

CURRENT AFFAIRS NOVEMBER 2024

1. Bibek Debroy, who recently died, was a/an
 - a. Economist
 - b. Physicist
 - c. Space scientist
 - d. Ornithologist

Answer:

A

Bibek Debroy (25 January 1955 – 1 November 2024) was an Indian economist, who served as the chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India. He was also the Chairman of the Finance Ministry's 'Expert Committee for Infrastructure Classification and Financing Framework for Amrit Kaal'. Debroy has made significant contributions to game theory, economic theory, income and social inequalities, poverty, law reforms, railway reforms and Indology among others. From its inception in January 2015 until June 2019, Mr. Debroy was a member of the NITI Aayog, the think tank of the Indian Government. He was awarded the Padma Shri (the fourth-highest civilian honour in India) in 2015.

2. Which of the following states is/are celebrating their formation day on November 1?
 - a. Andhra Pradesh
 - b. Chhattisgarh
 - c. Haryana
 - d. All of the above

Answer: D

Eight states and five Union Territories (UTs) are celebrating their formation day on Friday, November 1. These are Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu (states), and Andaman and Nicobar Island, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep, Puducherry (UTs), according to official website of the UT of Ladakh. While Tamil Nadu was created on November 1, 1956, with the name Madras, it was officially renamed on July 18, 1967. Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted wishes for all these states and X, highlighting their significance and contribution to nation building.

3. The Government has approved the Central Sector Scheme 'Namo Drone Didi' for providing Drones to the Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) under DAY-NRLM, with an outlay of Rs. _____Crore
 - a. 12611
 - b. 11261

- c. 9261
- d. 1261

Answer:

D

The Government has approved the Central Sector Scheme 'Namo Drone Didi' for providing Drones to the Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) under DAY-NRLM, with an outlay of Rs. 1261 Crores. The scheme aims to provide drones to 14500 selected Women SHGs during the period from 2024-25 to 2025-2026 for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose (application of liquid fertilizers and pesticides for the present). The Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare has released the Operational Guidelines this scheme and all the stakeholders have been requested to make meaningful use of these operational guidelines to ensure prompt roll out and implementation of the 'Namo Drone Didi' Scheme. The major components of the operational guidelines are as under:

4. VAJRA PRAHAR is a military exercise between India and _____
- a. USA
 - b. UK
 - c. France
 - d. Russia

Answer:

A

The Indian Army contingent departed today for the 15th edition of India- US joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 2nd to 22nd November 2024 at Orchard Combat Training Centre in Idaho, USA. Last edition of the same exercise was conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya in December 2023. This will be second exercise of the year between Indian and the US Army, the previous being Exercise YUDH ABHYAS 2024, conducted at Rajasthan in September 2024.

Contingents of both the countries taking part in the joint exercise will comprise 45 personnel each. The Indian Army contingent will be represented by Special Forces units and the US Army contingent will be represented by Green Berets of US.

5. Exercise 'GARUD SHAKTI' is a military exercise between India and _____
- a. Indonesia
 - b. France
 - c. UK
 - d. Malaysia

Answer: A

The Indian Army contingent comprising 25 personnel departed for Cijantung, Jakarta, Indonesia to take part in the 9th edition of India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise GARUD SHAKTI 24. The Exercise will be conducted from 1st to 12th of November 2024.

The Indian contingent is being represented by troops from The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) and Indonesian contingent comprising 40 personnel is being represented by Indonesian Special Forces Kopassus.

6. Who is the incumbent Prime Minister of Greece?
- Kyriakos Mitsotakis
 - Irus Akihdar
 - Atpug Itihsid
 - Ioannis Sarmas

Answer: A

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a telephone call from the Prime Minister of Greece, H.E. Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

7. Coal India Limited (CIL) stepped into its _____ year of inception on 1st November 2024.
- 125th
 - 75th
 - 50th
 - 100th

Answer: C

Continuing to meet India's coal requirement and bolstering the energy sector, the state owned Coal India Limited (CIL) stepped into its 50th year of inception on 1st November 2024. CIL came into being on 1st November 1975 as an apex holding company of the nationalized coking coal (1971) and non-coking mines (1973).

From 89 Million Tonne (MT) production during 1975-76, the year CIL was formed, the Maharatna coal behemoth under the Ministry of Coal ended FY 2024 with 773.6 MT output – an 8.7 fold growth. With 80% of its entire supplies directed to coal based power plants at highly competitive rates CIL plays a key role in enabling the citizens getting power at a just price.

8. The Ministry of Culture in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) is organizing the First Asian Buddhist Summit (ABS) on 5th - 6th November, 2024 in

-
- a. New Delhi
 - b. Mumbai
 - c. Ladakh
 - d. Dharamshala

Answer:

A

The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) is organizing the First Asian Buddhist Summit (ABS) on 5th - 6th November, 2024 in New Delhi. The theme of this summit is on 'Role of Buddha Dhamma in Strengthening Asia'. The Hon'ble President of India is expected to grace the event as the Chief Guest. Through the summit, it shall bring together Sangha leaders, scholars, experts and practitioners from various Buddhist traditions across Asia to foster dialogue, promote understanding and address contemporary challenges faced by the Buddhist community. Buddhism holds a unique position in the spiritual and cultural history of India and pan Asia.

9. Bandhavgarh National Park is located in the Umaria district of _____

- a. Maharashtra
- b. Chhattisgarh
- c. Andhra Pradesh
- d. Madhya Pradesh

Answer: D

The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change has constituted a team to enquire into the death of ten elephants in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh. The team is conducting an independent enquiry in the matter.

Further, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has also constituted a five-member State level committee, to enquire into the matter and submit a report to the Government. The five-member committee is headed by APCCF (Wildlife). The committee has members from civil society, scientist and veterinarian. The matter is also being enquired into by the Head of State Tiger Strike Force (STSF). The STSF has combed the forests and the adjoining villages and is conducting an in-depth enquiry about the incident.

10. The only tripartite U.N. agency, since 1919 the ILO brings together governments, employers and workers of _____ Member States, to set labour standards, develop policies and devise programmes promoting decent work for all women and men.

- a. 197

- b. 177
- c. 187
- d. 167

Answer: C

The International Labour Organization (ILO) is devoted to promoting social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights, pursuing its founding mission that social justice is essential to universal and lasting peace.

The only tripartite U.N. agency, since 1919 the ILO brings together governments, employers and workers of 187 Member States, to set labour standards, develop policies and devise programmes promoting decent work for all women and men.

11. Who is the President of the Executive Council of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)?
- a. Jitendra Singh
 - b. Jagdeep Dhankhar
 - c. Narendra Modi
 - d. Draupadi Murmu

Answer: B

President: Jagdeep Dhankhar (Vice President of India)

12. Namu Drone Didi is a central sector scheme aiming to provide drones to _____ selected Women SHGs during the period from 2024-25 to 2025-2026
- a. 5000
 - b. 15000
 - c. 25000
 - d. 20000

Answer: B

Namu Drone Didi is a central sector scheme aiming to empower women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by equipping them with drone technology to provide agricultural services. The scheme aims to provide drones to 15000 selected Women SHGs during the period from 2024-25 to 2025-2026 for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose (application of liquid fertilizers and pesticides for the present). This initiative is expected to generate an additional income of at least Rs. 1 lakh per year for each SHG, contributing to economic empowerment and sustainable livelihood generation

13. VINBAX 2024 is a military exercise between India and _____
- Venezuela
 - Brazil
 - Australia
 - Vietnam

Answer: D

The 5th Edition of Vietnam Indian Bilateral Army Exercise “VINBAX 2024” commenced today at Ambala. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 04 to 23 November 2024 at Ambala and Chandimandir. The exercise is a sequel to previously conducted bilateral exercise in Vietnam in 2023 and a major milestone in strengthening the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam.

This edition marks a significant increase in the scope with Bi Service level participation for the first time by personnel of Army and Air Force from both the countries. The Indian Army contingent comprising 47 personnel is being represented by a Regiment of the Corps of Engineers along with personnel from other arms and services. The Vietnamese contingent comprising of similar strength will be represented by the troops Vietnam People's Army.

14. Which of the following is the highest body in India that provides guidelines for the promotion and progressive use of Hindi?
- Rashtriya Hindi Samiti
 - Hindi Bhasha Samiti
 - Kendriya Hindi Samiti
 - Hindi Protsahan Aayog

Answer: C

‘Kendriya Hindi Samiti’ is the highest body that provides guidelines for the promotion and progressive use of Hindi. The Samiti’s role is to coordinate the work and programs implemented by various ministries and departments of the Government of India for the development and promotion of Hindi. The Samiti has the authority to appoint sub-committees and co-opt additional members as needed to assist in its functioning. The tenure of the Samiti is generally three years. The current Samiti was reconstituted on November 9, 2021. ‘Kendriya Hindi Samiti’, **CHAired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, includes 9 Union Ministers, 6 Chief Ministers, the Deputy Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language, and the three convenors, making a total of 21 members.

15. Sunflowers Were the First Ones to Know... is a Kannada short film directed by Chidananda S. Naik. What is its running time?

- a. 6 minutes
- b. 26 minutes
- c. 16 minutes
- d. 36 minutes

Answer: C

Sunflowers Were the First Ones to Know... is a Kannada short film directed by Chidananda S. Naik. It was produced as part of his year-end exercise at the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), the 16-minute film won the La Cinef award for Best Short at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival.

Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)'s student film "SUNFLOWERS WERE FIRST ONES TO KNOW" has qualified for the 2025 Oscars in the Live Action Short Film Category.

This short film has been directed by FTII student Chidananda S Naik and had earlier this year won the first Prize at the Cannes Film Festival's La Cinef Selection, which led to global recognition for this Kannada- language project inspired by Indian folk stories and traditions.

