

## CURRENT AFFAIRS OCTOBER 2024

1. When was the Department of Posts established?
  - a. October 1, 1854
  - b. October 1, 1844
  - c. October 1, 1864
  - d. October 1, 1874

Answer:

A

Department of Posts is one of the oldest departments in the country, playing a vital role in the socio-economic development of the nation. Established on October 1, 1854, Department of Posts has witnessed numerous historical and socio-economic events over its 170-year journey. These views were expressed by Postmaster General of North Gujarat Region, Shri Krishna Kumar Yadav as the chief guest at a function organized at Ahmedabad GPO on the foundation day of the Department of Posts.

2. The Military Nursing Service (MNS) marked its \_\_\_\_\_ Raising Day on Oct 1, 2024
  - a. 95<sup>th</sup>
  - b. 99<sup>th</sup>
  - c. 97<sup>th</sup>
  - d. 100<sup>th</sup>

Answer: B

The Military Nursing Service (MNS) marked its 99th Raising Day on Oct 1, 2024 with solemnity and pride. Maj Gen Ignatius Delos Flora, Addl Director General of Military Nursing Services laid a wreath at the National War Memorial, in the presence of senior MNS officers and veterans.

A ceremonial cake-cutting took place in the morning at the MNS Officers Mess, Army Hospital (Research and Referral) New Delhi. The ceremony is a testament to the camaraderie and professional excellence of the service which has played an indispensable role in the health and welfare of Indian soldiers, particularly during wars, conflicts, and national emergencies.

Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) Gen Upendra Dwivedi in his message, commended the MNS Officers for their unwavering commitment to patient care, even in the most challenging conditions. He highlighted the significant role of MNS officers, as Pillar of strength of Armed Forces Medical Services.

3. Which organization is collaborating with the Indian Army for the Chanakya Defence Dialogue-2024?
- Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses
  - Centre for Land Warfare Studies
  - Indian Council for World Affairs
  - National Defence College

Answer: B

The Indian Army, in collaboration with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), is set to conduct the Second Edition of its flagship event, Chanakya Defence Dialogue-2024 on the theme "Drivers in Nation Building: Fuelling Growth through Comprehensive Security". The much-awaited event, will be conducted on 24th and 25th October 2024 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.

4. How many defence pensioners have been successfully linked to the SPARSH portal as of October 2024?
- 30 lakh
  - 42 lakh
  - 10 lakh
  - 57 lakh

Answer: A

"Out of a total of 32 lakh defence pensioners, 30 lakh have been successfully linked to the SPARSH {System for Pension Administration (Raksha)} portal," said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh during the 277th Annual Day celebrations of Defence Accounts Department (DAD) at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on October 01, 2024. While commending DAD's focus on technology adoption, the Raksha Mantri asserted that despite numerous challenges, the department has been successful in the implementation of this web-based system, which processes pension claims and credits the pension directly into bank accounts of defence pensioners without any external intermediary.

5. Who became the first woman officer to take over as the Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)?
- Nirmala Singh
  - Anita Malhotra
  - Radhika Suri
  - Arti Sarin

Answer:

D

Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin, on October 01, 2024, became the first woman officer to take over as the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS). The DGAFMS is directly responsible to the Ministry of Defence for overall medical policy matters which relate to the Armed Forces.

6. Rosh Hashanah, celebrated in Judaism, marks the beginning of which occasion?
- The Day of Atonement
  - The Jewish New Year
  - The Festival of Lights
  - The Harvest Festival

Answer: B

Rosh Hashanah is the New Year in Judaism. The biblical name for this holiday is Yom Teruah. Rosh Hashanah begins ten days of penitence culminating in Yom Kippur, as well as beginning the cycle of autumnal religious festivals running through Sukkot which end on Shemini Atzeret in Israel and Simchat Torah everywhere else.

7. Lal Bahadur Shastri was an Indian politician and statesman who was the Prime Minister of India from \_\_\_\_\_
- 1964 to 1966
  - 1963 to 1966
  - 1965 to 1967
  - 1962 to 1964

Answer: A

Lal Bahadur Shastri was an Indian politician and statesman who was Prime Minister of India from 1964 to 1966. He previously served as Home Minister from 1961 to 1963.

8. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) celebrated its \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Day on 1st October, 2024.
- 5<sup>th</sup>
  - 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 7<sup>th</sup>
  - 8<sup>th</sup>

Answer: D

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) celebrated its Eighth Annual Day on 1st October, 2024. Chief Justice (Retd.) Shri Ramalingam Sudhakar, President, National Company

Law Tribunal graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. . Mr. Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa and Former CEO of NITI Aayog delivered the Annual Day Lecture this year. Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance delivered the special address.

9. The International Day of Non-Violence was proclaimed by the United Nations in\_\_\_\_\_.
- a. 2013
  - b. 2005
  - c. 2015
  - d. 2007

Answer: D

The International Day of Non-Violence, celebrated annually on October 2, marks the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a global beacon of peace and non-violence. This day, proclaimed by the United Nations in 2007, serves as a reminder of the power of non-violence in shaping societies.

10. Which company has the Competition Commission of India approved to acquire Bharat Serums and Vaccines Limited?
- a. Sun Pharmaceutical Industries
  - b. Cipla Ltd.
  - c. Mankind Pharma Ltd.
  - d. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories

Answer:

C

Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of Bharat Serums and Vaccines Limited by Mankind Pharma Ltd. The proposed transaction involves the acquisition of 100% shareholding of Bharat Serums and Vaccines Limited (BSV) by Mankind Pharma Ltd. (Mankind) (Proposed Combination).

Mankind is a public listed company and is engaged in developing, manufacturing, and marketing a diverse range of pharmaceutical finished dosage formulations (FDFs) across various acute and chronic therapeutic areas, as well as several consumer healthcare products such as condoms, emergency contraceptives, pregnancy tests, vitamins, minerals, nutrients, antacids and anti-acne preparations segments. Through its subsidiaries, Mankind is also engaged in, inter alia, the manufacture and sale of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), pharmaceutical intermediaries, and packaging products for pharmaceutical products.

11. The Union Cabinet has recently approved classical language status for how many language(s)?
- a. 2

- b. 1
- c. 3
- d. 5

Answer:

D

The Union Cabinet on Thursday (October 3, 2024) approved classical language status to Marathi, Bengali, Assamese, Pali, and Prakrit.

12. Which organization is partnering with the Ministry of Finance to organize the Kautilya Economic Conclave?
- a. Centre for Economic Policy Research
  - b. NITI Aayog
  - c. Institute of Economic Growth
  - d. Indian Institute of Management

Answer: C

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will participate in the Kautilya Economic Conclave on 4th October at around 6:30 PM at the Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi. He will also address the gathering on the occasion.

The third edition of the Kautilya Economic Conclave will be held from 4th to 6th October. This year's conclave will focus on themes such as financing the green transition, geo-economic fragmentation and the implications for growth, principles for policy action to preserve resilience among others.

Both Indian and international scholars and policy makers will discuss some of the most important issues confronting the Indian economy and economies of the Global South. Speakers from across the world will take part in the conclave.

The Kautilya Economic Conclave is being organised by the Institute of Economic Growth in partnership with the Ministry of Finance.

13. Shailaputri is the daughter of which figure in Hindu mythology?
- a. Lord Vishnu
  - b. Lord Indra
  - c. Lord Shiva
  - d. King Himavat

Answer: D

Shailaputri, is the daughter of the Mountain King Himavat, and is a manifestation and form of the Hindu mother goddess Mahadevi, as a form of goddess Parvati. She is the first Navadurga venerated during the first day of Navratri, and is a reincarnation of Goddess Sati.

14. Which organization did the International Energy Efficiency Hub succeed?
- International Renewable Energy Agency
  - International Energy Agency
  - World Energy Council
  - International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation

Answer: D

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of 'Letter of Intent' thus enabling India to join the 'Energy Efficiency Hub'.

India will join the **International Energy Efficiency Hub (Hub)**, a global platform dedicated to fostering collaboration and promoting energy efficiency worldwide. This move solidifies India's commitment to sustainable development and aligns with its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Established in 2020 as the successor to the **International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC)**, in which India was a member, the Hub brings together governments, international organizations, and private sector entities to share knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions. By joining the Hub, India will gain access to a vast network of experts and resources, enabling it to enhance its domestic energy efficiency initiatives. As of July, 2024, sixteen countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, European Commission, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Russia, Saudi Arabia, United States and United Kingdom) have joined the Hub.

Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), the statutory agency, has been designated as the implementing agency for the Hub on behalf of India. BEE will play a crucial role in facilitating India's participation in the Hub's activities and ensuring that India's contributions align with its national energy efficiency goals.

15. The Union Cabinet recently approved the proposal for the rationalization of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare into how many umbrella schemes?
- 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5

Answer: A

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the proposal of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) for rationalization of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) operating under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's into two-umbrella Schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY), a cafeteria scheme and Krishonnati Yojana (KY). PM-RKVY will promote sustainable agriculture, while KY will address food security & agricultural self-sufficiency. All components shall leverage technology to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the various components.

16. In which year was the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) established?

- a. 1954
- b. 1948
- c. 1950
- d. 1952

Answer: B

In pursuance of an appeal by the then Prime Minister, **Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru in January, 1948**, the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) was established with public contributions to assist displaced persons from Pakistan. The resources of the PMNRF are now utilized primarily to render immediate relief to families of those killed in natural calamities like floods, cyclones and earthquakes, etc. and to the victims of the major accidents and riots. Assistance from PMNRF is also rendered, to partially defray the expenses for medical treatment like heart surgeries, kidney transplantation, cancer treatment and acid attack etc. **The fund consists entirely of public contributions and does not get any budgetary support**. The corpus of the fund is invested in various forms with scheduled commercial banks and other agencies. Disbursements are made with the approval of the Prime Minister. **PMNRF has not been constituted by the Parliament**. The fund is recognized as a Trust under the Income Tax Act and the same is managed by Prime Minister or multiple delegates for national causes. PMNRF operates from the Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi-110011 and does not pay any license fee. **PMNRF is exempt under Income Tax Act, 1961 under Section 10 and 139 for return purposes.** Contributions towards **PMNRF are notified for 100% deduction from taxable income under section 80(G) of the Income Tax Act, 1961**. Prime Minister is the Chairman of PMNRF and is assisted by Officers/ Staff on honorary basis.

