

CURRENT AFFAIRS 2025

1. The fourth edition of Exercise Tiger Triumph is going to be held between India and _____
 - a. USA
 - b. UK
 - c. France
 - d. Australia

Answer: A

The Fourth edition of Exercise Tiger Triumph, the bilateral Tri-Service **India-US Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)** Exercise, is scheduled on the Eastern Seaboard from 01 to 13 Apr 25. The exercise is aimed at developing interoperability for conducting HADR operations and for the formulation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to establish a Combined Coordination Center (CCC) that would enable rapid and smooth coordination between Indian and US Joint Task Forces (JTF) during exercises and crisis / contingencies.

The Indian side would be represented by Indian Naval Ships Jalashwa, Gharial, Mumbai and Shakti with integral helicopters and landing crafts embarked, Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I, Army Troops from 91 Inf Brigade and 12 Mech Infantry Battalion, Air Force C-130 Aircraft and MI-17 Helicopters, along with the Rapid Action Medical Team (RAMT). The US side would be represented by US Navy Ships Comstock and Ralph Johnson with troops of the US Marine Division embarked.

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2. INIOCHOS is a biennial multinational air exercise hosted by _____
 - a. Mongolia
 - b. Japan
 - c. Italy
 - d. Greece

Answer: D

The Indian Air Force (IAF) will be participating in **Exercise INIOCHOS-25**, a prestigious multi-national air exercise hosted by the **Hellenic Air Force. The Hellenic Air Force is the air force of Greece.** The exercise will take place at Andravida Air Base, Greece, from 31 March 2025 to 11 April 2025. The IAF contingent will include Su-30 MKI fighters along with combat enabler IL-78 & C-17 aircraft.

INIOCHOS is a biennial multinational air exercise hosted by the Hellenic Air Force. It serves as a platform for air forces to hone their skills, exchange tactical knowledge, and strengthen military ties. The exercise will integrate multiple air and surface assets from fifteen countries under realistic combat scenarios, designed to simulate modern-day air warfare challenges

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3. Which of the following is an ongoing disaster relief and rescue operation undertaken by the Indian government in response to the 2025 Myanmar earthquake?
- a. Operation Dost
 - b. Operation Maitri
 - c. Operation Brahma
 - d. Operation Shakti

Answer: C

In the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand on 28 Mar 25, the Government of India has launched **Operation Brahma** for rendering assistance to Myanmar. Under MEA's direction, the HADR efforts are being progressed in conjunction with Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff, Indian Army, Indian Air Force and NDRF.

Indian Navy ships Satpura and Savitri, from the Eastern Naval Command, have sailed for Yangon on 29 Mar 25, as part of the Indian Navy's immediate response towards Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR). In addition, Indian Navy Ships Karmuk and LCU 52 from the Andaman and Nicobar Command will also be sailing for Yangon on 30 Mar 25, to assist in the HADR operations. Approximately 52 Tons of relief material have been embarked onboard these ships, including HADR pallets consisting of essential clothing, drinking water, food, medicines, and emergency stores. The Indian Navy remains committed to India's resolve to remain the 'First Responder' in the region.

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4. What is the theme for the International Yoga Day (IDY) 2025?
- a. Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
 - b. Yoga for One Earth One Health
 - c. Yoga for Self and Society
 - d. Yoga for Well-being

Answer: B

In his latest *Mann Ki Baat* address, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasized the importance of fitness in daily life and praised initiatives like the Fit India Carnival and International Yoga Day. While sharing India's vision for a healthier world population, the PM mentioned, "The theme of Yoga Day 2025 has been kept as '**Yoga for One Earth One Health**'. That is, we wish to make the whole world healthy through yoga."

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5. The Sagarmala Programme is a flagship initiative of the _____
- a. Ministry of Jal Shakti
 - b. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
 - c. Ministry of Earth Sciences
 - d. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Answer: D

The Sagarmala Programme, a flagship initiative of the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**, represents a visionary approach by the Government of India to transform the country's maritime sector. With India's extensive coastline, navigable waterways, and strategic maritime trade routes, Sagarmala aims to unlock the untapped potential of these resources for port-led development and coastal community upliftment.

<https://sagarmala.gov.in/about-sagarmala/introduction>

1. April 1, 2025 marks the _____ foundation day of RBI
 - a. 80th
 - b. 90th
 - c. 95th
 - d. 100th

Answer: B

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the closing ceremony of the commemoration of **90th year of the Reserve** Bank of India in Mumbai today (April 1, 2025).

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2. Gabriel Boric Font, who recently visited India, is the incumbent President of _____
 - a. Argentina
 - b. Peru
 - c. Colombia
 - d. Chile

Answer: D

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi warmly welcomed the **President of Chile** H.E. Mr. Gabriel Boric Font in Delhi today, marking a significant milestone in the India-Chile partnership. Shri Modi expressed delight in hosting President Boric, emphasizing Chile's importance as a key ally in Latin America.

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3. Shivakumara Swami is associated with which of the following States?
 - a. Kerala
 - b. Karnataka
 - c. Tamil Nadu
 - d. Telangana

Answer: B

Shivakumara Swami (**Karnataka**) was an Indian humanitarian, spiritual leader, educator and supercentenarian. **He was a Veerashaiva (Lingayatism) religious figure.** Swami joined the Siddaganga Matha in 1930 and became head seer in 1941. He also founded the Sri Siddaganga Education Society. Described as the most esteemed adherent of Lingayatism (Veerashaivism), he

was referred to as Nadedaduva Devaru (walking God) in the state. In 2015, Dr Shivakumara Swamiji was awarded by the Government of India the Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian award.

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4. Odisha Day, also Utkal Dibasa, is celebrated on _____
- a. March 1
 - b. March 31
 - c. April 1
 - d. April 31

Answer: C

Odisha Day, also Utkal Dibasa, is celebrated **on 1 April** in the Indian state of Odisha in memory of the formation of the state as a separate state out of Bihar and Orissa Province with addition of undivided Koraput District and Ganjam District from the Madras Presidency on 1 April 1936. After losing its political identity completely in 1568 following the defeat and demise of the last king Mukunda Dev, efforts resulted in the formation of a politically separate state under British rule on a linguistic basis on 1 April 1936.

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5. The Government has approved the Digital Agriculture Mission in September 2024 with a total outlay of Rs. _____ Crores
- a. 2817
 - b. 4817
 - c. 6817
 - d. 8817

Answer: A

The Government has approved the Digital Agriculture Mission in September 2024 with a total **outlay of Rs. 2817 Crores**. The Mission envisages the creation of a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for Agriculture, such as AgriStack, Krishi Decision Support System and a comprehensive Soil Fertility & Profile Map to enable a robust digital agriculture ecosystem in the country. This, in turn, would drive innovative farmer-centric digital solutions and make reliable crop-related information available to all farmers on time. The AgriStack DPI consists of three foundational registries or databases associated with the agriculture sector, i.e., Geo-Referenced Village Maps, Crop Sown Registry and the Farmers Registry, all created and maintained by the State Governments/ Union Territories.

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

- c. Ministry of Home Affairs
- d. 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.
- a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 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. Paetongtarn Shinawatra is the incumbent Prime Minister of _____
 - a. Myanmar
 - b. Philippines
 - c. Cambodia
 - d. Thailand

Answer: D

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met the **Prime Minister of Thailand, H.E. Paetongtarn Shinawatra** today in Bangkok on his Official Visit to Thailand. On arrival at the Government House, Prime Minister was received by Prime Minister Shinawatra and accorded a ceremonial welcome. This was their second meeting. Earlier, the two leaders had met on the sidelines of ASEAN related Summit in Vientiane in October 2024.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2118372>

2. Ramakien is a literary work associated with which of the following countries?
 - a. Myanmar
 - b. Philippines
 - c. Thailand
 - d. Cambodia

Answer: C

The Ramakien is one of **Thailand's** national epics. It is a Thai version of the ancient Indian epic Ramayana, and an important part of the Thai literary canon.

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3. Government of India is planning to establish a Third Launch Pad (TLP) at _____

- a. Wheeler Island
- b. Sriharikota
- c. Thumba
- d. Kulasekarapattinam

Answer: B

A Third Launch Pad (TLP) will be established at **Sriharikota**. The project has been approved by the Union Cabinet and financial sanction has been obtained for a total budget outlay of ₹3984.86 Crore. Establishment of the pad is envisaged to be completed within 4 years timeframe.

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4. A unique experiment called the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE) was conducted by SAC/ISRO during_____.
- a. 1975-76
 - b. 1965-66
 - c. 1995-96
 - d. 1985-86

Answer: A

The genesis of the Centre dates back to 1966, with establishment of the Experimental Satellite Communication Earth Station (ESCES), by late Dr. Vikram A Sarabhai in Ahmedabad. In 1972, the different units of ISRO in Ahmedabad pursuing research in applications of space technology were merged to form Space Applications Centre (SAC). A unique experiment called the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE) was conducted **by SAC/ISRO during 1975-76**. Hailed as 'the largest techno-social experiment in the world', SITE demonstrated the potential of satellite technology as an effective mass communication media, aimed at socio-economic development of rural India.

