

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SEPTEMBER 2024

1. Which state won the PATA Gold Award 2024 for innovative 'Holiday Heist' campaign?
- (a) Rajasthan
 - (b) Gujarat
 - (c) Kerala
 - (d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: C (Kerala)

Solution: Kerala state Tourism won the PATA Gold Award 2024 for its 'Holiday Heist' online contest in the Digital Marketing Campaign category. This campaign, was launched in July 2023 and was used as a bidding game on the WhatsApp ChatBot 'Maya' to attract tourists. Over 80,000 bids were made by travellers across India to visit Kerala's prime destinations at low prices.

2. What is 'Acetanilide'?
- (A) Critical mineral
 - (B) AI tool
 - (C) Synthetic organic compound
 - (D) Invasive weed

Answer: C (Synthetic organic compound)

Solution: Acetanilide is a synthetic organic compound with the chemical formula C_8H_9NO . It is also known as N-phenylacetamide or acetanil. This is a white, odorless solid related to acetic acid and was first used as a fever-reducing drug in 1886. Acetanilide is used for pain relief, including headaches and cramps.

3. Where was the "National Conference of District Judiciary" held?
- (A) Bengaluru
 - (B) Hyderabad
 - (C) Chennai
 - (D) New Delhi

Answer: D (New Delhi)

Solution: The Supreme Court of India organized a two-day National Conference of the District Judiciary on August 31 and September 1, 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

4. Nishad Kumar won silver medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, to which event does he belongs to?
- (A) High Jump
 - (B) Shooting
 - (C) Wrestling
 - (D) Table Tennis

Answer: A (High Jump)

Solution: At the Paris Paralympics, Nishad Kumar won silver medal in the men's T47 high jump. He achieved a season-best jump of 2.04 meters to secure second place.

5. 'Mahtari Vandana Yojana', has be launched by which state?

- (A) Gujarat
- (B) Chhattisgarh
- (C) Tamil Nadu
- (D) Kerala

Answer: B (Chhattisgarh)

Solution: On the occasion of Tija-Pora festival, The Government of Chhattisgarh introduced the Mahtari Vandana Yojana to provide financial aid to women in need. The scheme was initiated by the Prime Minister of India.

6. Who become the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)?

- (A) Yuki Bhambri
- (B) Ashok Amritraj
- (C) Sharath Kamal
- (D) Sumit Nagal

Answer: C (Sharath Kamal)

Solution:

Sharath Kamal has been nominated as the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation.

7. Where is the headquarter of International Coconut Community (ICC) located?

- (A) Pentagon
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Jakarta
- (D) Colombo

Answer: C (Jakarta)

Solution: The ICC's headquarters is located in Jakarta, Indonesia, and it was known as the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community until 2018. The ICC includes 21 coconut-producing countries, with India as a founding member.

8. Nitish Kumar won gold medal in _____ at the 2024 Paris Paralympics.

- (A) Badminton
- (B) Wrestling
- (C) Boxing
- (D) Tennis

Answer: A (Badminton)

Solution: Nitish Kumar won gold medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics in men's singles Badminton SL3 class. Nitish lost his leg in a train accident in 2009 and was inspired by Pramod Bhagat to play badminton in the SL3 class.

9. Durand cup is associated with which sports?

- (A) Basketball
- (B) Football

- (C) Hockey
- (D) Cricket

Answer: B (Football)

Solution: The 133rd Durand Cup, Asia's oldest football tournament, was played in Kolkata, Kokrajhar, Jamshedpur, and Shillong from 27 July to 31 August 2024. NorthEast United FC won its first Durand Cup title by beating Mohun Bagan Super Giant 4-3 in a penalty shootout.

10. Saora Tribe primarily resides in which state?
- (A) Haryana
 - (B) Bihar
 - (C) Jharkhand
 - (D) Odisha

Answer: D (Odisha)

Solution: Saora tribals, particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) in Gajapati district of Odisha has been granted the habitat rights. The Saora tribe is one of Odisha's ancient tribes, mentioned in the Ramayana and Mahabharata. They are also known as Savaras, Sabaras, Saura, and Sora.

11. Rajaji National Park is located in which state?
- (A) Uttarakhand
 - (B) Uttar Pradesh
 - (C) Karnataka
 - (D) Bihar

Answer: A (Uttarakhand)

Solution: Rajaji National Park is located in Haridwar, Uttarakhand in the Shivalik foothills. It was established in 1983 by merging Rajaji, Motichur, and Chila sanctuaries, this park is named after freedom fighter C. Rajgopalachari and was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2015.

