated the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM). Which of the following is not an objective/aim of the Mission?
- a. To create awareness about the strengths of cultural heritage and its interface with development and cultural identity.
  - b. Creation of National Registers of Artists and Art practices.
  - c. Development of a web portal and mobile app to function as a National Cultural Work Place (NCWP).
  - d. Cultural Mapping of 65 Lakh villages along with their geographical, demographic profiles, and creative capitals.

Answer:

D

The Government of India under the Ministry of Culture has initiated the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM). Aims and Objectives of the Project are as under:

- To create awareness about the strengths of cultural heritage and its interface with development and cultural identity.
- Cultural Mapping of **6.5 Lakh** villages along with their geographical, demographic profiles, and creative capitals.
- Creation of National Registers of Artists and Art practices.
- Development of a web portal and mobile app to function as a National Cultural Work Place (NCWP).

96. In the Regular Union Budget of Financial Year (FY) 2024-25, Ministry of Defence (MoD) has been allocated Rs \_\_\_\_\_ crore

- a. 6,21,940.85
- b. 5,21,940.85
- c. 4,21,940.85
- d. 7,21,940.85

Answer: A

In the Regular Union Budget of Financial Year (FY) 2024-25, Ministry of Defence (MoD) has been allocated Rs 6,21,940.85 crore (approx. US \$75 Billion), the highest among the Ministries. While maintaining the allocation made to MoD during interim budget, the Government has made an additional allocation to the tune of Rs 400 crore on innovation in defence through the Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI) scheme.

97. Income Tax Day, celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ July, marks a significant milestone in India's fiscal history. This day commemorates the introduction of income tax in India by Sir James Wilson in 1860. While this initial implementation laid the groundwork, it was the comprehensive Income-tax Act of 1922 that truly established a structured tax system in the country. This Act not only formalized various income tax authorities but also laid the foundation for a systematic administration framework.

- a. 22
- b. 23
- c. 24
- d. 25

Answer:

C

Income Tax Day, celebrated on 24th July, marks a significant milestone in India's fiscal history. This day commemorates the introduction of income tax in India by Sir James Wilson in 1860. While this initial implementation laid the groundwork, it was the comprehensive Income-tax Act of 1922 that truly established a structured tax system in the country. This Act not only formalized various income tax authorities but also laid the foundation for a systematic administration framework.

98. Productivity and resilience in agriculture is first among the nine priority areas announced in the Union Budget. The Budget 2024-25 has made a provision of ₹\_\_\_\_\_ lakh crore for agriculture and allied sector.

- a. 1.22
- b. 1.32
- c. 1.52
- d. 1.72

Answer: C

Productivity and resilience in agriculture is first among the nine priority areas announced in the Union Budget. The Budget 2024-25 has made a provision of ₹ 1.52 lakh crore for agriculture and allied sector. Terming 'Annadata' (Farmer) as one of four major castes which need to be focused upon, the Minister said that the Government has announced higher Minimum Support Prices a month ago for all major crops, delivering on the promise of at least a 50 per cent margin over costs. She said Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana was extended for five years, benefitting more than 80 crore people.

99. Union Budget 2024-2025 announced a venture capital fund of ₹ \_\_\_\_\_ crore to expand the space economy by 5 times in the next 10 years
- a. 500
  - b. 1,000
  - c. 5,000
  - d. 10,000

Answer: B

Union Budget announces a venture capital fund of ₹ 1,000 crore to expand the space economy by 5 times in the next 10 years

100. Union Finance Minister has recently announced 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan' for improved socio-economic condition of \_\_\_\_\_
- a. ST
  - b. SC
  - c. OBC
  - d. EWS

Answer:

A

Union finance minister announces 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan' for improved socio-economic condition of tribal communities

101. Who among the following has been recently awarded the prestigious Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?
- a. Mary Kom
  - b. Neeraj Chopra
  - c. P.V. Sindhu
  - d. Abhinav Bindra

Answer:

D

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today congratulated athlete Abhinav Bindra on being awarded the Olympic Order.

