

FEBRUARY 2025

1. The Economic Survey 2024-25 highlights that as of March 2024, the country has _____ crore operational Kisan Credit Card (KCC) accounts with a loan outstanding of ₹9.81 lakh crore.
 - a. 7.75
 - b. 8.75
 - c. 9.75
 - d. 10.75

Answer: A

Providing adequate credit support to all farmers, especially small and marginal farmers and vulnerable sections of society, is crucial to improving agricultural productivity and income, states the Economic Survey 2024-25, tabled by Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in the Parliament today.

The Economic Survey highlights that as of March 2024, the **country has 7.75 crore operational** Kisan Credit Card (KCC) accounts with a loan outstanding of ₹9.81 lakh crore. As of 31 March 2024, 1.24 lakh KCC and 44.40 lakh KCC were issued to fisheries and animal husbandry activities, respectively.

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2. As per the Economic Survey 2024-25, the coverage of irrigation area has increased between FY16 and FY21 from 49.3 per cent to _____ per cent of the gross cropped area (GCA), while irrigation intensity has risen from 144.2 per cent to 154.5 per cent.
 - a. 55
 - b. 60
 - c. 62
 - d. 65

Answer: A

The government has prioritised irrigation development and water conservation practices to enhance access to irrigation facilities, states the Economic Survey 2024-25, tabled by Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in the Parliament today. The coverage of irrigation area has increased between FY16 and FY21 from 49.3 per **cent to 55** per cent of the gross cropped area (GCA), while irrigation intensity has risen from 144.2 per cent to 154.5 per cent.

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3. The Micro-Irrigation Fund (MIF) supports innovative projects through _____ per cent interest subvention to states on loans availed under MIF
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 5
 - d. 4

Answer: B

The Micro-Irrigation Fund (MIF) supports innovative projects **through 2 per cent interest** subvention to states on loans availed under MIF. Loans amounting to ₹4709 crore has been approved of which ₹3640 crore has been disbursed so far.

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4. TROPEx is the Indian Navy's largest _____ maritime exercise, involving the Indian Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard.
- Annual
 - Biennial
 - Triennial
 - Quadrennial

Answer: B

Lieutenant General Johnson P Mathew, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC), Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani, Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS), Vice Admiral K Swaminathan, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS), Air Marshal SP Dharkar, Vice Chief of Air Staff (VCAS) and Lieutenant General Ajay Kumar, Director General Infantry embarked on Indian Navy ships off the West coast from 30 to 31 Jan 25 to witness the Joint Phase of **Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise-2025 (TROPEx-25)**, which included the Amphibious Landing by Indian Army troops.

TROPEx is the Indian Navy's largest **biennial** maritime exercise, involving the Indian Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Conducted in the Indian Ocean, it aims to validate operational concepts and enhance operational readiness and interoperability in a multi-threat environment.

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5. Which ministry has notified the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Amendment Rules, 2025 under the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016?
- Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
 - Ministry of Home Affairs
 - Ministry of Finance
 - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Answer: D

Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Amendment Rules, 2025 under the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 have been notified by the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) today**. This amendment has been done to help in improving transparency and inclusivity in the decision-making process.

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1. Who is the incumbent Governor of Chhattisgarh?
 - a. Biswabhusan Harichandan
 - b. Anusuiya Uikey
 - c. Anandiben Patel
 - d. Ramen Deka

Answer: D

The Governor of Chhattisgarh, Shri Ramen Deka met the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today.

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2. Musician Chandrika Tandon has recently won Grammy award for the album _____.
 - a. Dwipani
 - b. Chaturanga
 - c. Triveni
 - d. Panchvati

Answer: C

The Prime Minister today congratulated musician Chandrika Tandon on winning Grammy award for the album Triveni. He commended her passion towards Indian culture and accomplishments as an entrepreneur, philanthropist and musician.

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3. The Union Government has set an ambitious target of _____ GW nuclear power capacity by 2047.
 - a. 100
 - b. 50
 - c. 75
 - d. 150

Answer: A

The Union Budget 2025-26 outlines a significant push towards nuclear energy as part of India's long-term energy transition strategy. The government has set an ambitious **target of 100 GW** nuclear power capacity by 2047, positioning nuclear energy as a major pillar in India's energy mix. This development aligns with the broader objectives of Viksit Bharat, ensuring energy reliability and reducing dependency on fossil fuels. To achieve this goal, strategic policy interventions and infrastructure investments are being undertaken, with an emphasis on indigenous nuclear technology and public-private collaborations.

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4. What is the allocation to the Nuclear Energy Mission launched in Union Budget 2025-26?
 - a. ₹10,000 crore
 - b. ₹20,000 crore
 - c. ₹15,000 crore

- d. ₹25,000 crore

Answer: B

A key highlight of the Union Budget 2025-26 is the launch of a Nuclear Energy Mission, which is focused on research and development (R&D) of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs). The government has allocated **₹20,000 crore** for this initiative, aiming to develop at least five indigenously designed and operational SMRs by 2033.

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5. Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority comes under _____
- a. Ministry of Finance
 - b. Ministry of External Affairs
 - c. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
 - d. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer: C

An MoU has been signed between Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) and Strategic Educational Professionals Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), for developing a digital programme which focusses on experiential learning aimed at promoting financial literacy for school children. It is envisaged to provide this content to select schools, including rural schools, through a pilot project. This programme envisages delivery of this program through training of school teachers.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Harsh Malhotra stated this in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

For administration of Investor Education and Protection Fund Government of India has on 7th September, 2016 established Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority under the provisions of section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013.

The Authority is entrusted with the responsibility of administration of the Investor Education Protection Fund (IEPF), make refunds of shares, unclaimed dividends, matured deposits/debentures etc. to investors and to promote awareness among investors.

Under Ministry of Corporate Affairs

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1. The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was launched by the Prime Minister of India on 9th April _____, during the event 'Commemorating 50 years of Project Tiger'.
 - a. 2024
 - b. 2022
 - c. 2023
 - d. 2021

Answer: C

In a major development, the Framework Agreement on establishment of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) has officially come into force. From 23rd January, 2025, the IBCA and its Secretariat have become a full-fledged treaty based inter-governmental international organization and international legal entity.

To this effect, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India (the Depository of the Framework Agreement) has confirmed that five countries - Republic of Nicaragua, Kingdom of Eswatini, Republic of India, Federal Republic of Somalia and Republic of Liberia - have deposited the instruments of ratification/acceptance/approval, under the Article VIII (1) of the Framework Agreement.

The IBCA was launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 9th April, **2023**, during the event 'Commemorating 50 years of Project Tiger'. The Union Cabinet, in its meeting held on 29th February 2024, approved the establishment of IBCA with headquarters in India. It was launched with the aim of conservation of seven big cats - Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma – with membership of all UN countries/the range countries harbouring the said species and non-range countries where historically these species are not found but interested to support big cat conservation.

The IBCA was established by Government of India, through the nodal organisation viz., National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC), vide order dated 12th March, 2024. The primary objective of IBCA is to facilitate collaboration and synergy among stakeholders, consolidating successful conservation practices and expertise to achieve a common goal of conservation of big cats at global level. This unified approach, bolstered by financial support, aims to bolster the conservation agenda, halt the decline in big cat populations, and reverse current trends.

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2. Which ministry notified the Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Rules, 2025?
 - a. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
 - b. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 - c. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
 - d. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer: D

The **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** (MoEF&CC) notified the Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Rules, 2025 vide S.O. 98(E) dated 06th January, 2025 for environmentally sound management of end-of-life vehicles. The rules are based on the principle of extended producer responsibility (EPR) where producers of vehicles are given mandatory EPR targets for scrapping of end-of-life vehicles. The rules cover all types of transport and non-transport vehicles, except agricultural tractor, agricultural trailer, combine harvester and power tiller.

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3. The Management of National Parks and Sanctuaries, including those Protected Areas having aquatic animals, is done as per the Management Plan prepared under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act,_____.
- a. 1960
 - b. 1972
 - c. 1986
 - d. 1971

Answer: B

The Management of National Parks and Sanctuaries, including those Protected Areas having aquatic animals, is done as per the Management Plan prepared under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, **1972**. These include maintaining water level, water circulation and dilution, silt removal, aeration, establishing STP along the water bodies and aquatic weed removal through mechanical and manual methods. The Central Zoo Authority, in fulfilment of the functions assigned, implemented the standard and norms, inclusive of proper hygiene and health of all captive animals in zoos including aquatic animals, as prescribed in the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 notified by the Central Government under section 63 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Further, the Central Zoo Authority has issued guidelines to zoos time to time for proper hygiene and health of all captive animals in zoos.

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4. What is an important ecological benefit of Nano Bubble Technology in water treatment?
- a. It reduces the salinity of water
 - b. It increases dissolved oxygen content and removes contaminants
 - c. It changes the pH of water drastically
 - d. It makes water more suitable for human consumption only

Answer: B

Nano bubble technology is a method of water treatment that uses tiny bubbles to improve water quality. The important ecological benefits are to **remove contaminants, increase dissolved oxygen content**, help in the removal of phytoplankton (algae), reduce biofilm, and ultimately improve the properties of water suitable for aquatic animals. The nano bubble technology can lead to a more homogeneous distribution due to the minuscule size and persistence of the bubbles in the water

bodies. On the other hand, traditional systems may exhibit less uniformity in distribution, which can result in variable oxidation and disinfection performance across the water volume.