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5. Government of India has launched the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) in _____ to establish an effective framework for India's self-reliance in the critical mineral sector.
- a. 2025
 - b. 2024
 - c. 2023
 - d. 2022

Answer: A

Government of India has launched the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) in **2025** to establish an effective framework for India's self-reliance in the critical mineral sector. Under the NCMM, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has been assigned to carry out 1200 exploration projects from 2024-25 to 2030-31.

In order to reduce the import dependency of Rare Earth Elements (REE), Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD) is carrying out exploration to augment resources of REE along the coastal / inland / riverine placer sands of the country for augmentation of heavy mineral resource, which include monazite (a phosphate mineral containing Th and REE) and xenotime (a phosphate mineral of yttrium and REE) as well as in several potential geological domains (hard rock) of the country. Further, during the last three years (2021-22 to 2023-24), GSI has taken up 368 mineral exploration projects on critical minerals including Rare Earth Elements (REE) and for 2024-25, GSI has taken up 195 exploration projects to assess the mineral potential of critical minerals including REE specified in Part D of First Schedule of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2023.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2118380>

1. Maha Vajiralongkorn is the incumbent monarch of _____
 - a. Thailand
 - b. Cambodia
 - c. Spain
 - d. Sweden

Answer: A

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi called on Maha Vajiralongkorn, the **King of Thailand** today in Bangkok.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2119087>

2. 6th BIMSTEC Summit was held in _____
 - a. Naypyidaw
 - b. Kathmandu
 - c. Colombo
 - d. Bangkok

Answer: D

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met Rt. Hon'ble Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli, Prime Minister of Nepal, on the sidelines of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in **Bangkok** today.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2118826>

3. Wat Phra Chetuphon Wimon Mangkhalaram Rajwaramahawihan temple complex is related to which religion?
 - a. Jainism
 - b. Cao Dai
 - c. Tengriism
 - d. Buddhism

Answer: D

Wat Pho is a **Buddhist temple complex** in the Phra Nakhon District, Bangkok, Thailand. It is on Rattanakosin Island, directly south of the Grand Palace. Known also as the Temple of the Reclining Buddha, its official name is **Wat Phra Chetuphon Wimon Mangkhalaram Rajwaramahawihan**.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, accompanied by the Prime Minister of Thailand, H.E. Ms. Paetongtarn Shinawatra, today visited Wat Phra Chetuphon Wimon Mangkhalaram Rajwaramahawihan, popularly known as Wat Pho.

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4. The New Pamban Rail Bridge, built at a cost of over ₹700 crore, is _____ km long and features 99 spans, including a 72.5-metre vertical lift span that can rise up to a height of 17 metres.
- a. 1.08
 - b. 2.08
 - c. 3.08
 - d. 4.08

Answer: B

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit Tamil Nadu on 6th April. On the occasion of Ram Navami, at around 12 noon, he will inaugurate the **new Pamban Rail Bridge** - India's first vertical lift sea bridge and flag off a train and a ship from the road bridge and witness the operation of the bridge.

The Bridge, linking Rameswaram to the mainland, stands as a remarkable feat of Indian engineering on the global stage. It is built at a cost of over Rs 700 crore. **It is 2.08 km in length**, features 99 spans and a 72.5-metre vertical lift span that rises up to a height of 17 metres, facilitating smooth movement of ships while ensuring seamless train operations. Constructed with stainless steel reinforcement, high-grade protective paint, and fully welded joints, the bridge boasts increased durability and reduced maintenance needs. It is designed for dual rail tracks to accommodate future demands. A special polysiloxane coating protects it from corrosion, ensuring longevity in the harsh marine environment.

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5. What is the theme of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit?
- a. Towards a Resilient Region, Prosperous Economies, Healthy People
 - b. Deepening Connectivity, Strengthening Cooperation, Sustaining Growth
 - c. BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open
 - d. Towards a Peaceful, Prosperous, and Sustainable Bay of Bengal Region

Answer: C

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today participated in the **6th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit**. The theme of the Summit was - "**BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open**". It reflected the priorities of the leaders and the aspirations of the peoples of the BIMSTEC region, as well as the efforts of BIMSTEC in ensuring shared growth in times of global uncertainties.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2118696>

1. The Prime Minister of India has recently visited the sacred Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi temple in Anuradhapura. Where is it located?
 - a. Nepal
 - b. Indonesia
 - c. Bhutan
 - d. Sri Lanka

Answer: D

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, along with the President of **Sri Lanka**, H.E. Anura Kumara Disanayaka, visited the sacred Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi temple in Anuradhapura and offered prayers at the revered Mahabodhi tree.

The tree is believed to have grown from the Bo sapling that was brought to Sri Lanka by Sangamitta Maha Theri from India in the 3rd Century BCE. The temple stands as a testament to the strong civilizational linkages that form the foundation of the close India-Sri Lanka partnership.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2119476>

2. World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on _____ April
 - a. 2
 - b. 5
 - c. 7
 - d. 9

Answer: C

World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated every **year on 7 April**, under the sponsorship of the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as other related organizations.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2119571>

3. What is the theme for World Health Day 2025?
 - a. Our Planet, Our Health
 - b. Health for All
 - c. My Health, My Right
 - d. Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures

Answer: D

In 2025, the theme, “**Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures**,” launches a year-long campaign focused on maternal and newborn health, urging countries to end preventable deaths and prioritise women’s long-term well-being.

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4. As of April 5, 2025, over _____ crore Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA) have been created under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
- a. 36
 - b. 46
 - c. 56
 - d. 76

Answer: D

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is a unified digital health ecosystem to securely connect patients, healthcare providers, and systems through an interoperable digital infrastructure. As of April 5, 2025, over **76 crore Ayushman** Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA) have been created under the ABDM.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2119577>

5. Who published “Women and Men in India 2024: Selected Indicators and Data”?
- a. Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
 - b. Ministry of Women and Child Development
 - c. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 - d. NITI Aayog

Answer: A

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India, released the 26th edition of its publication titled “Women and Men in India 2024: Selected Indicators and Data”.

The publication offers a comprehensive overview of the gender landscape in India, presenting selected indicators and data across key areas like population, education, health, economic participation, and decision-making, all sourced from various Ministries/ Departments/Organizations. Utilizing official statistics, it presents gender-disaggregated data across urban-rural divides and geographic regions, facilitating a nuanced understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by women and men.

"Women and Men in India 2024: Selected Indicators and Data" serves as a crucial resource, highlighting both progress in gender equality and persistent disparities. By analyzing socio-economic indicators and highlighting trends, it empowers policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders to develop gender-sensitive policies fostering sustainable and inclusive development.

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1. Who is the incumbent President of the Republic of Portugal?
 - a. Praca do Imperio
 - b. Santa Maria
 - c. Luis Vaz de Camoes
 - d. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa

Answer: D

This morning (April 7, 2025), President Droupadi Murmu was warmly received by the President of the Republic of Portugal, H.E. Mr **Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa** at the historic 'Praca do Imperio' in Lisbon. She was accorded a ceremonial welcome with the Guard of Honour.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2119908>

2. The Kalbelia are a snake charming tribe from which State?
 - a. Rajasthan
 - b. Punjab
 - c. Gujarat
 - d. Haryana

Answer: A

The Kalbelia are a snake charming tribe from the Thar Desert in **Rajasthan**, India. The dance is an integral part of their culture and performed by men and women.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2119908>

3. Who is the incumbent Director General, Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)?
 - a. M Nagaraju
 - b. S Krishnan
 - c. Dharshan Shanthamurthy
 - d. Sanjay Bahl

Answer: D

The current Director General of the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) is Dr. **Sanjay Bahl**, who is also under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2119801>

4. Which of the following is *not* part of the team that launched Digital Threat Report 2024?
- RBI
 - CERT-In
 - CSIRT-Fin
 - SISA

Answer: A

In a landmark initiative to strengthen cybersecurity resilience in the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sector, **CERT-In (MeitY), CSIRT-Fin and SISA**, a global Cybersecurity company, collaborated to launch the **Digital Threat Report 2024** for the BFSI sector, a comprehensive analysis of current and emerging cyber threats and defense strategies.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2119801>

5. On 8 April 2025, India marks _____ years of the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY).
- 5
 - 8
 - 10
 - 12

Answer: C

On 8 April 2025, India **marks 10 years of** the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY). Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), the Flagship Programme of the Prime Minister aimed at Funding the Unfunded micro enterprises and small businesses. By removing the burden of collateral and simplifying access, MUDRA laid the foundation for a new era of grassroots entrepreneurship.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2119781>

1. The President of India has recently received the 'City Key of Honour' of which of the following cities?
- Barcelona
 - Naples
 - Istanbul
 - Lisbon

Answer: D

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu received the 'City Key of Honour' of **Lisbon City** from the Mayor of Lisbon at a function held at the City Hall of Lisbon, Portugal yesterday (April 7, 2025).