17. Who founded the Indian Home Rule Society, India House, and The Indian Sociologist in London?

- a. Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- b. Dadabhai Naoroji

- c. Shyamji Krishna Varma
- d. Gopal Krishna Gokhale

Answer: C

Shyamji Krishna Varma was an Indian revolutionary fighter, an Indian patriot, lawyer and journalist who founded the Indian Home Rule Society, India House and The Indian Sociologist in London.

18. On which day of Navaratri is Goddess Brahmacharini worshipped?
- a. First day
  - b. Second day
  - c. Third day
  - d. Fourth day

Answer: B

Brahmcharini means a devoted female student who lives in an Ashrama with her Guru along with other students. She is the second aspect of the Navadurga forms of Mahadevi and is worshipped on the second day of Navaratri (the nine divine nights of Navadurga). The goddess Brahmacharini is an aspect of Parvati and wears white clothes, holding a japamala in her right hand and a kamandalu in her left.

19. What is **NOT** one of the criteria for declaring a language classical?
- a. High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500- 2000 years.
  - b. A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a heritage by generations of speakers.
  - c. Knowledge texts, especially prose texts in addition to poetry, epigraphical and inscriptional evidence.
  - d. All are part of the criteria

Answer:

D

The criteria were revised in 2024 as follows:

High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500- 2000 years.

A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a heritage by generations of speakers.

Knowledge texts, especially prose texts in addition to poetry, epigraphical and inscriptional evidence.



The Classical Languages and literature could be distinct from its current form or could be discontinuous with later forms of its offshoots.

The 2024 Linguistic Expert Committee also recommended the following languages to be fulfilling revised criteria to be considered as a Classical Language: Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, Bengali

Six Indian languages namely Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia were earlier accorded the status of Classical Language. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved to confer the status of Classical Language to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali languages on October 03, 2024, thus bringing the total number of classical languages to 11.

20. What does SAGAR stand for in the context of India's vision for the Indo-Pacific?
- Security and Growth for All in the Region
  - Strategic Alliances for Global Action and Response
  - South Asian Growth and Regional Development
  - Security Alliances for Global Energy and Resources

Answer: A

“India’s vision for the Indo-Pacific is based on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s idea of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) as we believe in fostering partnerships that prioritise sustainable development, economic growth and mutual security,” said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh while addressing the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2024 in New Delhi on October 04, 2024. Raksha Mantri emphasised that India’s engagement with its partners is guided by the understanding that true progress can only be achieved through collective action & synergy, and due to these efforts, it is now considered as a credible & preferred security partner and first responder in the region.

21. The Banjara are primarily known as what type of community?
- Agriculturalists
  - Nomadic tribes
  - Fishermen
  - Artisans

Answer: B

The Banjara are nomadic tribes found in India.

Banjaras were historically pastoralists, traders, breeders, and transporters of goods in the inland regions of India, for which they used boats, carts, camels, oxen, donkeys, and sometimes the relatively scarce horse, hence controlling a large section of trade and economy.

22. Where is the Banjara Virasat Museum located?

- a. Poharadevi
- b. Davangere
- c. Tumkuru
- d. Koppal

Answer: A

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today inaugurated the Banjara Virasat Museum in Poharadevi. He urged all those who are passionate about history and culture to visit the museum.

23. The Nangara is a type of:

- a. Wind instrument
- b. Percussion instrument
- c. String instrument
- d. Brass instrument

Answer:

B

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today tried his hand at the Nangara in Washim. He remarked that Nangara holds a very special place in the great Banjara culture.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday played the **'nangara', a traditional drum**, in Washim in Maharashtra

24. On which day of Navaratri is Goddess Chandraghanta worshipped?

- a. First day
- b. Second day
- c. Third day
- d. Ninth day

Answer: C

In Hinduism, Chandraghanta is the third navadurga aspect of goddess Mahadevi, worshipped on the third day of Navaratri (the nine divine nights of Navadurga). Her name Chandra-Ghanta, means "one who has a half-moon shaped like a bell". Her third eye is always open, signifying her perpetual readiness for battle against evil. She is also known as Chandrakhanda, Vrikahvahini or Chandrika. She is believed to reward people with her grace, bravery and

courage. By her grace, all the sins, distresses, physical sufferings, mental tribulations and ghostly hurdles of the devotees are eradicated.

25. How many Assembly Constituencies are there in Haryana?

- a. 70
- b. 80
- c. 90
- d. 100

Answer:

C

The single phase polling for **90 Assembly Constituencies** in Haryana concluded largely peacefully today in more than 20,000 polling stations set up in the state, except for stray incidents of minor scuffles. Voting began at 7.00 am and voters from all sections of society were seen queuing up at Polling Stations. With a significant population of elderly voters, many above the age of 100 years were seen participating in the electoral festivities with enthusiasm. A total of 1031 candidates are in the electoral fray which includes 101 female candidates. As of 7 PM, a voter turnout of 61.19% was recorded at the polling stations. In the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections, voter turnout of 64.8% was recorded in Haryana at polling stations.

26. Who is the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh at present?

- a. Vishnu Deo Sai
- b. Ramen Deka
- c. Bhupesh Baghel
- d. Dharamlal Kaushik

Answer:

A

The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Shri Vishnu Deo Sai met the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today.

27. Garba is a traditional dance form that originates from which Indian state?

- a. Rajasthan
- b. Maharashtra
- c. Gujarat
- d. Punjab

Answer:

C

Garba is a form of Gujarati dance which originates from the state of Gujarat

28. Skandamātā is worshipped on which day of Navaratri?

- a. Third day
- b. Fifth day
- c. Seventh day
- d. Ninth day

Answer:

B

Skandamātā is the fifth among the Navadurga forms of Mahadevi. Her name comes from Skanda, an alternate name for the war god Kartikeya, and Mātā, meaning mother. As one of the Navadurga, the worship of Skandamātā takes place on the **fifth day** of Navaratri.

29. In which year was the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade established?

- a. 1953
- b. 1943
- c. 1963
- d. 1973

Answer: C

Established in 1963 as an autonomous body under Ministry of Commerce, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) has gained Deemed University status and is one of the premier business institutions in India focussing on Foreign Trade and highly regarded as an academic centre of excellence in international business research, training and education. IIFT will collaborate with Expo City Dubai on research projects and other knowledge-sharing activities focused on sustainability and innovation.

30. Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI 2.0) is an initiative of

- 
- a. NITI Aayog
  - b. UNDP
  - c. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
  - d. Ministry of Defence

Answer:

D

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched the second edition of Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI 2.0) challenges and the 12th edition of Defence India Start-up Challenges (DISC 12) during DefConnect 4.0 at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt. on October 07, 2024.

ADITI 2.0 features 19 challenges from the Armed Forces and allied agencies in the domains of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum Technology, military communication, anti-drone systems customised for military platforms and adaptive camouflage, etc. This scheme offers a grant of

up to Rs 25 crore to Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) winners, focusing on critical technological areas crucial for strengthening the defence ecosystem of the country.

31. Who is the Chief Minister of Gujarat at present?

- a. Anandiben Patel
- b. Madhav Singh Solanki
- c. Keshubhai Patel
- d. Bhupendra Patel

Answer:

D

Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel, called on the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today.

32. In the Navadurga tradition, which number is Katyayani among the nine forms of Durga?

- a. First
- b. Third
- c. Sixth
- d. Ninth

Answer: C

Katyayani is an aspect of Mahadevi and the slayer of the tyrannical demon Mahishasura. She is the sixth among the Navadurgas, the nine forms of Hindu goddess Durga who are worshipped during the festival of Navaratri. She is depicted with four, ten or eighteen hands. This is the second name given to the goddess Adi Parashakti in Amarakosha, the Sanskrit lexicon (Goddess Parvati names- Uma, Katyayani, Gauri, Kali, Haimavati, Ishwari).

33. Which Indian organization built the MACE telescope?

- a. ISRO
- b. BARC
- c. DRDO
- d. IISC

Answer:

B

The Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory has been inaugurated by Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary DAE & Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, at Hanle, Ladakh, on 4th October 2024. MACE is the largest imaging Cherenkov telescope in Asia. Located at an altitude of ~4,300 m, it is also the highest of its kind in the world. The telescope is indigenously built by BARC with support from ECIL and other Indian industry partners. The inaugural of MACE Observatory was a part of the Platinum Jubilee year celebrations of the DAE.

The event commenced with the unveiling of commemorative plaques by Dr. Mohanty at the MACE site at Hanle, Ladakh, thereby officially inaugurating the MACE Observatory.

34. What is the name of the second Survey Vessel (Large) delivered to the Indian Navy in October 2024?
- a. Sandhayak
  - b. Jamuna
  - c. Sagardhwani
  - d. Nirdeshak

Answer: D

Nirdeshak (Yard 3026), second of four Survey Vessel (Large) ships, steered by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and being built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata was delivered to the Indian Navy on 08 Oct 24. The first ship of the class, INS Sandhayak, was commissioned on 03 Feb 24. The contract for four Survey Vessels (SVL) was signed on 30 Oct 18.