Shri Modi hailed the 2008 Olympic Gold Medallist for his noteworthy contributions to sports and the Olympic Movement.

102. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) worth Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ crore to facilitate incentivisation of investments in establishment of dairy processing and value addition infrastructure, meat processing and value addition facilities, feed manufacturing, vaccine and drug production units, animal waste to wealth management, breed improvement technology and breed multiplication farms.

- a. 5,000
- b. 10,000
- c. 15,000
- d. 20,000

Answer: C

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) worth Rs. 15000 crore to facilitate incentivisation of investments in establishment of dairy processing and value addition infrastructure, meat processing and value addition facilities, feed manufacturing, vaccine and drug production units, animal waste to wealth management, breed improvement technology and breed multiplication farms.

103. World Brain Day is on

- a. July 22
- b. July 23
- c. July 24
- d. July 25

Answer:

A

World Brain Day, observed annually on July 22nd and aims to raise awareness about brain health and promote neurological research. Established by the World Federation of Neurology, this day highlights the importance of brain health and the need for continued research and education to combat neurological disorders. It serves as an inspiration for young minds to delve into the complexities of the human brain and contribute to advancements in neuroscience.

104. The main target of the scheme is to impart vocational skills to the non-literates, neo-literates and the persons having rudimentary level of education and school dropouts up to 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years, with due age relaxation in case of



“Divyangjan” and other deserving cases. Priority is given to Women, SC, ST, OBC and Minorities in the rural areas and urban low-income areas. Identify the scheme.

- a. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- b. Jan Shikshan Sansthan Scheme
- c. National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme
- d. Craftsmen Training Scheme

Answer: B

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY): PMKVY Scheme is for imparting skill development training through Short-Term Training (STT) and up-skilling and re-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country.

Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme: The main target of the JSS is to impart vocational skills to the non-literates, neo-literates and the persons having rudimentary level of education and school dropouts upto 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years, with due age relaxation in case of “Divyangjan” and other deserving cases. Priority is given to Women, SC, ST, OBC and Minorities in the rural areas and urban low-income areas.

National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS): This Scheme is for promoting apprenticeship training and increasing the engagement of apprentices by providing financial support for payment of stipend to apprentices. Training consists of Basic Training and On-the-Job Training / Practical Training at workplace in the industry.

Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS): This scheme is for providing long-term training through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country. The ITIs offer a range of vocational/skill training courses covering a large number of economic sectors with an objective to provide skilled workforce to the industry as well as self employment of youth.

105.SHREYAS scheme is an initiative of

- a. Ministry of Women and Child development
- b. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- c. Ministry of Education
- d. Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: B

Two Schemes namely (i) Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for SCs and (ii) Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for OBCs and EBCs are run by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

106.Durbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan has been recently renamed as

- a. Ganatantra Mandap
- b. Ashok Mandap
- c. Amrit Mandap
- d. Bharat Mandap

Answer:

A

Rashtrapati Bhavan, the office and the residence of the President of India, is a symbol of the nation, and an invaluable heritage of the people. Continuous efforts are being made to make it more accessible to people. There has been a consistent endeavour to make the ambience of the Rashtrapati Bhavan reflective of the Indian cultural values and ethos.

Accordingly, President Droupadi Murmu is pleased to rename two of the important halls of Rashtrapati Bhavan – namely, ‘Durbar Hall’ and ‘Ashok Hall’ – as ‘Ganatantra Mandap’ and ‘Ashok Mandap’ respectively.

107.H. D. Deve Gowda was the Prime Minister of India during\_\_\_\_\_

- a. 1994-95
- b. 1995-96
- c. 1996-97
- d. 1997-98

Answer:

C

Haradanahalli Doddegowda Deve Gowda is an Indian politician who served as the prime minister of India from 1 June 1996 to 21 April 1997. He was previously the 14th Chief Minister of Karnataka from 1994 to 1996. He presently is a Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha representing Karnataka.