Speaking on the occasion, the President thanked the Mayor and the people of Lisbon for the gesture. She said that Lisbon is known for its open-mindedness, the warmth of its people and its culture, along with tolerance and respect for diversity. She was happy to note that Lisbon is a global city that is at the forefront of technological change, innovation, digital public infrastructure and digital transition. She said that in these areas India and Portugal could further cooperate.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2119961>

2. Dadi Ratan Mohini, who recently passed away, was associated with which of the following organizations?
- a. Transcendental Meditation
 - b. Brahma Kumaris
 - c. Art of Living Foundation
 - d. International Society for Krishna Consciousness

Answer: B

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed grief over the passing of Dadi Ratan Mohini Ji, the esteemed spiritual leader of the **Brahma Kumaris**. Shri Modi said that she will be remembered as a beacon of light, wisdom and compassion.

He also lauded her outstanding leadership of the Brahma Kumaris' global movement. Recalling his personal interactions with her, the Prime Minister said that her life and teachings will continue to illuminate the path for all those who seek peace and wish to make our society better.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2120075>

3. The World Homeopathy Day is celebrated each year on April _____ to pay tribute to homoeopathy and its contribution to the world of medicine.
- a. 8
 - b. 10
 - c. 12
 - d. 15

Answer: B

The World Homeopathy Day is celebrated each year on **April 10 to pay** tribute to homoeopathy and its contribution to the world of medicine.

On the occasion of World Homeopathy Day 2025, a two-day grand convention is set to be hosted at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Organised under the aegis of the Ministry of AYUSH, the two-day convention will be jointly hosted by the Central Council for Research in Homeopathy (CCRH), the National Commission for Homeopathy (NCH), and the National Institute of Homeopathy (NIH) on April 10–11, 2025 at the Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar. This year, the theme

of the convention is 'अध्ययन, अध्यापन एवं अनुसंधान', highlighting the three foundational pillars for the growth of Homoeopathy.

Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayush; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will inaugurate the convention. The event is expected to witness participation from about 10,000 delegates from across the globe, making it the largest gathering in the history of homeopathy.

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4. 3rd BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Agriculture Ministerial Meeting (BAMM) will be held in ____
- a. Kathmandu
 - b. Bangkok
 - c. Nay Pyi Taw
 - d. Colombo

Answer: A

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan will participate in the 3rd BIMSTEC (BIMSTEC- Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Agriculture Ministerial Meeting (BAMM) in **Kathmandu**, Nepal scheduled on 9th April, 2025. The one-day event will be graced by the Agriculture Ministers and Senior Agriculture officials of the BIMSTEC countries namely India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand and Sri Lanka. This will provide an opportunity for a greater regional cooperation in the field of Agricultural development.

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5. Phase 2 of the "Niveshak Didi" initiative is a joint initiative of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) and _____
- a. RBI
 - b. India Post Payments Bank
 - c. Paytm Payments Bank
 - d. NPCI

Answer: B

New Delhi, April 8, 2025 — In a landmark step toward financial inclusion and rural empowerment, the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, and **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**, operating under the Department of Posts, have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) **to jointly launch Phase 2 of the "Niveshak Didi" initiative.** This strategic collaboration aims to scale financial literacy among women in rural, semi-urban, and underserved areas through grassroots mobilization and community-driven education.

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1. Mahavira Janma Kalyanaka is one of the most important religious festivals in _____
 - a. Buddhism
 - b. Jainism
 - c. Hinduism
 - d. Ananda Marga

Answer: B

Mahavira Janma Kalyanaka is one of the most important religious festivals in **Jainism**. It celebrates the birth of Mahavira, the twenty-fourth and last Tīrthaṅkara (supreme preacher) of present Avasarpinī. On the Gregorian calendar, the festivity occurs either in March or April.

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2. Which of the following has recently launched the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI)?
 - a. NITI Aayog
 - b. Ministry of Rural Development
 - c. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
 - d. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Answer: C

In a major stride towards localizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and empowering grassroots governance, the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** has launched the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) — a transformative tool to measure the progress of over 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) across India. The PAI captures Panchayats' performance across nine themes of Localized SDGs (LSDGs) ie. Poverty-Free and Enhanced Livelihoods in Panchayat, Healthy Panchayat, Child-Friendly Panchayat, Water-Sufficient Panchayat, Clean and Green Panchayat, Panchayat with Self-Sufficient Infrastructure, Socially Just and Socially Secured Panchayat, Panchayat with Good Governance and Women-Friendly Panchayat. These themes align global goals with rural realities, helping local governments tailor their strategies for holistic development.

Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) is a composite Index & has been compiled based on 435 unique local Indicators (331 mandatory & 104 optional) consisting of 566 unique data points across 9 themes of LSDGs (Localization of Sustainable Development Goals) aligned with National Indicator Framework (NIF) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the PAI reflects India's commitment to achieving the SDG 2030 Agenda through participatory, bottom-up development. Based on the PAI scores & thematic Scores achieved by different Gram Panchayats, these GPs are grouped into one of the categories of performance – Achiever: (90+), Front Runner: (75 to below 90); Performer: (60 to below 75); Aspirant: (40 to below 60) and Beginners (below 40).

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3. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), in its 54th meeting and the first of the financial year 2025–26, decided to reduce the policy repo rate by 25 basis points, bringing it down to _____ per cent with immediate effect.
- a. 5.75
 - b. 6.0
 - c. 6.25
 - d. 6.50

Answer: B

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), in its 54th meeting and the first of the financial year 2025–26, unanimously decided to reduce the policy repo rate by 25 basis points, bringing it down **to 6 per cent with immediate effect**. The **repo** rate is the rate at which the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lends money to commercial banks, and a cut in this rate is aimed at boosting lending and investment. This decision comes at a time when global economic conditions are becoming increasingly uncertain. Trade tensions have resurfaced, leading to a decline in crude oil prices, weakening of the US dollar, softening bond yields, and corrections in equity markets. While central banks across the world are adjusting their policies to address domestic concerns, they are doing so cautiously.

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4. The Reserve Bank of India has projected real GDP growth at _____ per cent for 2025–26, maintaining the same rate as estimated for 2024–25
- a. 6.5
 - b. 7.0
 - c. 7.5
 - d. 8.0

Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India has projected real GDP **growth at 6.5 per cent for 2025–26**, maintaining the same rate as estimated for 2024–25, following a strong expansion of 9.2 per cent in the preceding year. The quarterly projections stand at 6.5 per cent in Q1, 6.7 per cent in Q2, 6.6 per cent in Q3, and 6.3 per cent in Q4. This marks a downward revision of 20 basis points from the February estimate, reflecting heightened global volatility. Agriculture remains on a positive footing, supported by healthy reservoir levels and robust crop production, which is expected to sustain rural demand. Manufacturing is showing early signs of revival amid improved business sentiment, and the services sector continues to demonstrate resilience.

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5. Who is the incumbent Chief of the Naval Staff?
- a. Vikram Misri
 - b. Dinesh K Tripathi
 - c. Amitabh Kant
 - d. R Hari Kumar

Answer: B

Phase 2 of First Edition of Naval Commanders' Conference commenced with an inaugural address by Adm **Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff**, at Nausena Bhawan on 07 Apr 25. The five-day event is being conducted in two phases, Phase I was held on 05 Apr 25 at Karwar and Phase 2 being held at New Delhi from 07 to 10 Apr 25.

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1. Who is implementing the Scheme for Setting up of Plastic Parks under the umbrella scheme of New Scheme of Petrochemicals?
 - a. NITI Aayog
 - b. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
 - c. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
 - d. Ministry of Power

Answer: C

The **Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers** is implementing the Scheme for Setting up of Plastic Parks under the umbrella scheme of New Scheme of Petrochemicals, to support setting up need-based Plastic Parks, with requisite state-of-the-art infrastructure, enabling common facilities through cluster development approach, to consolidate the capacities of the domestic downstream plastic processing industry. The objective is to consolidate and synergize the capacities of downstream plastic processing industry to help increase investment, production and export in the sector as well as generate employment. Under the scheme, the government of India provides grant funding up to 50% of the project cost subject to a ceiling of Rs.40 crore per project.

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2. India stands _____ in the world export of plastics, as per the 2022 World Bank estimates.
 - a. 2nd
 - b. 6th
 - c. 15th
 - d. 12th

Answer: D

India stands 12th in the world export of plastics, as per the 2022 World Bank estimates. It has grown exponentially from 2014, when it was worth just 8.2 million thousand USD, as compared to the 2022 estimates, where it reached 27 million thousand USD. This growth has been a result of the constant efforts by the Indian government to promote the production and export of plastics, like setting up Plastic Parks.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2120876>

3. The first edition of the biannual Naval Commanders' Conference 2025 was held in

 - a. New Delhi

- b. Bengaluru
- c. Mumbai
- d. Chennai

Answer: A

The first edition of the biannual Naval Commanders' Conference 2025 concluded today in New Delhi. The week-long apex-level conference, held from 05 to 11 Apr 25 in two phases at **Karwar and New Delhi**, engaged the commanders in deliberations on security challenges in the maritime domain and review of Indian Navy's operational preparedness. The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh, presided over the inaugural session of the conference at Karwar, with the Chief of the Defence Staff, Defence Secretary, senior MoD officials and Naval Commanders in attendance. The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, while acknowledging the Navy's centrality in India's Maritime Security stated that "just like the oceans have no boundaries, there is no limit to Navy's roles and responsibilities - the Indian Navy will have to assume full responsibility for the entire IOR."