The SVL ships are designed and built as per classification rules of Indian Register of Shipping by M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata. The ship aims at full scale coastal and deep-water hydrographic survey of port/ harbour approaches and determination of navigational channels/ routes. The ship will also collect oceanographic and geophysical data for defence and civil applications. With a displacement of about 3400 tons and overall length of 110 meters, Nirdeshak is fitted with state-of-the art hydrographic equipment such as data acquisition and processing system, autonomous underwater vehicle, remotely operated vehicle, DGPS long range positioning systems, digital side scan sonar, etc. Powered by two diesel engines, the ship can achieve speeds in excess of 18 knots.

35. As of the Financial Year 2024-25, how many total gross enrolments have been achieved under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY)?
- a. 7 crore
  - b. 5 crore
  - c. 6 crore
  - d. 8 crore

Answer: A

The total gross enrolments under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) have crossed 7 crore, with an enrolment of over 56 lakh in the current Financial Year 2024-25. The scheme is in its 10th year of rollout, and has achieved a big milestone by bringing in the most vulnerable sections of

society under the coverage of pension has been made possible with the untiring efforts of all the Banks and SLBCs/UTLBCs.

36. Who is Chief Minister of Haryana at present?

- a. Bhupinder Singh Hooda
- b. Manohar Lal Khattar
- c. Om Prakash Chautala
- d. Nayab Singh Saini

Answer:

D

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

37. Kalaratri is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the nine Navadurga forms of the goddess Mahadevi.

- a. Seventh
- b. Eighth
- c. Sixth
- d. Ninth

Answer:

A

Kalaratri is the seventh of the nine Navadurga forms of the goddess Mahadevi. She is first referenced in the Devi Mahatmya. Kalaratri is one of the fearsome forms of the goddess.

38. Where is the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) being developed?

- a. Mumbai
- b. Kandla
- c. Lothal
- d. Visakhapatnam

Answer: C

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat. The project will be completed in two phases.

The Cabinet also accorded in-principle approval for Phase 1B and Phase 2, as per master plan by raising funds through voluntary resources/ contributions and their execution after raising of the funds.

Construction of Light House Museum under Phase 1B will be funded by Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL).

39. World Post Day is an international day that occurs each year on October \_\_\_\_\_
- a. 7
  - b. 8
  - c. 9
  - d. 10

Answer: C

World Post Day is an international day that occurs each year on October 9, the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union, which started in 1874 in Switzerland. The UPU was the start of the global communications revolution, introducing the ability to write letter to others all over the world.

40. IBSAMAR is a series of naval exercises between the navies of how many countries?
- a. 2
  - b. 3
  - c. 4
  - d. 5

Answer: B

IBSAMAR are a series of naval exercises between the navies of India, Brazil and South Africa. The name IBSAMAR is an abbreviation of India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime.

Indian Navy's frontline stealth frigate, INS Talwar, arrived at Simon's Town, South Africa, on **06 Oct 24** to participate in the **eighth edition of IBSAMAR**, a joint multinational maritime exercise among **Indian, Brazilian, and South African Navy** scheduled from 06 to 18 October 2024.

41. The 21st ASEAN-India Summit was held in \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Vientiane
  - b. Bandar Seri Begawan
  - c. Phnom Penh
  - d. Naypyidaw

Answer:

A

The 21st ASEAN-India Summit was held in Vientiane, Lao PDR, on 10 October 2024. Marking a decade of India's Act East Policy, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi joined ASEAN leaders to review the progress of ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and chart the future direction of cooperation. This was Prime Minister's 11th participation in the Summit.



42. Mahagauri is the \_\_\_\_\_ form among the Navadurga aspects of the Hindu mother goddess Mahadevi.
- a. Fifth
  - b. Sixth
  - c. Seventh
  - d. Eighth

Answer: D

Mahagauri is the eighth form among the Navadurga aspects of the Hindu mother goddess Mahadevi. She is worshipped on the eighth day of Navaratri. Mahagauri is believed to be able to fulfill all the desires of her devotees.

43. Which year has been declared as the 'Year of Naval Civilians' by the Indian Navy to improve initiatives and work environment for Naval Civilians?
- a. 2022
  - b. 2023
  - c. 2024
  - d. 2025

Answer:

C

Indian Navy is committed to excellence, innovation, adaptability and enhanced functional efficiency in HR management of Civilian Personnel and one of the key objectives to achieve this goal is fostering a culture of inclusivity and inculcating strong sense of belongingness by instituting various welfare measures.

2024 has been declared 'Year of Naval Civilians' by Indian Navy (<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=2001395>) in order to provide thrust to new initiatives and effectively improve the overall work environment for Naval Civilians. Welfare measures to enhance quality of life is a major focus area in the Year of Naval Civilians.

44. World Mental Health Day is on \_\_\_\_\_ October
- a. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - b. 10<sup>th</sup>
  - c. 11<sup>th</sup>
  - d. 12<sup>th</sup>

Answer:

B

10 October is World Mental Health Day

45. When was the inaugural All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS) by NABARD conducted?
- a. 2015-16
  - b. 2016-17
  - c. 2017-18
  - d. 2018-19

Answer:

B

NABARD has published the findings from its **second All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS)** for 2021-22, which offers primary data based on a survey of 1 lakh rural households, covering various economic and financial indicators in the post-COVID period. Recognizing the vital role of financial inclusion for economic development, **NABARD conducted the inaugural survey for the agricultural year (July-June) 2016-17**, with results released in August 2018. Since then, the economy has faced numerous challenges, and policies have been implemented to support agriculture and boost rural socio-economic progress. The NAFIS 2021-22 results could help to shed light on how rural economic and financial development indicators have evolved since 2016-17. The survey included all 28 states and the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

46. Prime Minister of India recently attended the \_\_\_\_\_ East Asia Summit (EAS) on 11 October 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.
- a. 18<sup>th</sup>
  - b. 19<sup>th</sup>
  - c. 20<sup>th</sup>
  - d. 17<sup>th</sup>

Answer: B

Prime Minister (PM) attended the 19th East Asia Summit (EAS) on 11 October 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

In his address, PM stressed on ASEAN's central role in the Indo-Pacific regional architecture, in India's Indo-Pacific Vision and in Quad cooperation. He underlined that India's participation in East Asia Summit was an important pillar of its Act East Policy. Noting that a free open, inclusive, prosperous and rules-based Indo-Pacific was important for peace and development in the region, he spoke of the similarity and common approach between India's Indo-Pacific Ocean's Initiative and ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific. He emphasized that the region should pursue a development based approach rather than one pivoted on expansionism.

47. Nanaji Deshmukh was posthumously awarded which of the following honors in 2019?

- a. Padma Shri
- b. Padma Bhushan
- c. Padma Vibhushan
- d. Bharat Ratna

Answer:

D

Nanaji Deshmukh was a social reformer and politician from India. He worked in the fields of education, health, and rural self-reliance. He was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award in 2019 by the Government of India. He was a leader of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and also a member of the Rajya Sabha.

48. Siddhidhatri is the \_\_\_\_\_ among the Navadurga aspects of the Hindu mother goddess Mahadevi
- a. 7<sup>th</sup>
  - b. 8<sup>th</sup>
  - c. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - d. 10<sup>th</sup>

Answer: C

Siddhidhatri, Siddhidatri is the ninth and final among the Navadurga (nine forms) aspects of the Hindu mother goddess Mahadevi. The meaning of her name is as follows: Siddhi means supernatural power or meditative ability, and Dhatri means giver or awarder. She is worshipped on the ninth day of Navaratri (nine nights of Navadurga); she fulfills all the divine aspirations. It is believed that one side of Lord Shiva's body is that of Goddess Siddhidatri. Therefore, he is also known by the name of Ardhanarishwara. According to Vedic scriptures, Lord Shiva attained all the siddhis by worshipping this Goddess.

49. Where will the 3rd edition of the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation (NIIO) Seminar, Swavlamban 2024, be conducted?
- a. New Delhi
  - b. Ladakh
  - c. Madhya Pradesh
  - d. Bengaluru

Answer:

A

The 3rd edition of the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation (NIIO) Seminar, Swavlamban 2024, is scheduled to be conducted at Bharat Mandapam on 28 - 29 Oct 24.

Bharat Mandapam is an exhibition hall located within the confines of the sprawling Pragati Maidan complex in New Delhi

Over the last two editions of Swavlamban, the Indian Navy has received more than 2000 proposals from the Indian industry that have been converted into 155 challenges to facilitate development of prototypes. This initiative has enabled collaboration with more than 200 MSMEs/ Startups under the iDEX Scheme.

Swavlamban 2024 is expected to build on the experiences and insights gained through the conduct of previous editions of the seminar, and provide new and substantial impetus to the innovation and indigenisation endeavour. The event will showcase products of niche technologies such as air and surface surveillance, autonomous systems in surface, aerial and underwater domains, AI and quantum technologies on 28 and 29 Oct 24 at Hall 14, Pragati Maidan. Domain specific interactive sessions on 29 Oct 24 at Bharat Mandapam shall provide an opportunity for interaction among policy makers, innovators, startups, MSMEs, financial institutions and venture capitalists to discuss and deliberate on issues such as emerging technologies, future warfare, indigenisation, boosting innovation ecosystem and inculcating an innovative culture. For more information, kindly reach out to us at niio-tdac[at]navy[dot]gov[dot]in and mprcnavy[dot]321[at]gmail[dot]com.

50. When was India's vaccine regulatory system first benchmarked against the WHO Global Benchmarking Tool?
- a. 2015
  - b. 2016
  - c. 2018
  - d. 2017

Answer:

D

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), along with the National Regulatory Authority of India (NRA) and affiliated institutions, has been found to meet the World Health Organization (WHO) published indicators for a functional vaccine regulatory system. This conclusion was reached by a team of international experts from various countries, led by WHO (HQ) in Geneva, following a comprehensive and in-depth scientific review of India's vaccine regulatory system conducted from September 16 to 20, 2024.