12. Guanabara Bay is located in which country?
- (A) Brazil
 - (B) Malaysia
 - (C) Sri Lanka
 - (D) India

Answer: A (Brazil)

Solution: Guanabara Bay famous for sea turtles is located in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

14. Which ministry has launched the project "INDIAsize"?
- (A) Ministry of Textiles
 - (B) Ministry of Defence
 - (C) Ministry of Science and Technology
 - (D) Ministry of Agriculture

Answer: A (Ministry of Textiles)

Solution: Ministry of Textiles launched the project 'INDIAsize' aims to establish standardized body measurements suited for Indian body types. Presently, international and domestic brands in India use US and UK size charts, which differ from Indian body structures, causing fitting issues. INDIAsize, led by the Ministry of Textiles, aims to resolve these disparities by creating standard sizes for Indian consumers. The project will collect data from 25,000 Indians aged 15 to 65 using 3D body scanning technology. This size chart will help brands produce better-fitting garments, balancing demand and supply for well-fitted clothes in India.

15. Which country has secured the top spot as biggest plastic polluter in the world?
- (A) Russia
 - (B) India
 - (C) China
 - (D) Japan

Answer: B (India)

Solution: India generates around 0.12 kilograms of plastic waste per capita per day. A study published in Nature reveals India is the world's largest plastic polluter, releasing 9.3 million tonnes annually. India's plastic pollution accounts for about 20% of global emissions. Global plastic waste emissions were 52.1 million tonnes in 2020. Nigeria and Indonesia are the second and third largest polluters, with 3.5 and 3.4 million tonnes, respectively.

16. Who become the first Indian to be elected as the President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)?
- (A) Vikrant Sinha
 - (B) Viswanathan Anand
 - (C) Randhir Singh
 - (D) Arjun Goel

Answer: C (Randhir Singh)

Solution: Randhir Singh become the first Indian to be elected as the president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) at its 44th General Assembly.

17. In which state the researchers discovered a 'Myristica swamp forest'?
- (A) Maharashtra
 - (B) Gujarat
 - (C) Telangana
 - (D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: A (Maharashtra)

Solution: Researchers discovered a Myristica swamp forest in Kumbhalgarh, Maharashtra, protected by the local community. Myristica swamps are These swamps are called living fossils and freshwater habitats dominated by evergreen trees from the Myristicaceae family.

18. Typhoon Yagi occurred in which country?
- (a) Myanmar
 - (b) Vietnam

- (c) Laos
- (d) Thailand

Answer: A(Myanmar)

Solution: Myanmar is facing severe flooding caused by Typhoon Yagi, which has led to over 113 deaths and displaced more than 300,000 people. The catastrophic situation has overwhelmed the nation's military junta, prompting international aid efforts.

19. Which ministry recently dissolved its Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES)?
- (A) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
 - (B) Ministry of Defence
 - (C) Ministry of Textiles
 - (D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Answer: A (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation)

Solution: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) recently dissolved the 14-member Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES). The SCES had overlapping functions with the Steering Committee for National Sample Surveys (NSS).

20. Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) was launched in which year?
- (A) 2017
 - (B) 2018
 - (C) 2019
 - (D) 2020

Answer: C (2019)

Solution: The Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) was launched by India in 2019 at the East Asia Summit in Bangkok as a global, non-treaty initiative to builds on India's 2015 'Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)' concept.

21. Which ministry recently launched the "Trade Connect e-Platform"?
- (A) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - (B) Ministry of Science and Technology
 - (C) Ministry of Defence
 - (D) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: A (Ministry of Commerce and Industry)

Solution: The Union Minister for Commerce launched the Trade Connect e-platform to boost international trade for Indian exporters, especially MSMEs. This digital platform links Indian exporters, MSMEs, and entrepreneurs with stakeholders like Indian Missions Abroad and Export Promotion Councils.

22. Which ministry launched the 'PM E-DRIVE Scheme' for promoting electric mobility in India?
- (A) Ministry of Earth Sciences
 - (B) Ministry of Heavy Industries
 - (C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 - (D) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Answer: B (Ministry of Heavy Industries)

Solution: The Ministry of Heavy Industries approved the PM E-DRIVE Scheme to promote electric mobility, replacing the FAME programme with a budget of Rs 10,900 crore over two years.

23. At which place India successfully test-fired the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VLSRSAM)?

- (A) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- (B) Chandipur, Odisha
- (C) Pokhran, Rajasthan
- (D) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Answer: B (Chandipur, Odisha)

Solution: The Indian Navy and DRDO successfully tested the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) on 12 September 2024 at Chandipur Island, Odisha.

24. Lion-tailed Macaque is mainly found in which Indian region?

- (A) Western ghats
- (B) Himalayas
- (C) Northeastern
- (D) Banni grassland

Answer: A (Western ghats)

Solution: The lion-tailed macaque (*Macaca silenus*) is an Old World monkey, known for its males marking territory with calls is found at Chamundi Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre near Mysuru, Karnataka.

25. Which ministry launched the “Jan Sunwai Portal” to improve communication between stakeholders and authorities?

- (A) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- (B) Ministry of Power
- (C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (D) Ministry of Defence

Answer: C (Ministry of Commerce and Industry)

Solution: Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched the ‘Jan Sunwai Portal,’ an online platform by the Department of Commerce.

26. ‘Onitis bordati’ a dung beetle species belongs to which state?