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5. The Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 is notified under which Act?
- The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
 - The Air (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act, 1981
 - The Forest Conservation Act, 1980
 - The Water (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act, 1974

Answer: A

The Central Government has amended Section 21 of Air (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Section 25 of Water (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and exempted certain categories of industries from obtaining consents. Consequently, notifications [G. S. R. 702 (E) dated 12-11-2024 under section 21(1) of the Air Act and G. S. R. 703 (E) dated 12-11-2024 under section 25(1) of the Water Act] have been issued to exempt white category of industries completely from consent mechanism and other categories from Consent to Establish if the project or activity has obtained environmental clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. In view of the above, the project / activities requiring prior EC as per the **Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006** (as amended from time to time) under **Environment (Protection) Act, 1986** are exempted from obtaining previous Consent To Establish (CTE) separately.

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1. Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance (UMANG) is a mobile app, a Digital India initiative of _____
- NITI Aayog
 - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 - Ministry of Home Affairs
 - Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

Answer: B

Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance (UMANG) is a mobile app, a Digital India initiative of **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**, by the Government of India for access to central and state government services. The app supports 23 Indian languages and is available for Android and iOS.

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2. United Nations General Assembly designated _____ April as World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) in 2007.
- 1
 - 2
 - 3

d. 4

Answer: B

Since the United Nations General Assembly **designated 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day** (WAAD) in 2007, the UN has worked to promote the full realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for autistic individuals, ensuring their equal participation in society. Over the years, significant progress has been made, driven in large part by autistic advocates who have worked tirelessly to bring the lived experiences of autistic individuals to the forefront of global discussions.

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<https://www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day>

3. MeitY initiated Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) to ensure/provide digital literacy in _____ crore rural households (one person per household) nationwide.
- a. 2
 - b. 5
 - c. 6
 - d. 10

Answer: C

MeitY initiated Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) to ensure/provide digital literacy in **6 crore rural households** (one person per household) nationwide. The Scheme was implemented by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited through Common Service Centres (CSCs) present at Gram Panchayats level across the country. As against 6 crore, 6.39 crore individuals were trained. The training & certification under the scheme was officially concluded on March 31 , 2024.

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4. The Department of Fisheries with effect from financial year 2018-19 has been implementing Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs _____ crore.
- a. 9522.48
 - b. 4522.48
 - c. 7522.48
 - d. 1522.48

Answer: C

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, with effect from financial year 2018-19 has been implementing Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total **fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore**. FIDF inter-alia provides concessional finance for development of various fisheries infrastructure facilities to the Eligible Entities (EEs), including State Governments/Union Territories and State entities for development of identified fisheries infrastructure facilities. Under FIDF, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India provides interest subvention up to 3% per annum for providing the concessional finance by the Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs) at the interest rate not lower than 5% per annum.

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying since the inception of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) in 2018-19, has accorded approvals to a total of 64 number of fisheries infrastructure development proposals of Governments of Tamil Nadu at a total outlay of Rs. 1574.73 crore with project cost restricted for interest subvention at Rs.1336.73 crore. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) being the Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs) for State Implemented projects, has sanctioned loan amount of Rs. 1314.73 crore to the Government of Tamil Nadu and out of this, an amount of Rs. 956.05 crore has been disbursed so far to the State Government for implementation of the approved projects under FIDF. The Government of Tamil Nadu reported completion of a total of 47 projects while 16 projects are in progress and one project has not yet commenced by the State Government. The Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) of FIDF monitors regularly the progress of the projects approved under FIDF and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) as the Nodal Implementing Agency (NIA) of FIDF conducts the desk studies and need based field inspections of approved projects to ensure the timely completion of approved projects. Besides, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying also reviews the progress of approved projects to ensure the timely implementation.

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5. BHARATPOL Portal comes under _____
- a. Ministry of Defence
 - b. Ministry of Culture
 - c. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
 - d. Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: D

BHARATPOL Portal has been launched by Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble **Union Home Minister of India** on 07.01.2025 and it has already started receiving requests for publication of INTERPOL Notices and requests for assistance in criminal matters through Interpol References from state/ central law enforcement agencies. All INTERPOL Liaison Officers (ILOs) of all state/ central law enforcement agencies are connected with CBI and all Unit Officers (UOs) of state/ central law enforcement agencies are connected with respective ILOs through connect module of BHARATPOL Portal. Login credentials of ILOs are being created by CBI.

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1. Who is the incumbent Union Minister for Road, Transport & Highways?
 - a. Shivraj Singh Chouhan
 - b. H. D. Kumaraswamy
 - c. Dharmendra Pradhan
 - d. Nitin Jairam Gadkari

Answer: D

In a significant step towards strengthening India's carbon markets and advancing decarbonisation efforts, the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and Carbon Market Association of India (CMAI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi. The landmark agreement was announced on the inaugural day of the IICA-CMAI Masterclass on Global & Indian Carbon Markets on 4th February, graced by Shri **Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road, Transport & Highways**, Government of India, who emphasized the pivotal role of biofuels and green hydrogen in shaping India's economic and environmental future.

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2. Bart De Wever has recently assumed the office of the Prime Minister of _____.
 - a. Belgium
 - b. Netherlands
 - c. Luxembourg
 - d. Cyprus

Answer: A

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today congratulated H.E. Mr. Bart De Wever on assuming office of Prime Minister of **Belgium**. Shri Modi expressed confidence to work together to further strengthen India-Belgium ties and enhance collaboration on global matters.

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3. The restructured National Bamboo Mission (NBM) has been launched as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in _____.
 - a. 2020-21
 - b. 2014-15
 - c. 2018-19
 - d. 2023-24

Answer: C

The restructured National Bamboo Mission (NBM) has been launched as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in 2018-19. NBM provides assistance to both the Government & private sectors for the propagation and cultivation of bamboo in non-forest land, bamboo treatment, establishment of markets, incubation centers, value added product development & processing and development of tools & equipments. The funding pattern is 60:40 between Centre and State Government for all States except NE & Hilly States, where it is 90:10 and 100% in case of Union Territories/Bamboo Technology Support Groups (BTSGs) and National Level Agencies.

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4. Under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme, farmers who repay their loans promptly receive a _____ % Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI).

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

Answer: C

No specific census/survey of landless farmers has been conducted by this Ministry. Therefore, the exact number of landless farmers and farming on crop sharing basis with land-owners in the country is not available. However, number of wholly leased-in operational holdings/landless farmers in the country as per the latest Agriculture Census 2015-16 is 5,31,285.

Agriculture being a State subject, the State Governments undertake implementation of agricultural schemes/programmes for the welfare of farmers including landless farmers and the Government of India also supplements these efforts through implementation of various central sector/centrally sponsored schemes/programmes. Among these, the schemes which specifically cover landless, tenant farmers and sharecroppers are the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) & Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) and Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme.

Under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme, farmers receive KCC loans at a subsidized interest rate of 7%. To facilitate this, an up front interest subvention (IS) under Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) of 1.5% is provided to financial institutions. Additionally, farmers who repay their loans promptly **receive a 3% Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI)**, effectively reducing the interest rate to 4% per annum. The benefits of IS and PRI are available for loan limits up to Rs.3 lakhs. However, if the short-term loan is taken for allied activities (other than crop husbandry), the loan amount is limited to Rs.2 lakhs only.

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5. The Soil and Land Use Survey of India is a subordinate office under _____

- a. Department of Revenue
- b. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- c. Ministry of Rural Development
- d. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Answer: B

Soil Health and Fertility Scheme has been implemented by the Government since 2014-15. So far, 24.74 crore Soil Health Cards(SHC) have been generated across the country and funds amounting to ₹1706.18 crore have been released to various States/UTs. Till date, 8272 Soil Testing Labs (1068 Static Soil Testing Labs, 163 Mobile Soil Testing Labs, 6376 Mini Soil Testing Labs and 665 Village Level Soil Testing Labs) have been established across the country.

The Soil and Land Use Survey of India, a subordinate office under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, organizes short-term training courses (3 days) on topics such as the application of soil databases through Geographic Information System (GIS), Soil Health Management, Integrated Watershed Management (IWMP), Geo-Spatial Technology for Natural Resources Management, and Soil Survey & Mapping. These training programs are designed for officers and officials from various user agencies in different States and Union Territories. In 2024, training program was conducted for officers from the Agriculture, Forest, and Soil & Water Conservation departments of the Government of West Bengal and the North-Eastern States, and in 2025 for the officers of Agriculture Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

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1. In which year was New Space India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of ISRO, incorporated?
 - a. 2018
 - b. 2019
 - c. 2020
 - d. 2021

Answer: B

NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) under Department of Space and the commercial arm of ISRO incorporated during March 2019, is responsible for carrying out end-to-end commercial space business on a demand driven approach and has the mandate to enhance the participation of Indian Industries in space related activities.