Safety, efficacy, and quality are three basic parameters of assessment of vaccines. WHO has established global standards and benchmarks for assurance of vaccine quality through the development of tools and guidelines, benchmarking of the NRA and prequalification programme of vaccines.

The WHO NRA re-benchmarking was aimed to assess and document the status of the India regulatory system in the area of vaccine regulation, re-benchmark the status of the India vaccine regulatory system against the WHO NRA Global Benchmarking Tool (GBT) and

measuring the maturity of the system. India has been declared 'functional' against all the core regulatory functions of the WHO Global Benchmarking Tool Version VI. **India's vaccine regulatory system was benchmarked in the year 2017** against Global benchmarking tool (GBT) version V which is now revised to GBT VI with raised bars and stringency in benchmarking criteria.

51. What does Article 243G of the Indian Constitution primarily deal with?
- Advisory jurisdiction of the President
  - Powers, responsibilities, and authority of Panchayats
  - Powers, responsibilities, and authority of Municipalities
  - Extension of Panchayats to Scheduled Areas

Answer:

B

Article 243G of the Indian Constitution outlines the powers, responsibilities, and authority of Panchayats, which are local self-government bodies:

52. Who is the Chief Commissioner of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) at present?
- Dishiti Gupta
  - Nidhi Khare
  - Meenakshi Lekhi
  - Aruna Sundararajan

Answer: B

In a landmark decision, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has directed Ola, a leading online ride-hailing platform, to implement a mechanism allowing consumers to choose their preferred method of refund—either directly to their bank account or via coupon—during the grievance redressal process. Additionally, Ola has been instructed to provide consumers with a bill or receipt or invoice for all Auto rides booked through its platform, ensuring greater transparency and accountability in its services. The Authority is headed by Chief Commissioner Smt. Nidhi Khare.

53. Trachoma is caused by infection with which bacterium?
- Chlamydia trachomatis
  - Staphylococcus trachomatis
  - Streptococcus trachomatis
  - Escherichia trachomatis

Answer:

A

Trachoma is a devastating eye disease caused by infection with the bacterium Chlamydia

trachomatis. The primary source of trachoma infection is the eye secretions of infected individuals, it can be transmitted through several routes, including:

Close physical contact, such as playing together or sharing a bed, especially among mothers and affected children.

Sharing towels, handkerchiefs, pillows, and other personal items.

Houseflies, which can carry the infection.

Coughing and sneezing.

54. Han Kang is the first writer from which country to win the Nobel Prize in Literature?

- a. Japan
- b. China
- c. Vietnam
- d. South Korea

Answer:

D

By awarding the **Nobel Prize in Literature to South Korean** poet and novelist Han Kang this year, the Swedish Academy has done two things. It has looked eastwards, after going with European writers Jon Fosse and Annie Ernaux in the past two years; and it celebrates an “innovator in contemporary prose”. While announcing the name, the academy lauded the 53-year-old writer, the **first Korean to win the Nobel Prize in Literature**, “for her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life”. With the human condition as her muse, specifically the question why and how humanity encompasses unspeakable depravity as well as indisputable acts of dignity and kindness, Han Kang has experimented with form and style to tell her stories. Her best-known work available in English is her 2007 novel, *The Vegetarian*, translated by Deborah Smith, and released in 2015. Winning the International Booker Prize in 2016, a decade after it was first published in Korean, the radical story, about a woman who gives up eating meat and finds solidarity only in the plant world, paved the way for her other novels to be translated into English and many other languages. Han Kang, who was born in the South Korean city of Gwangju, moved to Seoul when she was nine years old and studied Korean literature at university.

55. Agasthyamalai Bambootail is a new species of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Damselfly
- b. Ant
- c. Frog
- d. Termite

Answer: A

THRISSUR: A group of researchers from the state and outside has discovered a new species of damselfly from Manjadininnavila in Thiruvananthapuram district.

Named Agasthyamalai Bambootail (Agasthyamala Mulavalan in Malayalam), the damselfly is a rare species belonging to the group of bambootails. The long cylindrical abdomen resembling a bamboo stalk fetched them the name Bambootail aka Mulavalan Thumbikal.

56. Where is the new Very Low Frequency (VLF) Station of the Indian Navy being built?
- Trinkomalee
  - Vikarabad
  - Visakhapatnam
  - Kochi

Answer:

B

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone of a new Very Low Frequency (VLF) Station of the Indian Navy at the Damagundam Reserve Forest site, Pudur Mandal in Vikarabad, Telangana on October 15, 2024. The facility, built at a cost of Rs 3,200 crore, will be spread across 2,900 acres. It will bolster the Indian Navy's operational readiness, ensuring effective command and control capabilities in challenging maritime environments. It will play a pivotal role in strengthening the Naval communication infrastructure, enabling reliable and secure transmission over long distances.

57. Who took over as the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)?
- Paramesh Sivamani
  - Dishiti Gupta
  - Aniruddh Srivastava
  - Dhananjay Shetty

Answer: A

DG Paramesh Sivamani took over as the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The Flag Officer, during his illustrious career spanning over three and a half decades, has served in various capacities in ashore and afloat appointments.

58. Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, recently announced the establishment of three AI Centres of Excellence (CoE) focused on Healthcare, \_\_\_\_\_, and Sustainable Cities
- Agriculture
  - Education

- c. Manufacturing
- d. Logistics

Answer: A

Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, announced the establishment of three AI Centres of Excellence (CoE) focused on Healthcare, Agriculture, and Sustainable Cities in New Delhi today. Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Shri K. Sanjay Murthy; Co-chair of the Apex Committee and Founder and CEO of Zoho Corporation, Shri Sridhar Vembu; Chairman of the National Educational Technology Forum, Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe; MD, PeakXV Partners and Surge, Shri Rajan Anandan; CEO, Khosla Labs, Shri Srikanth Nadhamuni; Head, Cropin AI Labs, Dr. Praveen Pankajakshan; senior officials from various ministries of the Government of India, Directors of IITs, Heads of higher educational institutions (HEIs), industry leaders, and start-up founders were also present at the event. Shri Pradhan presented a sapling and a Plaque to the representatives of AIIMS and IIT Delhi, IIT Ropar, and IIT Kanpur, which will lead the CoEs, for their commitments and support. Respective Apex Committee members of the AI-CoE Healthcare, Agriculture and Sustainable Cities explained the scope and extent of the projects.

59. World Food Day is observed annually on October \_\_\_\_\_
- a. 11
  - b. 14
  - c. 15
  - d. 16

Answer:

D

World Food Day, observed annually on October 16, has its roots in the establishment of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) by the United Nations in 1945. Officially founded in 1979 during the FAO's 20th General Conference, the day highlights global food security issues. The first celebration occurred in 1981 with the theme "Food Comes First," and the United Nations General Assembly endorsed it in 1984.

60. World Food Day 2024 theme is \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Right to food for a better life and a better future
  - b. Our actions are our future – Better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life
  - c. Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind
  - d. Grow, nourish, sustain. Together.

Answer: A



World Food Day 2024 theme is "Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future." Recognized by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the right to food is not merely about survival but about enabling individuals to live healthy, dignified lives.

61. Who is the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir at present?

- a. Omar Abdullah
- b. Mehbooba Mufti
- c. Mufti Mohammad Sayeed
- d. Position is vacant

Answer: A

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Shri Omar Abdullah on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir today.

62. Which of the following is organizing the AROHA-2024 conference?

- a. All India Institute of Medical Sciences
- b. National Institute of Yoga
- c. All India Institute of Ayurveda
- d. NITI Aayog

Answer:

C

All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi is organising its first-ever International conference - Advancements of Research & Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda - AROHA-2024 starting tomorrow from Thursday 17th October to 19th October 2024. This distinguished event will feature in-person and virtual participation, offering an unparalleled opportunity for participants. The discourse will be centered on the theme "Advancements in Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda" in this global event.

63. Which position is Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud holding at present?

- a. CJ
- b. CAG
- c. Attorney General
- d. Solicitor General

Answer: A

Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India.

64. The Election Commission deploys Observers under Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and plenary powers of the Constitution.

- a. 10B

- b. 20B
- c. 30B
- d. 40B

Answer: B

The Commission deploys Observers under Section 20B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and plenary powers of the Constitution. The Observers are entrusted with the crucial responsibility of observance of the election process, the fairness, impartiality and credibility which forms the bedrock of our democratic polity. The Commission puts a great deal of faith in its General, Police and Expenditure Observers and the role of such Observers in ensuring free and fair Elections is of utmost importance for the Commission. These Central Observers not only help the Commission in fulfilling its constitutional mandate of conducting free, fair, transparent and inclusive elections but also to enhance the voter awareness and participation in election. These Observers are known for being the eyes and ears of the Commission.

65. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched by the

- 
- a. Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
  - b. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
  - c. Ministry of Indigenous Affairs
  - d. Ministry of AYUSH

Answer: A

With an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India and it provides affordable and quality medicines through its network of 13800 Jan Aushadhi Kendra covering almost all districts of the country. People save 50% to 90% on the cost of medicines while buying from these retail outlets. Over the years, Jan Aushadhi has become the largest retail pharmacy chain of the country.

66. Who has been awarded the prestigious International Astronautical Federation (IAF) World Space Award for the remarkable success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission?

- a. Narendra Modi
- b. Vivek Singh
- c. Jitendra Singh
- d. S. Somanath

Answer: D

In a momentous recognition of India's achievements in space exploration, Dr. S. Somanath, Secretary of the Department of Space and Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has been awarded the prestigious International Astronautical Federation (IAF) World Space Award for the remarkable success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission.