- (A) Meghalaya
- (B) Andaman and Nicobar
- (C) Gujarat
- (D) Manipur

Answer: A (Dung beetle)

Solution: A new dung beetle species, *Onitis bordati*, was discovered in Meghalaya's Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary. This beetle belongs to the genus *Onitis*, known for its tunneling behavior.

27. 'Assam cascade frogs', is mainly found in which region of India?

- (A) Eastern ghats
- (B) Banni grasslands
- (C) Himalayas
- (D) Western ghats

Answer: C (Himalayas)

Solution: Scientists from the Wildlife Institute of India studied the Assam cascade frogs (*Amolops formosus*) in the Churdhar Wildlife Sanctuary to understand how water flow affects this species in Western Himalayan streams.

28. What is the name of operation launched by India to provide humanitarian assistance to the countries affected by Typhoon Yagi?

- (A) Operation Vikas
- (B) Operation Sadbhav
- (C) Operation Veer
- (D) Operation Kaveri

Answer: B (Operation Sadbhav)

Solution: India launched Operation Sadbhav to provide humanitarian aid to Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam, affected by Typhoon Yagi.

29. National Jute Board is anticipating the jute production to be decline by what percentage in the fiscal year 2024-25?

- (A) 15%
- (B) 20%
- (C) 25%
- (D) 10%

Answer: B (20%)

Solution: According to the National Jute Board, jute production is anticipated to decline by 20% in the fiscal year 2024-25 primarily due to natural calamities, with floods significantly impacting cultivation areas in key jute-producing states like West Bengal and Assam; this disruption is expected to considerably affect the overall jute yield.

30. Which research institute has been designated by the government for seaweed cultivation?

- (A) ICAR-Central Institute Brackishwater Aquaculture
- (B) ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute
- (C) ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute
- (D) ICAR-Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering

Answer: C (ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute)

Solution: The Department of Fisheries, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, has designated the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute as a Centre of Excellence for seaweed cultivation.

31. Which state government has established 42 ecological laboratories to monitor the impact of climate change on forest?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh
- (B) Uttarakhand
- (C) Madhya Pradesh
- (D) Maharashtra

Answer: B (Uttarakhand)

Solution: The Uttarakhand Forest department has set up 42 ecological laboratories to study climate change effects on forests. These labs will track changes like early flowering in rhododendrons and Brahmakamal and monitor how high temperatures impact litchis. The labs, also known as 'living laboratories,' are spread across diverse ecosystems, from Terai to alpine meadows.

32. What is the total allocation for the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PMJUGA) scheme?

- (A) Rs.79,156 crore
- (B) Rs.89,186 crore
- (C) Rs.67,106 crore
- (D) Rs.99,146 crore

Answer: A (Rs.79,156 crore)

Solution: The Union Cabinet approved the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PMJUGA) on 18 September 2024. This scheme aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal-majority villages and aspirational districts.

33. What was the theme of the Swachhata Hi Seva – 2024 campaign?

- (A) Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata
- (B) Swachhata Hi Seva – Ek Sankalp
- (C) Swachh Bharat- Harit Bharat
- (D) None of the Above

Answer: A (Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata)

Solution: The Swachhata Hi Seva—2024 campaign ran from 17 September to 2 October 2024. The theme for 2024 was 'Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata'. The campaign aims to raise awareness and increase public participation in cleanliness activities.

34. Houthis, an armed religious and political group, is associated with which country?

- (A) Qatar
- (B) Israel
- (C) Jordan
- (D) Yemen

Answer: D (Yemen)

Solution: Yemen's Houthi also known as Ansar Allah, are an Iranian-backed Shiite Muslim group in Yemen. They follow the Zaidi sect, a minority within the Shiite community, differing from dominant Shiite groups in Iran and Iraq.

35. Which ministry has been appointed as the nodal ministry for "Bio-RIDE Scheme"?

- (A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (B) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (C) Ministry of Agriculture
- (D) Ministry of Urban Development

Answer: A (Ministry of Science and Technology)

Solution:

The Union Cabinet approved the Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio-RIDE) Scheme. It aims to leverage bio-innovation to address challenges in healthcare, agriculture, and environmental sustainability.

36. Who won the women's singles title at the Belgian International badminton tournament?

- (a) Anmol Kharb
- (b) Amalie Schulz
- (c) Irina Amalie Andersen
- (d) Saina Nehwal

Answer: A (Anmol Kharb)

Explanation: Anmol Kharb, a 17-year-old Indian shuttler, won her first international women's singles title at the Belgian International Badminton tournament. She triumphed over Denmark's Amalie Schulz in the final.

37. 'Kleptoparasitism' is a process of _____?

- (A) Mutual feeding among species
- (B) Storing food for winter
- (C) One animal stealing food or resources that another has already caught or prepared
- (D) Social bonding among species

Answer: C (One animal stealing food or resources that another has already caught or prepared)

Solution: Kleptoparasitism refers to one animal stealing food that another has already caught or prepared. This behavior can include stealing prey, stored food, or even nesting materials from other animals. It occurs in various animal groups, such as birds, insects, and mammals, and is a form of social parasitism.