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4. Which of the following is a 1,000 kg class glide bomb, designed and developed indigenously by Research Centre Imarat, Armament Research and Development Establishment and Integrated Test Range, Chandipur?
 - a. LRGB 'Akshay'
 - b. LRGB 'Gaurav'
 - c. LRGB 'Saurya'
 - d. LRGB 'Agni'

Answer: B

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the Release Trials of Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) 'Gaurav' between April 08-10, 2025 from the Su-30 MKI aircraft. During the trials, the weapon was integrated to multiple stations in different warhead configurations, with land target on Island. The trials successfully demonstrated range close to 100 kms with pin-point accuracy.

LRGB 'Gaurav' is a 1,000 kg class glide bomb, designed and developed indigenously by Research Centre Imarat, Armament Research and Development Establishment and Integrated Test Range, Chandipur. Senior officials of DRDO and the Indian Air Force (IAF) participated and reviewed these trials.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2120989>

5. Which ministry has recently signed a MoU with Government of Maharashtra to establish Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT) in Mumbai?
 - a. Ministry of Science and Technology
 - b. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
 - c. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
 - d. Ministry of Education

Answer: C

The Union **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting** today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Maharashtra, Maharashtra Film, Stage & Cultural Development Corporation Ltd. (MFSCDCL) and the Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT) for the establishment of a world-class institute dedicated to the Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR) sector i.e. Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT) in Mumbai.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121017>

1. AIKEYME 2025 is an initiative between India and _____
 - a. South American nations
 - b. North American nations
 - c. Atlantic nations
 - d. African nations

Answer: D

The Africa India Key Maritime Engagement (AIKEYME) 2025 was inaugurated on 13 Apr 25 in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, marking a significant step in strengthening maritime cooperation between India and **African nations**. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax, Minister of Defence and National Service of Tanzania, Shri Sanjay Seth, India's Raksha Rajya Mantri (RRM) and Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi. The event also saw the attendance of distinguished military leaders, including the Chief of Defence Force of the Tanzania Peoples' Defence Force (TPDF).

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121521>

2. Bohag Bihu is mainly associated with which State?
 - a. Assam
 - b. Uttarakhand
 - c. Gujarat
 - d. Karnataka

Answer: A

Bohag Bihu or Rongali Bihu also called Xaat Bihu (seven Bihus) is a traditional ethnic festival celebrated in the Northeastern Indian state of **Assam** and other parts of Northeastern India by the indigenous ethnic groups of Assam, and marks the beginning of the Assamese New Year. The festival is of mostly aboriginal origin comprising Tibeto-Burman and Tai elements. It usually falls in the 2nd week of April, historically signifying the time of harvest. Every year it falls on the 14th day of April. The holiday unites the different native communities of Assam regardless of their backgrounds and promotes the celebration of ethnic diversity.

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3. Pohela Boishakh is mainly celebrated by _____
- a. Sindhi people
 - b. Bengali people
 - c. Kannadigas
 - d. Kashmiris

Answer: B

Pohela Boishakh is the Bengali New Year celebrated by the **Bengali people worldwide** and as a holiday on 14 April in Bangladesh and 15 April in the Indian states of West Bengal, Tripura, Jharkhand and Assam (Goalpara and Barak Valley). It is a festival based on the spring harvest—which marks the first day of the New Year in the Bengali calendar.

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4. Which of the following is called Tamil New Year?
- a. Vaisakhi
 - b. Meshadi
 - c. Puthandu Pirapu
 - d. Vaishakhadi

Answer: C

Puthandu, also known as **Tamil New Year**, is the first day of year on the Tamil calendar that is traditionally celebrated as a festival by Tamils. The festival date is set with the solar cycle of the solar Hindu calendar, as the first day of the month of Chittirai. It falls on or about 14 April every year on the Gregorian calendar. The same day is observed elsewhere in South and South East Asia as the traditional new year, but it is known by other names such as Vishu in Kerala, Bisu Parba in Tulunadu, and Vaisakhi or Baisakhi in central and northern India.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121269>

5. Vaisakhi, also known as Baisakhi, or Mesadi marks the first day of the month of Vaisakh and is seen as a spring harvest celebration primarily in _____
- a. Bangladesh
 - b. Nepal
 - c. Tulu Nadu
 - d. Punjab

Answer: D

Vaisakhi, also known as Baisakhi, or Mesadi marks the first day of the month of Vaisakh and is traditionally celebrated annually on 13 April and sometimes 14 April. It is seen as a spring harvest celebration primarily in **Punjab and Northern India**. Whilst it is culturally significant as a festival of harvest, in many parts of India, Vaisakhi is also the date for the Indian Solar New Year. But to Sikhs this is not the New Year as first of Chet month is celebrated as new year according to Nanakshahi calendar.

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1. Pana Sankranti, also known as Maha Bishuba Sankranti, is the traditional new year day festival of _____
- Odia people
 - Kashmiris
 - Sindhi people
 - Marathis

Answer: A

Pana Sankranti, also known as Maha Bishuba Sankranti is the traditional new year day festival of **Odia people** in Odisha, India. The festival occurs in the solar Odia calendar (the lunisolar Hindu calendar followed in Odisha) on the first day of the traditional solar month of Meṣa, hence equivalent lunar month Baisakha. This falls on the Purnimanta system of the Indian Hindu calendar. It therefore falls on 13/14 April every year on the Gregorian calendar.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121513>

2. All India Forensic Science Summit 2025 organized by the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) was held in _____
- Mumbai
 - Kolkata
 - New Delhi
 - Chennai

Answer: C

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah addressed the All India Forensic Science Summit 2025 organized by the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in **New Delhi today** as the Chief Guest. The theme of the conference was 'Role of Forensic Science in Effective Implementation of New Criminal Laws and Combating Terrorism'. The conference was attended by many dignitaries including Justice V Ramasubramanian, Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Attorney General Shri R Venkataramani, Rajya Sabha MP and Chairman, Bar Council of India Shri Manan Kumar Mishra, Union Home Secretary Shri Govind Mohan and Vice Chancellor, NFSU Dr. J. M. Vyas.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121618>

3. _____ birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was observed on 14th April 2025
- 115th
 - 125th
 - 135th
 - 145th

Answer: C

The Department of Justice is observing the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar here today, to honor the legacy of one of India's foremost politicians, jurists, and social reformers.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was Born on 14th April 1891, dedicated his life to the fight against social discrimination and worked tirelessly to secure equal rights for women, laborers, and marginalized communities. His vision laid the foundation for a just and inclusive society, as reflected in the Constitution of India, which he was instrumental in drafting.

Ambedkar Jayanti, also known as Equality Day, commemorates Dr. Ambedkar's invaluable contributions to social justice and the rule of law. In recognition of his enduring legacy, 14th April 2025 has been declared a public holiday across India.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121544>

4. Ambedkar Jayanti is also known as _____
- a. Social Justice Day
 - b. Equality Day
 - c. Constitution Day
 - d. Justice Day

Answer: B

Ambedkar **Jayanti, also known as Equality Day**, commemorates Dr. Ambedkar's invaluable contributions to social justice and the rule of law. In recognition of his enduring legacy, 14th April 2025 has been declared a public holiday across India.

This day serves not only to remember Dr. Ambedkar's monumental contributions to society and the Constitution but also as a call to uphold the principles he championed—equality, justice, and dignity for all.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121544>

5. Which of the following has recently released the first edition of International Technology Engagement Strategy for Quantum?
- a. NITI Aayog
 - b. Ministry of Science and Technology
 - c. Ministry of External Affairs
 - d. Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser

Answer: D

The **Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government** of India today released the first edition of International Technology Engagement Strategy for Quantum, marking a significant step toward articulating India's outward-facing strategy in Quantum Science, Technology and Innovation (QSTI), with the intent to accelerate discovery, foster innovation, and catalyse adoption across critical sectors.