108.Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy, has found presence of Lithium resources in Mandya and Yadgiri districts. The districts are part of

- a. Maharashtra
- b. Andhra Pradesh
- c. Telangana
- d. Karnataka

Answer:

D

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space and MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh shared that Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy, has found presence of Lithium resources in Mandya and

Yadgiri districts, Karnataka. Further, Preliminary surveys and limited subsurface exploration have been carried in Yadgiri district, Karnataka to identify and estimate the Lithium resources. AMD has established 1,600 tonnes (G3 stage) Lithium resources in Marlagalla area, Mandya district, Karnataka in a written reply to an unstarred question in Rajya Sabha today.

109. National Mission for Manuscripts comes under the purview of

- a. Ministry of Education
- b. Ministry of Culture
- c. Ministry of Tourism
- d. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Answer: B

The key objectives of the National Mission for Manuscripts are documentation, conservation, digitization and online dissemination of manuscript heritage of India. To achieve this mandate, the mission has established more than 100 Manuscripts Resource Centres and Manuscripts Conservation Centres all over India.

### **Ministry of Culture**

110. Government has set up National Culture Fund (NCF) as a Trust on 28th November, \_\_\_\_\_ under the Charitable Endowment Act, 1890 with a view to mobilize extra resources through Public Private Partnerships (PPP) towards promoting, protecting and preserving India's cultural heritage. A donor/sponsor while making contributions to the NCF may indicate a project along with any specific location/aspect and also an agency for execution of the project. Besides, the interests accrued are also utilized for activities associated with the field of culture.

- a. 1990
- b. 1996
- c. 2000
- d. 2006

Answer: B

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111. Rashtrapati Bhavan will auction selected gift items, presented to the President and former Presidents on various occasions, through an online portal called \_\_\_\_\_. The portal was launched by the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu on July 25, 2024, on the completion of two years of her Presidency.

- a. E-Suvidha
- b. E-Samman
- c. E-Vinimay
- d. E-Upahaar

Answer:

D

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In the first phase, around 250 exquisite gifts will be auctioned. The bidding will be open from August 5 to August 26, 2024. After the conclusion of the bidding period, the items will be delivered to the highest bidders.

112. The Government notified Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, in December \_\_\_\_\_ for implementation of carbon trading mechanism. Under the offset mechanism of carbon trading, one of the selected sectors is the Agriculture sector. Through this scheme, entities /farmers would be able to register GHG mitigation projects for issuance of carbon credit certificates that meet the required parameters as per approved methodologies.

- a. 2020
- b. 2021
- c. 2022
- d. 2023

Answer:

D

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113. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoA & FW) is implementing "Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development" programme under \_\_\_\_\_ from 2018-19 with an objective to promote innovation and agri-entrepreneurship by providing financial and technical support for nurturing startups ecosystem in the country.

- a. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana
- b. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana
- c. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
- d. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana

Answer: A

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoA& FW) is implementing "Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development" programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) from 2018-19 with an objective to promote innovation and agri-entrepreneurship by providing financial and technical support for nurturing startups ecosystem in the country.

114. Government is implementing dedicated schemes for promotion of organic farming in the country viz. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region (MOVCDNER) since 2015-16. Under these schemes, farmers are encouraged to take up organic cultivation using organic inputs and the schemes provide end to end support to farmers' i.e. from production to marketing of organic produce. Hands-on training to farmers about on-farm production of organic fertilizers and its use are integral part of these schemes. Farmers are provided a subsidy of Rs \_\_\_\_\_/ ha / 3 years under PKVY and \_\_\_\_\_/ ha/ 3 years under MOVCDNER for various organic inputs including bio-fertilizers and organic manure at affordable prices to the farmers.