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2. The Union Cabinet in November 2023 has approved Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) with outlay of Rs. _____ Crore to saturate PVTG families and habitations with basic facilities.
 - a. 14,104
 - b. 34,104
 - c. 24,104
 - d. 44,104

Answer: C

The Union Cabinet in Nov 2023 has approved Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) with outlay of Rs.24,104 Crore to saturate PVTG families and habitations with basic facilities such as safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities. Under PM JANMAN, provision of mobile coverage to PVTG villages/ habitations by DoT through DBN

funded schemes has been included. MoTA shared a list of villages/ habitations, uncovered with mobile services, with DoT.

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3. The Telecommunications Act, _____ provides for assignment of spectrum through administrative process for satellite-based services, listed in First Schedule of the Act
- 2023
 - 2022
 - 2021
 - 2020

Answer: A

The Telecommunications Act, 2023 provides for assignment of spectrum through administrative process for satellite-based services, listed in First Schedule of the Act. Further, in line with The Telecommunication Act 2023, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on 11.07.2024 has sought the Recommendations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on terms and conditions of spectrum assignment including spectrum pricing in respect of licensees intending to provide satellite-based communication services while accounting for level playing field with terrestrial access services.

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4. As per latest India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2023, the total tree and forest cover of the country is 8,27,356.95 square kilometres which is _____% of the geographical area of the country.
- 24.15
 - 22.15
 - 25.15
 - 23.15

Answer: C

As per latest India State of Forest Report (ISFR) – 2023 published by Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, the total tree and forest cover of the country is 8,27,356.95 square kilometre which is **25.15% of the** geographical area of the country. The tree and forest cover of the country has increased by 1445.81 square kilometre as compared with the previous assessment report of ISFR 2021.

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5. What does the acronym MISHTI stand for?
- Marine Initiative for Sustainable Habitat & Tourism Industry
 - Mangrove Integration for Shoreline Heritage & Trade Infrastructure
 - Mission for Integrated Shoreline Habitat & Technological Innovation
 - Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes

Answer: D

To bring more areas under green cover, the Government is implementing various schemes such as such as National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) and **Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes** (MISHTI). The schemes primarily support ecological restoration through afforestation in and outside forest areas, forest landscape restoration, habitat improvement, soil and water conservation measures and protection etc.

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1. A statutory National Commission for Safai Karmcharis was first constituted in August, _____.
 - a. 1994
 - b. 1993
 - c. 2013
 - d. 2014

Answer: A

The National Commission for Safai Karmcharis Act, 1993, was enacted in September, 1993 and a statutory National Commission for Safai Karmcharis was first constituted in August, 1994.

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2. The Union Cabinet has recently approved the continuation and restructuring of the Central Sector Scheme 'Skill India Programme (SIP)' with an overlay outlay of Rs.8,800 crore from the period 2022-23 to _____.
 - a. 2023-24
 - b. 2024-25
 - c. 2025-26
 - d. 2026-27

Answer: C

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the continuation and restructuring of the Central Sector Scheme 'Skill India Programme (SIP)' till 2026 with an overlay outlay of Rs.8,800 crore from the period 2022-23 to 2025-26.

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3. The government has approved the Digital Agriculture Mission on 2nd September 2024 with an outlay of Rs. _____Crore.
 - a. 1817
 - b. 2817
 - c. 3817
 - d. 4817

Answer: B

The government has approved the Digital Agriculture Mission on 2nd September 2024 with an outlay of Rs. **2817 Crore**. The mission seeks to enable a robust digital agriculture ecosystem in the country for driving innovative farmer-centric digital solutions and making available timely and reliable crop-related information to all the farmers in the country. The Mission envisages the creation of Digital Public Infrastructure for Agriculture such as AgriStack, Krishi Decision Support System, Comprehensive Soil Fertility & Profile Map and other IT initiatives undertaken by Central Government/State Governments. AgriStack project is one of the major components of this Mission, which consists of three foundational registries or databases in the agriculture sector, i.e., the Farmers' Registry, Geo-referenced village maps and the Crop Sown Registry, all created and maintained by the State Governments/ Union Territories. The government is providing administrative and technical support to all the states for implementation of the mission. AgriStack provides comprehensive and useful data on farmers' demographic details, land holdings, and crops sown, enabling farmers to digitally identify and authenticate them for accessing benefits and services such as credit, insurance, procurement etc. It also enables state to design solutions that open access for farmers to the digital economy such as Purchase and Sell of Inputs and Produce online in a trustful manner.

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4. The PM-KISAN scheme is a central sector scheme launched in February _____ to supplement the financial needs of land-holding farmers.
- 2021
 - 2018
 - 2020
 - 2019

Answer: D

The PM-KISAN scheme is a central sector scheme launched in February 2019 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to supplement the financial needs of land-holding farmers. Under the scheme, a financial benefit of Rs 6,000/- per year is transferred in three equal instalments, into the Aadhaar seeded bank accounts of farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

A farmer-centric digital infrastructure has ensured the benefits of the scheme reach all the farmers across the country without involvement of any middlemen. Maintaining absolute transparency in registering and verifying beneficiaries, the Government of India has disbursed over Rs 3.46 lakh Cr. in 18 installments since inception.

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5. Agriculture and Agriculture Marketing is a _____ subject
- Union
 - State
 - Concurrent
 - Inter-State

Answer: B

Agriculture and Agriculture Marketing is a **state subject**. 15 States and Union Territories (UTs) have made enabling provisions for contract farming provisions in their APMC Acts. Contract farming, inter alia, provides for an institutional arrangement for registration of sponsoring companies, recording of contract farming agreements and indemnity to farmers' land. Any disputes arising out of contract are resolved as per the arbitration and dispute resolution mechanism specified therein.

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1. Aero India 2025, Asia's largest air show, is a biennial air show and aviation exhibition which is held in _____
 - a. Bengaluru
 - b. New Delhi
 - c. Mumbai
 - d. Kolkata

Answer: A

Aero India, Asia's Largest Air Show, is a biennial air show and aviation exhibition which is held in Bengaluru, organized by the Defence Exhibition Organisation, Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence. Aero India is India's premier aerospace and defence exhibition where global aero vendors and the Indian Air Force (IAF) thrill the spectators with back-to-back aerobatic flying displays. It is a flagship event that brings together global industry leaders, government officials, technology experts, and defence strategists under one roof. The event not only showcases the nation's technological prowess and innovations but also provides a dynamic platform for international cooperation and strategic dialogue.

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2. Who is the incumbent Governor of Tripura?
 - a. Dharmendra Pradhan
 - b. Vineet Joshi
 - c. Sanjay Kumar
 - d. Indrasena Reddy Nallu

Answer: D

Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, launched 41 new books under the PM YUVA 2.0 scheme at the New Delhi World Book Fair 2025 today. The Governor of Tripura, Shri **Indrasena Reddy Nallu**, graced the event as the guest of honour.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101008>

3. Inaugural session of the first-ever BIMSTEC Youth Summit was held in _____
 - a. Karnataka
 - b. Gujarat
 - c. Maharashtra

d. New Delhi

Answer: B

The Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India hosted the inaugural session of the first-ever BIMSTEC Youth Summit today in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, with the goal of strengthening youth collaboration across the region and facilitating the exchange of youth-led initiatives among BIMSTEC Member Countries. The session was held at the Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre, chaired by Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.

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4. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme launched on 22nd January, 2015 aims to prevent gender based sex selection and to ensure survival and protection of girl child. The scheme is _____% funded by the Central Government.
- a. 50
 - b. 75
 - c. 100
 - d. 10

Answer: C

BBBP scheme launched on 22nd January, 2015 aims to prevent Gender based sex selection and to ensure survival and protection of girl child and also to ensure education of the girl child. The scheme is 100% funded by the Central Government and has been expanded to cover all the districts of the country. The government of West Bengal is not implementing the Scheme.

The objectives of the Scheme are as follows:

Improvement in the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) by 2 points every year.

Improvement in the percentage of institutional deliveries to the rate of 95% or above.

1% increase in 1st Trimester Anti-Natal Care (ANC) Registration per year.

1% increase in enrolment at secondary education level and skilling of girls/women per year.

To check dropout rate among girls at secondary and higher secondary levels.

Raising awareness about safe Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM)

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5. "Nirbhaya Kadhi" (Fearless Bud), "Mo Gelha Jiya" (My Dear Daughter), "Kalpana Avijan", "Swarna Kalika" and "Veerangana Yojana" are schemes of which of the following State Governments?
- Haryana
 - Punjab
 - Chhattisgarh
 - Odisha

Answer: D

"Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" (BBBP) scheme was launched on 22nd January, 2015 to address the alarming gender imbalance and declining child sex ratio in India. Various initiatives have been implemented by **Odisha** Government to achieve the aims and goals of BBBP scheme. Major scheme of Odisha Governments under BBBP are "Nirbhaya Kadhi" (Fearless Bud), "Mo Gelha Jiya" (My Dear Daughter) in Ganjam, "Kalpana Avijan" in Dhenkanal, "Swarna Kalika" in Keonjhar and "Veerangana Yojana" in Deogarh district. These schemes are launched for adolescent girls to make them say "no to child marriage", to combat sex selection and female foeticide, to continue their study with higher education and to boost Self-Esteem and Confidence through martial arts and self-defence techniques.