38. Valmiki Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

- (A) Bihar
- (B) Odisha

- (C) Jharkhand
- (D) Haryana

Answer: A (Bihar)

Solution: The Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in West Champaran, Bihar is located at the India-Nepal border and covers about 880 sq. km, making it Bihar's only tiger reserve. It includes the Valmiki National Park and Valmiki Wild Sanctuary. It is bordered by the Royal Chitwan National Park in Nepal to the north and the Gandak River to the west. Major rivers like Gandak, Pandai, and others flow through the reserve.

39. Recently nominated UNESCO World Heritage site Gingee Fort, is located in which state?
- (A) Andhra Pradesh
 - (B) Tamil Nadu
 - (C) Karnataka
 - (D) Maharashtra

Answer: B (Tamil Nadu)

Solution: The Gingee Fort, situated in Tamil Nadu's Villupuram district, has been nominated for UNESCO's World Heritage Site. The fort is part of the Maratha Military Landscapes nomination for UNESCO World Heritage Site status in 2024-25.

40. Shinku La Tunnel connects which two states/UTs?
- (A) Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim
 - (B) Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh
 - (C) Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh
 - (D) J & K and Uttarakhand

Answer: C (Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh)

Solution: The Shinku La Tunnel is a strategic infrastructure project aimed at enhancing year-round connectivity between Manali (Himachal Pradesh) and Leh (Ladakh), reducing travel distance significantly.

41. Which joint military exercise was held between India and the US in Rajasthan?
- (A) Yudh Abhyas
 - (B) Tarang Shakti
 - (C) Maitree
 - (D) Garuda Shakti

Answer: A (Yudh Abhyas)

Solution: The joint military exercise Yudh Abhyas, initiated in 2004, focuses on enhancing military cooperation between India and the US. The latest edition, Yudh Abhyas 2024, took place at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan from September 9 to 22.

42. Which state government launched 'Mukhyamantri Nagar Unnayan Prakalp' scheme?
- (A) Bihar
 - (B) Tripura

- (C) Assam
- (D) Odisha

Answer: B (Tripura)

Solution: Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha launched the 'Mukhyamantri Nagar Unnayan Prkalp' project. The project is funded by the Asian Development Bank with Rs 530 crore. It aims to improve drinking water infrastructure in 12 cities.

43. Who won the gold medal at the International Billiards and Snooker Federation (IBSF) World 6-Red Championship held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia?

- (a) Malkeet Singh
- (b) Asjad Iqbal
- (c) Vidya Pillai
- (d) Kamal Chawla

Answer: D (Kamal Chawla)

Explanation: Kamal Chawla, an Indian veteran cueist, secured his first IBSF World 6-Red title by defeating Pakistan's Asjad Iqbal 6-2 in the final.

44. Anura Kumara Dissanayake has been elected as the president of which country?

- (A) Sri Lanka
- (B) Bhutan
- (C) Bangladesh
- (D) Nepal

Answer: A (Sri Lanka)

Solution: Anura Kumara Dissanayake, born on November 24, 1968, in Galewela, become the president of Sri Lanka.

45. Which initiative has been launched by the Lieutenant-Governor to combat air pollution in Delhi?

- (A) Dust-free Delhi Drive
- (B) Green Delhi Initiative
- (C) Pollution Control Program
- (D) None of the Above

Answer: A (Dust-free Delhi Drive)

Solution: Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena launched a 'Dust-free Delhi' drive to reduce air pollution before winter.

46. Which ministry launched the "Nagar Van Yojana"?

- (A) Ministry of Agriculture
- (B) Ministry of Urban Development
- (C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (D) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: C (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change)

Solution: The Nagar Van Yojana aimed to approve 100 urban forests (Nagar Vans) in the first 100 days of the government but exceeded expectations by sanctioning 111. These Nagar Vans are located across six states and one union territory. It was launched in 2020. The scheme enhances urban greenery to improve life quality and social cohesion.

47. In which state megalithic urn burials were uncovered?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Karnataka
- (D) Maharashtra

Answer: B (Kerala)

Solution: A rainwater harvesting project in Kerala revealed many megalithic urn burials on Kundlikkad hill. These findings are over 2,500 years old, show unique urn features and organized burial techniques.

48. What was the theme for "World Rivers Day 2024"?

- (A) Water is wealth
- (B) Waterways in Our Communities
- (C) Waterways of Life
- (D) Our Watershed in our Communities

Answer: C (Waterways of Life)

Solution: World Rivers Day is observed annually on the fourth Sunday of September to promote river conservation. This year it was celebrated on the theme of 'Waterways of Life,'. It highlights the importance of rivers in ecosystems and communities and encourages protection efforts.