16. Who among the following is popularly called "Deshbandhu"?
- a. Rash Behari Ghosh
 - b. Pherozeshah Mehta
 - c. Madan Mohan Malaviya
 - d. Chittaranjan Das

Answer: D

Chittaranjan Das (5 November 1870 – 16 June 1925), popularly called Deshbandhu (Friend of the Country or Nation), was a Bengali freedom fighter, political activist and lawyer during the Indian Independence Movement and the Political Guru of Indian freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. He is the founder-leader of the Swaraj Party in undivided Bengal during the period of British Colonial rule in India. His name is abbreviated as C. R. Das. He was closely associated with a number of literary societies and wrote poems, apart from numerous articles and essays.

17. Which of the following is an ancient Indo-Nepalese Hindu festival, native to Nepal and East India?
- a. Chhath
 - b. Nyepi
 - c. Galungan
 - d. Toraja

Answer:

A

Chhath is an ancient Indo-Nepalese Hindu festival, native to Nepal and East India. It is celebrated especially in the Indian states of Bihar, Jharkhand, and Eastern Uttar Pradesh; and the Nepalese Autonomous provinces of Koshi, Lumbini, and Madhesh

18. Indian Rare Earths Limited, (IREL) comes under

- a. Ministry of Power
- b. Department of Atomic Energy
- c. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- d. Ministry of Mines

Answer:

B

IREL (India) Limited, (IREL) CPSU under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Govt. of India and Ust-Kamenogorsk Titanium and Magnesium Plant JSC, (UKTMP JSC) Kazakhstan have signed an agreement to establish Indo-Kazakh joint venture company (JVC): IREUK Titanium Limited for production of Ti Slag in India. The Agreement was signed by Dr. Deependra Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, IREL (India) Limited and Ms. Assem Mamutova, President UKTMP JSC in the august presence of Dr. **A.K. MOHANTY, SECRETARY DAE & CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION** (AEC) from Indian side and Mr. Iran Sharkhan, Vice Minister of Industry & Construction of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Yermek Kosherbayev, Akim of East Kazakhstan region of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Mr. Nurlan Zhalgasbayev, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to India from Republic of Kazakhstan.

19. Who is the incumbent Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy?

- a. Jagat Prakash Nadda
- b. Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- c. Manohar Lal
- d. Pralhad Joshi

Answer: D

The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Joshi, launched Phase – II of the retail sale of Bharat Atta and Bharat Rice by flagging off mobile vans of NCCF, NAFED and Kendriya Bhandar here today, in the presence of Minister of State, Shri B.L. Verma.

20. Kumbh Mela (the festival of the sacred Pitcher) is the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims on earth. In which year was it recognized as an intangible cultural heritage of humanity by UNESCO?

- a. 2020

- b. 2004
- c. 2007
- d. 2017

Answer: D

The roots of the Kumbh Mela stretch back thousands of years, finding early references during the Maurya and Gupta periods (4th century BCE to 6th century CE). The initial gatherings, although not as large as the modern Kumbh Mela, drew pilgrims from across the Indian subcontinent. Over time, the Mela's significance grew alongside Hinduism's rise, with rulers like the Guptas further elevating its status as a revered religious congregation.

During the medieval period, the Kumbh Mela received patronage from various royal dynasties, including the Chola and Vijayanagar empires in the south, and the Delhi Sultanate and Mughals in the north. Even Mughal emperors such as Akbar are noted to have participated in the celebrations, illustrating a spirit of religious tolerance. Historical accounts reveal that in 1565, Akbar granted the Naga Sadhus the honor of leading the royal entry into the Mela, an act symbolizing unity across religious and cultural lines. In the colonial period, British administrators observed and documented the festival, intrigued by its massive scale and the diverse congregations it drew. Figures such as British colonial administrator James Prinsep chronicled the Kumbh Mela in the 19th century, detailing its ritualistic practices, the vast congregations, and the socio-religious dynamics at play. These accounts contributed valuable insights into the Kumbh's evolution and its resilience through time.

Post-independence, the Maha Kumbh Mela gained even greater significance, symbolizing national unity and India's rich cultural heritage. Recognized by UNESCO in 2017 as an intangible cultural heritage of humanity, the Kumbh Mela stands as a testament to the survival and evolution of ancient traditions in an era of modernization.

21. Who is the President-elect of the United States at present?

- a. Donald Trump
- b. Kamala Harris
- c. Joe Biden
- d. Jill Stein

Answer:

A

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with the President-elect of the United States of America, H.E. Mr. Donald Trump.

PM warmly congratulated him on his re-election as the President of the United States of America as well as Republican Party's success in the Congressional elections.

22. Under the _____X_____ scheme, any student who gets admission in quality Higher Education Institution (QHEIs) will be eligible to get collateral free, guarantor free loan from banks and financial institutions to cover full amount of tuition fees and other expenses related to the course. Identify X
- Padho Pardesh
 - PM Pratibha
 - PM Vidyalaxmi
 - PM Udaan

Answer: C

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved PM Vidyalaxmi, a new Central Sector scheme that seeks to provide financial support to meritorious students so that financial constraints do not prevent anyone from pursuing higher studies. PM Vidyalaxmi is another key initiative stemming out of the National Education Policy, 2020, which had recommended that financial assistance should be made available to meritorious students through various measures in both public and private HEIs. Under the PM Vidyalaxmi scheme, any student who gets admission in quality Higher Education Institution (QHEIs) will be eligible to get collateral free, guarantor free loan from banks and financial institutions to cover full amount of tuition fees and other expenses related to the course. The scheme will be administered through a simple, transparent and student-friendly system that will be inter-operable and entirely digital.

23. Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has recently signed an agreement with the IIT _____for the development of "Millimeter Wave Transceiver for 5G Rural Connectivity".
- Roorkee
 - Bombay
 - Kharagpur
 - Kanpur

Answer: A

Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India has signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) for the development of "Millimeter Wave Transceiver for 5G Rural Connectivity".

The agreement is signed under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) scheme of the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India. This scheme, designed to fund Indian startups, academia, and R&D institutions, is a crucial enabler for designing, developing,

and commercializing telecommunication products and solutions. It aims to enable affordable broadband and mobile services, playing a significant role in bridging the digital divide across India.

24. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently signed a \$_____ million loan to help upgrade water supply, sanitation, urban mobility, and other urban services in the state of Uttarakhand.
- 100
 - 200
 - 300
 - 400

Answer: B

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) today signed a \$200 million loan to help upgrade water supply, sanitation, urban mobility, and other urban services in the state of Uttarakhand.

The signatories to the loan agreement for the Uttarakhand Livability Improvement Project were Ms. Juhi Mukherjee, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, for the Government of India, and Ms. Mio Oka, Country Director of India Resident Mission, for ADB.

Ms. Mukherjee stated that the project aligns with the Government of India's urban development agenda as well as the Government of Uttarakhand's initiatives to enhance urban services, aiming to boost livability and sustainability in cities.

25. The inaugural session of the 'Anti-Terror Conference-2024' is being organised by
- CBI
 - RAW
 - IB
 - NIA

Answer:

D

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah will address inaugural session of 'Anti-Terror Conference-2024' on Thursday, 7th November 2024 in New Delhi. The two-day conference is being organized by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Ministry of Home Affairs.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Government of India is committed to root out the evil of terrorism by following zero-tolerance policy against it.

26. Who is the Chairperson of the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India?
- a. Arun Kumar Garodia
 - b. Rajiv Kumar
 - c. N V Ramana
 - d. Acharya Srivastav

Answer:

A

Arun Kumar Garodia: Chairman

27. What does the first “T” stand for in the TTDF scheme of the Department of Telecommunications?
- a. Technology
 - b. Telemetry
 - c. Telecom
 - d. Transformative

Answer: C

In alignment with the “Bharat 6G Vision”, “Made in India” and self-reliant India, Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India has signed an agreement with CSIR- Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute (CEERI), Pilani for the development of “Multiport Switch with Tuneable Impedance Matching Network for a Single Broadband Antenna to Cover 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G Bands.”

The project is funded under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) scheme of the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India This scheme, designed to fund Indian startups, academia, and R&D institutions, is a crucial enabler for designing, developing, and commercializing telecommunication products and solutions. and will focus on developing a Microelectromechanical technology-based switching network to cover multiple communication bands with enhanced antenna performance.

28. Project ‘Shaurya Gatha’ is an initiative under
- a. Department of Military Affairs
 - b. Department of Internal Security
 - c. Department of Defence Research and Development
 - d. Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

Answer: A

The 2nd edition of the annual Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) is all set to kick start in New Delhi on November 8, 2024. The two-day festival aims to engage global and Indian think tanks, corporations, public and private sector undertakings, non-profits, academicians, and research scholars focusing on India's national security, foreign policy, military history and military heritage. Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan will inaugurate the festival this year, along with the three Service Chiefs.

The inauguration of the festival will also witness the launch of Project 'Shaurya Gatha'. The project is an initiative of the **Department of Military Affairs** and the USI of India which aims to conserve and promote India's military heritage through education and tourism.

29. National Institute of Ocean Technology is headquartered in _____
- Bengaluru
 - New Delhi
 - Hyderabad
 - Chennai

Answer: D

The National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) was established in November 1993 as an autonomous society under the Ministry of Earth Sciences in India. NIOT is managed by a Governing Council and is headed by a director. The institute is based in Chennai. The major aim of starting NIOT was to develop reliable indigenous technologies to solve various engineering problems associated with harvesting of non-living and living resources in India's exclusive economic zone, which is about two-thirds of the land area of India.

30. On November _____ each year, India observes National Cancer Awareness Day
- 6th
 - 7th
 - 8th
 - 9th

Answer:

B

On November 7th each year, India observes National Cancer Awareness Day—an initiative that aims to raise awareness about the growing cancer burden in the country and inspire action towards prevention, early detection, and treatment. India is the first country in the world to officially recognize National Cancer Awareness Day. The date was chosen not only to honor the birth of Nobel Laureate Madame Marie Curie, who discovered radioactivity and whose work has had a profound impact on cancer treatment but also to reflect India's commitment to addressing cancer as a public health priority.