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1. World Unani Day is celebrated on February _____ to mark the birth anniversary of Unani practitioner, scholar and visionary Hakim Ajmal Khan.
- 8
 - 9
 - 10
 - 11

Answer: D

World Unani Day is celebrated on February 11 to mark the birth anniversary of Unani practitioner, scholar and visionary Hakim Ajmal Khan. He is regarded as the pioneer of Unani medicine in India. The day is also marked to raise awareness about Unani medicine — one of the world's oldest healthcare systems.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101306>

2. Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) is a component of _____ scheme.
- PM-KISAN
 - PM-FASAL
 - PM-AASHA
 - PM-ANNADATA

Answer: C

Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) is a component of PM-AASHA scheme. Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) is implemented on the request of State/UT Government for procurement of various perishable agricultural/horticultural commodities such as tomato, onion and potato etc. for which Minimum Support Price (MSP) is not applicable and there is a reduction of at least 10% in the market prices in the States/UTs as compared to the rates of the previous normal season, so that farmers are not forced to sell their produce under distress.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101530>

3. National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) is an autonomous organization under _____

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

Answer: A

National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, Government of India is the implementing agency of the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) of Govt. of India, under which Science Cities, Science Centres, Digital Planetarium, Innovation Hubs are set up across the country based on the proposals received from different State Government and UTs desirous to set up Science Cities, Science Centre, Digital Planetarium, Innovation Hub etc.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101348>

4. Seva Bhoj Yojana was launched by the Ministry of Culture in August, _____

- a. 2016
- b. 2017
- c. 2018
- d. 2019

Answer: C

Seva Bhoj Yojana was launched by the Ministry of Culture in August, 2018. Under the Seva Bhoj Yojana, Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Central Government's share of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) paid on purchase of specific raw food items by the eligible Charitable/Religious Institutions for distributing free food to at least 5000 people in a calendar month are reimbursed to these organizations by the Government of India through the concerned GST Authority. The State-wise details of the charitable and religious institutions that have been benefitted under the Seva BhoThe NEP 2020 aims for a 100% Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) byj Yojana as of January, 2025 are Annexed.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101345>

5. The National Education Policy 2020 aims for a 100% Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) by

-
- a. 2025
 - b. 2030
 - c. 2035
 - d. 2028

Answer: B

The NEP 2020 aims for a 100% Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) by 2030. The GER is near universal at the primary (93 %) and the efforts are underway to bridge the gaps at the secondary (77.4 %) and higher secondary level (56.2 %), driving the nation closer to its vision of inclusive and equitable education for all. In the realm of higher education, India has seen a dramatic rise in student enrollment. The total number of students enrolled in higher education reached 4.33 crore in 2021-22, a 26.5% increase from 3.42 crore in 2014-15. The Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) for the 18-23 age group also rose from 23.7% to 28.4% in the same period.

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1. What does the festival of Thaipusam signify about Lord Murugan?

- a. He attained enlightenment and became a Siddha
- b. He defeated a demon king
- c. He got married to Deivanai
- d. He performed a great yajna

Answer: A

Thaipusam or Thaipooosam is a Tamil Hindu festival celebrated on the first full moon day of the Tamil month of Thai coinciding with Pusam star. The festival signifies that Lord Murugan is a Siddha and an enlightened being. On this auspicious day, he transcended from his physical form, a concept known as Mukthi in Hinduism. He dedicated his life to serving humanity and left behind a wealth of wisdom for society.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101648>

2. Under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, assistance of Rs. _____ per ha for a period of three years is provided for promotion of organic farming.

- a. 21,500
- b. 41,500
- c. 31,500
- d. 51,500

Answer: C

To promote use of organic fertilizers in the country, Government is promoting organic farming through the schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) in all the States/UTs (except North Eastern States). For North Eastern States, Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North

Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) scheme is being implemented. Both the schemes stress on end-to-end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification & marketing and post-harvest management training and capacity building. Under PKVY, **assistance of Rs. 31,500** per ha for a period of three years is provided for promotion of organic farming. Out of this, assistance of Rs. 15,000 per ha for a period of three years is provided to farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer for on- farm /off –farm organic inputs. Under MOVCDNER, assistance of Rs. 46,500/ha for 3 years is provided for creation of Farmers Producer Organization, support to farmers for organic inputs etc. Out of this, assistance @ Rs. 32500/ ha for 3 years is provided to farmers for off -farm /on –farm organic inputs under the scheme including Rs. 15,000 as Direct Benefit Transfer to the farmers.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101847>

3. GOBARDhan scheme comes under _____
- Ministry of Rural Development
 - Ministry of New & Renewable Energy
 - Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
 - Ministry of Jal Shakti

Answer: D

Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARDhan) is a vital umbrella initiative of Government of India, based on the whole of Government approach and aims to convert waste to wealth towards promoting circular economy. Government of India intends to build a robust ecosystem for setting up Biogas/Compressed Biogas (CBG)/ Bio-Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) plants to drive sustainable economic growth and promote a circular economy. As the nodal department for GOBARDhan, **Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti has developed a portal.**

<https://www.india.gov.in/spotlight/gobardhan-galvanizing-organic-bio-agro-resources-dhan>

4. Under PM-PRANAM, _____ % of subsidy savings will be passed on as a grant to the state that reduces chemical fertilizers.
- 50
 - 25
 - 75
 - 40

Answer: A

To incentivize the farmers to reduce the overall consumption of fertilizers for improving soil health and fertility and sustainable productivity, “PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth (PM-PRANAM)” incentivizes States and Union Territories to promote alternative fertilizers and balanced use of chemical fertilizers. Under this programme, 50% of subsidy savings will be passed on as a grant to the state that reduces chemical fertilizers.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101847>

5. With an objective to address the existing gaps in post-harvest management infrastructure in the country, the flagship scheme of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) was launched in
-
- a. 2022-23
 - b. 2018-19
 - c. 2015-16
 - d. 2020-21

Answer: D

In order to enhance the income of farmers, it is not only essential to enhance production and productivity of farm produce but also minimize the post-harvest losses and ensure better realization of prices for farmers through creation of modern post-harvest management infrastructure. With an objective to address the existing gaps in post-harvest management infrastructure in the country, the flagship scheme of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) was **launched in 2020-21** to strengthen the infrastructure in the country through creation of farm gate storage and logistics infrastructure to enable farmers to store and preserve their farm produce properly and sell them in the market at better price with reduced post-harvest losses and lesser number of intermediaries. Improved post-harvest management infrastructure like warehouses, Cold stores, sorting and grading units, ripening chambers etc will allow farmers to sell directly to a larger base of consumers and hence, increase value realization for the farmers. This will improve the overall income of farmers. Further, AIF scheme aims to benefit all stakeholders in the agricultural ecosystem by contributing in the holistic development of the agriculture sector. Under AIF, provision for Rs. 1 Lakh crore loan has been made through lending institutions with a interest rate cap of 9% on loans. The scheme is operational from 2020-21 to 2032-33.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101845>

1. Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) and Pilot of Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme (PPPS) are three components under which of the following schemes?
- a. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana
 - b. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan
 - c. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund
 - d. Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana

Answer: B

The Government has taken another giant leap towards boosting pro-farmer initiatives. With the recent approval of the umbrella scheme **Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan** (PM-AASHA), that is aimed towards ensuring remunerative prices to farmers for their produce, the government has taken an unprecedented step.

The recent scheme is expected to complement the increase in MSP which will be translated to farmer's income by way of robust procurement mechanism in coordination with the states.

The three components outlined under the scheme is thus aimed towards enhancing agricultural productivity, reducing cost of cultivation which will enable boosting and securing farmer's income in the long run.

- Price Support Scheme (PSS)
- Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)
- Pilot of Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme (PPPS)

<https://www.india.gov.in/spotlight/pradhan-mantri-annadata-aay-sanrakshan-abhiyan-pm-aasha>

2. Digital Personal Data Protection Act was passed in which year?
- a. 2022
 - b. 2023
 - c. 2024
 - d. 2021

Answer: B

The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, **2023** (also known as DPDP Act or DPDPA-2023) is an act of the Parliament of India to provide for the processing of digital personal data in a manner that recognises both the right of individuals to protect their personal data and the need to process such personal data for lawful purposes and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. This is the first Act of the Parliament of India where "she/her" pronouns were used unlike the usual "he/him" pronouns.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101839>

3. The 14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (14AFAF), with the theme "Greening the Blue Growth in Asia-Pacific" will be organized in _____
- a. Mumbai
 - b. Bengaluru
 - c. Chennai
 - d. New Delhi

Answer: D

The 14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (14AFAF), with the theme "Greening the Blue Growth in Asia-Pacific" is being organized in **New Delhi** during February 12-14, 2025. The Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (AFAF) is a triennial event of the Asian Fisheries Society with its Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This 14th AFAF is being jointly organized by the Asian Fisheries Society (AFS), Kuala Lumpur; Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi; the Department of Fisheries (DoF), Government of India; and the Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch

(AFSIB), Mangalore. This prestigious event is being hosted in India for the 2nd time after the 8AFAF held at Kochi in 2007.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101732>