The report was officially unveiled by PSA Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood during the Office of PSA's podcast on the occasion of World Quantum Day 2025, celebrated every year on April 14. This report comes with a special significance because of 2025 being the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology (IYQST) designated by the United Nations and member states.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121527>

1. 15th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting (AMM) was held in _____
 - a. Brasilia
 - b. Lisbon
 - c. Moscow
 - d. New Delhi

Answer: A

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, is leading the Indian delegation to the 15th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting (AMM), scheduled to be held on 17th April, 2025 in **Brasilia, Brazil**. The theme of 15th BRICS AMM is "Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Agriculture through Cooperation, Innovation, and Equitable Trade among BRICS Countries". Agriculture Ministers and senior officials from BRICS member countries, including Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Ethiopia, Indonesia, and Iran are expected to attend the Meeting.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121725>

2. Karnam Malleswari is associated with which sport?
 - a. Boxing
 - b. Shooting
 - c. Weightlifting
 - d. Kabaddi

Answer: C

Karnam Malleswari is a retired Indian **weightlifter**. She is the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Olympics in 2000. In 1994, she received the Arjuna Award and in 1999, she received the Khel Ratna award, India's highest sporting honour, and the civilian Padma Shri award.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121717>

3. Himachal Diwas is observed on April _____
 - a. 12
 - b. 13
 - c. 14
 - d. 15

Answer: D

Himachal Pradesh is celebrating its 78th Foundation Day today. On April 15, 1948, the state was formed by merging 30 small and large princely states. Since then, **April 15 has been observed every year as 'Himachal Day'**. This year, the state-level main event is being held at Killar, the headquarters of the remote and tribal Pangi Valley in Chamba district. The event will be presided over by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. For the first time, the state-level Himachal Day celebration is taking place in Pangi Valley, generating great enthusiasm among the local residents. On this occasion, vibrant cultural programs showcasing the state's rich heritage will also be presented.

<https://www.newsonair.gov.in/himachal-pradesh-celebrates-78th-foundation-day/#:~:text=On%20April%2015%2C%201948%2C%20the,year%20as%20'Himachal%20Day'>.

4. Who is the incumbent Governor of Maharashtra?

- a. Ramesh Bais
- b. C. P. Radhakrishnan
- c. Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- d. C. Vidyasagar Rao

Answer: B

The Governor of Maharashtra, **Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan** met the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi today.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121798>

5. Who is the Union Minister of Labour & Employment at present?

- a. Sushri Shobha Karandlaje
- b. Dinker Vashisht
- c. Mansukh Mandaviya
- d. Ravi Agarwal

Answer: C

Ministry of Labour & Employment and Swiggy signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi today, marking a significant step toward strengthening employment linkages in the gig and logistics sector through the National Career Service (NCS) portal. The MoU was signed in the presence of **Union Minister of Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** and Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Sushri Shobha Karandlaje.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121930>

1. Who is the incumbent Governor of Uttar Pradesh?

- a. Ram Naik
- b. Anandiben Patel
- c. Aziz Qureshi
- d. Banwari Lal Joshi

Answer: B

The Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt **Anandiben Patel** met the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi today.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122262>

2. The MacGregor Memorial Medal Award is associated with which field?
 - a. Journalism
 - b. Sports
 - c. Military
 - d. Diplomacy

Answer: C

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan felicitated four individuals from the Armed Forces for their outstanding contributions in the fields of **military reconnaissance, exploration and adventure activities during the MacGregor Memorial Medal Award Ceremony** held at the United Service Institution of India in New Delhi on April 16, 2025. The awardees for 2023 included Wing Commander D Panda, Indian Air Force and EA (R) Rahul Kumar Pandey, Indian Navy. For 2024, CHEAA(R) Ram Ratan Jat, Indian Navy and Sergeant Jhumar Ram Poonia, Indian Air Force were honoured with the MacGregor Memorial Medal.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122199>

3. The theme for World Meteorological Day 2025 is _____
 - a. The Future of Weather, Climate and Water across Generation
 - b. At the Frontline of Climate Action
 - c. Early Warning and Early Action – Hydrometeorological and Climate Information for Disaster Risk Reduction
 - d. Closing the Early Warning Gap Together

Answer: D

Every 23 March, the World Meteorological Organization commemorates the coming into force of the Convention establishing the World Meteorological Organization on 23 March 1950.

It showcases the essential contribution of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services to the safety and wellbeing of society and is celebrated with activities around the world. The themes chosen for World Meteorological Day reflect topical weather, climate or water-related issues.

The theme for World Meteorological Day 2025 is "Closing the early warning gap together".

<https://wmo.int/about-wmo/world-meteorological-day>

4. Who hosted the 3rd edition of the Meteorological and Oceanological Symposium - Meghayan 25?

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

Answer: D

The 3rd edition of the **Indian Navy's** Meteorological and Oceanological Symposium - Meghayan 25 – was held on 14 Apr 25, to commemorate the formation of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) and celebrating WMO Day 2025. Hosted at the Nausena Bhawan at Delhi, the symposium was virtually inaugurated by Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff. The event brought together an impressive array of distinguished experts, high-ranking naval officers, outstation guests, and key stakeholders from across the meteorological and oceanographic spectrum. Premier organisations like the India Met Dept (IMD), the Indian Institute for Tropical Meteorology (IITM), the Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), the Indian Air Force, Space Applications Center (SAC), ISRO, Ahmedabad, National Maritime Foundation (NMF) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M) participated in the event.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122172>

5. Joint Military Exercise DUSTLIK-VI was held between India and _____
- a. Uzbekistan
 - b. Iraq
 - c. Kazakhstan
 - d. Turkmenistan

Answer: A

The 6th edition of India- **Uzbekistan** Joint Military Exercise DUSTLIK-VI commenced today, at Foreign Training Node, Aundh (Pune). The Exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 16 to 28 Apr 2025.

Indian contingent comprising of 60 personnel is being represented by a Battalion of JAT Regiment and IAF. The Uzbekistan contingent is being represented by personnel from Uzbekistan Army. Joint Exercise DUSTLIK -VI is an annual training event conducted alternatively in India and Uzbekistan. Last edition was conducted in Termez District, Uzbekistan in April 2024.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122061>

1. The Union Coal Ministry has recently rationalized registration fee for the CIMS Portal. Which of the following accurately describes CIMS?
- a. Coal Inventory Management System
 - b. Cargo Import Management Service

- c. Centralized Inspection and Monitoring Setup
- d. Coal Import Monitoring System

Answer: D

In a strategic move to strengthen transparency and efficiency in the coal import monitoring, the Ministry of Coal has implemented the **Coal Import Monitoring System (CIMS)**. By enabling real-time monitoring and informed decision-making in coal imports substitution, this initiative represents a significant milestone in the Government vision of ensuring Atmanirbhar Bharat.

CIMS is a digital platform developed to streamline the reporting of coal imports, ensuring timely and accurate data for effective policy formulation and sectoral analysis. Coal importers are now required to register the details of their consignments in the CIMS portal on or prior to the arrival of shipments in the Port in India.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122395>

- 2. The C-DOT, jointly with _____, has successfully tested India's first QKD transmission over a 4-core Multi-Core Fibre (MCF).
 - a. Sterlite Technologies Limited
 - b. Himachal Futuristic Communications Limited
 - c. Aksh Optifibre Limited
 - d. Vindhya Telelinks Limited

Answer: A

In a landmark achievement, C-DOT, jointly with **Sterlite Technologies Limited (STL)**, has successfully tested India's first QKD transmission over a 4-core Multi-Core Fibre (MCF) — marking a major milestone in the nation's journey towards quantum-secured communication networks.

Multi-Core Fibre (MCF) technology provides a powerful solution by enabling data transmission across multiple cores within a single fibre, significantly saving physical space and infrastructure costs. In the context of QKD — which typically requires a dedicated dark fibre for the quantum channel, MCF offers a significant advantage: it enables the physical separation of quantum and classical signals into distinct cores within single fibre. This allows for the simultaneous transmission of QKD and high-capacity data traffic on a single fibre without compromising quantum signal integrity thereby saving fibre cost.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122447>

- 3. The International Day for Monuments and Sites also known as World Heritage Day is an international observance held on _____ April each year around the world
 - a. 17
 - b. 18
 - c. 19

d. 20

Answer: B

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is happy to announce that on the occasion of 'International Day for Monuments and Sites', celebrated globally on **18th April**, **no fee** shall be charged on visiting ASI monuments across India.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122442>

4. The theme for 'International Day for Monuments and Sites 2025' is _____
- a. Heritage Under Threat From Disaster and Conflicts
 - b. Disasters and Conflicts Through the Lens of the Venice Charter
 - c. Heritage Changes
 - d. Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures

Answer: A

This year's theme for 'International Day for Monuments and Sites' is '**Heritage under threat from disaster and conflicts**.' where awareness is being spread on safeguarding the heritage sites from natural or manmade disasters, threats or conflicts.

This year theme is "Heritage under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts: Preparedness and Learning from 60 years of ICOMOS Actions."

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122442>

5. The World Heritage Convention is an international agreement created by UNESCO in _____.
- a. 1962
 - b. 1952
 - c. 1972
 - d. 1992

Answer: C

The World Heritage Convention is an international agreement created by **UNESCO in 1972**.

World Heritage Convention was adopted by countries around the world to protect important cultural and natural sites.