31. Which of the following recently launched “Scheme for Strengthening the Medical Device Industry”?

- a. NITI Aayog
- b. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- c. Ministry of Medical Industry
- d. CSIR

Answer:

B

To provide a big boost to the medical devices industry, the **Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers** and Health & Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, launched the Scheme for Strengthening the Medical Device Industry today. Smt. Anupriya Patel, Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare and Shri Arunish Chawla, Secretary, **Department of Pharmaceuticals** along with officials of the department and representatives of industry were also present on the occasion.

32. AUSTRAHIND is a joint military exercise between India and _____

- a. Austria
- b. South Africa
- c. Kazakhstan
- d. Australia

Answer: D

The 3rd edition of joint military Exercise AUSTRAHIND commenced at Foreign Training Node, Pune in Maharashtra today. The exercise will be conducted from 8th to 21st November 2024. Exercise AUSTRAHIND is an annual event conducted alternatively in India and Australia. Last edition of the same exercise was conducted in Australia in December 2023.

The Indian contingent comprising 140 personnel will be represented mainly by a battalion of the DOGRA Regiment and 14 personnel from the Indian Air Force. The Australian Army contingent comprising 120 personnel will be represented by the 13th Light Horse Regiment of the 10th Brigade of 2nd Division.

33. Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) has facilitated the designation of Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Research Centre on Equines, _____(ICAR-NRC Equine) as a World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Reference Laboratory for Equine Piroplasmiasis.

- a. Jaisalmer
- b. Ajmer
- c. Ambala
- d. Hisar

Answer: D

In a landmark achievement for India's Animal Health Sector, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has facilitated the designation of Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar (ICAR-NRC Equine) as a World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Reference Laboratory for Equine Piroplasmiasis. This global recognition underscores DAHD's sustained commitment to enhancing India's scientific capabilities, diagnostic infrastructure, and leadership in tackling critical animal health challenges.

34. NTPC Ltd, India's largest integrated power utility, celebrated its _____ Raising Day in 2024
- 50th
 - 60th
 - 75th
 - 70th

Answer:

A

NTPC Ltd, India's largest integrated power utility, today celebrated its 50th Raising Day, marking five decades of remarkable growth, innovation, and contribution to India's power sector. Shri Gurdeep Singh, CMD hoisted the NTPC flag at the Engineering Office Complex (EOC), Noida in the presence of Directors on the Board and senior officials. Employees from all locations joined the celebrations via video conferencing.

35. CSIR Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP) is located in _____
- Shimla
 - Dehradun
 - Mumbai
 - Pune

Answer:

B

CSIR Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP), **Dehradun** hosted the curtain raiser event for the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024 on October 30, 2024. The event was graced by Prof. Hemwati Nandan Pandey, professor, Garhwal University, Srinagar and Secretary Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), Uttarakhand, Dr Ravindra Singh Bisht, Doon Medical College and senior colleagues from AIIMS Rishikesh DIT University, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology. Uttarakhand Science Education and Research Centre (USERC), Vijnana Bharati – Shakti.

36. Uttarakhand Sthapana Diwas is on _____ November
- 1st
 - 3rd

- c. 9th
- d. 11th

Answer:

C

Date: 9 November 2000

37. Who is the Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas?
- a. Rajesh Verma
 - b. N. P. Shukla
 - c. S.D. Attri
 - d. Arvind Nautiyal

Answer: A

Rajesh Verma is the current Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)

38. World Immunization Day, observed annually on November _____, aims to raise awareness about the vital role vaccines play in preventing infectious diseases and protecting public health.
- a. 8
 - b. 9
 - c. 10
 - d. 11

Answer:

C

World Immunization Day, observed annually on November 10, aims to raise awareness about the vital role vaccines play in preventing infectious diseases and protecting public health. Immunization is one of the most effective and cost-efficient intervention for controlling and eradicating diseases, saving millions of lives globally each year. Vaccines help protect individuals from diseases like measles, polio, tuberculosis, and COVID-19. By reducing the incidence of infectious diseases, immunization not only safeguards individuals but also strengthens community health by building herd immunity. This day encourages governments, healthcare providers, and communities worldwide to emphasize the importance of vaccines and extend immunization coverage, especially to underserved populations.

39. Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC) was created by subsuming 14 Autonomous Institutions (AIs) on 10th November, _____
- a. 2024
 - b. 2021

- c. 2022
- d. 2023

Answer:

D

With Cabinet approval, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology created, Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC) by subsuming the 14 Autonomous Institutions (AIs) on 10th November, 2023. Under the exemplary leadership and vision of the Minister of State (IC) for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, BRIC is pivotal in driving excellence and innovation in biotech sector.

The first foundation day of BRIC was celebrated at BRIC-National Institute of Immunology (NII) on 9th – 10th November, 2024. Shri Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa was the Guest of Honor for the event and also delivered the foundation day lecture. Dr Anand Deshpande, Persistent Systems was the Special Guest. Dr. Rajesh S Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology and DG BRIC, Directors of iBRIC and Officials from DBT and BIRAC, researchers and students from various iBRIC Institutions participated.

40. National Education Day is celebrated on November 11 every year in honor of

-
- a. Daulat Singh Kothari
 - b. Ranjit Singh Sarkaria
 - c. Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam
 - d. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

Answer: D

National Education Day is celebrated on November 11 every year in honor of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of independent India and a prominent educationist. This day highlights the importance of education in shaping India's future. With 65% of the nation's population under the age of 35, it is crucial to provide them with opportunities for quality education and skills development. The Government of India is dedicated to building strong education infrastructure that fosters the holistic development of students and empowers the youth to drive the nation towards progress.

41. Navinchandra Ramgoolam is the current Prime Minister of _____

- a. Nepal
- b. Mauritius
- c. Fiji
- d. Brunei

Answer: B

Navinchandra Ramgoolam (born 14 July 1947) is the current Prime Minister of Mauritius following the 2024 general election, after the huge victory of his coalition Alliance du Changement, securing all the 60 seats in the National Parliament, with 3 candidates elected for each of the 20 constituencies, overthrowing the previously ruling Militant Socialist Movement that formed the Alliance Lepep under the leadership of Pravind Kumar Jugnauth who then resigned as Prime Minister whereby which Dr Navin Ramgoolam was officially appointed the status by the President, Prithvirajsing Roopun. He is also the current leader of the Labour Party.

42. Sunder Lal Patwa was an Indian politician, who served as the Chief Minister of

- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Uttar Pradesh
- c. Uttarakhand
- d. Haryana

Answer:

A

Sunder Lal Patwa (11 November 1924 – 28 December 2016) was an Indian politician, who served as the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and a cabinet minister in the Government of India. He was Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh twice, from 20 January 1980 to 17 February 1980 and from 5 March 1990 to 15 December 1992.

43. Sanjiv Khanna is an Indian jurist currently serving as the _____ Chief Justice of India

- a. 49th
- b. 50th
- c. 51st
- d. 52nd

Answer: C

Sanjiv Khanna (born 14 May 1960) is an Indian jurist currently serving as the 51st Chief Justice of India. He is the ex officio Patron-in-Chief of National Legal Services Authority and the de facto Chancellor of the National Law School of India University. He has also served as a judge at the Delhi High Court.

44. Dada Bhagwan was an Indian spiritual leader from _____

- a. Gujarat
- b. Madhya Pradesh
- c. Rajasthan
- d. Uttar Pradesh

Answer:

A

To commemorate the life and teaching of Ambalal Muljibhai Patel, widely revered as Dada Bhagwan, a special stamp was released by the Department of Posts to honour the extraordinary spiritual teacher whose life and teachings have impacted countless individuals worldwide.

The stamp was released during the 117th Janma Jayanti of Pujya Dada Bhagwan on 10th November, in the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, Pujyashree Deepakbhai Desai and Shri Dinesh Kumar Sharma, Post Master General at the Navlakhi Ground, Vadodara, Gujarat.

Dada Bhagwan (7 November 1908 – 2 January 1988), also known as Dadashri, born Ambalal Muljibhai Patel, was an Indian spiritual leader from Gujarat who founded the Akram Vignan Movement.

45. The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) and the Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG), is set to host the _____ International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa from 20th to 28th November 2024
- 50th
 - 55th
 - 60th
 - 65th

Answer: B

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) and the Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG), is set to host the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa from 20th to 28th November 2024. Storytellers and cinema enthusiasts alike have a reason to rejoice as the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is all set to start with a vibrant line up and diverse programming, thereby promising an unforgettable celebration of global cinema.

46. Pankaj Advani is associated with which sports?
- Billiards
 - Chess
 - Base ball
 - Javelin throw

Answer:

A

Pankaj Arjan Advani (born 24 July 1985) is an Indian billiards and professional snooker player.

He is a 27-time International Billiards and Snooker Federation (IBSF) world champion. He has won 18 billiards world titles, the IBSF World Billiards Championship on 17 occasions and the World Team Billiards Championship once. In snooker, he won the IBSF World Snooker Championship three times, IBSF World six-red championship twice and the IBSF World Team Cup and IBSF World Team Championship one time each. He has the record number of IBSF world championships. He became a snooker professional in 2012/2013.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today lauded Pankaj Advani on being crowned Billiards Champion at World Snooker Championships 2024 as a phenomenal accomplishment.

47. World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) 2024 is published by _____
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
 - World Intellectual Property Organization
 - European Patent Office
 - World Economic Forum

Answer:

B

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has published the World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) 2024, underscoring global trends in intellectual property (IP) filings. The report reveals significant growth in patent, trademark, and industrial design applications across top economies. India has secured a spot in the global top 10 for all three major intellectual property (IP) rights—patents, trademarks, and industrial designs. India continues to solidify its place as a global leader in the intellectual property (IP) landscape by showing substantial progress and marking new milestones in IP activity.