4. Union Budget 2025 increased the sectoral cap of insurance sector to ____ % from 74%.
- 90
 - 85
 - 100
 - 94

Answer: C

To promote FDI, the Government has put in place an investor-friendly policy, wherein most sectors, except certain strategically important sectors, are open for 100% FDI under the automatic route. More than 90% of the FDI inflow is received under the automatic route. India has embarked on a series of reforms aimed at liberalizing its FDI policies, with the goal of stimulating economic growth and encouraging foreign capital inflows. In the recent past, reforms in the FDI Policy have been undertaken in sectors such as Defence, Insurance, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Telecom and Space. FDI in the Defence sector is allowed up to 74% through Automatic Route (from earlier 49%) for companies seeking new industrial licenses. Further, 100% FDI in the Telecom Sector is allowed under the Automatic Route. FDI sectoral cap in the insurance sector has been revised from 49% to 74% under the automatic route. The Union Budget 2025 also announced the further increase of **FDI sectoral cap for the insurance sector from 74% to 100%**. This enhanced limit will be available for those companies, which invest the entire premium in India.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101785>

5. Government of India is implementing the Project for Computerization of functional PACS with a total financial outlay of ₹_____ Crore
- 5,516
 - 3,516
 - 4,516
 - 2,516

Answer: D

Government of India is implementing the Project for Computerization of functional PACS with a total financial **outlay of ₹2,516 Crore**, which entails bringing all the functional PACS onto an ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) based common national software, linking them with NABARD through State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) and District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs). The National Level Common Software for the project has been developed by NABARD and 50,455 PACS have been onboarded on ERP software as on 27.01.2025.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101726>

1. Who is the Head of the U.S. Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) at present?

- a. JD Vance
- b. Scott Bessent
- c. Kelly Loeffler
- d. Elon Musk

Answer: D

Mr. Elon Musk, Head of the U.S. Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and CEO of Tesla called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2103014>

2. World Radio Day is an international day celebrated on the _____ of February each year.
- a. 13th
 - b. 12th
 - c. 11th
 - d. 10th

Answer: A

World Radio Day is an international day celebrated on the 13th of February each year. The day was designated by UNESCO on the 3rd of November, 2011, during its 36th conference.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2102566>

3. Sampoorna Bima Gram Yojana comes under _____
- a. Department of Finance
 - b. Department of Revenue
 - c. Department of Rural Development
 - d. Department of Posts

Answer: D

Bima Gram Yojana is an initiative of **Department of Posts** to provide life insurance to the people living in rural areas. Under Bima Gram Yojana, a minimum of 100 households in each of the identified villages are to be brought under the coverage of at least one Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI) policy in each household. The premium paying capacity of a person is one of the critical elements in implementation of the initiative. Bima Gram Yojana is a continuous process. Further, 46739 villages have been covered under Bima Gram Yojana so far.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2102798>

4. In which year was the Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal launched to streamline Right of Way (RoW) permissions?
- a. 2021
 - b. 2022
 - c. 2023
 - d. 2024

Answer: B

Launched the Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal on May 14, **2022** thus streamlining Right of Way (RoW) permissions for quick Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) laying and telecom tower setup, reducing approval time.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2102796>

5. Which Ministry is developing a manned submersible 'Matsya 6000', which aims to carry three people to a depth of 6000 meters in the ocean?
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
 - Ministry of Defence
 - Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
 - Ministry of Earth Sciences

Answer: D

The **Ministry of Earth Sciences**, through the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, is developing a manned submersible 'Matsya 6000', which aims to carry three people to a depth of 6000 meters in the ocean with a suite of scientific sensors for ocean exploration and observation. The manned submersible Matsya 6000 is likely to be realised by 2026.

The technologies developed under the Deep Ocean Mission will expand the country's capability for deep-sea man-rated vehicle development and pave the way for sustainable deep-sea exploration and harnessing of deep-sea living and non-living resources. The deep-sea exploration includes biodiversity, survey and mineral resources. Apart from the benefits of scientific research and technological empowerment, this mission has immediate spin-offs in underwater engineering innovations, asset inspection and the promotion of ocean literacy.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2102743>

1. IndARC is India's first underwater moored observatory in the Arctic region. It was deployed in 2014 at _____
- Kongsfjorden Fjord
 - Geirangerfjord
 - Hardangerfjord
 - Saguenay Fjord

Answer: A

IndARC is India's first underwater moored observatory in the Arctic region. It was deployed in 2014 at Kongsfjorden fjord, Svalbard, Norway which is midway between Norway and North Pole. The observatory's research goal is to study the Arctic climate and its influence on the monsoon.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2102740>

2. Who released the report 'Expanding Quality Higher Education through States and State Public Universities'?
- a. Ministry of Education
 - b. Pratham
 - c. UNESCO India
 - d. NITI Aayog

Answer: D

On 10th February, **NITI Aayog** released the report 'Expanding Quality Higher Education through States and State Public Universities'. This report focuses on State Public Universities (SPUs), which have been key in making education more accessible, especially in remote areas. Currently, SPUs serve over 3.25 crore students. With the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aiming to double enrollment by 2035, SPUs will continue to educate the majority of students.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2102789>

3. Asiatic Lion is categorized as _____ according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species
- a. Critically Endangered
 - b. Vulnerable
 - c. Endangered
 - d. Extinct in the Wild

Answer: C

Asiatic Lion is categorized as '**Endangered**' according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species upgraded from 'Critically Endangered' category in 2008 due to the efforts taken for conservation and protection of Asiatic Lions resulting in increase in their population over the years.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2102700>

4. The Income-tax Bill, 2025 has been recently introduced for simplifying the language and structure of the Income-tax Act, _____.
- a. 1951
 - b. 1971
 - c. 1955
 - d. 1961

Answer: D

The Income-tax Bill, 2025 was tabled in Parliament today, marking a significant step toward simplifying the language and structure of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

The simplification exercise was guided by three core principles:

Textual and structural simplification for improved clarity and coherence.

No major tax policy changes to ensure continuity and certainty.

No modifications of tax rates, preserving predictability for taxpayers.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2102744>

5. The National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP) _____ provides a roadmap for the adoption and manufacturing of electric vehicles in India
- 2021
 - 2020
 - 2023
 - 2022

Answer: B

The National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP) **2020** provides a roadmap for the adoption and manufacturing of electric vehicles in India, aiming to enhance national fuel security and promote environmentally friendly transportation. As part of NEMMP 2020, the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) implemented the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME India) Scheme in 2015 to promote the adoption of electric/hybrid vehicles.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2102783>

1. Launched in _____, Ayushman Bharat is a landmark health initiative designed to provide universal health coverage, particularly for rural and vulnerable populations
- 2017
 - 2016
 - 2018
 - 2019

Answer: C

Ayushman Bharat Yojana – Launched in 2018, Ayushman Bharat is a landmark health initiative designed to provide universal health coverage, particularly for rural and vulnerable populations. The scheme plays an important role in ensuring timely treatment of cancer patients within 30 days. The scheme covers chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and surgical oncology for cancer treatment for economically vulnerable families. Till 2024, over 90% of registered cancer patients have commenced treatment under this scheme, reducing out-of-pocket expenses and ensuring financial protection for millions.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2102729>

2. The National Cancer Grid (NCG) was established in _____ to ensure high-quality, standardized cancer care across India
- a. 2011
 - b. 2013
 - c. 2014
 - d. 2012

Answer: D

National Cancer Grid (NCG): The National Cancer Grid (NCG) was established in **2012** to ensure high-quality, standardized cancer care across India. Eight years later, it has grown into the world's largest cancer network with 287 members, comprising cancer centres, research institutes, patient advocacy groups, charitable organizations and professional societies. Between the member organizations of the NCG, the network treats over 750,000 new patients with cancer annually, which is over 60% of all of India's cancer burden. The NCG also works closely with Ayushman Bharat – PMJAY to provide affordable, evidence-based cancer treatment and streamline costs under the scheme. It has also played a key role in shaping the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) by contributing to the development of electronic patient health records.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2102729>

3. National Judicial Academy India is located in _____
- a. Kanpur
 - b. New Delhi
 - c. Bhopal
 - d. Hyderabad

Answer: C

National Judicial Academy for Judicial education and training was a significant initiative of the Supreme Court of India conceived in early 1990s. The National Judicial Academy was formally dedicated to the Nation on 5 September 1992. The Academy, spread over a sprawling 62 acre campus, atop a hillock, overlooking the Upper Lake at **Bhopal** represents a stimulating, inspirational and solemn architectural ambience.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2103499>

4. Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Tripura?
- a. Manik Saha
 - b. Biplab Kumar Deb
 - c. Manik Sarkar
 - d. Dasarath Debbarma

Answer: A

The Chief Minister of Tripura, Prof. (Dr.) **Manik Saha** called on the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today in New Delhi.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2103511>

5. Where is the World Organisation for Animal Health headquartered?
- Paris
 - Rome
 - Geneva
 - London

Answer: A

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), formerly the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), is an intergovernmental organisation founded in 1924, coordinating, supporting and promoting animal disease control. The primary objective of WOAH is to control epizootic diseases and prevent their spread. Further objectives include the sharing of transparent, scientific information; international solidarity; sanitary safety; and the promotion of veterinary services, food safety and animal welfare.