As of October 2024, there are 1,223 World Heritage Sites across 196 countries (952 cultural, 231 natural, 40 mixed).

India has 43 World Heritage Sites, with Agra Fort, Taj Mahal, Ajanta, and Ellora Caves among the first listed in 1983.

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1. The "Adopt A Heritage" programme was launched in _____ and revamped as "Adopt A Heritage 2.0" in 2023
 - a. 2017
 - b. 2016
 - c. 2018
 - d. 2019

Answer: A

Adopt a Heritage' Scheme: The "Adopt A Heritage" programme was **launched in 2017 and** revamped as "Adopt A Heritage 2.0" in 2023. It allows private and public groups to help develop facilities at protected monuments using their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds. So far, 21 MoUs have been signed between the Archaeological Survey of India and various partner organisations across different states under this programme.

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2. Which of the following missions aims to construct and rejuvenate 75 water bodies in each district across the country?
 - a. Jal Shakti Abhiyan
 - b. Atal Bhujal Yojana
 - c. Catch the Rain Campaign
 - d. Mission Amrit Sarovar

Answer: D

India's water challenges have long demanded both structural and participatory interventions. Against this backdrop, the Government of India launched the **Mission Amrit Sarovar** in 2022 as a flagship initiative under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The mission aims to construct and rejuvenate 75 water bodies in each district across the country, thereby fostering water conservation, ensuring sustainability, and reviving traditional community water bodies through public participation.

Launched with the vision of building 50,000 Amrit Sarovars by August 15, 2023, the initiative has now been extended and has become a nationwide movement converging rural development, environmental stewardship, and community empowerment. It is not merely a reservoir creation initiative—it represents the fusion of national pride, ecological restoration, and grassroots governance. In the backdrop of growing concerns regarding groundwater depletion and rural water scarcity, Mission Amrit Sarovar has emerged as a strategic response—blending tradition with modernity and institutional alignment with public mobilization.

The Mission Amrit Sarovar was announced on 24th April 2022 by the Prime Minister during the celebration of National Panchayati Raj Day at Palli Gram Panchayat, Samba District, Jammu. Anchored by the Ministry of Rural Development, the initiative involves seven ministries: Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. This mission is also supported by the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N). This multi-stakeholder approach was intended to

ensure convergence, efficiency, and participatory ownership of the initiative. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) has provided a centralized digital platform—amritsarovar.gov.in—which tracks real-time progress at the granular level, ensuring transparency and enabling coordination between departments and states.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122478>

3. The Experimental High Energy Physics (HEP) group of Bose Institute (BI) has been awarded the Breakthrough Prize 2025 in Fundamental Physics as a part of _____ at CERN.
- a. ATLAS
 - b. ALICE
 - c. CMS
 - d. LHCb

Answer: B

The Experimental High Energy Physics (HEP) group of Bose Institute (BI), currently consisting of Faculty members- Prof. Supriya Das, Dr. Sidharth Kumar Prasad and Dr. Saikat Biswas, Post Doctoral Fellow- Dr. Sanchari Thakur and Senior Research Fellow- Mr. Mintu Haldar, has been awarded the Breakthrough Prize 2025 in Fundamental Physics **as a part of ALICE at CERN.**

The \$3 million Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics for 2025 is awarded to thousands of researchers from more than 70 countries representing four experimental collaborations at CERN's Large Hadron Collider (LHC) – ATLAS, CMS, ALICE and LHCb.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122435>

4. 'The India Steel 2025', the 6th edition of the biennial international exhibition and conference, will be held in _____
- a. New Delhi
 - b. Mumbai
 - c. Chennai
 - d. Kolkata

Answer: B

The India Steel 2025 is set to take place from *24 April to 26 April, 2025*, at the Bombay Exhibition Centre in **Mumbai**. This 6th edition of the biennial international exhibition and conference will bring together leading stakeholders from across the global steel value chain to discuss the future trajectory of the sector, with a sharp focus on growth, sustainability, resilience, and innovation.

India is on a trajectory to achieve a production capacity of 300 million tonnes and a per capita consumption of 160 kg by 2030, in line with the National Steel Policy. Keeping in view this ambitious growth in the steel sector, the conference is being organised to unlock new opportunities for inter-state and international collaboration, facilitate knowledge exchange, and showcase India's

policy reforms and infrastructure initiatives aimed at enhancing the ease of doing business across the steel value chain.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122393>

5. Which of the following has been added to the UNESCO's Memory of the World Register in 2025?
- Rigveda and Panini's Ashtadhyayi
 - Arthashastra and Manusmriti
 - Charaka Samhita and Sushruta Samhita
 - Bhagavad Gita and Bharata's Natyashastra

Answer: D

Manuscripts of the **Bhagavad Gita and Bharata's Natyashastra** are among the 74 new additions to UNESCO's Memory of the World Register this year.

Hailing their inclusion as "a proud moment for every Indian across the world", Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on X on Friday: "The Gita and Natyashastra have nurtured civilisation, and consciousness for centuries. Their insights continue to inspire the world."

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, better known as UNESCO, launched the Memory of the World (MoW) Programme in 1992 with the aim of "guarding against the collective amnesia, calling upon the preservation of the valuable archive holdings and library collections all over the world, and ensuring their wide dissemination".

The programme website states: "...the world's documentary heritage belongs to all, [it] should be fully preserved and protected for all and, with due recognition of cultural mores and practicalities, should be permanently accessible to all without hindrance."

The Register contains 13 submissions by India, including two joint-submissions. These range from the Rig Veda (added in 2005) and the collective works of the Shaivite philosopher Abhinavagupta (added in 2023), to the archives of the first summit meeting of the Non Aligned Movement in Belgrade in 1961 (added in 2023) and the archives of the Dutch East India Company (added in 2003).

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-culture/bhagavad-gita-natyashastra-unesco-memory-of-world-register-9951786/>

1. Exercise Desert Flag is a multinational exercise being hosted by the _____ Air Force
- UAE
 - Indian
 - United States
 - Saudi Arabian

Answer: A

A contingent of the Indian Air Force reached Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates to participate in Exercise Desert Flag-10, a premier multinational air combat exercise. The IAF is fielding MiG-29 and Jaguar aircraft in the exercise.

Exercise Desert Flag is a multinational exercise being **hosted by the UAE Air Force**, with participating contingents from the Air Forces of Australia, Bahrain, France, Germany, Qatar Saudi Arabia, Republic of Korea, Turkey, UAE, United Kingdom, and the United States in addition to the Indian Air Force. The exercise is scheduled to take place between 21 April to 08 May 2025.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123037>

2. The Government of India commemorates National Civil Services Day every year on April _____

- a. 19
- b. 20
- c. 21
- d. 22

Answer: C

National Civil Services Day in India 2025: **Every year on April 21**, the Government of India commemorates National Civil Services Day to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional efforts of our civil servants engaged in public service, the backbone of the nation's administration, as they devote themselves to the cause of citizens.

This national observance was first marked on April 21, 2006. The day's history can be traced back to the time when the first Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers at Metcalf House in Delhi, referring to the civil servants as the "steel frame of India" on April 21, 1947.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/when-is/national-civil-services-day-2025-history-significance-celebrations-9955917/>

3. The World Liver Day is observed every year on April _____

- a. 19
- b. 20
- c. 21
- d. 22

Answer: A

World Liver Day is observed every year on **April 19**, a date chosen by the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL), which was founded in 1966.

https://www.business-standard.com/health/world-liver-day-2025-fatty-liver-nafld-awareness-diet-prevention-india-125041900537_1.html

4. The theme for World Liver Day 2025 is _____
- Be Vigilant, Get Regular Liver Check-Up, and Prevent Fatty Liver Diseases
 - Be Vigilant, Do Regular Liver Check-Ups, Fatty Liver Can Affect Anyone
 - Keep Your Liver Healthy and Disease-Free
 - Food is Medicine

Answer: D

The theme for World Liver Day 2025 is '**Food is Medicine**'.

https://www.business-standard.com/health/world-liver-day-2025-fatty-liver-nafld-awareness-diet-prevention-india-125041900537_1.html

5. Bhagwa variety is renowned for their rich flavour, deep red colour and high nutritional value. Which fruit is it?
- Apple
 - Strawberry
 - Watermelon
 - Pomegranate

Answer: D

In a historic initiative towards introducing Indian Pomegranates to distant markets, a landmark commercial sea shipment of the prized **Indian Bhagwa variety of Pomegranate** has successfully arrived in New York, marking a significant milestone for India's Fresh Fruits exports. With growing international demand for premium quality of Fresh Fruits, the arrival of this shipment heralds the potential of Indian Pomegranates becoming a preferred choice in the competitive U.S. market.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2122827>

1. Who is the incumbent Vice President of the United States of America?
- Kamala Harris
 - J.D. Vance
 - Mike Pence
 - Dick Cheney

Answer: B

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met with the Vice President of the United States of America, the Honorable **J.D. Vance** today, accompanied by the Second Lady Mrs. Usha Vance, their children, and senior members of the U.S. Administration.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123302>

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

- a. Vijay Rupani
- b. Anandiben Patel
- c. Bhupendra Patel
- d. Keshubhai Patel

Answer: C

The Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri **Bhupendra Patel** met the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123178>

3. Who among the following was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 2013 until his death in 2025?

- a. Pope Benedict XVI
- b. Pope John Paul II
- c. Pope John Paul I
- d. Pope Francis

Answer: D

Pope Francis was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 2013 until his death in 2025. He was the first pope from the Society of Jesus (the Jesuit Order), the first Latin American, the first from the Americas, the first from the Southern Hemisphere, and the first born or raised outside of Europe since the 8th-century Syrian pope Gregory III.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123125>

4. Which of the following is an ambitious project of the Government of India aimed at providing broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country?