India recorded the fastest growth in patent (+15.7%) applications in 2023 among the top 20 origins, marking the fifth consecutive year of double-digit growth. India ranks sixth globally for patents with 64,480 applications, with resident filings accounting for over half of all submissions (55.2%)—a first for the country. The patent office also granted 149.4% more patents in 2023 compared to the previous year, underlining the country's fast-evolving IP ecosystem.

48. The National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) was constituted on 01st October, _____
- 2015
 - 2016
 - 2018
 - 2020

Answer:

C

The National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) was constituted on 01st October, 2018 by the Government of India under Sub Section (1) of section 132 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Functions and Duties

As per Sub Section (2) of Section 132 of the Companies Act, 2013, the duties of the NFRA are to:

Recommend accounting and auditing policies and standards to be adopted by companies for approval by the Central Government;

Monitor and enforce compliance with accounting standards and auditing standards;

Oversee the quality of service of the professions associated with ensuring compliance with such standards and suggest measures for improvement in the quality of service;

Perform such other functions and duties as may be necessary or incidental to the aforesaid functions and duties.

49. What was the theme of the inaugural Delhi Defence Dialogue (DDD) organised by Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA)?

- a. Strategic Defence: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Modern Warfare
- b. Electronic Defence: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Modern Warfare
- c. Nuclear Defence: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Modern Warfare
- d. Adaptive Defence: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Modern Warfare

Answer: D

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has voiced Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-led Government's unwavering resolve to create an 'Adaptive Defence' in the country to counter the challenges posed by the fast-changing world in today's times. He was addressing the inaugural Delhi Defence Dialogue (DDD) organised by Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), on the theme 'Adaptive Defence: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Modern Warfare', in New Delhi on November 12, 2024.

Raksha Mantri said that 'Adaptive Defence' is a strategic approach where a nation's military and defence mechanisms continuously evolve to counter emerging threats effectively. "Adaptive Defence' is not merely responding to what has happened but anticipating what could happen, and preparing for it proactively. In essence, it involves cultivating a mindset and capability to adapt, innovate & thrive, even in the face of unpredictable and evolving circumstances. Situational awareness, flexibility at strategic and tactical levels, resilience, agility, and integration with the futuristic technologies are the keys to understand and create adaptive

defence. It must be the mantra of our strategic formulations and operational responses,” he stated.

50. A symposium was held on the “Green Transition in States” on 11th November 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event was organized by _____
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 - National Environmental Engineering Research Institute
 - The Energy and Resources Institute
 - NITI Aayog

Answer: D

A symposium was held on the “Green Transition in States” on 11th November 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event was organized by NITI Aayog, Govt of India, with ISEG Foundation as a knowledge partner.

The symposium saw participation from senior dignitaries from central and state governments, including Sh. Suman Bery, VC, NITI Aayog, Sh. B. V. R. Subrahmanyam, CEO, NITI Aayog, Sh. R P Gupta, Chairman and Managing Director, SECI, Ms. Leena Nandan, Secretary, MoEFCC, Sh. Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Sh. Pankaj Jain, Secretary, MoPNG, and Sh. Prashant Kumar Singh, Secretary, MNRE.

NITI Aayog, in collaboration with the Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, launched the ASSET platform—Accelerating Sustainable Solutions for Energy Transition. ASSET platform is a timely initiative to support states in accelerating their green transition. The platform will assist in formulating state energy transition blueprints along with aiding in its implementation, preparing a pipeline of bankable projects, showcasing best practices across states as well as upcoming technology and innovations in critical sectors like BESS, Green Hydrogen, Energy efficiency, e-mobility, offshore wind, etc.

51. Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is celebrated on _____ November
- 12th
 - 13th
 - 14th
 - 15th

Answer:

D

India’s rich cultural diversity is largely shaped by its tribal communities, who have played a crucial role in the nation’s history and development. Every year on November 15th, Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is celebrated to honor the contributions of these communities, especially in India’s freedom struggle. The day marks the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a tribal

leader and freedom fighter, whose legacy continues to inspire. This occasion highlights the important role of tribal groups in preserving India's heritage and advancing its progress.

52. Which of the following has recently issued Guidelines for "Prevention of Misleading Advertisement in Coaching Sector"?
- Central Consumer Protection Authority
 - Central Consumer Protection Commission
 - NITI Aayog
 - National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission

Answer:

A

In a significant move to protect the rights of consumers and maintain transparency in the coaching sector, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued comprehensive guidelines to address the issue of misleading advertisements in the coaching sector.

'Guidelines for Prevention of Misleading Advertisement in Coaching Sector, 2024,' aim to safeguard students and the public from deceptive marketing practices commonly employed by coaching centers, shared Smt. Nidhi Khare, Chief Commissioner CCPA and Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India while interacting with media on the subject here today.

53. The Indian Navy is set to conduct the _____ edition of the 'Pan-India' Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-24' on 20 & 21 November 2024.
- 2nd
 - 3rd
 - 4th
 - 5th

Answer:

C

The Indian Navy is set to conduct the fourth edition of the 'Pan-India' Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-24' on 20 & 21 Nov 24. The fourth edition of Ex Sea Vigil will span an unprecedented scale, both in terms of geographical reach and the magnitude of participation, with involvement of 06 Ministries and 21 Organisations/ agencies. The Coastal Defence & Security Readiness Evaluation (CDSRE) phase of the exercise is being conducted by Naval Officer-in-Charges of all coastal states and UTs (incl Lakshadweep & A&N Island) since end Oct 24, where in thorough audit of complete coastal defence and security infrastructure is being carried out. This year, National Security Council Secretariat officials will also be part of Indian Navy led CDSRE teams for the first time, along with personnel from State Marine Police, Coast Guard, Customs, Fisheries, etc.

54. World Diabetes Day, observed annually on November _____, serves as a crucial platform for raising global awareness about diabetes.
- a. 12
 - b. 13
 - c. 15
 - d. 14

Answer:

D

World Diabetes Day, observed annually on November 14, serves as a crucial platform for raising global awareness about diabetes, a significant public health challenge impacting millions worldwide. This observance spotlights the urgent need for comprehensive action in diabetes prevention, early diagnosis, effective management, and equitable care access. The theme for this year, 'Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps,' highlights the collective commitment to overcoming obstacles in diabetes care and ensuring that every individual diagnosed has access to high-quality, affordable treatment.

55. Ministry of Labour and Employment and _____ recently signed an MoU to enhance employment opportunities for National Career Service (NCS) registered job seekers.
- a. TeamLease EdTech
 - b. Simplilearn
 - c. BYJU'S
 - d. NIIT Limited

Answer:

A

The Ministry of Labour & Employment signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TeamLease EdTech in New Delhi today, marking a significant milestone in promoting employment opportunities across multiple sectors. The MoU was signed by Shri. Amit Nirmal, Deputy Director General (Employment), Ministry of Labour and Employment and Shri Jaideep Kewalramani, COO and Head of the Employability Business, TeamLease EdTech. This collaboration underscores a shared commitment to leveraging the National Career Service (NCS) portal to expand job opportunities for jobseekers of NCS.

The partnership with TeamLease EdTech will mark a major step in broadening employment prospects for jobseekers registered on NCS, empowering them to find roles that align with their career goals and fostering growth and potential. Under the MoU, more than 15,000 open jobs available with TeamLease EdTech on a daily basis, will be shared with the NCS portal through integration. The collaboration will also introduce work-linked degree programs, combining academic learning with practical experience to boost youth employability and align education with industry needs.

56. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry recently inaugurated the _____ edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- a. 40th
 - b. 43rd
 - c. 45th
 - d. 47th

Answer: B

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal today inaugurated the 43rd edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. During his inaugural speech, the Minister said that the Government is planning to expand the India Trade Promotion Organisation into a world class agency reflecting the entire industry and the value chain at a single point so that the world looks upon India as the best MICE destination. Bangalore, Mumbai, Chennai, Lucknow, Varanasi and Noida are the places the Centre is looking to expand these facilities, he said. Iterating Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's resolution to dedicate every decision of the Government to the goal of Viksit Bharat, Shri Goyal expressed his delight about the theme of IITF being based on the idea of Viksit Bharat 2047.

57. Ministry of Cooperation was established on July 6, _____
- a. 2021
 - b. 2020
 - c. 2013
 - d. 2014

Answer: A

The establishment of the Ministry of Cooperation on July 6, 2021, underscored India's commitment to enhancing the cooperative sector. The Ministry envisions an inclusive, cooperative-driven economic model that reaches every village, strengthening socio-economic bonds across regions. As India prepares to host the ICA's Global Conference in November 2024, an event facilitated by the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO) and supported by India's 18 ICA member organizations, the country stands poised to further elevate the cooperative movement both nationally and globally.

58. Re-PREX-24 was an exercise conducted by _____
- a. Indian Navy
 - b. Indian Army
 - c. Indian Coast Guard
 - d. Indian Air Force

Answer: C

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) District Headquarters No 7 (Odisha), under the aegis of Coast Guard Region (North East), conducted a Regional Level Pollution Response Exercise (Re-PREX-24) at Paradip from November 12 to 14, 2024. The exercise was aimed to enhance preparedness and coordination among various stakeholders in responding to oil spills and other marine pollution incidents.

The exercise included a series of activities such as professional presentations, discussions and mock drill onboard an ICG ship at sea off Paradip. This elaborate scenario-based exercise provided valuable insight and effective response strategy for addressing oil spill along the sensitive coasts. Key participants of regional-level stakeholder organisations such as Paradip Port Authority, Dharma Port, Gopalpur Port, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd and Odisha State Pollution Control Board participated in the exercise.