Headquarters: Paris, France

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2103484>

1. ERONET 2.0 is an initiative of _____
- ECI
 - CAG
 - TRAI
 - CERT-In

Answer: A

ERONET 2.0 is an initiative of the Election Commission of India (ECI). It is an upgraded version of the Electoral Roll Management System, designed to streamline voter registration, ensure transparency, and improve the accuracy of electoral rolls by integrating technology for real-time data management.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104214>

2. Who is the 25th Chief Election Commissioner of India?
- Gyanesh Kumar
 - Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
 - Rajiv Kumar
 - Dishiti Gupta

Answer: C

Shri Rajiv Kumar had joined ECI as Election Commissioner on September 1st, 2020 and assumed charge as **the 25th Chief Election Commissioner** of India on May 15, 2022. His tenure spanning 4.5 years in the Commission was characterized by silent yet deep-rooted reforms across various domains spanning structural, technological, capacity development, communication, international cooperation and administration. Shri Kumar during his tenure has completed one full

electoral cycle with conduct of elections in 31 States/UTs, the Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections 2022, Lok Sabha elections 2024 and Rajya Sabha renewals -a rare and monumental feat in electoral management. The elections were conducted peacefully with near zero repolls and incidents of violence.

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3. On February 18, 2025, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana marks its _____-year anniversary.
- Eight
 - Nine
 - Ten
 - Eleven

Answer: B

On February 18, 2025, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana marks its **nine**-year anniversary, celebrating close to a decade of empowering the farmers of India. Launched in 2016 by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the scheme offers a comprehensive shield against crop losses caused by unpredictable natural hazards. This protection not only stabilizes farmers' income but also encourages them to adopt innovative practices.

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4. The Government of India approved the continuation of the integrated Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) Scheme during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle up to_____.
- 2029-30
 - 2026-27
 - 2028-29
 - 2025-26

Answer: D

The Government of India approved the continuation of the integrated Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) Scheme during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle up to **2025-26**. The integrated PM-AASHA Scheme is administered to bring-in more effectiveness in the implementation of procurement operations that would not only help in providing remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce but also control the price volatility of essential commodities by ensuring their availability at affordable prices to consumers. Under the Price Support Scheme of the integrated PM-AASHA Scheme, the procurement of the notified Pulses, Oilseeds and Copra conforming to the prescribed Fair Average Quality (FAQ) is undertaken by the Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) at the MSP directly from the pre-registered farmers through the State level agencies.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104121>

5. Which state is the leading producer of pomegranate in India?

- a. Gujarat
- b. Maharashtra
- c. Karnataka
- d. Himachal Pradesh

Answer: B

India is one of the largest producers of pomegranate in the world. Pomegranate is produced throughout the year in India, with the peak season from February to May.

In 2015-16, the total area under pomegranate production was 196,890 hectares. Maharashtra is India's major pomegranate producing state, accounting for 70.2% of the total area and approximately 66% of total production.

Pomegranate production has been growing at a healthy rate of 20-25 per cent in recent years. The major pomegranate-producing states in India include Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh, with **Maharashtra contributing to over 50 per cent of the production share.**

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104015>

1. The Soil Health Card Scheme was introduced by Prime Minister of India on 19th February, _____ at Suratgarh, Rajasthan
 - a. 2014
 - b. 2010
 - c. 2015
 - d. 2016

Answer: C

The Soil Health Card Scheme was introduced by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 19th February, 2015 at Suratgarh, Rajasthan. The scheme was launched to assist State Governments to issue soil health cards to all farmers in the country. Soil health card provides information to farmers on nutrient status of their soil along with recommendation on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and its fertility.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104403>

2. The Soil Health Card contains status of the soil with respect to _____ parameters
 - a. 10
 - b. 12
 - c. 14
 - d. 8

Answer: B

The Soil Health Card contains status of the soil with respect to 12 parameters, namely N,P,K, S (Macro-nutrients); Zn, Fe, Cu, Mn, Bo (Micro - nutrients) ; and pH (Acidity or Basicity), EC (Electrical Conductivity) and OC (Organic Carbon).

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104403>

3. India is the _____-largest exporter of textiles globally, contributing 8.21% to the country's total exports in 2023-24.
- a. Third
 - b. Fifth
 - c. Fourth
 - d. Sixth

Answer: D

India is the **sixth**-largest exporter of textiles globally, contributing 8.21% to the country's total exports in 2023-24. The sector holds a 4.5% share in global trade, with the United States and European Union accounting for 47% of India's textile and apparel exports.

From an employment perspective, the textile industry provides direct employment to over 45 million people and supports the livelihoods of over 100 million individuals indirectly, including a large proportion of women and rural workers. It aligns with key government initiatives such as Make in India, Skill India, Women Empowerment, and Rural Youth Employment, reinforcing its role in inclusive economic development.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104423>

4. Jamdani textile is associated with which State?
- a. Gujarat
 - b. West Bengal
 - c. Haryana
 - d. Uttarakhand

Answer: B

India's handloom sector is renowned for its variety of textiles, including intricate saris, shawls, scarves, and other woven items. Each region of India boasts distinct handloom traditions and techniques. For example, the Banarasi silk from Varanasi, the Kanjeevaram silk from Tamil Nadu, and the **Jamdani from West Bengal** are highly esteemed for their quality and craftsmanship. These textiles often feature elaborate patterns, vibrant colors, and traditional motifs, making them highly sought after both domestically and internationally.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104423>

5. African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO) established in _____, is an autonomous inter-governmental/multilateral organisation, comprising 32 country governments of Africa and Asia as full members and 3 associate members
- 1962
 - 1952
 - 1956
 - 1955

Answer: A

African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO), one of the the earliest examples of South-South and Triangular cooperation in the fields of agriculture and rural development in the African-Asian region, established in **1962**, is an autonomous inter-governmental/multilateral organisation, comprising 32 country governments of Africa and Asia as full members and 3 associate members. The organization has been given the status of international organisation by the Government of India, at par with other UN organisations in India.

Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan will be inaugurated the 77th Session of the Executive Committee (EC-77) of African-Asian Rural Development Organization in New Delhi tomorrow. The 77th Session of the Executive Committee is being organised by its headquarters in New Delhi from 19-20 February 2025 with the support of Government of India. It will be attended by the Secretary/Permanent Secretary/senior officers of AARDO member countries from Asia and Africa nominated by their governments. From India, the Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development is the member of the Executive Committee.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104407>

1. India's social security coverage increased from 24.4% in 2021 to _____ % in 2024, as per the ILO's World Social Protection Report 2024-26
- 28.8
 - 38.8
 - 48.8
 - 58.8

Answer: C

India's efforts in social security expansion were recognized, with coverage doubling from 24.4% in 2021 to 48.8% in 2024, as per the ILO's World Social Protection Report 2024-26. With the ongoing work with ILO on including 'in-kind' benefits and those of the states, the potential coverage of the country will go up further.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104788>

2. Who is the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand at present?
- Pushkar Singh Dhama

- b. Ritu Khanduri
- c. Gurmit Singh
- d. Basavaraj Narayanapur

Answer: A

The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri **Pushkar Singh Dhami** and Speaker Smt. Ritu Khanduri inaugurated the National eVidhan Application in the Assembly. The Governor of Uttarakhand, Shri Gurmit Singh also graced the event.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104607>

3. World Day of Social Justice is observed annually on February _____ by the United Nations.
- a. 18th
 - b. 19th
 - c. 20th
 - d. 21st

Answer: C

World Day of Social Justice, observed annually on February 20th by the United Nations, serves as a global call to action for addressing poverty, exclusion, and unemployment while promoting solidarity, harmony, and equality of opportunity within and between societies.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104798>

4. Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) launched in _____, merges three schemes to uplift SC communities through skill development, income generation, and infrastructure in Schedule Caste dominated villages.
- a. 2020-21
 - b. 2021-22
 - c. 2022-23
 - d. 2023-24

Answer: B

Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)

The scheme launched in **2021-22**, merges three schemes to uplift SC communities through skill development, income generation, and infrastructure in Schedule Caste dominated villages. It has three components: Adarsh Gram development, Grants-in-Aid for socio-economic projects, and hostel construction in higher education institutions. Since January 1, 2024, 5,051 villages have been declared Adarsh Gram, 1,655 projects benefiting 3,05,842 people have been sanctioned, and ₹26.31 crore allocated for 38 hostels.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104798>

5. The SHRESHTA scheme aims to bridge service gaps in Schedule Caste dominant areas by supporting grant-in-aid institutions and high-quality residential schools. Which of the following accurately describes SHRESHTA?
- Special Hostel and Resource Education Scheme for Talented Aspirants
 - Scholarship and Housing for Economically Restricted Students in Technical Academies
 - Supportive Higher Education for Rural Empowerment and Skill Training Assistance
 - Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas

Answer: D

Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)

The SHRESHTA scheme aims to bridge service gaps in Schedule Caste dominant areas by supporting grant-in-aid institutions and high-quality residential schools. It provides financial assistance to top CBSE/State Board-affiliated private schools for SC students in classes 9 and 11, ensuring education till class 12. Additionally, it funds NGOs/VOs to run residential and non-residential schools and hostels with adequate infrastructure and strong academic standards, fostering socio-economic upliftment of SC communities.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104798>

1. Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Delhi?
- Rekha Gupta
 - Atishi Marlena
 - Arvind Kejriwal
 - Sheila Dikshit

Answer: A

Delhi chief minister Rekha Gupta

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/delhi-cm-rekha-gupta-responds-to-atishis-broken-promise-charge-101740115861639.html>

2. Arunachal Pradesh Statehood Day is a state holiday which is observed every year on _____ February to mark the formation of Arunachal Pradesh
- 18
 - 19
 - 20
 - 21

Answer: C

Arunachal Pradesh Statehood Day is a state holiday which is observed every year on 20 February to mark the formation of Arunachal Pradesh

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104997>

3. Prime Minister Internship Scheme comes under which ministry?
- a. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
 - b. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
 - c. Ministry of Education
 - d. Ministry of Finance

Answer: B

The Prime Minister Internship Scheme - spearheaded by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs - is designed to harness the potential of India's youth population by providing them with 12 month paid internships in top companies of India.