49. Where was the 'Global Aerospace Summit 2024' held?

- (A) Paris
- (B) Abu Dhabi
- (C) New Delhi
- (D) Moscow

Answer: B (Abu Dhabi)

Solution: The 'Global Aerospace Summit 2024' was held in Abu Dhabi with the focus on sustainability, youth engagement, and innovation in the aerospace, space, and defence sectors.

50. Which state government launched the 'Darshini' program to offer immersive educational tours to students?

- (A) Odisha
- (B) Karnataka
- (C) Telangana
- (D) Maharashtra

Answer: C (Telangana)

Solution: Telangana launched the 'Telangana Darshini' scheme to provide students with immersive learning experiences through educational tours. The programme is managed by the Youth Advancement, Tourism, and Culture Department.

51. As per the report published by the Lowy Institute, what is the rank of India in the Asia Power Index Report, 2024?

- (A) Second
- (B) Third
- (C) Fifth
- (D) Seventh

Answer: B (Third)

Solution: The Asia Power Index Report 2024, published by the Lowy Institute, shows India has overtaken Japan to become the third-ranked power in Asia. This index evaluates 27 countries based on military capability, economic relationships, and cultural influence, among other factors.

52. Where was the Russia and China launched the "Ocean-24" naval exercise?

- (A) Black Sea
- (B) South China Sea
- (C) Sea of Japan
- (D) Red Sea

Answer: C (Sea of Japan)

Solution: Russia and China jointly launched naval exercise "Ocean-24" in the Sea of Japan, highlighting their growing military cooperation. The Sea of Japan is a marginal sea in the western Pacific, bordered by Russia, North Korea, South Korea, and Japan.

53. Which community became the 6th PVTG to get habitat rights over forests in Odisha?

- (A) Gadaba community
- (B) Sora community
- (C) Bhumia community
- (D) Mankidia community

Answer: D (Mankidia community)

Solution: The Mankidia community in Odisha is now the 6th Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) to gain habitat rights over forests. They are a semi-nomadic group, part of the Birhor tribe, living primarily off the forest.

54. Which organisation adopted the "Pact for the Future"?

- (A) United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- (B) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- (C) International Labour Organization (ILO)
- (D) World Bank

Answer: A (United Nations General Assembly (UNGA))

Solution: The UN General Assembly adopted the “Pact for the Future” to reshape global governance. It reaffirms UN Member States’ commitment to sustainable development, peace, and stronger governance.

55. In which country scientists have discovered over 300 new ‘Nazca Lines’?

- (A) Peru
- (B) Chile
- (C) Ecuador
- (D) Brazil

Answer: A (Peru)

Solution: Scientists found over 300 new Nazca Lines in Peru, nearly doubling the known geoglyphs. The new lines feature humanoid figures, animals, fish, birds, cats, and even a “killer whale holding a knife.” The Nazca Lines are large geoglyphs carved by an ancient pre-Incan civilization between 200 B.C. and A.D. 500.

56. In which river of Nagaland new species of glyptosternine catfish, ‘Exostoma sentiyonoae’, has been discovered?

- (A) Dhansiri River
- (B) Zungki River
- (C) Dzuleke River
- (D) Tizu River

Answer: C (Dzuleke River)

Solution: A new species of glyptosternine catfish, *Exostoma sentiyonoae*, was discovered in the Dzuleke River, Nagaland. The fish has unique features like an adipose fin attached to the upper caudal-fin rays, tubercles on its dorsal-fin spine, a slender head, small eyes, and 41 vertebrae.

57. Where is the Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary located?

- (A) Kerala
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Telangana
- (D) Odisha

Answer: C (Telangana)

Solution: A rare weather event involving the collision of two cyclones caused massive tree flattening in Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary, Telangana. The sanctuary is located near the Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, and Telangana borders in Mulugu district.

58. What was the theme of World Maritime Day observed on September 26, 2024?

- (A) MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on
- (B) Navigating the Future: safety first
- (C) New technologies for greener shipping
- (D) Seafarers: at the core of shipping’s future

Answer: B (Navigating the Future: safety first)

Solution: World Maritime Day, organized by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), is celebrated annually on the last Thursday of September. In 2024, it falls on September 26. The theme for this year is “Navigating the future: safety first!”

59. Jivitputrika Festival is primarily observed in which part of India?

- (A) Western and Southern India
- (B) Northern and Eastern India
- (C) Central India
- (D) Western Ghats

Answer: B (Northern and Eastern India)

Solution: Jivitputrika, or Jitiya Vrat, is a Hindu festival mainly observed in northern and eastern part of India especially in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Nepal. Mothers fast for three days for the well-being and long life of their children, with a strict 'nirjala' fast on the second day. The festival is linked to the mythological story of King Jimutavahana. It starts with a purifying bath (Nahai-Khai) and ends with breaking the fast (Paaran).

60. NASA highlighted "Caldwell 45", What is "Caldwell 45"?

- (A) Spiral galaxy
- (B) Asteroid
- (C) Black hole
- (D) Exo planet

Answer: A (Spiral galaxy)

Solution: NASA's Hubble Space Telescope shared a video of the spiral galaxy Caldwell 45 (NGC 5248). Spiral galaxies are collections of stars and gas, featuring spiral arms extending from their center.