59. Which of the following countries developed Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher?

- a. India
- b. Israel
- c. France
- d. Germany

Answer:

A

Pinaka is a multiple rocket launcher produced in India and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for the Indian Army

60. National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics is headquartered in

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

Answer: B

The National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) formerly known as National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics (NACEN) is the apex civil service training institute of Government of India for capacity building of civil servants in the field of indirect taxation, particularly the areas of customs, GST, central excise, service tax and narcotics control administration. Located at Palasamudram in Andhra Pradesh, the Academy is operated under

the aegis of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

61. 1st Bodoland Mohotsav was held at _____

- a. Delhi
- b. Guwahati
- c. Mumbai
- d. Shillong

Answer: A

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurates the 1st Bodoland Mohotsav at Delhi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today inaugurated the 1st Bodoland Mohotsav, a two day mega event on language, literature, and culture to sustain peace and build a Vibrant Bodo Society.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Modi greeted the citizens of India on the auspicious occasion of Kartik Purnima and Dev Deepavali. He greeted all the Sikh brothers and sisters from across the globe on the 555th Prakash Parva of Sri Gurunanak Dev ji being celebrated today. He also added that the citizens of India were celebrating the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, marking the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. He was pleased to inaugurate the 1st Bodoland Mohotsav and congratulated the Bodo people from across the country who had come to celebrate a new future of prosperity, culture and peace.

62. Jharkhand Foundation Day is celebrated on November _____ each year.

- a. 14th
- b. 15th
- c. 16th
- d. 17th

Answer: B

Jharkhand Foundation Day is celebrated on November 15th each year. This day marks the formation of Jharkhand as the 28th state of India

63. CoP29 of the UNFCCC Summit is being held at _____

- a. Baku
- b. Gabala
- c. Lankaran
- d. Ganja

Answer: A

Intervening on the behalf of Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDCs), at the High-Level Ministerial on Climate Finance on 14.11.2024 in CoP29 of the UNFCCC Summit at Baku, India highlighted that the impacts of Climate Change are increasingly becoming evident in form of one disaster to another.

Delivering the statement, Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar, AS (MoEFCC) and India's lead negotiator at CoP29, stated that extreme weather events are so frequent and increasingly strong, that the impacts are being felt by the people of the Global South, especially. There is, therefore, a need for heightened ambitions on climate action. He said, "We are at a crucial juncture in our fight against Climate Change. What we decide here will enable all of us, particularly those in the Global South, to not only take ambitious mitigation action but also adapt to Climate Change. This CoP is historic in this context".

64. Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation recently unveiled a grand statue of Bhagwan Birsa Munda at Baansera Park in _____ on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary year.
- Ranchi
 - New Delhi
 - Patna
 - Bhubaneswar

Answer: B

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah today unveiled a grand statue of Bhagwan Birsa Munda at Baansera Park in New Delhi on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary year. The event was attended by Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Manohar Lal, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, Union Minister of State Shri Harsh Malhotra, and several other dignitaries.

65. National Press Day, observed on November _____, marks the day the Press Council of India (PCI) began its operations in 1966.
- 15
 - 16
 - 17
 - 18

Answer: B

National Press Day, observed on November 16, marks the day the Press Council of India (PCI) began its operations in 1966. Established as an independent body, the PCI's primary role is to ensure that the press maintains high standards of journalism while remaining free from external influences. The idea for the Council was first proposed by the First Press Commission in 1956, which emphasized the need to protect press freedom and promote ethical reporting.

66. Y-Break is an initiative of _____
- NITI Aayog
 - Ministry of Ayush
 - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 - Ministry of Education

Answer: B

The Ministry of Ayush's innovative initiative, Yoga Break at Workplace (Y-Break), has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for its outstanding performance on the iGOT Karmayogi Bharat Platform. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), presented the award to Dr. Kashinath Samagandi, Director, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), during the Valedictory Ceremony of the National Learning Week – Karmayogi Saptah, held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

67. 4th Ministerial High-level Global Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is being held in _____
- Jeddah
 - Baku
 - Manas
 - Ghana

Answer: A

Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Smt. Anupriya Singh Patel addressed the 4th Ministerial High-level Global Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, today. The theme of the conference was 'From Declaration to Implementation - Accelerating Actions Through Multisectoral Partnerships for the Containment of AMR'.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Patel said, "Antimicrobial Resistance is a global health threat requiring urgent action through 'One Health' approach that fosters cooperation across human, animal, and plant health, as well as environmental and other relevant sectors."

Outlining a set of practical steps to implement the commitments made in the declaration on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), Smt. Patel emphasized the importance of strengthening surveillance, fostering collaboration, and addressing critical barriers to antimicrobial access. She said, "India proposes a comprehensive approach aimed at improving AMR detection and surveillance capacities across sectors, enabling the use of data to guide evidence-based antimicrobial usage at both local and national levels. This would lay the foundation for the creation of integrated and interoperable surveillance systems across sectors."

68. Who is the incumbent Union Minister for MSME?

- a. Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- b. Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- c. Jagat Prakash Nadda
- d. Jitan Ram Manjhi

Answer: D

Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi inaugurated the 'Khadi India Pavilion' at India International Trade Fair- IITF 2024, in Hall No. 6 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi today. Inauguration was done in the august presence of Shri Manoj Kumar, Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), DC(MSME), Ministry of MSME, JS(ARI) Ministry of MSME, CEO, KVIC, KVIC Member North Zone, Member Marketing and other dignitaries.

69. Who is the Acting Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission at present?

- a. Iqbal Singh Lalpura
- b. Kishor Makwana
- c. Vijaya Bharathi Sayani
- d. Antar Singh Arya

Answer:

C

Vijaya Bharathi Sayani is the acting chairperson of the commission. The last chairperson of the NHRC was Justice Arun Kumar Mishra, who completed his tenure on 1 June 2024.

70. World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is on _____ November

- a. 15
- b. 16
- c. 18
- d. 17

Answer: D

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Since the adoption of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 60/5, the observance has spread to a growing number of countries on every continent.

The Day has become an important tool in global efforts to reduce road casualties. It offers an opportunity for drawing attention to the scale of emotional and economic devastation caused by road crashes and for giving recognition to the suffering of road crash victims and the work of support and rescue services.

71. The Dragon Palace Temple is a Buddhist temple in Kamptee, _____
- Maharashtra
 - Ladakh
 - Sikkim
 - Rajasthan

Answer: A

The Dragon Palace Temple marked its 25th anniversary in a grand event at Kamptee, Nagpur on November 15, 2024. The Ogawa Society of Japan which has contributed towards building the beautiful monastery complex at Kamptee was represented by around 50 monks from Japan. The event began in the morning of 15th November with a celebration march by a group of Japanese monks who entered the monastery from a distance with conchs and drums playing alongside chanting in Japanese. The special prayer at the main monastery was led by Ven. Nichiyu (Kansen) Mochida and the venerable monks from Japan. Ms Takako Tanaka daughter of Mahaupasika Madam Noriko Ogawa also attended the event. Madam Norito Ogawa has been instrumental in assisting Ms Sulekhatai Kumbhare, the host of the event and the owner the Dragon Palace temple complex, in setting up the dragon palace temple complex. The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) co- partnered with the Dragon Palace Temple in organising the event. A number of international monks and those from different parts of India attended the event on behalf of the IBC. Around 5000 people from Kamptee and other parts of Nagpur attended the event.

The Dragon Palace Temple, also known as the Lotus Temple of Nagpur, is a Buddhist temple in Kamptee, Maharashtra,

72. Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh, has been recently as the _____ Tiger Reserve of the country.
- 54th
 - 55th

- c. 56th
- d. 57th

Answer:

C

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, informed the Nation about the notification of the Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh, as the 56th Tiger Reserve of the country. In a post on social media platform 'X', the Minister said, "As India continues to touch new milestones in tiger conservation, we have notified Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla in Chhattisgarh as the 56th tiger reserve. Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve is spread over 2,829 sq km."

73. Who is the incumbent Chairperson of the CBDT?

- a. Ravi Agrawal
- b. Pankaj Chaudhary
- c. Sanjay Malhotra
- d. Ramesh Narain Parbat

Answer: A

In continuation of the past convention, the Income Tax Department has set up the Taxpayers' Lounge at the India International Trade Fair, 2024, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, from 14th to 27th November, 2024.

The Taxpayers' Lounge was dedicated to the general public by Shri Ravi Agrawal, Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) today, in the presence of the Members of the CBDT Board and senior officers of the Income Tax Department.

74. _____ X _____ is the world's largest health assurance scheme, extending comprehensive secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation benefits of up to ₹5 lakh per family annually and encompassing nearly 55 crore individuals that form the bottom 40% of the Indian population. Identify X.

- a. PM-AAAY
- b. PM-JDY
- c. PM-SYY
- d. PM-JAY

Answer:

D

The Vay Vandana Card is an important aspect of Ayushman Bharat PM JAY initiative that strengthens the idea of making healthcare accessible to all. The Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on

September 23, 2018, reflects India's commitment to Universal Health Coverage. This scheme, part of the broader Ayushman Bharat initiative has redefined the nation's approach to healthcare by offering substantial health coverage to its most vulnerable citizens. Today, PM-JAY proudly holds the title of the world's largest health assurance scheme, extending comprehensive secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation benefits of up to ₹5 lakh per family annually and encompassing nearly 55 crore individuals that form the bottom 40% of the Indian population. The households included are based on the deprivation and occupational criteria of Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011) for rural and urban areas respectively.

75. World Toilet Day, celebrated annually on November _____, is an official United Nations observance aimed at raising global awareness and action to address the urgent sanitation crisis
- a. 18
 - b. 19
 - c. 20
 - d. 21

Answer: B

World Toilet Day, celebrated annually on November 19, is an official United Nations observance aimed at raising global awareness and action to address the urgent sanitation crisis. Observed since 2013, this day has been dedicated to emphasizing the importance of safe and accessible toilet facilities as part of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensuring water and sanitation for all by 2030. This year's theme is 'Toilets - A Place for Peace' which emphasizes that billions of people face heightened threats to sanitation due to conflict, climate change, natural disasters, and systemic neglect.