- a. 10,000
- b. 15,000
- c. 20,000
- d. 5,000

Answer: B

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115. The Government of India and the Government of \_\_\_\_\_ signed the first ever 'Cultural Property Agreement' to prevent and curb the illicit trafficking of antiquities from India to

the USA on 26th July, 2024 on the sidelines of the 46th World Heritage Committee, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

- a. UK
- b. France
- c. Japan
- d. USA

Answer:

D

The Government of India and the Government of the United States of America signed the first ever 'Cultural Property Agreement' to prevent and curb the illicit trafficking of antiquities from India to the USA, today, the 26th July, 2024 on the sidelines of the 46th World Heritage Committee, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The agreement was signed by Shri Govind Mohan, Secretary, Ministry of Culture and H.E. Eric Garcetti, Ambassador of the United States of America to India in the august presence of Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

116. \_\_\_\_\_ Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog was held in July 2024

- a. 8<sup>th</sup>
- b. 9<sup>th</sup>
- c. 10<sup>th</sup>
- d. 11<sup>th</sup>

Answer:

B

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today attended and addressed 9th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi.

117. Who is the incumbent Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog?

- a. Parameswaran Iyer
- b. Rajiv Kumar
- c. Amitabh Kant
- d. Suman Bery

Answer:

D

Suman Bery is an Indian economist, academic, and writer who is the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog

118. The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) celebrated its \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation Day in 2024

- a. 15<sup>th</sup>
- b. 18<sup>th</sup>
- c. 20<sup>th</sup>
- d. 25<sup>th</sup>

Answer: B

The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) celebrated its 18th Foundation Day at its Prithvi Bhavan Headquarters today, marking nearly two decades of significant contributions to Earth system sciences. Founded on July 27, 2006, MoES has been at the forefront of scientific research and services. The Ministry's achievements span across all spheres of earth system sciences: air or atmosphere, water or hydrosphere, land or lithosphere, solid earth or cryosphere, life or biosphere and their interactions, reflecting its commitment to scientific and technological progress.

119. The G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' (LEMM) assembled in Fortaleza, \_\_\_\_\_ have approved the Labour and Employment Ministerial declaration on 26th July, 2024. The final text was approved after the conclusion of the two-day long Labour & Employment Ministers' meeting (LEMM) on 25-26 July, under the Presidency of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Spain
  - Brazil
  - Portugal
  - Argentina

Answer: B

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120. Who is the incumbent Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways?
- Nitin Gadkari
  - Mansukh Mandaviya
  - Piyush Goyal
  - Sarbananda Sonowal

Answer: D

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal took part in a discussion on the Union Budget, 2024 with the leaders of business community, youth as well as women in Shillong, Meghalaya. The discussion revolved around provisions of the Union budget 2024 that is set to unroll the roadmap towards realising the vision of Viksit Bharat. The Northeast India, which plays a very important role, stands to benefit from this budget as it aims to empower region's economic, industrial and agricultural sectors with the enablement of youth, women and tribal communities, remarked Shri Sonowal.

121. Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has recently inaugurated the sprawling 100,000 square feet state of the art – Humayun's Tomb World Heritage Site Museum at the Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage site in \_\_\_\_\_

- a. New Delhi
- b. Bihar
- c. Uttar Pradesh
- d. Jammu and Kashmir

Answer:

A

Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the sprawling 100,000 square feet state of the art – Humayun's Tomb World Heritage Site Museum at the Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage site in New Delhi, today. The inauguration event was graced by the presence of Prince Rahim Aga Khan, dignitaries and esteemed guest from the Ministry of Culture, the Archaeological Survey of India and others.

122. As per the \_\_\_\_\_ schedule of Constitution of India, Library is a state subject and public libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State / Union Territory Authorities.

- a. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- b. 4<sup>th</sup>
- c. 7<sup>th</sup>
- d. 8<sup>th</sup>

Answer: C

As per the Seventh schedule of Constitution of India, Library is a state subject and public libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State / Union Territory Authorities. Hence, setting up of Libraries does not come under the purview of National Mission on Libraries, Ministry of Culture.

However, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), an Autonomous Body under Ministry of Culture, through its matching and non-matching schemes provides financial assistance to public Libraries for the purpose of their development.