67. Which country did President Droupadi Murmu visit as part of her three-nation tour where she was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate in Political Science by Sidi Abdellah Science and Technology Pole University?
- UAE
  - Oman
  - Algeria
  - Fiji

Answer:

C

President Droupadi Murmu who is on a visit to Algeria, as part of her three nation visit was conferred with Honorary Doctorate in Political Science by Sidi Abdellah Science and Technology Pole University in Algiers today . Mr. Kamal Baddari, the Algerian Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, handed over the Doctorate.

President Droupadi Murmu addressing the Siddi Abdellah University said that this doctorate is an honour for my country, a country that had stood for peace and prosperous world from time immemorial. She said that education neutralises the inequalities and promotes equal opportunity for all. She urged the Algerian Govt, Higher Education department and students to avail the benefits of India's ITEC program and other scholarship programs.

President further said that the youths in both countries will be the strong bridge of people connecting and thus strengthening the existing cordial relation between the nations.

68. Who is set to become the 51st Chief Justice of India (CJI)?
- D Y Chandrachud
  - Sanjiv Khanna
  - Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai
  - Hrishikesh Roy

Answer:

B

On 17 October 2024, incumbent Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud formally recommended Justice Sanjiv Khanna be appointed the next Chief Justice of India. CJI Chandrachud is set to retire on 10 November 2024. If the Union Government approves the Chief's nomination, Justice Khanna will assume his mantle the next day. The Union government had written to CJI Chandrachud asking him for his recommendation last week.

69. Article 124 of the Indian Constitution deals with \_\_\_\_\_
- Establishment and constitution of Supreme Court
  - Establishment and constitution of High Courts
  - Establishment and constitution of Tribunals
  - Establishment and constitution of Public Service Commissions

Answer:

A

Answer: Establishment and constitution of Supreme Court

70. Kaziranga ranks second in butterfly species diversity among India's protected areas, after \_\_\_\_\_ National Park.
- Namdapha
  - Manas
  - Nokrek
  - Balphakram

Answer:

A

"Kaziranga now ranks second in butterfly species diversity among India's protected areas, after Namdapha National Park," said Gogoi, adding, "This record is particularly significant given Kaziranga's location outside the Himalayan and Patkai mountain ranges, making its high species diversity a remarkable achievement."

71. When was the National Human Rights Commission of India constituted?
- 12 October 1993
  - 12 September 1993
  - 12 August 1993
  - 12 July 1993

Answer: A

The National Human Rights Commission of India (abbreviated as NHRC) is a statutory body constituted on 12 October 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Ordinance of 28 September 1993. It was given a statutory basis by the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (PHRA). The NHRC is responsible for the protection and promotion of human rights, defined by the act as "Rights Relating To Life, liberty, equality and dignity of the individual guaranteed by the constitution or embodied in the international covenants and enforceable by courts in India".

72. In which year was the Mission Karmayogi launched?
- 2021
  - 2022

- c. 2023
- d. 2020

Answer: D

The Mission Karmayogi was launched in September 2020 aimed to promote citizen-centric governance with the help of a robust digital ecosystem. It is a competency-driven capacity building and human resource management programme designed for Civil Servants.

73. Who is currently serving as the 33rd Minister of Civil Aviation since June 2024?
- a. Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu
  - b. Jyotiraditya M Scindia
  - c. Nitin Jairam Gadkari
  - d. Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Answer: A

Under the leadership of Shri Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, Minister of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Civil Aviation unveiled the Aviation Park within the premises of the Ministry. Situated amidst a serene waterbody, the park showcases a stunning display of aircraft models, depicting the evolution of planes and the growth of India's Civil Aviation sector. The displays symbolize the ministry's journey towards progress and innovation in the aviation field.

74. Who is the Chairperson of the Bhararatiya Bhasha Samiti at present?
- a. M. Jagadesh Kumar
  - b. Dharmendra Pradhan
  - c. Radhika Suri
  - d. Chamu Krishna Shastry

Answer: D

Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, today interacted with the scholars of five newly classified classical languages - Prakrit, Pali, Marathi, Bangla, and Assamese. **Chairman, Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Shri Chamu KrishnaShastry**; Chairman, UGC, Shri M. Jagadesh Kumar; academicians, scholars and officials of the Ministry were also present at the event. The scholars expressed their happiness and thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for including these beautiful Indian languages into the list of classical languages. They also extended their support towards promoting and enriching these languages.

75. Medical Benefit Council is chaired by
- a. Union Minister of Health
  - b. Union Minister of Labour and Employment

- c. Director General, Central Health Services
- d. Prime Minister

Answer: C

Medical Benefit Council is an advisory body on matters related to the administration of medical benefit under the ESI Scheme. The council is constituted by the Central Govt. for a specific term and consists of :-

Director General, Central Health Services(ex-officio Chairman)

Deputy Director General/Addl. Director General, Central Health Services.

One member each representing respective State Govts.

Three members each representing employees, employers and the medical profession.

Medical Commissioner, ESI Corporation(ex-officio member)

76. The 21st Divya Kala Mela, a monumental fair dedicated to the economic empowerment of persons with disabilities (PwDs), is being held at \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Jaipur
  - b. Jabalpur
  - c. Kanpur
  - d. Muzaffarpur

Answer: B

The 21st Divya Kala Mela, a monumental fair dedicated to the economic empowerment of persons with disabilities (PwDs), is being held at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, from 17th to 27th October 2024. The fair was officially inaugurated today by Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar, alongside Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Madhya Pradesh, Shri Narayan Das Kushwaha and Shri Ashok Rohani, MLA of Jabalpur.

77. Who has been appointed as Chairperson of the National Commission for Women in October 2024?
- a. Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar
  - b. Archana Majumdar
  - c. Lalitha Kumaramangalam
  - d. Poornima Advani

Answer:

A

Smt. Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW). She will be the 9th Chairperson of NCW.

78. The 2024 Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report found that \_\_\_\_\_ billion people out of 6.3 billion people across 112 countries live in acute multidimensional poverty
- 0.8
  - 2.2
  - 1.1
  - 1.5

Answer: C

The 2024 Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report found that 1.1 billion people out of 6.3 billion people across 112 countries live in acute multidimensional poverty. This is 18.3% of the population.

79. World Statistics Day is celebrated around the globe on \_\_\_\_\_ October
- 15
  - 20
  - 25
  - 30

Answer: B

World Statistics Day is held every five years on October 20th. The day celebrates the achievements of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.

80. Where is the 15th ITU Kaleidoscope Academic Conference taking place in October 2024?
- Geneva
  - Paris
  - New Delhi
  - Tokyo

Answer: C

The 15th ITU Kaleidoscope Academic Conference, themed “Innovation and Digital Transformation for a Sustainable World”, will begin from tomorrow (October 21, 2024) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marking a significant milestone in global telecommunications research and standards development. Organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), this prestigious event runs from October 21 to 23, 2024, and brings together the

brightest minds in academia, industry, and government to discuss cutting-edge developments in 5G, AI, IoT, quantum communications, and other transformative technologies.

81. Which navy did the Indian Navy collaborate with for the naval exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr in October 2024?
- Royal Saudi Navy
  - Royal Navy of Oman
  - Qatari Emiri Navy
  - Islamic Republic of Iran Navy

Answer: B

INS Trikand and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft, participated in the Indo-Oman bilateral naval exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr with the Royal Navy of Oman Vessel Al Seeb off Goa from 13 to 18 October 24.

The exercise was conducted in two phases: with harbour phase from 13 to 15 October 24, followed by the sea phase. As part of harbour activities, personnel from both Navies engaged in professional interactions, including Subject Matter Expert Exchanges and planning conferences. In addition, sports fixtures and social engagements were also held.

82. Who is the incumbent Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers?
- Nitin Jairam Gadkari
  - Shivraj Singh Chouhan
  - Sarbananda Sonowal
  - Jagat Prakash Nadda

Answer:

D

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Shri J.P. Nadda inaugurated the “Medicine Update BJMFCON 2024”, organized by the Bihar & Jharkhand Medical Forum (BJMF), here today. As the chief guest at the event, Shri Nadda also released the ‘Souvenir and BJMF Directory’.

Bihar & Jharkhand Medical Forum (BJMF) is a socio-scientific organization of doctors from the states of Bihar & Jharkhand practicing in the Delhi NCR Region for long and serving the people of the region. The first Medicine Update was held in 2023. The 2nd Medicine Update BJMFCON was held today.

83. World Iodine Deficiency Day, also known as Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day, is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_ October.



- a. 20<sup>th</sup>
- b. 21<sup>st</sup>
- c. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- d. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Answer: B

World Iodine Deficiency Day, also known as Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day, is observed annually on 21st October. The day aims to raise awareness about the essential role of iodine in maintaining good health and to emphasize the consequences of iodine deficiency. This document outlines the importance of iodine in daily nutrition and its crucial significance in preventing iodine deficiency disorders.

Iodine is an essential component of the thyroid hormones, thyroxine (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3), which regulate metabolism and are crucial for fetal and infant development. Found in foods and iodized salt, iodine exists in several forms, including sodium and potassium salts, inorganic iodine (I<sub>2</sub>), iodate, and iodide. Iodide, the most common form, is quickly absorbed in the stomach and used by the thyroid for hormone production. Most excess iodide is excreted through urine.

84. Which state won the first prize in the Best State category for the 5th National Water Awards 2023?
- a. Uttar Pradesh
  - b. Gujarat
  - c. Odisha
  - d. Kerala

Answer: C

The Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu will confer the 5th National Water Awards 2023 on October 22nd 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), under the Ministry of Jal Shakti announced the 38 winners, including joint winners, for the 5th National Water Awards, 2023, in 09 categories viz Best State, Best District, Best Village Panchayat, Best Urban Local Body, Best School or College, Best Industry, Best Water User Association, Best Institution (other than school or college), and Best Civil Society on 14th October 2024.