76. The International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS), founded in 1924, is headquartered in _____
- a. Rome
 - b. New Delhi
 - c. London
 - d. Geneva

Answer:

A

Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan addressed the inaugural session of the Global Soil Conference 2024 in PUSA, New Delhi today through video conferencing. Indian Society of Soil Science (ISSS), New Delhi under the aegis of International Union of soil Sciences, Italy in Collaboration with Indian council of Agricultural Research, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi organising this

Global Soils conference 2024 on “Caring Soils Beyond Food Security : Climate change mitigation & Ecosystem Services” in PUSA . Prof. Ramesh chand, Member of NITI Aayog, Dr.Trilochan Mohapatra, chairperson Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Authority, and former Secretary DARE and DG ICAR, Dr Himanshu Pathak, Secretary DARE and Director General, ICAR&President ISSS were present at the function.

Headquarters:Rome

77. Which of the following has been conferred with the Green World Environment Award 2024 in the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) category?
- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited
 - National Thermal Power Corporation Limited
 - Steel Authority of India Limited
 - Coal India Limited

Answer:

D

Coal India Limited (CIL) under the aegis of the Ministry of Coal, has been conferred with the esteemed Green World Environment Award in the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) category along with the distinguished tile of Green World Ambassador. Ministry of Coal has overall responsibility of determining policies and strategies in respect of mining of coal and other minerals in large interest of the country.

78. National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH), a constituent body of _____, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI) on diabetes care.
- Quality Council of India
 - NITI Aayog
 - Indian Council of Medical Research
 - Pharmacy Council of India

Answer:

A

National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH), a constituent body of Quality Council of India (QCI), today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI),to advance quality and consistency of diabetes care in India through the use of robust clinical and digital health standards.RSSDI is India’s largest professional body representing over 12,000 diabetes care providers across the country.

79. Which of the following conducted the Multilateral Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise, 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024' at Ahmedabad and Porbandar on 18-19 November 2024?

- a. Indian Navy
- b. Indian Air Force
- c. Indian Army
- d. Indian Coast Guard

Answer:

C

The Indian Army successfully conducted the Multilateral Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise, 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024' at Ahmedabad and Porbandar on 18-19 November 2024. General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff attended this significant event which showcased India's disaster response readiness.

The exercise conducted by the Konark Corps of Southern Command of Indian Army, was conducted over two days from 18 to 19th November 2024 at Ahmedabad and Porbandar, Gujarat. The inaugural event of the exercise at Ahmedabad on 18th November 2024 featured a Table Top Exercise, focusing on the theme of 'Cyclone in Coastal Region of Gujarat'. Representatives from National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA), Meteorological Department and FICCI attended the event along with Indian Armed Forces officials. The second day witnessed Multi-Agency Capability Demonstration held at Chowpatty Beach at Porbandar on 19 November 24.

80. UIP is one of the world's largest public health programs, targeting over 2.67 crore newborns and 2.9 crore pregnant women annually, providing free vaccines for 12 vaccine-preventable diseases. What is the full form of UIP?
- a. Universal Immunization Policy
 - b. United Immunity Programme
 - c. Universal Immunization Programme
 - d. Unity and Immunization Policy

Answer:

C

India's achievement of polio-free status in 2014 represents one of the most significant successes in global public health. The eradication of polio was not a singular event, but the culmination of decades of dedicated efforts, starting with India's participation in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and complemented by the robust national immunization efforts under the **Universal Immunization Programme** (UIP). The strategic integration of new vaccines, innovative surveillance systems, and government-led immunization campaigns played a crucial role in making India polio-free. This achievement was made possible through the tireless efforts of the Government of India in partnership with key global organizations, including UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary International, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Together, they

mobilized resources, provided technical expertise, and created widespread public awareness about the critical need to vaccinate every child under five against polio.

India's immunization efforts can be traced back to 1978, when the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) was launched. This program aimed to provide vaccines to children against various diseases. In 1985, this program was renamed the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), broadening its reach to rural areas beyond urban centers. Over time, the UIP became an integral part of several national health initiatives, including the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), launched in 2005 to improve the health of rural populations.

Today, UIP is one of the world's largest public health programs, targeting over 2.67 crore newborns and 2.9 crore pregnant women annually, providing free vaccines for 12 vaccine-preventable diseases. Polio was one of the first diseases targeted under UIP, and its elimination became a key public health milestone.

81. Who was sworn in as the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in November 2024?
- Girish Chandra Murmu
 - V. Narahari Rao
 - Shashi Kant Sharma
 - K. Sanjay Murthy

Answer:

D

At a ceremony held today (November 21, 2024) at 1000 hrs in the Ganatantra Mandap, Rashtrapati Bhavan, Shri K. Sanjay Murthy was sworn in as the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. He made and subscribed to the oath of office before the President.

82. Guyana is a country in _____
- South America
 - Eastern Africa
 - Western Africa
 - Southern Africa

Answer:

A

Guyana officially the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, is a country on the northern coast of South America, part of the historic mainland British West Indies. Georgetown is the capital of Guyana and is also the country's largest city.

83. The Caribbean Community (CARICOM or CC) is an intergovernmental organisation that is a political and economic union of _____ member states and five associated members.
- 10
 - 15

- c. 20
- d. 25

Answer: B

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM or CC) is an intergovernmental organisation that is a political and economic union of 15 member states (14 nation-states and one dependency) and five associated members throughout the Americas, The Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean. It has the primary objective to promote economic integration and cooperation among its members, ensure that the benefits of integration are equitably shared, and coordinate foreign policy. The organisation was established in 1973, by its four founding members signing the Treaty of Chaguaramas.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Prime Minister of Grenada, H.E. Mr. Dickon Mitchell, the current CARICOM Chair, chaired the 2nd India-CARICOM Summit in Georgetown on 20 November 2024. Prime Minister thanked President of Guyana, H.E. Irfaan Ali for graciously hosting the Summit. The first India-CARICOM Summit was held in 2019 in New York.

84. Which of the following countries won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in 2024?
- a. India
 - b. China
 - c. Japan
 - d. South Korea

Answer: A

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today congratulated the Indian Hockey team on winning the Women's Asian Champions Trophy.

85. Prasar Bharati, India's public broadcaster has recently launched its own OTT platform, '_____'.
a. Deep
b. Waves
c. Dive
d. Rise

Answer:

B

Prasar Bharati, India's public broadcaster, on Wednesday launched its own OTT platform, 'Waves'.

The app, available on Android and iOS, aims to deliver diverse content under the tagline “Waves – Family Entertainment Ki Nayi Lehar.”

The platform was launched by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant at the opening ceremony of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) where he called it a significant moment for the Indian entertainment industry.

86. Sangeet Natak Akademi instituted the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (UBKUP) in the name of Bharat Ratna Ustad Bismillah Khan for young performing art practitioners up to the age of _____ years in 2006.
- a. 25
 - b. 30
 - c. 35
 - d. 40

Answer:

D

Sangeet Natak Akademi instituted the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (UBKUP) in the name of Bharat Ratna Ustad Bismillah Khan for young performing art practitioners upto the age of 40 years in 2006. The Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar is given annually to outstanding young artists in the fields of music, dance, drama, folk & tribal arts and puppetry in a special ceremony held in Delhi and also outside Delhi. The Yuva Puraskar carries a purse money of Rs 25,000/- (Rupees twenty-five thousand only), a plaque and an angavastram.

87. How many young artists have been conferred with Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puruskar for the years 2022 and 2023?
- a. 62
 - b. 72
 - c. 82
 - d. 92

Answer:

C

82 Young Artists Conferred with Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puruskar for the Years 2022 and 2023

Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar Ceremony honouring the exceptional recipients of 2022 & 2023 commenced with inauguration by Shri Arunish Chawla, Secretary, Ministry of Culture; Smt. Uma Nanduri, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture; Shri Joravarsinh Jadav, Vice-chairman, Sangeet Natak Akademi; Dr Sandhya Purecha, Chairman, Sangeet Natak Akademi; and Shri Raju Das, Secretary, Sangeet Natak Akademi.

88. The World Bank assists the Ministry of Education with its program called Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) covering _____ states
- a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 5
 - d. 6

Answer:

D

The World Bank assists the Ministry of Education with its program called Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) covering six states namely Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan (collectively the STARS states). STARS Scheme has a national component under which key reforms are shared and disseminated for implementation. This report underscores the significant benefits of embedding skill-based education from grades 9-12 to prepare students for diverse career paths relying on a bottom-up approach, going deep in districts of the six states. These present varying socio-economic profiles offer a nuanced view of how industry and government can both contribute towards the jobs agenda.

Jobs at Your Doorstep is a skills gap analysis that attempts to align trades offered in schools industry-specific needs of the districts where the schools are present. The study was initiated to reimagine the skill education offering through in-depth primary as well as secondary research in six STARS states.

89. Akkineni Nageswara Rao was an Indian actor and film producer, primarily known for his works in _____ cinema.
- a. Bengali
 - b. Marathi
 - c. Gujarati
 - d. Telugu

Answer:

D

Akkineni Nageswara Rao , widely known as ANR, was an Indian actor and film producer, primarily known for his works in Telugu cinema.

90. Constitution Day or Samvidhan Divas is observed annually on _____ November to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution.
- a. 20th
 - b. 26th
 - c. 25th
 - d. 30th

Answer:

B

Constitution Day or Samvidhan Divas is observed annually on 26th November to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution. In a bid to promote constitutional values among citizens, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment announced on 19th November 2015 that the Government of India would celebrate 26th November every year as Constitution Day. This observance serves as a reminder of the democratic principles that guide the nation. As part of this endeavour to build awareness regarding constitutional ideals, the Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman campaign has been launched.