61. What is the rank of India in the 'Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024'?

- (A) 35th
- (B) 36th
- (C) 37th
- (D) 39th

Answer: D (39th)

Solution: India ranked 39th among 133 global economies in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024. It is also 1st among 10 economies in Central and Southern Asia and 1st among lower-middle-income economies. India ranks 4th in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Science & Technology Cluster Ranking.

62. Which country set to host the "World Telecom Standardization Assembly (WTSA2024)"?

- (A) Myanmar
- (B) India
- (C) Bangladesh
- (D) Nepal

Answer: B (India)

Solution: The World Telecom Standardization Assembly (WTSA2024) set to take place in India from 14th-24th October 2024, marking a historic first for the country in the ITU's 150-year history.

63. **Who has been appointed by the Ministry of Shipping as its brand ambassador?**

- (a) Neeraj Chopra
- (b) Navdeep Singh
- (c) Manu Bhaker
- (d) Surya Kumar Yadav

Answer: (c) Manu Bhaker

Manu Bhaker has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

64. Where did PM Modi launch the Subhadra Yojana?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Odisha

Answer: (d) Odisha

Solution: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17 launched the Subhadra Yojana of the Odisha government on the occasion of his 74th birthday. Under this, women will be given Rs 10,000 annually in two installments. This financial assistance will be given for 5 years.

65. Who become the new Chief Minister of Delhi?

- (a) Sunita Kejriwal
- (b) Bansuri Swaraj
- (c) Atishi
- (d) Smriti Irani

Answer: (c) Atishi

Solution: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has announced the name of Atishi as the new Chief Minister of Delhi. In the meeting of the party's legislative party, Arvind Kejriwal himself proposed his name, which was accepted unanimously. Atishi will become the third woman Chief Minister of Delhi and the 17th woman Chief Minister of any state or union territory of India after independence.

66. Which Indian won the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event at the Topgun Cup?

- (a) Saurabh Chaudhary
- (b) Anmol Jain
- (c) Abhinav Sinha
- (d) Rahul Khanna

Answer: (b) Anmol Jain

Solution: Indian shooter Anmol Jain won the gold medal in the men's 10 meter air pistol event at the Topgun Cup.

67. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Border Security Force?

- (a) Udaiveer Singh
- (b) Ramkumar Tyagi
- (c) Ajay Kumar Lal
- (d) Amrit Mohan Prasad

Answer: (d) Amrit Mohan Prasad

Solution: Senior IPS officer Amrit Mohan Prasad has been appointed as the Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

68. Who won the Miss India Worldwide 2024 title?

- (a) Dhruvi Patel
- (b) Preeti Kamath
- (c) Shreya Sinha
- (d) Harmanpreet Kaur

Answer: (a) Dhruvi Patel

Solution: Dhruvi Patel, an Indian-origin student from the United States, has won the title of Miss India Worldwide 2024.

69. The Commonwealth Games 2026 will be held in which city?

- (a) London
- (b) Sydney
- (c) Glasgow
- (d) Rome

Answer: (C) Glasgow

Solution: The Commonwealth Games 2026 will be held in Glasgow, Scotland. Earlier, the Australian city of Victoria suddenly withdrew from hosting the 2026 Games in July 2023, blaming rising costs. Glasgow hosted the Commonwealth Games 10 years ago.

70. Which state become the first south Asian state to host the first Formula 4 car race?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) West Bengal

Answer: (C) Tamil Nadu

Solution: Tamil Nadu is set to host the first Formula 4 car race in South Asia, featuring a new racing circuit and global participation. The event is being organized by the Indian Racing League and the Tamil Nadu government at the newly built Tamil Nadu Formula Racing Circuit in Chennai.

71. "Take Notes for Me" AI feature to automatically record and save meeting discussions is launched by which platform?

- (a) Google Meet
- (b) Microsoft Teams
- (c) Zoom
- (d) Webex

Answer: A (Google Meet)

Explanation: Google Meet introduced the "Take Notes for Me" AI feature, designed to automatically record and save meeting notes in Google Docs. This tool enhances productivity by allowing participants to focus on discussions without worrying about missing important details.

72. Who become the first Indian female Para shooter to win a bronze medal at the Paris Paralympics in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 event?

- (a) Avani Lekhara
- (b) Bhavina Patel
- (c) Deepa Malik
- (d) Rubina Francis

Answer: D (Rubine Francis)

Explanation: Rubina Francis made history as India's first female Para shooter by winning a bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 event at the Paris Paralympics.

73. India's first solar-powered expressway is planned to be constructed in which state?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C (Uttar Pradesh)

Explanation: Uttar Pradesh is set to create India's first solar-powered expressway, aiming for completion by 2026. The state government plans to establish solar parks along the 296 km Bundelkhand Expressway, generating between 450-550 megawatts of clean energy.