123. Ministry of Defence and \_\_\_\_\_, on July 29, 2024, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate capital market access to the MSMEs.

- a. National Stock Exchange
- b. Bombay Stock Exchange
- c. Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India
- d. Calcutta Stock Exchange



Answer:

A

Ministry of Defence and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on July 29, 2024, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate capital market access to the MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Additional Secretary, Department of Defence Production (DDP) and Managing Director, NSE in the presence of Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane. The MoU intends to facilitate MSMEs in the defence sector to raise productive capital for their growth plan in an efficient and transparent manner through NSE platform 'NSE Emerge'. The platform offers new and viable options for raising equity capital from diversified set of investors.

124. The Department of Higher Education in collaboration with IIT Kanpur started SATHEE (Self-Assessment, Test and Help for Entrance Examination) portal in November \_\_\_\_\_, to provide equal access to quality education for competitive examination such as JEE, NEET, SSC etc. to students from across the country

- a. 2020
- b. 2021
- c. 2022
- d. 2023

Answer:

D

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125. Which of the following has recently launched Ideas4LiFE portal for inviting ideas related to products and services for inducing behavioral changes related to environment-friendly lifestyles?

- a. NITI Aayog
- b. Centre for Science and Environment
- c. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- d. CPCB

Answer:

C

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav launched today Ideas4LiFE for inviting ideas related to products and services, which induce behavioral changes related to environment-friendly lifestyles in the presence of Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh at Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. Shri Yadav called upon the fraternity of students, research scholars, faculty and innovators to come up with innovative and out of box ideas, which will work towards

fulfillment of the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister for mindful and deliberate utilization of resources.

126. Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh, recently seen in the news, are related to which of the following sports sectors?

- a. Shooting
- b. Cycling
- c. Tennis
- d. Javelin throw

Answer: A

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated Indian shooters, Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh for clinching Bronze medal in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event at Paris Olympics 2024.

127. Recently, the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has officially granted permission for the "First Approach to Criticality" of the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at \_\_\_\_\_, India's first indigenous PFBR. This critical milestone includes the loading of fuel into the reactor core and the initiation of "Low Power Physics Experiments."

- a. Rawatbhata
- b. Narora
- c. Tarapur
- d. Kalpakkam

Answer:

D

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has officially granted permission for the "First Approach to Criticality" of the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, India's first indigenous PFBR. This critical milestone includes the loading of fuel into the reactor core and the initiation of "Low Power Physics Experiments."

128. In order to provide financial support and security to the most vulnerable farmer families, Government launched a scheme w.e.f. 12.09.2019 to provide pension benefits to small and marginal farmers. The scheme is meant for Small and Marginal Farmers falling in the entry age between 18 to 40 years having cultivable land up to 2 hectares. The scheme seeks to provide Rs 3,000/- monthly pension to the Small and Marginal Farmers once they attain 60 years of age. Identify the scheme.

- a. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- b. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- c. Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)
- d. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY)

**Answer:**

**D**

**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY)**

In order to provide financial support and security to the most vulnerable farmer families, Government launched Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana w.e.f. 12.09.2019 to provide pension benefits to small and marginal farmers. PM KMY is meant for Small and Marginal Farmers falling in the entry age between 18 to 40 years having cultivable land up to 2 hectares. The scheme seeks to provide Rs 3,000/- monthly pension to the Small and Marginal Farmers once they attain 60 years of age.

129. The Department of \_\_\_\_\_ had brought out the National Rubber Policy in March 2019, which inter alia covers new planting and replanting of rubber, support for growers, processing and marketing of natural rubber, labour shortage, grower forums, external trade, Centre-State integrated strategies, research, training, rubber product manufacturing and export, climate change concerns & carbon market.