91. Guru Tegh Bahadur was the _____ of ten gurus who founded the Sikh religion
- 5th
 - 7th
 - 8th
 - 9th

Answer:

D

Guru Tegh Bahadur was the ninth of ten gurus who founded the Sikh religion and was the leader of Sikhs from 1665 until his beheading in 1675. He was born in Amritsar, Punjab, India in 1621 and was the youngest son of Guru Hargobind, the sixth Sikh guru. Considered a principled and fearless warrior, he was a learned spiritual scholar and a poet whose 115 hymns are included in the Guru Granth Sahib, which is the main text of Sikhism.

92. The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is a statutory Corporation set up under an Act of Indian Parliament on 14 March _____.
- 1953
 - 1963
 - 1973
 - 1983

Answer:

B

The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is a statutory Corporation set up under an Act of Indian Parliament on 14 March 1963. The objectives of NCDC are planning and promoting programmes for production, processing, marketing, storage, export and import of agricultural produce, foodstuffs, industrial goods, livestock and certain other notified commodities and services on cooperative principles and for matters concerned therewith or incidental thereto.

93. Kochi Metro Rail Limited is a centre-state public sector company in Kochi that operates the Kochi Metro and Kochi Water Metro. The company was incorporated on 2 August _____.

- a. 2005
- b. 2007
- c. 2011
- d. 2013

Answer:

C

Kochi Metro Rail Limited, abbreviated to KMRL, is a centre-state public sector company in Kochi, Kerala, India, that operates the Kochi Metro and Kochi Water Metro. The company was incorporated on 2 August 2011.

94. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) recently declared the winners of the National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) 2024, one of the highest National Awards in the field of livestock and dairy sector. The Awards are conferred in _____ categories

- a. 2
- b. 3
- c. 4
- d. 5

Answer: B

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) declared the winners of the National Gopal Ratna Awards(NGRA) ; one of the highest National Awards in the field of livestock and dairy sector for the year 2024. These awards will be given on the occasion of National Milk Day celebrations on 26th November 2024 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. The Awards to the winners will be conferred by Union Minister, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in the august presence of Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel and Shri George Kurian, Minister of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in a grand function being organized by the department as part of the National Milk Day celebrations 2024.

The National Gopal Ratna Awards are conferred with an objective to recognize and encourage all individuals like Farmers rearing indigenous animals, AI Technicians and Dairy cooperative societies / Milk Producer Company / Dairy farmers Producers Organizations working in the sector of animal husbandry and dairying. The Award is conferred in **three** categories, namely,

Best Dairy Farmer Rearing Indigenous Cattle/buffalo Breeds,

Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT) and

Best Dairy Cooperative/ Milk Producer Company/ Dairy Farmer Producer Organization.

From this year onwards, the Department has incorporated a Special award for North Eastern Region (NER) States, in all the three categories under National Gopal Ratna Awards, so as to encourage and boost the dairy development activities in NER.

95. The WHO Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System (GLASS) was launched in _____ to foster AMR surveillance and inform strategies to contain AMR
- 2010
 - 2002
 - 2015
 - 2023

Answer:

C

The WHO Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System (GLASS) was launched in 2015 to foster AMR surveillance and inform strategies to contain AMR. The system started with surveillance of AMR in bacteria causing common human infections and has expanded its scope to include surveillance of antimicrobial consumption (AMC), invasive fungal infections, and a One Health surveillance model relevant to human health. To meet future challenges, it is in continuous evolution to enhance the quality and representativeness of data to inform the AMR burden accurately. As of the end of 2022, 127 countries, territories and areas participate in GLASS.

96. ICA Global Cooperative Conference 2024 was held in _____
- Beijing
 - London
 - New Delhi
 - Rome

Answer:

C

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the ICA Global Cooperative Conference 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi today. Addressing the gathering, Shri Modi welcomed the Prime Minister of Bhutan His Excellency Dasho Tshering Tobgay, Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji His Excellency Manoa Kamikamica, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Resident Coordinator of UN in India Mr Shombi Sharp, President of the International Cooperative Alliance Mr. Ariel Guarco, dignitaries of various foreign countries and ladies and gentlemen to the ICA Global Cooperative Conference 2024.

97. The United Nations (UN) has designated _____ as the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC).
- 2023

- b. 2024
- c. 2025
- d. 2026

Answer:

C

The UN General Assembly declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC2025) to be celebrated under the theme "Cooperatives Build a Better World."

The theme highlights the lasting global impact of cooperatives and emphasizes that the cooperative model is a crucial solution for addressing various global challenges. Additionally, it underscores the significant role cooperatives play in advancing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

98. The Union Cabinet has recently approved the continuation of the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) till March 31, _____.
- a. 2026
 - b. 2027
 - c. 2028
 - d. 2030

Answer:

C

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the continuation of its flagship initiative, the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), under the aegis of NITI Aayog, with an enhanced scope of work and an allocated budget of Rs.2,750 crore for the period till March 31, 2028.

99. _____X_____ scheme provides financial assistance to the state governments and union territories administration for development of tourism infrastructure at the pre-identified pilgrimage destinations/heritage cities. Identify X
- a. PRAHLAD
 - b. PRAMOD
 - c. HRIDAY
 - d. PRASHAD

Answer:

D

Ministry of Tourism under its 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) Scheme provides Financial Assistance to the State Governments and Union Territories Administration for development of Tourism Infrastructure at the Pre-Identified Pilgrimage destinations/Heritage Cities. Under this Scheme, infrastructure interventions are carried out in consultation with the State Governments/UTs.

Ministry of Tourism, from time to time receives proposals from various sources regarding development of infrastructure under PRASHAD Scheme and these proposals are evaluated as per scheme guidelines and established procedures.

100.e-Sankhyiki portal comes under _____

- a. Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
- b. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- c. Ministry of Education
- d. NITI Aayog

Answer:

A

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has launched e-Sankhyiki portal (<https://esankhyiki.mospi.gov.in>) with objective to establish a comprehensive data management and sharing system for ease of dissemination of official statistics in the country. Further, the Microdata of Surveys and Census is disseminated via a dedicated portal viz. Microdata Portal (<https://microdata.gov.in/nada43/index.php/home>).

e-Sankhyiki portal has Application Programming Interface (API) which ensures seamless accessibility of data to various portals including National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP).

101. Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Jharkhand?

- a. Kalpana Soren
- b. Hemant Soren
- c. Champai Soren
- d. Raghubar Das

Answer: B

The Chief Minister of Jharkhand Shri Hemant Soren and MLA-elect Smt Kalpana Soren called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today.

102. At present, India is leading in milk production globally whereas _____ in Egg production.

- a. 2nd
- b. 3rd
- c. 4th
- d. 5th

Answer: A

India is leading in milk production globally whereas 2nd in Egg production.

103. National Milk Day is celebrated on November _____ every year, marking the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, who revolutionized India's dairy industry.

- a. 25
- b. 26
- c. 27
- d. 28

Answer: B

National Milk Day is celebrated on November 26 every year, marking the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, who revolutionized India's dairy industry.

104. Permanent Account Number (PAN) is a _____-digit alphanumeric number, issued in the form of a laminated card, by the Income Tax Department.

- a. 10
- b. 13
- c. 12
- d. 15

Answer:

A

Permanent Account Number (PAN) is a ten-digit alphanumeric number, issued in the form of a laminated card, by the Income Tax Department, to any "person" who applies for it or to whom the department allots the number without an application.

PAN enables the department to link all transactions of the "person" with the department. These transactions include tax payments, TDS/TCS credits, returns of income, specified transactions, correspondence, and so on. PAN, thus, acts as an identifier for the "person" with the tax department.

PAN was introduced to facilitate linking of various documents, including payment of taxes, assessment, tax demand, tax arrears etc. relating to an assessee, to facilitate easy retrieval of information and to facilitate matching of information relating to investment, raising of loans and other business activities of taxpayers collected through various sources, both internal as well as external, for detecting and combating tax evasion and widening of tax base.

105. Emma Jennifer McKeon is associated with which sports?

- a. Chess
- b. Walking
- c. Cycling

d. Swimming

Answer:

D

Emma Jennifer McKeon is a retired Australian competitive swimmer.

106. The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) came into force in _____, and presently has 193 States Parties.

- a. 1997
- b. 2000
- c. 2006
- d. 2010

Answer:

A

The 2024 OPCW The Hague Award was conferred upon the Indian Chemical Council (ICC) at a ceremony during the 29th Session of the Conference of the States Parties (CSP) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) at the Hague on November 25, 2024, in the presence of delegates from the 193 States Parties and experts from the global chemical industry from around the world. This is the first time that the Award recognises the efforts of a chemical industry body. The Director-General of OPCW, Ambassador Fernando Arias, and the Mayor of the Municipality of The Hague, Mr Jan van Zanen presented the Award.

Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director General, ICC received the award on behalf of the Council. The Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the OPCW and the Chairperson of India's National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC) were also present during the award ceremony.

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) came into force in 1997, and presently has 193 States Parties. OPCW, with its Secretariat in The Hague, is the implementing body for the Chemical Weapons Convention, with a mission to achieve a world free of chemical weapons. India is an original signatory to the Convention. NACWC is the national authority responsible for implementing the Convention in India.

In 2013, OPCW was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its extensive efforts to eliminate chemical weapons. To preserve the legacy of this achievement, the OPCW established the 'OPCW-The Hague Award' in collaboration with the Municipality of The Hague in 2014. The Award recognizes individuals and organizations that play a significant role in advancing the goals of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

107. India is placed at _____ rank as per the Network Readiness Index 2024 (NRI 2024) report released on 21st November 2024.

- a. 45th

- b. 19th
- c. 49th
- d. 60th

Answer:

C

India has improved its position by eleven slots and is now placed at 49th rank as per the Network Readiness Index 2024 (NRI 2024) report released on 21st November 2024, as against 60th rank scored in the NRI 2023 report. In its latest version of 2024, the Report maps the network-based readiness landscape of 133 economies based on their performances in four different pillars: Technology, People, Governance, and Impact, covering a total of 54 variables. The report has been published by the Portulans Institute, an independent non-profit research and educational institute based in Washington DC.