The scheme targets individuals aged 21 to 24 who are currently not enrolled in any full-time academic program or employment, offering them a unique chance to kick-start their careers.

Each intern will be supported with monthly financial assistance of ₹5,000, supplemented by one-time financial assistance of ₹6,000. Each internship will be a combination of relevant training and professional experience (at least six months) to ensure that candidates learn and can also apply their skills in real-world settings.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104914>

4. Section 153 of the Railways Act, _____ states that anyone who endangers the safety of a person traveling on a railway can be punished with up to five years in prison
- a. 1969
 - b. 1979
 - c. 1989
 - d. 1909

Answer: C

Section 153 of the Railways Act, **1989** states that anyone who endangers the safety of a person traveling on a railway can be punished with up to five years in prison. This includes obstructing or attempting to obstruct railway rolling stock. Section 174(a) of the Railways Act, 1989 covers the offense of obstructing a train or other rolling stock. The penalty for an offense under Section 174(a) is imprisonment for up to two years, a fine of up to two thousand rupees, or both.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2105088>

5. CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute is located at _____
- a. Kanpur
 - b. Lucknow
 - c. Surat
 - d. Patna

Answer: B

The 9th "International Symposium on Current Trends in Drug Discovery Research" inaugurated yesterday at CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, **Lucknow**. Dr. Radha Rangrajan, Director CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow, welcomed all the dignitaries present in this mega event. She briefed about the details of this very important Drug discovery conference and set the tone for the participants that how they can utilize this opportunity for learning, networking and upgrading their research skills

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2104910>

1. Joint Military Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN is held between India and _____
- a. Japan
 - b. South Korea
 - c. UK
 - d. USA

Answer: A

The Indian Army contingent departed today, for 6th edition of India- **Japan** Joint Military Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted in East Fuji Manoeuvre Training area of Japan from 24th February to 9th March 2025. Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN is an annual event conducted alternatively in India and Japan. Last edition of the same exercise was conducted in Rajasthan in February- March 2024.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2105443>

2. Who chaired the 27th meeting of the Western Zonal Council held in Pune?
- a. Narendra Modi
 - b. Govind Mohan
 - c. Amit Shah
 - d. Devendra Fadnavis

Answer: C

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri **Amit Shah**, chaired the 27th meeting of the Western Zonal Council in Pune, Maharashtra today. The meeting was attended by several dignitaries including Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa, Administrator of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu and Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra. The Union Home Secretary, Secretary, Inter State Council Secretariat, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Chief Secretaries of States of Western Region, and other senior officials of State and Union Ministries and Departments also attended the meeting.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2105532>

3. Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration, 2024 will consist of: (i) Trophy, (ii) Scroll and (iii) an incentive of Rs. _____ lakh to the awarded District/organization
- 50
 - 30
 - 40
 - 20

Answer: D

The Government of India has approved the Scheme for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration, 2024. The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration has been designed to acknowledge, recognize and reward exemplary work done by civil servants across the country. For the year 2024, the scheme for Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration aims to recognize the contribution of civil servants in under three categories :

Category 1: Holistic Development of Districts under 11 priority sector programmes. Under this category, 5 awards would be conferred.

Category 2: Aspirational Blocks Program. Under this category, 5 awards would be conferred.

Category 3: Innovations for Central Ministries/Departments States, Districts. Under this category, 6 awards would be conferred

The PM's Awards, 2024 will consist of: (i) Trophy, (ii) Scroll and (iii) an **incentive of Rs. 20 lakh** to the awarded District/organization to be utilized for implementation of project/programme or bridging resources gaps in any area of public welfare.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2105448>

4. Who is the author of the work "Swallowing the Sun: A Novel"?
- Sanjeev Sanyal
 - Lakshmi Puri
 - Raian Karanjawala
 - Hardeep Singh Puri

Answer: B

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, participated in a panel discussion on the sidelines of Delhi University's Lit Fest today, where he spoke about the evolution of Delhi University over the years and its significant contributions to academia and society. The panel included distinguished personalities such as Smt **Lakshmi Puri, acclaimed author of the best-seller "Swallowing the Sun"**, Shri Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, and Shri Raian Karanjawala, managing partner at Karanjawala & Co.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2105563>

5. Who has recently released “Compendium of Datasets and Registries in India, 2024”?
- a. Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
 - b. Ministry of Finance
 - c. RBI
 - d. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer: A

The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** has published the latest edition of the Compendium of Datasets and Registries in India, 2024, a key initiative aimed at strengthening data accessibility and informed decision-making. As part of the ongoing modernization of the National Statistical System, this compendium ensures that government data is easily accessible for policymakers, researchers, academicians, students, analysts, businesses, and the general public.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2105461>

1. Who is the incumbent Governor of Madhya Pradesh?
- a. Mangubhai C. Patel
 - b. Anandiben Patel
 - c. Lalji Tandon
 - d. Om Prakash Kohli

Answer: A

Governor of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Mangubhai Patel

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2105741>

2. Who is the Chief Election Commissioner of India at present?
- a. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
 - b. Vivek Joshi
 - c. Sukumar Sen
 - d. Gyanesh Kumar

Answer: D

The Election Commission of India has scheduled a two-day conference with the Chief Electoral Officers of all States/UTs on March 4-5, 2025 at India International Institute of Democracy & Election Management, New Delhi.

This is the first such conference to be held since Shri **Gyanesh Kumar** assumed charge as CEC. In a first, the CEOs have been instructed to nominate a DEO and an ERO to take part in the conference. As statutory authorities, CEOs, DEOs and EROs are important functionaries at the State, District and Assembly Constituency levels.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2105787>

3. Who is the incumbent Director-General of the International Labour Organization?
- a. Shobha Karandlaje
 - b. Gilbert F. Hougbo
 - c. Guy Ryder
 - d. Kanayo F Nwanze

Answer: B

Union Minister of Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the first-ever two-day Regional Dialogue on Social Justice under the Global Coalition for Social Justice in New Delhi today. Director General, International Labour Organization (ILO), Mr. **Gilbert F. Hougbo**, graced the event with his presence. Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Ms. Shobha Karandlaje, Secretary (Labour & Employment), Ms. Sumita Dawra, along with other dignitaries were also present at this prestigious international dialogue.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2105900>

4. Which of the following is a new superior climate smart drought tolerant high-yielding chickpea variety notified recently?
- a. PUSA-06
 - b. JG-22
 - c. SAATVIK (NC 9)
 - d. ICCV-100

Answer: C

Climate-Smart Crops: A New Superior Climate Smart Drought Tolerant High-Yielding Chickpea Variety “**SAATVIK (NC 9)**” with enhanced yield under drought stress is notified recently. SAATVIK (NC9) is now approved by the Central Sub-committee on Crop Standards.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2105824>

5. India is home to the _____ animal husbandry sector in the world.
- a. Fourth Largest
 - b. Second Largest
 - c. Third Largest
 - d. Largest

Answer: D

India is the **largest** animal husbandry sector in the world with largest livestock population to supports the livelihoods of more than two-thirds of the rural population, mainly small and marginal farmers. Innovations in animal biotechnology are driving breakthroughs in veterinary medicine and livestock management like:

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2105824>

1. In which year was the Startups, Women & Youth Advantage through eTransactions (SWAYATT) initiative launched?
 - a. 2018
 - b. 2019
 - c. 2020
 - d. 2021

Answer: B

Government e Marketplace (GeM) commemorated six years of Startups, Women & Youth Advantage through eTransactions (SWAYATT) initiative at its New Delhi headquarter (HQ) on 19 February 2025. Launched on 19th February, **2019**, SWAYATT was conceptualised with a clear objective of invigorating participation of women-led enterprises and youth in public procurement.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2106076>

2. Who is the incumbent Director General of the Indian Coast Guard?
 - a. Rakesh Pal
 - b. V. A. Kamath
 - c. Paramesh Sivamani
 - d. Rajesh Kumar Singh

Answer: C

ICG Director General Paramesh Sivamani

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2106053>

3. Who is the incumbent Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC)?
 - a. Sushri Shobha Karandlaje
 - b. Neelam Shami Rao
 - c. Michiko Miyamoto
 - d. Ramesh Krishnamurthi

Answer: D

Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addressed newly inducted Assistant PF Commissioners (APFCs) of EPFO at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi today. The event was also attended by Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, and Shri **Ramesh Krishnamurthi, Central Provident Fund Commissioner**, EPFO.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2106222>

4. Licensed recently, Datia Airport is the eighth public airport in which State?
 - a. Madhya Pradesh
 - b. Uttar Pradesh
 - c. Maharashtra
 - d. Gujarat

Answer: A

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Friday licensed Datia Airport as a public airport under the 3C/VFR category. This makes it the eighth public airport in Madhya Pradesh available for public usage.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/datia-airport-gets-dgca-licence-becomes-mps-8th-public-airport/articleshow/118460941.cms>

5. Central Excise Day is observed every year in India on February _____ to honour the contributions of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and its officers
- 22
 - 24
 - 25
 - 26

Answer: B

Central Excise Day is observed every year in India **on February 24 to honour** the contributions of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and its officers. In 2025, this day falls on a Monday. The celebration commemorates the enactment of the Central Excise and Salt Act on February 24, 1944, which laid the foundation for the current excise regulations in the country. Know history, significance and more in details which are mentioned below.