- a. Revenue
- b. Commerce
- c. Agriculture
- d. Export Promotion

Answer: B

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Natural Rubber cannot be treated as an agricultural product. Though, the Natural Rubber cultivation may be treated as an agricultural activity, the income from its post-cultivation practices may not be treated as an agricultural income as it is exclusively used as a raw material for industrial purpose. However, in majority of existing Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs), Natural Rubber is included in exclusion lists to protect the interest of rubber growers.

130. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority comes under

- a. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- b. Ministry of Education
- c. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- d. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer: C

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is a government regulatory agency that controls the prices of pharmaceutical drugs in India. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) was constituted vide Government of India Resolution dated 29 August 1997 as an attached office of the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers** as an independent Regulator for pricing of drugs and to ensure availability and accessibility of medicines at affordable prices.

131. Anshuman Dattajirao Gaekwad, who recently passed away, belonged to which of the following fields?

- a. Chess
- b. Badminton
- c. Cricket
- d. Table tennis

Answer: C

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed deep grief over the demise of former Indian Cricketer and Coach, Shri Anshuman Gaekwad.

132. "Call of the Gir", a coffee table book on Gir and Asiatic lions, is attributed to Rajya Sabha Member, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. L. Hanumanthaiah
- b. Sampatiya Uikey
- c. Parimal Nathwani
- d. Ameer Yajnik

Answer: C

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi received "Call of the Gir" a coffee table book on Gir and Asiatic lions by Rajya Sabha Member, Parimal Nathwani.

The book was presented by Parimal Nathwani to Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

133. A joint venture company namely Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. (KABIL) has been incorporated with the equity contribution from three Central Public Sector Enterprises namely, \_\_\_\_\_, Hindustan Copper Ltd and Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Ltd with the objective to identify, explore, acquire, develop, mine, process, procure and sell strategic minerals abroad to secure resilient supply of these minerals to Indian domestic industry. To achieve its objectives, KABIL is presently exploring opportunities for acquisition

of overseas critical minerals assets like Lithium (Li) and Cobalt (Co) and taking initiatives in projects in Argentina, Australia and Chile.

- a. National Aluminium Company Limited
- b. Coal India Limited
- c. National Mineral Development Corporation
- d. Manganese Ore India Limited

Answer: A

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134. Ministry of Cooperation has set up Bhartiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. 2000
- b. 2002
- c. 2001
- d. 2004

Answer: B

Ministry of Cooperation has set up Bhartiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002. The BBSSL is promoted by IFFCO, KRIBHCO, NAFED, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and NCDC. The initial paid up capital of BBSSL is Rs. 250 Cr with contribution of Rs. 50 Cr each by the five promoters and authorized share capital is Rs. 500 Cr. The BBSSL will undertake production, procurement & distribution of quality seeds under single brand through network of cooperatives to improve crop yield and develop a system for preservation and promotion of indigenous natural seeds. BBSSL will help in increasing the seed replacement rate, and varietal replacement rate by ensuring the role of farmers in production of certified seeds. This society will focus on production, testing, certification, procurement, processing, storage, branding, labelling and packaging of two generations of seeds i.e. foundation and certified (breeder seeds will be sourced from Public Sector Research Organizations and International Research Institutes i.e., ICRISAT, IRRI, CIMMYT etc.) through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) by leveraging various schemes and

policies of different ministries of Government of India in a focused manner through 'Whole of the Government Approach'.

135. Chooralmala and Mundakkai areas of Wayanad district of Kerala were recently seen in the news due to which of the following events?

- a. Cyclone
- b. Landslide
- c. Nipah
- d. Drought

Answer:

B

A major landslide hit Chooralmala and Mundakkai areas of Wayanad district of Kerala on 30 Jul 24. Based on the request from the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA), the Southern Naval Command dispatched a disaster relief team of 68 personnel from INS Zamorin at Ezhimala to the landslide affected site at 1430h on 30 Jul 24. The rescue team comprising of skilled personnel along with medical team and necessary equipment reached the site at 2200h on 30 Jul 24. Additional teams have been kept standby for deployment at short notice and will be mobilised as required.