- a. BharatNet
- b. PM-WANI
- c. National Broadband Mission
- d. eGramSwaraj

Answer: A

BharatNet is an ambitious project of the Government of India aimed at providing broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. It is one of the biggest rural telecom projects in the world.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123137>

5. Where is India's largest cruise terminal located?

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

Answer: D

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoSPW), Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off Cruise Operations from the **Mumbai International Cruise Terminal (MICT), India's largest cruise terminal, in Mumbai** today. The Union Minister also inaugurated renovated Fire Memorial at Victoria Docks as well as renovated two heritage buildings — Fort House Ballard Estate and Evelyn House at Colaba. Sonowal also inaugurated Sagar Upvan garden along with Shore to Ship Electric Supply under Green Port Initiative.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123251>

1. In which year was the Cruise Bharat Mission launched?
 - a. 2022
 - b. 2023
 - c. 2024
 - d. 2025

Answer: C

The 'Cruise Bharat Mission' was launched on **September 30, 2024**, from the Mumbai port. Aimed at the boosting the tremendous potential of cruise tourism in the country, the programme aims to propel country's cruise tourism industry by doubling cruise passenger traffic within five years; i.e. by 2029.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123171>

2. Who organized the Data Users Conference on 21st April 2025, in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR)?
 - a. National Statistics Office
 - b. RBI
 - c. NITI Aayog
 - d. Central Statistical Institute

Answer: A

The **National Statistics Office (NSO)**, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), organized the Data Users Conference on 21st April 2025, in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123310>

3. On the occasion of the 17th Civil Services Day the PoshanTracker Application, received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024 under the Innovation category (centre). Under which ministry does the application fall?
 - a. Ministry of Women and Child Development
 - b. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- c. Ministry of Education
- d. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Answer: A

On the occasion of the 17th Civil Services Day the PoshanTracker Application of **Ministry of Women and Child Development**, received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024 under the Innovation category (centre). The award was received by the Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, on behalf of the Ministry.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123319>

4. Earth Day is an annual event on April _____ to demonstrate support for environmental protection.
- a. 21
 - b. 22
 - c. 23
 - d. 24

Answer: B

In a significant step towards fostering environmental sustainability and holistic well-being, the Indian Yoga Association (IYA), in collaboration with its state chapters observed World Earth Day on **April 22, 2025**, through a nationwide tree plantation drive under the 'Harit Yoga' initiative. Harit Yoga is one of the ten signature events of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025, underscores the seamless integration of Yoga's principles with environmental consciousness, aligning with the global call for sustainable living.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123600>

5. Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam 2024 came into force on _____.
- a. 1st January 2024
 - b. 1st July 2024
 - c. 1st January 2025
 - d. 1st March 2025

Answer: C

Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam 2024 - This landmark Act was passed by both houses of Parliament in 2024 and **came into force on 1st January 2025**. It represents a significant step in modernising India's aviation sector by re-enacting and updating the colonial-era Aircraft Act, 1934. The Adhiniyam aims to foster indigenous manufacturing under the 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives, align regulations with international conventions such as the Chicago Convention and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and streamline regulatory processes by simplifying license issuance. It also removes redundancies and introduces provisions for appeals.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123537>

1. The Muslim World League is an international Islamic non-governmental organization based in _____
- a. Dubai
 - b. Mecca
 - c. Karbala
 - d. Riyadh

Answer: B

The Muslim World League is an international Islamic non-governmental organization based in **Mecca, Saudi Arabia** that promotes what it calls the true message of Islam by advancing moderate values.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123659>

2. According to the April 2025 edition of the IMF's World Economic Outlook, India's economy is expected to grow by _____ per cent in 2025
- a. 6.6
 - b. 7.1
 - c. 6.5
 - d. 6.2

Answer: D

India is poised to lead the global economy once again, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) projecting it to remain the fastest growing major economy over the next two years. According to the April 2025 edition of the IMF's World Economic Outlook, India's economy is expected to grow **by 6.2 per cent in 2025** and 6.3 per cent in 2026, maintaining a solid lead over global and regional peers.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123826>

3. India celebrates National Panchayati Raj Day on April _____ every year to mark the foundation of the Panchayati Raj System
- a. 22
 - b. 24
 - c. 26
 - d. 28

Answer: B

National Panchayati Raj Day 2025: India celebrates National Panchayati Raj Day **on April 24** every year to mark the foundation of the Panchayati Raj System — a landmark law which granted constitutional status to its institutions.

This year's National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD) will mark a special moment with the presentation of the Special Category National Panchayat Awards–2025 at the National event of NPRD-2025 to be held at Lohna Uttar Gram Panchayat, District Madhubani, Bihar on 24th April, 2025. It is for the first time, that the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has institutionalised dedicated Special Category Awards to

incentivize and acknowledge exemplary efforts of Gram Panchayats in the key national priorities of Climate Action and Atmanirbharta (Self-Reliance) through augmentation of Own Sources Revenue (OSR). In addition the awards for best Institutions for Capacity Building of Panchayats aligned with the Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) will also be conferred on the occasion.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123817>

4. Which of the following has been ranked first in the Panchayat Kshamta Nirman Sarvottam Sansthan Puraskar (PKNSSP) 2025?
- a. Kerala Institute of Local Administration, Kerala
 - b. State Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Odisha
 - c. State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam
 - d. Tamil Nadu Institute of Rural Development, Tamil Nadu

Answer: A

Panchayat Kshamta Nirman Sarvottam Sansthan Puraskar (PKNSSP)

Rank 1: Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Kerala

Rank 2: State Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Odisha

Rank 3: State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123817>

5. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and _____ have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch AI Careers for Women.
- a. IBM
 - b. Microsoft
 - c. Meta
 - d. Amazon

Answer: B

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and **Microsoft** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch AI Careers for Women—a pioneering skilling initiative aimed at empowering women in higher education institutions to pursue careers in Artificial Intelligence (AI). This strategic collaboration seeks to bridge the gender gap in emerging tech by equipping women with industry-aligned AI skills, enabling them to participate meaningfully in the digital economy and become active contributors to India's innovation-led growth.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123510>

1. World Immunization Week is observed every year from _____ April
- a. 24-30
 - b. 1-7
 - c. 22-28
 - d. 25-31

Answer: A

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda today virtually launched the National Zero Measles-Rubella Elimination campaign 2025-26 on the first day of the World **Immunization Week (24-30 April)**, marking a significant step towards India's goal of eliminating Measles and Rubella by 2026.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2124032>

2. The number of National Waterways increased from 5 to _____, with the operational length growing from 2,716 km (2014–15) to 4,894 km (2023–24).
- a. 110
 - b. 111
 - c. 101
 - d. 121

Answer: B

India achieved a record 145.5 million tonnes cargo movement on inland waterways in FY 2024–25, up from 18.1 MMT in FY 2013–14, registering a CAGR of 20.86%.

The number of National Waterways increased **from 5 to 111**, with the operational length growing from 2,716 km (2014–15) to 4,894 km (2023–24).

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2124061>

3. Which National Waterway (NW) is the West Coast Canal, Kerala?
- a. NW-4
 - b. NW-3
 - c. NW-5
 - d. NW-6

Answer: B

NW-1 (Ganga River): 49 community jetties, 20 floating terminals, 3 Multi-Modal Terminals (MMTs), and 1 Inter-Modal Terminal (IMT) built, along with 5 pre-existing terminals.

NW-2 (Brahmaputra River): 12 floating terminals, MMTs at Pandu, Jogighopa, and terminals at Bogibeel and Dhubri for river cargo/cruise vessels. 4 dedicated jetties constructed at Jogighopa, Pandu, Biswanath Ghat, and Neamati.

NW-3 (West Coast Canal, Kerala): 9 permanent terminals with godowns and 2 Ro-Ro terminals constructed.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2124061>

4. Who has recently stepped down as the World Economic Forum chair?
- a. Christine Lagarde
 - b. George Soros
 - c. Thomas Friedman
 - d. Klaus Schwab

Answer: D

Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum which gathers the world's business and political elite in the Swiss mountain village of Davos every year, has resigned as chair of its board of trustees, the WEF said on Monday (April 21, 2025).