74. What is the annual interest rate offered by the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (SCSS)?

- (a) 7.6%
- (b) 8.2%
- (c) 7.8%
- (d) 8.0%

Answer: B (8.2%)

Explanation: The Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (SCSS) offers an attractive annual interest rate of 8.2%, providing retirees with a reliable source of income.

75. Which institution celebrated its 75th anniversary and unveiled a new flag and insignia?
- (a) Central Reserve Police Force
 - (b) Indian Navy
 - (c) Border Security Force
 - (d) Supreme Court

Answer: D (Supreme Court)

Explanation: The Supreme Court celebrated its 75th anniversary with the unveiling of a new flag and insignia by President Droupadi Murmu.

76. Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft landed for the first-ever in a bilateral exercise 'Varuna' in which country?
- (a) United Kingdom
 - (b) Germany
 - (c) France
 - (d) Italy

Answer: C (France)

Explanation: The Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft made its first-ever European deployment by landing in France for the bilateral exercise 'Varuna' with the French Navy.

77. Where is the world's first fast-charging e-bus 'Veera Mahasamrat' launched?
- (a) Hyderabad
 - (b) Bengaluru
 - (c) Mumbai
 - (d) Chennai

Answer: B (Bengaluru)

Explanation: The world's first fast-charging e-bus, named 'Veera Mahasamrat', was launched in Bengaluru by Veera Vahana and Exponent Energy.

78. Which Indian player won the second consecutive Paralympic javelin gold at the Paris Paralympics 2024?
- (a) Devendra Jhajharia
 - (b) Anil Singh
 - (c) Tek Chand
 - (d) Sumit Antil

Answer: D (Sumit Antil)

Explanation: Indian para-athlete Sumit Antil secured his second consecutive Paralympic gold in javelin at the Paris Paralympics 2024 with a record-breaking throw of 70.59m in the F64 category.

79. When was the Food Corporation of India (FCI) established under the Food Corp. Act?
- (a) 1956
 - (b) 1964
 - (c) 1971
 - (d) 1980

Answer: B (1964)

Explanation:

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) was established in 1964 under the Food Corporation Act. It functions under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution. FCI plays a crucial role in India's food security by conducting price support operations, distributing food grains through the Public Distribution System (PDS), and maintaining operational and buffer stocks.

80. Which company launched the prototype manufacturing of the 5RS-DM driverless Metro trainsets for Bangalore Metro?

- (a) BEML Ltd
- (b) Larsen & Toubro
- (c) Tata Motors
- (d) Alstom

Answer: A(BEML Ltd.)

Explanation: BEML Ltd. has started the prototype manufacturing of the 5RS-DM driverless Metro trainsets for Bangalore Metro's lines, including the airport line. This project, valued at Rs 3,177 crore, will deliver 53 six-car trainsets. These trainsets are designed with high-tensile stainless steel, advanced air conditioning, and modern passenger information systems. The initiative is part of Bangalore Metro's effort to enhance safety, efficiency, and capacity as the city's metro network continues to expand.

81. Nitesh Kumar won a historic gold medal in the men's singles SL3 category at the Paralympics. To which sport does he belong to?
- (a) Table Tennis
 - (b) Badminton
 - (c) Wrestling
 - (d) Archery

Answer: B(Badminton)

Explanation: Nitesh Kumar won a historic gold medal in badminton at the Paralympics, competing in the men's singles SL3 category. By defeating Great Britain's Daniel Bethell, Kumar not only showcased his exceptional skill and tactical prowess but also contributed to India's dominance in para-badminton.

82. What is the primary purpose of the Krishi Nivesh Portal?
- (a) Agricultural investments and support farmers
 - (b) Increasing crop yield
 - (c) Providing weather updates to farmers
 - (d) Facilitating international trade of agricultural products

Answer: A (Agricultural investments and support farmers)

Explanation: The Krishi Nivesh Portal, along with the AgriSURE Fund, is part of a new initiative aimed at improving agricultural infrastructure and supporting farmers. While the AgriSURE Fund focuses on strengthening infrastructure and promoting investment in agriculture, the Krishi Nivesh Portal is designed to streamline these investments and provide direct support to farmers.

83. Which state passed the historic Aparajita Anti-Rape Bill, amending central laws on rape and sexual crimes?
- (a) Maharashtra
 - (b) Tamil Nadu
 - (c) Uttar Pradesh
 - (d) West Bengal

Answer: D (West Bengal)

Explanation: The West Bengal Assembly passed the groundbreaking Aparajita Woman and Child Bill, making significant amendments to central laws related to rape and sexual crimes. This bill introduces severe penalties, including the death penalty for rape cases that result in death or leave the victim in a vegetative state.

84. Which company launched "PresVu," India's first eye drops for presbyopia?
- (a) Sun Pharma
 - (b) Cipla
 - (c) Entod Pharmaceuticals
 - (d) Dr Reddy's Laboratories

Answer: C (Entod Pharmaceuticals)

Explanation: Entod Pharmaceuticals has introduced "PresVu," the first eye drops in India designed to address presbyopia, a condition that affects the ability to focus on nearby objects, often requiring the use of reading glasses.