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/lifestyle/central-excise-day-2025-why-it-is-celebrated-on-february-24-know-significance-theme-and-more>

1. Who is the incumbent Animal Husbandry Commissioner and Chairman Animal Welfare Board of India?
- Alka Upadhyaya
 - Abhijit Mitra
 - S. P. Singh Baghel
 - George Kurian

Answer: B

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) has announced its Prani Mitra and Jeev Daya Award Ceremony, scheduled to be held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on 27th February 2025. The occasion will be graced by Union Ministers of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel and Shri George Kurian. Ms. Alka Upadhyaya, Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department, Dr. **Abhijit Mitra, Animal Husbandry Commissioner and Chairman AWBI**, representatives from State Animal Welfare Boards, District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCAs), Gau Seva Aayogs, Animal Lovers, Animal Welfare Organizations etc. will be present during the AWBI Award Ceremony.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2106411>

2. The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) comes under _____
- a. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
 - b. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 - c. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
 - d. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer: A

Animal Welfare Board of India: **Ministry of Fisheries**, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2106411>

3. Bathouism is the folk religion of the Boro people of _____
- a. Arunachal Pradesh
 - b. Sikkim
 - c. Meghalaya
 - d. Assam

Answer: D

Bathouism (also, Bathou) is the folk religion of the Boro people of Assam in Northeast India. The name Bathou (Ba, five; thou, deep) in Boro means five principles. The five principles are: bar (air), orr (fire), ha (earth), dwi (water) and okhrang (ether). The chief deity, called Bathoubwrai (bwarai: "the Elder")— omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent— is said to have created the five principles. Though there are other minor gods and goddesses, Bathoubwrai is considered the Supreme God. Bathoubwrai is unseen. The second most important deity is Mainao, the daughter of Bathoubwrai, who is considered as the "protector of the rice fields".

The recent move by the government of the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) in Assam to include 'Bathouism' as an official option in the religion column of various application forms has elicited praise from an expert on the Bodos and their traditional faith.

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/environment/assam-move-to-recognise-bathousim-highlights-government-commitment-to-preserve-nature-based-faiths-says-expert>

4. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) was adopted during the _____ meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- a. Seventeenth
 - b. Sixteenth
 - c. Fifteenth
 - d. Fourteenth

Answer: C

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) was adopted during the **fifteenth** meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) following a four year consultation and negotiation process. This historic Framework, which supports the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and builds on the Convention's previous Strategic Plans, sets out an ambitious pathway to reach the global vision of a world living in harmony with nature by 2050. Among the Framework's key elements are 4 goals for 2050 and 23 targets for 2030.

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2025/02/press-release-cop16/>

5. What is the primary purpose of the Cali Fund launched under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) at COP 16?
- To provide financial aid for agricultural research
 - To support the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of Digital Sequence Information (DSI)
 - To regulate genetic modification technologies
 - To fund conservation projects in Rome

Answer: B

Rome, 25 February 2025 – In a major development under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the **Cali Fund for the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits from the use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources (DSI)** — the Cali Fund'— which will receive contributions from private sector entities making commercial use of DSI, launched today in Rome in the margins of the second day of the resumed session of COP 16 of the CBD at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

The Cali Fund will mobilize new streams of funding for biodiversity action worldwide, in support of the three objectives of the CBD: the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the use of genetic resources. Recognizing their role and contributions as custodians of biodiversity, 50 per cent of the resources of the Cali Fund will be allocated to the self-identified needs of indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth.

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2025/02/press-release-cop16/>

1. In which year was the Ministry of Ayush founded?
- 2013
 - 2014
 - 2015

d. 2016

Answer: B

Since the creation of the Ministry of Ayush in **2014**, Prime Minister has envisioned a clear roadmap for its growth, recognizing its vast potential. In a comprehensive review of the sector's progress, the Prime Minister emphasized the need for strategic interventions to harness its full potential. The review focused on streamlining initiatives, optimizing resources, and charting a visionary path to elevate Ayush's global presence.

2. Who has been recently appointed Principal Secretary-2 to the Prime Minister?
- a. Prataprao Jadhav
 - b. P. K. Mishra
 - c. Shaktikanta Das
 - d. Amit Khare

Answer: C

The government on Saturday appointed retired IAS officer and former Reserve Bank of India governor **Shaktikanta Das** as Principal Secretary-2 to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He is probably the first Principal Secretary with experience in both fiscal and monetary policy.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/former-rbi-governor-shaktikanta-das-appointed-principal-secretary-to-pm-modi-9850448/>

3. Global Centre for Traditional Medicine was set up by World Health Organization in Jamnagar, _____ to promote Traditional Medicines as system of treatment for various ailments.
- a. Maharashtra
 - b. Uttar Pradesh
 - c. Madhya Pradesh
 - d. Gujarat

Answer: D

Establishing the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat is a landmark achievement, reinforcing India's leadership in traditional medicine.

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4. Jahan-e-Khusrau is an annual three-day sufi music festival held in _____
- a. New Delhi
 - b. Ajmer
 - c. Agra
 - d. Hooghly

Answer: A

Jahan-e-Khusrau is an annual three-day sufi music festival held in New Delhi to commemorate the death anniversary of the saint Amir Khusrau.

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5. Mike Massimino, who was recently in india, was associated with _____
- NASA
 - FAO
 - UNESCO
 - UNHRC

Answer: A

Former NASA astronaut Mr. Mike Massimino interacted with PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya students today in New Delhi. Mr. Massimino also explored the school's facilities, including the AR-VR Lab, Atal Tinkering Lab, language lab, etc.

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1. National Science Day is celebrated in India on February _____ each year to mark the discovery of the Raman Effect
- 28
 - 27
 - 29
 - 26

Answer: A

National Science Day is celebrated in India on February 28 each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on 28 February 1928.

For his discovery, Sir C.V. Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.

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2. Giloy (*Tinospora cordifolia*), recently seen in the news, is a/an _____
- Arthropod
 - Disease strain
 - Butterfly
 - Plant

Answer: D

The data from PubMed, a globally recognised database for biomedical and life sciences research, reveals a staggering 376.5% increase in the number of research publications around Giloy (*Tinospora*

cordifolia) over the past decade, highlighting a growing global interest in the plant's therapeutic potential. On searching the database for studies on 'guduchi or tinospora cordifolia or amrita', the results show 243 studies published in 2014. In contrast, in 2024, the number rose to 913, i.e. 376.5% increase.

Tinospora cordifolia, the heart-leaved moonseed, is a **herbaceous vine** of the family Menispermaceae native to South and Southeast Asia. It has been used in Ayurveda to treat various disorders.

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3. The Central Sector Scheme for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) was launched by Prime Minister on 29th February, _____.
- a. 2019
 - b. 2020
 - c. 2022
 - d. 2021

Answer: B

The Central Sector Scheme for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 29th February, 2020. The scheme was launched with a budget outlay of ₹6,865 Crore till 2027-28. Since the launch of the scheme, ₹254.4 Crore in equity grants has been released to 4,761 FPOs and credit guarantee cover worth ₹453 Cr. has been issued to 1,900 FPOs.

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4. The Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) was constituted on 26.10.2010 under the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, _____
- a. 2009
 - b. 2008
 - c. 2010
 - d. 2007

Answer: D

The Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) was constituted on 26.10.2010 under the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, **2007** vide Government of India Gazette Notification dated 26th October 2010. The Act provides for the establishment of the WDRA to exercise the powers conferred on it and to perform the functions assigned to it under the Act, Rules and Regulations for the development and regulation of warehouses, negotiability of warehouse receipts and promote orderly growth of the warehousing business in the country

The WDRA is a Statutory Authority under the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India. The Authority has its Headquarters in New Delhi.

<https://wdra.gov.in/web/wdra/about-us>

5. Who authored the autobiography, 'Diyaslai'?
- a. Ram Nath Kovind
 - b. Kailash Satyarthi
 - c. Ram Bahadur Rai
 - d. Sachchidanand Joshi

Answer: B

The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with Satyarthi Movement for Global Compassion, held a dedicated discussion on **Diyaslai, the autobiography of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi**. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, as the chief guest. Also present were Padma Bhushan Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, Chairman of IGNCA; Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, IGNCA; Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Laureate; and Sumedha Kailash, social activist. This significant gathering provided a unique opportunity to reflect on Kailash Satyarthi's lifelong commitment to social justice, child rights, and global compassion, while also offering insights into his extraordinary journey. The event was moderated by Shri Anurag Punetha, Controller of the Media Centre at IGNCA.

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