In the category of Best State, the first prize has been conferred upon **Odisha**, with Uttar Pradesh securing the second position, and Gujarat and Puducherry jointly securing the third position. Each award winner will be conferred with a citation and a trophy as well as cash prizes in certain categories.

85. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is organizing a Panchayat Sammelan on "Ease of Living: Enhancing Service Delivery at the Grassroots" on 22nd October 2024 at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR),\_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Hyderabad
  - b. New Delhi
  - c. Bengaluru
  - d. Mumbai

Answer:

A

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is organizing a Panchayat Sammelan on "Ease of Living: Enhancing Service Delivery at the Grassroots" on 22nd October 2024 at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad. The Panchayat Sammelan will be inaugurated in the august presence of Shri Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj; Dr. G. Narendra Kumar, Director General, NIRD&PR; Shri Alok Prem Nagar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj; and Shri Lokesh Kumar D. S., Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, Government of Telangana.

86. 16th BRICS summit was held in \_\_\_\_\_
- a. India
  - b. China
  - c. Egypt
  - d. Russia

Answer:

D

The 2024 BRICS summit is the sixteenth annual BRICS summit, currently taking place in Kazan, Russia, from 22 to 24 October 2024. This is the first BRICS summit to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates as members following their accession to the organization at the 15th BRICS summit.

87. What is a Rydberg atom?
- a. An atom in its ground state ionized to thermal supercharged state using stationary magnetism
  - b. An excited atom with one or more electrons that have a very high principal quantum number
  - c. An atom with all electrons in the lowest possible energy state and spin is zero
  - d. An atom used only in superconductor experiments and with absolute temperature superconductivity

Answer: B

A team of experimentalists working with cold Rydberg atoms have used Quantum magnetometry to help the atomic clocks and magnetometers used for precise time keeping in navigation, telecommunication and aviation, achieve higher precision and make them additionally robust.

**A Rydberg atom is an excited atom with one or more electrons that have a very high principal quantum number. This** state of excitation is measured with a spectroscopic method called the Electromagnetically Induced Transparency (EIT).

Researchers at the Raman Research Institute (RRI) have leveraged the Doppler effect to their advantage and achieved a ten times enhanced response to the magnetic field while performing quantum magnetometry (phenomenon exploiting the quantum nature of light and atoms for precision measurement of magnetic fields) on thermal rubidium atoms using Rydberg Electromagnetically Induced Transparency (EIT) in a room temperature-based environment.

88. The Union Government has advanced its target to achieve 20 per cent ethanol blending in petrol from 2030 to \_\_\_\_\_
- 2025-26
  - 2026-27
  - 2027-28
  - 2023-24

Answer:

A

A highlight of the address was the substantial progress made in ethanol blending, which has surged from just 1.53% in 2013-14 to 16% today. This achievement has prompted the government to advance its blending target of 20% from 2030 to 2025, showcasing a proactive approach to energy sustainability. Shri Puri noted that discussions have already begun to establish a roadmap for sustainable energy solutions beyond the 20% blending target, indicating a forward-thinking strategy that anticipates future energy needs.

89. What is the base year for All-India Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL) and Rural Labourers (CPI-RL)?
- 1986-87
  - 1976-77
  - 2011-12
  - 2016-17

Answer: A

The All-India Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL) and Rural Labourers (CPI-RL) (Base: 1986-87=100) registered an increase of 7 points each in September 2024, reaching levels of 1304 and 1316, respectively.

The year-on-year inflation rates based on CPI-AL and CPI-RL for the month of September, 2024 were recorded at 6.36% and 6.39%, compared to 6.70% and 6.55% in September, 2023. The corresponding figures for August, 2024 were 5.96% for CPI-AL and 6.08% for CPI-RL.

90. International Film Festival of India (IFFI) – scheduled to be held from 20th to 28th November 2024 in \_\_\_\_\_
- Mumbai
  - Goa
  - New Delhi
  - Kolkata

Answer: B

As November comes with a festive spirit, we invite you to be part of the annual festival of films - the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) – scheduled to be held from 20th to 28th November 2024 in Panaji, Goa. It is here that film lovers from around the globe gather to celebrate the joy of cinema by the magnificent backdrop of the Arabian sea in the State of Goa.

Founded in 1952, the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) stands as one of Asia's premier film festivals. Since its inception, IFFI has aimed to celebrate films, their captivating stories, and the talented individuals behind them. The festival seeks to promote and spread a deep appreciation and love for films, build bridges of understanding and camaraderie among people, and inspire them to reach new heights of individual and collective excellence.

91. 'Kazan Declaration', recently seen in the news, is in the context of
- G20
  - G7
  - BRICS
  - QUAD

Answer:

C

Prime Minister congratulated President Putin for successfully hosting the 16th BRICS Summit and conveyed wishes to Brazil as it takes over the presidency of the group. At the conclusion of the Summit, the leaders adopted the 'Kazan Declaration'.

92. Ayurveda Day, also known as National Ayurveda Day, is observed every year in India and worldwide on the occasion of the birthday of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Sushruta
- b. Charaka
- c. Agastya
- d. Dhanvantari

Answer:

D

Ayurveda Day, also known as National Ayurveda Day, is observed every year in India and worldwide on the occasion of the birthday of Dhanvantari, the Hindu god of medicine. The Puranas mentioned him as the deity of Ayurveda. In 2016, the Government of India's Ministry of Ayush declared the birth anniversary of Dhanvantari as National Ayurveda Day. The first Ayurveda Day was first celebrated on 28 October 2016.

93. When is the 9th Ayurveda Day being celebrated in 2024?
- a. October 28, 2024
  - b. October 29, 2024
  - c. November 1, 2024
  - d. November 30, 2024

Answer: B

The Ministry of Ayush is all set to celebrate 9th Ayurveda Day on 29.10.2024. This year more than 150 countries across the globe have geared up for Ayurveda Day that is being celebrated around the theme "**Ayurveda Innovations for Global Health**". On this occasion, the ministry of Ayush is going to organize a grand event at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi .

94. The National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) was constituted on \_\_\_\_\_
- a. 01<sup>st</sup> October 2018
  - b. 01<sup>st</sup> November 2018
  - c. 01<sup>st</sup> October 2017
  - d. 01<sup>st</sup> November 2016

Answer: A

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.

95. Which of the following cyclones were forecasted to affect Indian coast in October 2024?
- a. Cyclone Dina
  - b. Cyclone Drona
  - c. Cyclone Dama
  - d. Cyclone Dana

Answer:

D

As Cyclone Dana is forecast to make landfall on October 24-25, 2024 along the coasts of West Bengal and Odisha, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Region (North-East) has implemented a series of preventive measures to safeguard lives and property at sea. The ICG has been closely monitoring the situation and has taken proactive steps to ensure preparedness for dealing with any emergency arising from the cyclone's impact.

ICG has tasked ships, aircraft and Remote Operating Stations at West Bengal and Odisha to broadcast regular weather warnings and safety advisories to fishermen and mariners. These alerts are being transmitted continuously to all fishing vessels, urging them to return to shore immediately and seek safe shelter.

96. Indo-Tibetan Border Police was raised on October 24, \_\_\_\_\_
- a. 1952
  - b. 1962
  - c. 1972
  - d. 1982

Answer: B

Indo-Tibetan Border Police was raised on October 24, 1962 for reorganizing the frontier intelligence and security set up along the Indo-Tibetan border. Only four Battalions were sanctioned to begin with. ITBP was initially raised under the CRPF Act. However, in 1992, parliament enacted the ITBPF Act and the rules there under were framed in 1994.

With additional tasks entrusted to ITBP from time to time on border guarding, counter-insurgency and internal security roles, the number of ITBP Battalions increased gradually and ITBP presently has 60 service Battalions, 4 Specialist Battalions, 17 Training Centres and 07 logistics establishments with a total strength of approx. 88,432 personnel.

In the year 2004, in pursuance of GoM recommendations on "One Border One Force", the entire stretch of the India-China Border comprising 3488 Kms was assigned to the ITBP for Border Guarding duty and, accordingly, ITBP, replaced Assam Rifles in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh in 2004.

The motto of the Force is "Shaurya-Dridhata-Karma Nishtha". The Force has earned number of decorations like Padmashree-7, Kirti Chakra-2 Shaurya Chakra-6, Sena Medal-1, President's Police Medal for Gallantry-19, President's Police and Fire Service Medals for Gallantry-2, Police Medal for Gallantry -131, Parakram Padak-79, Sarvottam Jeewan Raksha Padak – 02, Uttam

Jeewan Raksha Padak – 16, Jeewan Raksha Padak -11, Prime Minister's Life Saving Medal-86, Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award -14, Union Home Minister's Special Ops Medal-276 etc. for its numerous achievements in the past.

97. The Union Cabinet has recently approved setting up of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ crore Venture Capital Fund dedicated to space sector, under aegis of IN-SPACE.
- a. 100
  - b. 1000
  - c. 5000
  - d. 10,000

Answer: B

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved setting up of Rs.1000 crore Venture Capital Fund dedicated to space sector, under aegis of IN-SPACE.

98. Suvidha 2.0 mobile application has been recently launched by
- a. Election Commission
  - b. Lok Sabha
  - c. CAG
  - d. RBI

Answer:

A

Candidates and parties can now apply for campaign related permissions also in the new and upgraded Suvidha 2.0 mobile application for greater convenience. Earlier, candidates and parties could only track the status and download approvals on the mobile app and applications for seeking permission could only be done through offline mode or web-based portal. The latest upgrade makes the SUVIDHA app, a one-stop solution for seeking, tracking and downloading all campaign related permissions as well as ECI updates like Press Notes and latest instructions/orders at the tip of their fingers. The platform which works on First in First Out principle ensures transparent permissions, thereby removing any discretion.

99. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare will be hosting the 13th edition of the National Seed Congress (NSC), scheduled to take place in \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Kanpur
  - b. Lucknow
  - c. New Delhi
  - d. Varanasi

Answer: D

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India will be hosting the 13th edition of the National Seed Congress (NSC), scheduled to take place in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, from November 28-30, 2024. The event is being organized in collaboration with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC) and the National Seed Research and Training Center (NSRTC). The National Seed Congress will bring together stakeholders from across the seed value chain, offering a platform to explore transformative solutions and tackle the pressing challenges faced by the sector today.

100. Which of the following awards is given to corporate entities (Public/Private) and Non-Governmental organizations (NGOs) that have played a visible role in the promotion and development of sports in the country?

- a. Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar
- b. Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad Trophy
- c. Arjuna Award (Lifetime)
- d. Khel Ratna Award

Answer:

A

Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award is given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson; Arjuna Award is given for consistent outstanding performance of sportsperson; Arjuna Award (Lifetime) has been introduced and will be given for life time contribution to sports development; Dronacharya Award goes to the coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious international sports events; **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar (RKPP) is given to the Corporate entity (Public/Private), Non-Governmental organizations (NGOs) who have played a visible** role in the promotion and development of sports in the country and Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy will be given to university for overall top performance in Khelo India University Games.

101. Rohini Godbole, who recently passed away, was associated with which of the following fields of study?

- a. Physics
- b. Chemistry
- c. Zoology
- d. Botany

Answer:

A

Rohini Godbole was an Indian physicist and academic specializing in elementary particle physics: field theory and phenomenology. She was professor at the Centre for High Energy Physics, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. She worked extensively on different aspects of particle phenomenology over three decades, in particular on exploring different aspects of the



Standard Model of Particle Physics (SM) and the physics beyond it (BSM). Her work regarding hadronic structure of high-energy photons outlined a variety of ways in which to study it and has had implications for the design of next generation electron positron colliders. She was an elected fellow of all the three academies of Science of India and also the Science Academy of the Developing World (TWAS).

102. Who is the incumbent Chancellor of Germany?

- a. Konrad Adenauer
- b. Emmanuel Macron
- c. Angela Merkel
- d. Olaf Scholz

Answer: D

The chancellor of Germany, officially the federal chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, is the head of the federal government of Germany, and the commander-in-chief of the German Armed Forces during wartime. The chancellor is the chief executive of the Federal Cabinet and heads the executive branch. The chancellor is elected by the Bundestag on the proposal of the federal president and without debate (Article 63 of the German Constitution)

The current officeholder is Olaf Scholz of the SPD, who was elected in December 2021, succeeding Angela Merkel. He was elected after the SPD entered into a coalition agreement with Alliance 90/The Greens and the FDP.

103. The Pandemic Fund Project, recently seen in the news, is a \$\_\_\_\_\_ Million initiative funded by the G20 Pandemic Fund.

- a. 25
- b. 50
- c. 250
- d. 500

Answer:

A

Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the Pandemic Fund Project on "Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response", today in New Delhi. The Pandemic Fund Project is a \$25 Million initiative funded by the G20 Pandemic Fund.

104. Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has recently launched the \_\_\_\_\_ Livestock Census

- a. 20<sup>th</sup>
- b. 21<sup>st</sup>

- c. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- d. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Answer: B

Union Minister, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh launched the 21st Livestock Census in New Delhi today. The event was also graced by Ministers of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel and Shri George Kurian. The event also saw the participation of Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa, Secretary Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying(DAHD), Smt. Alka Upadhyay, Shri Abhijeet Mitra, Animal Husbandry Commissioner along with other senior officials. Representatives from all 36 States and Union Territories were present on the occasion, reflecting the national significance of this landmark initiative.

- 105.The limit of Mudra loans under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been enhanced from current Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ lakh.
- a. 15
  - b. 30
  - c. 50
  - d. 20

Answer: D

As announced by the Finance Minister on 23rd July, 2024 in the Union Budget 2024-25, the limit of Mudra loans under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been enhanced from current Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh. This increase aspires to further the overall objective of the Mudra Scheme which is Funding the Unfunded. This enhancement is specifically beneficial to upcoming entrepreneurs facilitating their growth and expansion. The move is in alignment with the Government's commitment in fostering a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem.

As per the notification issued in this regard, the new category of **Tarun Plus** is for Loans above Rs. 10 lakh and upto Rs. 20 lakh and would be available to the entrepreneurs who have availed and successfully repaid previous loans under the Tarun category. The guarantee coverage of PMMY loans upto Rs. 20 lakh will be provided under the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU).

- 106.Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Mizoram?
- a. Lal Duhoma
  - b. Lalthanhawla
  - c. Zoramthanga
  - d. Chhunga Deo Sai

Answer:

A

The Chief Minister of Mizoram Shri Lal Duhoma met the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today.

107. Kanaka Raju, who recently passed away, was an expert of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Bhagoria dance
- b. Cheraw dance
- c. Gussadi dance
- d. Lavani dance

Answer:

C

Kanaka Raju was an Indian Gussadi dancer. In 2021, he received the Padma Shri award from the Indian government for his contribution to the arts.

108. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY) is a sub-scheme under the \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Unnati Yojana
- b. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Mitra Yojana
- c. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- d. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sashaktikaran Yojana

Answer:

C

The Fisheries and Aquaculture sector is referred to as a 'Sunrise Sector' and it plays a critical role in ensuring food security, providing livelihoods and contributing to the economic well-being of India. Over the past ten years, the Government of India has spearheaded the transformation of the fisheries sector through various schemes and initiatives such as Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), Blue Revolution, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY) etc, with highest ever investment of Rs 38,572 crore since 2015.

The PM-MKSSY, a sub-scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) approved on 8th February 2024 for a period of four years from FY 2023-24 to FY 2026-27 at an estimated outlay of Rs 6000 crore, aims to formalize the unorganized fisheries sector, enhance access to institutional credit, promote adoption of aquaculture insurance, improve value-chain efficiencies and establish supply chains for safe fish products.

109. The celebration of Ganga Utsav 2024 is being organised by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) on November 4 at Chandi Ghat in \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Allahabad
- b. Varanasi
- c. Kanpur

d. Haridwar

Answer:

D

The celebration of Ganga Utsav 2024 is being organised by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) on November 4 at Chandi Ghat in Haridwar. NMCG commemorates this event every year to mark the anniversary of declaring the Ganga River as the 'National River.' The primary aim of this festival is to promote the conservation of the Ganga River, highlight its cultural and spiritual significance, and raise public awareness about cleanliness. This would be the eighth edition of the event and first one being celebrated on the bank of river. The event will also be celebrated across the Ganga basin states in 139 Districts by District Ganga Committees. Also, each state will have one main event in the state.

110. Which of the following has launched a 'Digital Memorial of Valour' to digitally adorn a martyr's photo with wreath & candle?

- a. Indian Army
- b. Indian Coast Guard
- c. Railway Protection Force
- d. ITBP

Answer:

C

If you feel jawans protecting the nation are our real heroes & you want to give a heartfelt tribute to those forgotten heroes who laid down their Life to give us our comforts then you can do so. Railway Protection Force, a paramilitary forces under Indian Railways has launched a 'Digital Memorial of Valour' where you can digitally adorn a martyr's photo with wreath & candle. 'Digital Memorial of Valour' is website to honour the sacrifices of its courageous personnel, has been launched on 25, October, 2024 in New Delhi. This is a unique digital platform where the citizens can pay their respects to the martyrs of the Force. This innovative website ([www.digitalmemorialofvalour.in](http://www.digitalmemorialofvalour.in)) is part of the Martyr's Week Observance following the Police Commemoration Day on 21st October.

111. Who is the President of the Government of Spain at present?

- a. Carmen Calvo
- b. Pablo Iglesias
- c. Mariano Rajoy
- d. Pedro Sanchez

Answer:

D

At the invitation of the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, President of the Government of Spain, Mr. Pedro Sanchez paid an official visit to India on 28 -29 October, 2024.

This was President Sanchez's first visit to India and the first visit by a President of the Government of Spain to India after 18 years. He was accompanied by the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility and the Minister of Industry and Tourism, and a high-level official and business delegation.

112. Where was the TATA Aircraft Complex for manufacturing C-295 aircraft recently inaugurated?

- a. Whitefield
- b. Begumpet
- c. Vadodara
- d. Mumbai

Answer:

C

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and the Prime Minister of Spain jointly inaugurated the TATA Aircraft Complex for manufacturing C-295 aircraft at TATA advanced systems limited (TASL) Campus in Vadodara, Gujarat today. Both Prime Ministers also took a walkthrough of the exhibition showcased on the occasion.

113. Which Act was repealed by the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) Act 2020?

- a. Indian Medicine Central Council Act 1970
- b. Indian Medical Act 1980
- c. Ayurveda Central Act 1995
- d. Homeopathy Central Council Act 1973

Answer:

A

In pursuance of the provisions of National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) Act 2020 (14 of 2020), the Indian Medicine Central Council (IMCC) Act 1970 (48 of 1970) has been repealed and all the provisions of the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) has been come into force with effect from the 11th day of June 2021. Under the provisions of section 59 (2) of NCISM Act 2020 the Central Government has constituted the Commission and four Autonomous boards on the same day. Medical standards, requirements and other provisions of the IMCC Act 1970 and the rules and regulations made thereunder shall continue to be in force and operate till new standards or requirements as specified under new act or rules and regulations made thereunder come into force. However, the provisions of concerned regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of NCISM Act 2020 shall not be applicable.