108.Operation Tamarisk is associated with _____

- a. World War I
- b. American Civil War
- c. Cold War
- d. Spanish Civil War

Answer: C

Operation Tamarisk was a Cold War-era operation run by the military intelligence services of the U.S., U.K., and France through their military liaison missions in East Germany, that gathered discarded paper, letters, and garbage from Soviet trash bins and military maneuvers, including used toilet paper.

109.Shashikant Ruia, who recently passed away, was associated with_____

- a. Bharti Airtel
- b. Vodafone Idea
- c. Essar Group
- d. ONGC

Answer:

C

Industrialist and Essar Group Chairman Shashikant Ruia passed away Monday after a prolonged illness. He was 81.

Ruia co-founded the metals-to-technology conglomerate Essar with his brother Ravi.

“It is with profound grief that we inform of the passing of Shashikant Ruia, Patriarch of the Ruia and Essar Family,” Essar group said in a statement on Tuesday.

110.Bajrang Punia is associated with which sports?

- a. Boxing
- b. Tennis
- c. Badminton
- d. Wrestling

Answer: D

Bajrang Punia, India's Tokyo Olympics bronze medal-winning wrestler, was suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for four years for refusing to submit a sample for a doping test on March 10 during the national team selection trials. This decision came after NADA had initially suspended Bajrang Punia on April 23 for the same offence, which led to a subsequent suspension by the World Governing Body, UWW.

111.13th National Seed Congress was held in _____

- a. Ujjain
- b. Hyderabad
- c. Varanasi
- d. Dharvad

Answer:

C

Union Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan virtually addressed the 13th National Seed Congress in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. During this virtual address, Director General of Agricultural Research Council, Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Additional Secretary of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Faiz Ahmed Kidwai and other senior officials were present.

112. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 scheme has been launched on 01 October, _____ in all ULBs/cities, enabling the cities to become 'self-reliant' and 'water secure'.

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

Answer: B

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 scheme has been launched on 01 October, 2021 in all ULBs/ cities, enabling the cities to become 'self-reliant' and 'water secure'. Providing universal coverage of sewerage & septage management in 500 AMRUT cities is one of the major focus areas of AMRUT 2.0. Rejuvenation of water bodies, development of green spaces and parks and Technology Sub-Mission to leverage latest

technologies in the field of water are other components of the Mission. The total indicative outlay for AMRUT 2.0 is ₹2,99,000 crore including Central share of ₹76,760 crore for five years.

113. Which film won the Golden Peacock at IFFI 2024?

- a. The New Year that Never Came
- b. Holy Cow
- c. Toxic
- d. Familiar Touch

Answer:

C

Lithuanian film Toxic bags the most prestigious award of IFFI, the Golden Peacock for Best Feature Film. Director, Saulė Bliuvaitė will share the Golden Peacock Trophy, a certificate, and a cash prize of Rs. 40,00,000, with the producer, Giedre Burokaite.

The Jury praised the film for its deep sensitivity and empathy, with its coming-of-age narrative set against a stark physical and social backdrop. Toxic emerged as the best film, "For exploring adolescence and the harsh realities of growing up in an economically deprived society, with so much sensitivity and empathy and at the same time creating a coming-of-age narrative against a backdrop of the physical and social landscape," the Jury cited.

114. Who won the Silver Peacock for the Best Director at IFFI 2024?

- a. Bogdan Muresanu
- b. Clément Faveau
- c. Adam Bessa
- d. None

Answer:

A

Romanian Director Bogdan Muresanu was honoured with the Best Director award for his exceptional work in the Romanian film The New Year that Never Came. Awarded to the most outstanding director from the International Competition category

Bogdan Muresanu received a Silver Peacock Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 15,00,000 along with a certificate.

The Jury particularly admired the film's exquisite production design, mise-en-scène, and metaphors that brought the period to life, as well as the stunning ensemble performances.

"Creating a tragicomedy is difficult. And to do that during a revolution is even tougher. Bogdan Muresanu succeeds brilliantly in doing just that, by interweaving six stories to portray the life in a country on the brink of a revolution – and he does that armed with exquisite production

design, mise-en-scene and metaphors to create the period and complimented by the stunning performances from the ensemble cast.” – reads the Jury citation.

115. Which won the Best Web Series (OTT) Award at the 55th International Film Festival of India?

- a. The Family Man
- b. Undekhi
- c. Paatal Lok
- d. Lampan

Answer: D

Marathi Web Series ‘Lampan’ grabs the Best Web Series (OTT) Award at the 55th International Film Festival of India, for its remarkable storytelling, high production values, and exceptional performances.

116. All India Conference of Director Generals/Inspector Generals of Police 2024 will be held in

-
- a. Delhi
 - b. Maharashtra
 - c. Odisha
 - d. Uttar Pradesh

Answer:

C

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will attend the All India Conference of Director Generals/Inspector Generals of Police 2024 from 30th November to 1st December, 2024 at State Convention Centre, Lok Seva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

The three day conference, being held from 29th November to 1st December, 2024, will include deliberations on critical components of national security, including Counter Terrorism, Left Wing Extremism, Coastal Security, New Criminal Laws, Narcotics among others. The President's Police Medal for distinguished service will also be awarded during the Conference.

The Conference will provide an interactive platform for senior Police professionals and security administrators in the country to freely discuss and debate diverse national security-related issues, as also various operational, infrastructural and welfare-related problems faced by the Police in India. Its deliberations will include formulation and sharing of professional practices and processes in tackling challenges relating to crime control and law and order management, besides Internal Security threats.

117. Who is the Chief Minister of Karnataka at present?

- a. Siddaramaiah
- b. Basavaraj Bommai
- c. B. S. Yediyurappa
- d. D K Shivakumar

Answer: A

The Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri Siddaramaiah along with Deputy Chief Minister Shri D.K Shiva Kumar, met Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today.

118.The Government of India and _____ recently signed a \$98 million loan to improve horticulture crop farmers' access to certified disease-free planting materials, which will boost their crops' yield, quality, and resilience to climate impacts.

- a. World Bank
- b. AIIB
- c. ADB
- d. NDB

Answer: C

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) today signed a \$98 million loan to improve horticulture crop farmers' access to certified disease-free planting materials, which will boost their crops' yield, quality, and resilience to climate impacts.

119.Who was conferred the prestigious Indian Film Personality of the Year award at gala concluding ceremony of the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa?

- a. Pramod Sawant
- b. Sanjay Jaju
- c. Anurag Kashyap
- d. Vikrant Massey

Answer: D

Actor Vikrant Massey was conferred the prestigious Indian Film Personality of the Year award at gala concluding ceremony of the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. The honor was presented by Shri Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa, and Shri Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, in recognition of Massey's extraordinary contributions to Indian cinema.

120.The SHe-Box portal has been developed in accordance with the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, _____

- a. 2011

- b. 2012
- c. 2013
- d. 2014

Answer: C

The SHe-Box portal has been developed in accordance with the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and the time prescribed for inquiry under the Act is 90 days.

121. AGNI WARRIOR (XAW-2024) is a joint military exercise between India and _____
- a. France
 - b. UK
 - c. Singapore
 - d. Japan

Answer:

C

The 13th edition of Joint Military Exercise AGNI WARRIOR (XAW-2024), a bilateral exercise between the Indian Army and Singapore Armed Forces, concluded at Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra) on 30th November 2024. The three-day exercise conducted from 28th to 30th November 2024, witnessed participation by the Singapore Armed Forces contingent comprising 182 personnel from the Singapore Artillery and the Indian Army contingent comprising 114 personnel from the Regiment of Artillery.

122. World AIDS Day, observed annually on December _____ since 1988, serves as a global platform to unite people in raising awareness about HIV.
- a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4

Answer: A

World AIDS Day, observed annually on December 1 since 1988, serves as a global platform to unite people in raising awareness about HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) /AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and demonstrating solidarity against the pandemic. It is an opportunity for governments, organizations, and communities to reflect on the progress made in prevention, treatment, and care while highlighting the ongoing challenges. This day, recognized as one of the most significant international health observances, not only spreads awareness but also commemorates those who have lost their lives to AIDS and celebrates milestones such as expanded access to healthcare services. By fostering understanding about

HIV as a critical public health issue, World AIDS Day underscores the integral connection between combating AIDS and achieving Universal Health Coverage and the Right to Health.

123.The theme for World AIDS Day 2024 is _____

- a. Leave No One Behind
- b. Global Solidarity, Shared Responsibility
- c. Take the rights path: My health, my right!
- d. End Inequalities. End AIDS

Answer: C

The theme for World AIDS Day 2024, “Take the rights path: My health, my right!” emphasizes the importance of healthcare access and the empowerment of individuals in managing their health. It underscores the need to address systemic inequalities that prevent vulnerable populations from receiving essential HIV prevention and treatment services. This year’s theme highlights the role of human rights in ensuring that everyone, regardless of their background or circumstance, can exercise their right to health. By focusing on this rights-based approach, the 2024 campaign seeks to foster inclusivity, reduce stigma, and encourage global cooperation to eradicate AIDS as a public health threat.

124.The 1st edition of Joint Table Top Exercise, CINBAX, will be held between the Indian Army and the _____ Army

- a. Chilean
- b. Cambodian
- c. Cameroon
- d. Croatian

Answer:

B

The 1st edition of Joint Table Top Exercise, CINBAX, between the Indian Army and the Cambodian Army commenced at Foreign Training Node, Pune today. The exercise will be conducted from 1st to 8th December 2024. The Cambodian Army contingent will comprise 20 personnel and the Indian Army contingent is also comprising 20 personnel from an Infantry Brigade.

125.The 14th Asia-Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference (AOMSUC-14) is being held from December 4-6, 2024, in _____

- a. Pune
- b. Hyderabad
- c. Chennai
- d. New Delhi

Answer: D

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