Mr. Schwab established the WEF in 1971 with the aim of creating a forum for policymakers and top corporate executives to tackle major global issues.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/davos-meeting-founder-klaus-schwab-steps-down-as-world-economic-forum-chair/article69474278.ece>

5. How many site(s) from India are there on the UNESCO Global Geoparks list?
- a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. None

Answer: D

UNESCO on April 17 added 16 new sites across 11 countries to its Global Geoparks Network, which marks its 10th anniversary this year.

The newly featured geoparks are located in China, North Korea, Ecuador, Indonesia, Italy, Norway, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Spain, the UK, and Vietnam.

North Korea recorded its historic first with the inclusion of its site in the UNESCO Global Geoparks Network, while Saudi Arabia has made its debut on the list with two newly designated geoparks.

As of July 26, 2024, India does not have any site featured on the UNESCO Global Geoparks list.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/world/unesco-16-new-global-geoparks-north-korea-saudi-arabia-firsts-9955194/>

1. Who is the incumbent Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh?

- a. Yeduguri Sandinti Jagan Mohan Reddy
- b. Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy
- c. Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy
- d. Nara Chandrababu Naidu

Answer: D

The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, **Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu** met Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2124386>

2. Dr. K. Kasturirangan, who passed away recently, was associated with _____

- a. DRDO
- b. SEBI
- c. ISRO
- d. RBI

Answer: C

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today, condoled passing of Dr. K. Kasturirangan, a towering figure in India's scientific and educational journey. Shri Modi stated that Dr. K. **Kasturirangan served ISRO with** great diligence, steering India's space programme to new heights. "India will always be grateful to Dr. Kasturirangan for his efforts during the drafting of the National Education Policy (NEP) and in ensuring that learning in India became more holistic and forward-looking. He was also an outstanding mentor to many young scientists and researchers", Shri Modi added.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2124254>

3. Who is the current Director General (DG) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)?

- a. Himanshu Pathak
- b. M.L. Jat
- c. Ashok K. Singh
- d. W.S. Lakra

Answer: B

The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) and the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) jointly organized an interactive meet and felicitation ceremony to honour two eminent agricultural scientists -- Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Director General, ICRISAT, and Dr. **M.L. Jat, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) & Director General, ICAR**—on their appointments to prestigious leadership roles in their respective institutions, in New Delhi today.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2124346>

4. Who is the incumbent Chairperson of the Digital Communications Commission?

- a. Neeraj Mittal
- b. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- c. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani
- d. Ajay Kumar Sood

Answer: A

Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region; Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications inaugurated the conclave. Professor Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific advisor; Dr. **Neeraj Mittal, Chairman DCC & Secretary (Telecom)** and Smt. Tripti Saxena, Sr. DDG & Head, TEC shared the dais.

Digital Communications Commission (Erstwhile Telecom Commission)

The Telecom Commission was set up by the Government of India vide the Resolution dated 11th April, 1989 with administrative and financial powers of the Government of India to deal with various aspects of Telecommunications. The Government, vide Resolution dated 22nd October, 2018, has re-designated the 'Telecom Commission' as the 'Digital Communications Commission'.

The Digital Communications Commission consists of a Chairman, four full time members, who are ex-officio Secretaries to the Government of India in the Department of Telecommunications and four part time members who are the Secretaries to the Government of India in the concerned Departments. The Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Telecommunications is the ex-officio Chairman of the Digital Communications Commission. The full-time Members of the Digital Communications Commission are Member (Finance), Member (Production), Member (Services) & Member (Technology). The part-time Members of the Digital Communications Commission are Chief Executive Officer, NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog, Secretary (Department of Economic Affairs), Secretary (Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology) and Secretary (Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion). The Chief Executive Officer, NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog has been nominated as a (part-time) Member of the Digital Communications Commission vide the Resolution of the Government of India dated 15th March, 2016

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2124350>

5. Recently, the Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC), the technical arm of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), in collaboration with _____, hosted the Third International Quantum Communication Conclave in New Delhi
- a. NITI Aayog
 - b. C-DOT
 - c. C-DAC
 - d. TRAI

Answer: B

The Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC), the technical arm of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), in collaboration with the **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**, hosted the Third International Quantum Communication Conclave today in New Delhi. This high-level gathering brought together national and international experts, researchers, and policymakers to deliberate on the future of quantum communication, with a strong focus on standardization, research, and secure digital transformation.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2124350>

1. Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN (“Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik”) was launched on October 21, _____.
 - a. 2014
 - b. 2015
 - c. 2016
 - d. 2017

Answer: C

The sky, long seen as a symbol of aspiration, was once an unattainable dream for many in India. To bridge this gap, the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN (“Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik”) on **October 21, 2016**. Rooted in the Prime Minister’s vision that even a common man in slippers should be able to afford air travel, UDAN aims to democratize aviation by making flying accessible and affordable for all. Implemented by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, this flagship scheme has since transformed India’s regional connectivity landscape.

The dream of affordable air travel for the common citizen began to take tangible form with the first UDAN flight. This landmark flight took off on April 27, 2017, connecting the serene hills of Shimla to the bustling metropolis of Delhi. On April 27, 2025, this landmark event, which marked the beginning of a transformative journey in Indian aviation, opening up the skies to countless citizens, will complete 8 years.

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 - b. Duvvur Nageshwar Reddy
 - c. Lakshminarayana Subramaniam
 - d. All

Answer: D

Shri Duvvur Nageshwar Reddy

Shri M. T. Vasudevan Nair (Posthumous)

Shri Lakshminarayana Subramaniam

All awarded

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2. How many have been awarded Padma Vibhushan in 2025?
 - a. 3
 - b. 4
 - c. 7
 - d. 6

Answer: C

Padma Awards - one of the highest civilian Awards of the country, are conferred in three categories, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. The Awards are given in various disciplines/ fields of activities, viz.- art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service, etc. ‘Padma Vibhushan’ is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service; ‘Padma Bhushan’ for distinguished service of high order and ‘Padma Shri’ for distinguished service in any field. The awards are announced on the occasion of Republic Day every year.

2. These Awards are conferred by the President of India at ceremonial functions which are held at Rashtrapati Bhawan usually around March/ April every year. For the year 2025, the President has approved conferment of 139 Padma Awards including 1 duo case (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one) as per list below. The list **comprises 7 Padma Vibhushan**, 19 Padma Bhushan and

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3. Who is the only foreigner who has been conferred with Padma Vibhushan in 2025?
- a. Soichiro Honda
 - b. Eiji Toyoda
 - c. Akio Toyoda
 - d. Osamu Suzuki

Answer: D

Shri **Osamu Suzuki (Posthumous)**, Trade and Industry, Japan

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4. The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority comes under _____
- a. Ministry of Finance
 - b. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - c. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
 - d. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer: D

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority, established under **the Ministry of Corporate Affairs**, Government of India, safeguards investor interests by promoting financial literacy and protecting investor rights.

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 - b. 1983
 - c. 1993
 - d. 1995

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1. Who has developed the indigenous high-speed communication network "Trinetra" to enhance data transfer and communication between computing nodes?
 - a. C-DOT
 - b. C-DAC
 - c. DRDO
 - d. CERT-In

Answer: B

In parallel, under the NSM, **C-DAC** has developed the **indigenous high-speed communication network, "Trinetra,"** to **enhance data transfer** and **communication** between computing nodes, strengthening India's supercomputing capabilities. Trinetra is being implemented in **three phases: Trinetra-POC**, a proof-of-concept system to validate key concepts; **Trinetra-A** (100 Gigabits per second), a network with advanced connections, successfully deployed and tested in the 1PF PARAM Rudra at C-DAC Pune; and **Trinetra-B** (200 Gigabits per second), an upgraded version with improved capabilities, set to be deployed in the upcoming 20PF PARAM Rudra supercomputer at C-DAC Bangalore.

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2. Who has installed Param Pravega, one of the most powerful Indian supercomputers having a supercomputing power of 3.3 petaflops?
 - a. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
 - b. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
 - c. Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune
 - d. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

Answer: D

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 - a. Param Shivay
 - b. Pratyush
 - c. PARAM Rudra
 - d. PARAM Brahma

Answer: A

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4. Trinidad and Tobago is a country in the _____
- a. Caribbean
 - b. Western Africa
 - c. South Pacific
 - d. Micronesia

Answer: A

Trinidad and Tobago, officially the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, is the southernmost island country in the **Caribbean**.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi extended his congratulations to Ms. Kamla Persad-Bissessar on her victory in the elections. He emphasized the historically close and familial ties between India and Trinidad and Tobago.

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5. Who has been elected as the Prime Minister of Canada in April 2025?
- a. Mark Carney
 - b. Justin Trudeau
 - c. Stephen Harper
 - d. Paul Martin

Answer: A

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today extended his congratulations to Mr. **Mark Carney** on his election as the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Liberal Party on their victory. He highlighted the shared democratic values, unwavering commitment to the rule of law, and vibrant people-to-people ties that bind India and Canada together.

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