114. 8th edition of the Future Investment Initiative (FII) will be held in \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Dubai

- b. Riyadh
- c. Muscat
- d. New York

Answer:

B

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, will be visiting the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 29th-30th October 2024. This visit aims to further deepen the India-Saudi Arabia strategic partnership and explore new avenues of trade, investment, and economic cooperation, underscoring India's growing global economic presence. Shri Goyal will also participate in the **8th edition of the Future Investment Initiative (FII) in Riyadh**, a crucial platform that brings together global leaders, investors, and innovators.

115. Dhanteras, also known as Dhanatrayodashi, is the first day that marks the festival of

- 
- a. Diwali
  - b. Raksha Bandhan
  - c. Holi
  - d. Baisakhi

Answer:

A

Dhanteras is the first day that marks the festival of Diwali in most of India.

It is celebrated on the thirteenth lunar day (Trayodashi) of Krishna Paksha (dark fortnight) in the Hindu calendar month of Ashvin (according to the amānta tradition) or Kartika (according to the purnimanta tradition). Dhanvantari, who is also worshipped on the occasion of Dhanteras, is considered the god of Ayurveda who imparted the wisdom of Ayurveda for the betterment of mankind and to help rid it of the suffering of disease. The Indian ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy announced its decision to observe Dhanteras as the "National Ayurveda Day", which was first observed on 28 October 2016.

116. Trastuzumab, Osimertinib and Durvalumab are drugs used to treat \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Cancer
- b. AIDS
- c. Hepatitis B
- d. Parkinson

Answer:

A

In line with the Government's commitment to ensure the availability of drugs at affordable prices, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has issued an O.M. dated 28.10.2024 directing the concerned manufacturers to reduce the MRP on **three anti-cancer drugs, Trastuzumab, Osimertinib and Durvalumab**. This is in pursuance to the announcement made

in the Union Budget for the year 2024-25 exempting these three anti-cancer medicines from customs duty. The Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance issued Notification 30/2024 dated 23.07.2024 reducing the custom duty to nil on these three anticancer drugs.

117.As per the decision of the Central Vigilance Commission, this year the Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from 28th October 2024 to 3rd November, 2024 with the theme: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

- a. Culture of Integrity for Nation's Development
- b. Culture of Integrity for Nation's Health
- c. Culture of Integrity for Nation's Rise
- d. Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity

Answer: D

As per the decision of the Central Vigilance Commission, this year the Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from 28th October 2024 to 3rd November, 2024 with the following theme: “Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity”. TRAI, accordingly, is observing the Vigilance Awareness Week from 28th October 2024 to 3rd November 2024.

118.The Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) was launched by the Prime Minister on \_\_\_\_\_

- a. March 8, 2015
- b. May 8, 2015
- c. June 8, 2015
- d. April 8, 2015

Answer: D

The Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY), launched by the Prime Minister on April 8, 2015, has played a pivotal role in empowering non-corporate, non-farm small and micro enterprises by providing loans of up to ₹10 lakh. To strengthen support for aspiring entrepreneurs, the finance minister announced an increase in the loan limit to ₹20 lakh during the Union Budget 2024-25 on July 23, 2024. This new limit took effect on October 24, 2024.

119.Yuva Apada Mitra Scheme is an initiative of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. NDMA
- b. Indian Army
- c. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- d. BRO

Answer: A

NDMA launched 'Yuva Apada Mitra Scheme' to train 2,37,326 Young volunteers from the youth organizations such as National Cadet Corps (NCC), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Bharat Scouts & Guides (BS&G), and National Service Scheme (NSS) in 315 districts of 28 states as a first respondent to disaster preparedness & response and Training of 1,300 trainers (ToTs) for previously trained volunteers under the Up-scaling of Aapda Mitra Scheme (UAMS) with the estimated cost of Rs. 469.53 Crore.

120. National Unity Day is celebrated in India on \_\_\_\_\_ October

- a. 29
- b. 30
- c. 31
- d. 28

Answer: C

National Unity Day is celebrated in India on 31 October. It was introduced by the Government of India in 2014. The day is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Vallabhbhai Patel who had a major role in the political integration of India

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah today flagged off the 'Run for Unity' organized in New Delhi. The 'Run for Unity' was organized as part of the National Unity Day, to be celebrated on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, i.e, 31st October. Several dignitaries including Union Cabinet Ministers Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Nityanand Rai and Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Shri Vinay Kumar Saxena were present on the occasion.

121. Paetongtarn Shinawatra is the incumbent Prime Minister of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Malaysia
- b. Thailand
- c. Cambodia
- d. Vietnam

Answer: B

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed his happiness on the gesture of **Thailand PM Paetongtarn Shinawatra**. H.E. PM Paetongtarn Shinawatra, inaugurated the Amazing Thailand Diwali Festival 2024, today, at Pahurat, Little India, Bangkok. PM has expressed his best wishes for the Amazing Thailand Diwali Festival. It will deepen the cultural bonds between India and Thailand, says the PM.



122.The Mukkulathor people, who are also collectively known as Thevar, are a community or group of communities native to the central and southern districts of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Tamil Nadu
- b. Karnataka
- c. Telangana
- d. Andhra Pradesh

Answer:

A

The Mukkulathor people, who are also collectively known as Thevar, are a community or group of communities native to the central and southern districts of Tamil Nadu, India. They comprise the Agamudayar, Kallar and Maravar communities that share a common myth of origin and claim to have once been members of various ancient South Indian dynasties.

123.Bhajan Lal Sharma is the incumbent Chief Minister of \_\_\_\_\_

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

Answer: C

The Chief Minister of Rajasthan Bhajan Lal Sharma called on the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today.

124.Who is the incumbent Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission?

- a. Ajit Kumar Doval
- b. Pramod Kumar Mishra
- c. T.V. Somanathan
- d. Ajit Kumar Mohanty

Answer: D

Dr. A. K. Mohanty, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)& Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) inaugurated Electronics Grade Boron-11 (B11) Enrichment Facility at Heavy Water Board Facilities (HWBF), Talcher on October 23, 2024. With technology demonstration of B11 enrichment to electronics grade (>99.8%) at HWBF, Talcher, now India has joined the elite club of nations who are having this technology and it is a significant step towards Atmanirbhar Bharat. Electronics grade B11 is used for production of BF<sub>3</sub> gas which is used as p-type dopant in the manufacturing of semiconductor chips.

125.In which year was the National Internet Exchange of India established?

- a. 2003
- b. 2005
- c. 2007
- d. 2009

Answer:

A

Set up on 19th June 2003, the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) is a not-for-profit (Section 8) company under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. It is tasked with increasing internet penetration and adoption in India by facilitating various infrastructure aspects to enable the internet ecosystem to be managed and used by the masses.

The four services under NIXI include: Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) for building Internet Exchange Points, .IN Registry for building the .in domain digital identity, IRINN for IPv4 and IPv6 addresses adoption, and Data Centre services under NIXI-CSC for data storage services.

126.SIMBEX is a maritime bilateral exercise between India and \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Seychelles
- b. Bangladesh
- c. Singapore
- d. South Korea

Answer:

C

The 31st edition of Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) was conducted from 23 to 29 Oct 2024. RSS Tenacious of Republic of Singapore Navy along with Indian Navy's INS Shivalik of Eastern Fleet and Long-Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I participated in the exercise.

The Harbour phase of the exercise was held at Visakhapatnam from 23 - 25 Oct 24 which included Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs), cross-deck visits, sports fixtures and pre-sail discussions.

The Sea Phase was held on 28 - 29 Oct 24, in the Bay of Bengal. The exercise saw advanced anti-air, anti-surface and anti-submarine exercises, seamanship drills and tactical manoeuvres further enhancing the interoperability between the two navies.

127.Kashtabhanjandev Hanumanji Temple is located in Salangpur, \_\_\_\_\_

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

Answer:

A

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, visited and offered prayers at the Shri Kashtabhanjan Dev Hanumanji Temple in Salangpur, Gujarat, and inaugurated the Yatri Bhawan having 1100 rooms, constructed at a cost of 200 crore rupees.

128. The 'Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak' has been awarded to \_\_\_\_\_ personnel of various States/Union Territories (UTs)/Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)/Central Police Organisations (CPOs) for the year 2024.

- a. 463
- b. 363
- c. 263
- d. 563

Answer: A

The 'Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak' has been awarded to 463 personnel of various States/Union Territories (UTs)/Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)/Central Police Organisations (CPOs) for the year 2024.

The medal is given to recognize excellent work, promote high professional standards and boost the morale of the concerned official/officer in the following four fields:

- (i) Special Operation.
- (ii) Investigation.
- (iii) Intelligence.
- (iv) Forensic Science.

129. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) Publications for 2022-23 has been released by

- a. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- b. Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
- c. Ministry of Finance
- d. Ministry of Heavy Industries

Answer: B

Annual Survey of Industries is conducted with the primary objective to provide a meaningful insight into the dynamics of change in the composition, growth and structure of various manufacturing industries in terms of output, value added, employment, capital formation and a host of other parameters. It provides valuable input to the National Accounts Statistics at national and state level. The results are prepared at state and major industry level.

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released the results of Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for the reference periods April 2022 to March 2023 (i.e. financial year 2022-23) referred to as ASI 2022-23 on 30th September 2024 in the form of press note and seven (07) website tables. All the said tables of ASI 2022-23 along with write-up are available in the website of the Ministry (<https://www.mospi.gov.in>).

130. World Stroke Day is on \_\_\_\_\_

- a. October 28
- b. October 30
- c. October 31
- d. October 29

Answer: D

On the occasion of World Stroke Day (29th October 2024), National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) organized various programmes, to raise awareness about the severity of stroke, its prevention, and treatment. This year's objective is to reduce disability and mortality rates caused by stroke.