85. Which airline launched the AI-powered app feature 'AEYE Vision' for real-time flight updates using image recognition?
- (a) Air India
 - (b) IndiGo
 - (c) SpiceJet
 - (d) Vistara

Answer: A (Air India)

Explanation: Air India has introduced 'AEYE Vision,' an innovative AI-powered feature available on its mobile app. This tool enhances the travel experience by utilizing image recognition technology to provide real-time updates on flight details, luggage status, and meal options.

86 How many Indic languages does Google DeepMind's Morni AI project cover?

- (a) 58
- (b) 125
- (c) 73
- (d) 9

Answer: B (125)

Explanation: Google DeepMind's Morni AI project aims to cover 125 Indic languages, including many that currently lack a digital corpus. This initiative, which focuses on improving language representation in the digital space, is part of a broader effort to address the gap in online data for Indic languages. Through Project Vaani, Google has already collected over 14,000 hours of speech data from 58 languages.

87 Which Indian institute has inaugurated a new campus in Abu Dhabi?

- (a) IIT Bombay
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) IIT Kanpur

Answer: C (IIT Delhi)

Explanation: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi has inaugurated its first international campus in Abu Dhabi, marking a significant milestone in global academic expansion. The inauguration, led by Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, signifies the fulfilment of a shared diplomatic vision between India and the UAE.

88 Which institution is ranked highest among government engineering colleges in the IIRF 2024 engineering rankings?

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Kharagpur
- (d) IIT Bombay

Answer: D (IIT Bombay)

Explanation: In the IIRF 2024 engineering rankings, IIT Bombay is recognized as the top government engineering college. This prestigious position reflects IIT Bombay's exceptional performance in academics, research, and placements.

89 Which bank has launched a financial suite called GIGA for India's gig workers?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) Axis Bank

(d) SBI Bank

Answer: B (HDFC Bank)

Explanation: HDFC Bank has introduced GIGA, a comprehensive financial suite tailored for gig workers in India. This initiative includes savings and current accounts, specialized debit and credit cards, and affordable health insurance starting at Rs 20 per day.

90 Which state is set to build a Vedic-3D Museum at Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, focusing on Indian astrology, astronomy, and Vedic literature?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: D (Uttar Pradesh)

Explanation: Uttar Pradesh will construct a Vedic-3D museum at Sampurnanand Sanskrit University in Varanasi, showcasing India's rich cultural heritage through astrology, astronomy, and Vedic literature. The museum will focus on Vedic evolution, covering topics such as the 16 Sanskars, 64 arts, and 18 Vidya Sthans.

91 Which state government has approved a 33% reservation for women in the police force?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: A (Rajasthan)

Explanation: The government of Rajasthan has taken a significant step towards gender equality and women empowerment by approving a 33% reservation for women in the police force. This decision not only aims to enhance sensitivity in handling women's issues but also boosts employment opportunities for women in the state.

92 Who become the first Indian to win the first-ever Paralympic bronze medal in Judo?

- (a) Manish Kumar
- (b) Rahul Singh
- (c) Kapil Parmar
- (d) Vijay Yadav

Answer: C

Explanation: Kapil Parmar made history by winning India's first-ever Paralympic bronze medal in Judo in the men's 60kg (J1) category. He achieved a resounding 10-0 victory over Brazil's Elielton de Oliveira.

93 Which state's assembly will now introduce the Zero Hour after standard operating procedures (SOPs) are framed?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Gujarat

Answer: B (Himachal Pradesh)

Explanation: Himachal Pradesh Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania has announced that Zero Hour will be introduced in the state assembly after establishing standard operating procedures (SOPs). This move aims to allow urgent public interest issues to be raised and discussed, with the Speaker having discretion over the issues addressed and responses provided.

94 Which state's assembly passed a bill ending pensions for disqualified MLAs under the anti-defection law?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer: C (Himachal Pradesh)

Explanation: The Himachal Pradesh Assembly passed the Legislative Assembly (Allowances and Pension of Members) Amendment Bill 2024, which prevents MLAs disqualified under the anti-defection law from receiving pensions.

95 What is the range of the Agni-4 Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile?

- (a) 4,000 km
- (b) 3,000 km
- (c) 2,000 km
- (d) 1,000 km

Answer: A (4000Km)

Explanation: The Agni-4 Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM), successfully test-fired by India, has a range of 4,000 km. This missile, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), is designed to cover significant distances with a payload capacity of 1,000 kg.

96 Who won the U.S. Open mixed doubles title in 2024?

- (a) Taylor Townsend and Donald Young
- (b) Roberta Vinci and Sara Errani
- (c) Andrea Vavassori and Taylor Townsend
- (d) Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori

Answer: D

Explanation: Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori won the U.S. Open mixed doubles title in 2024 by defeating Taylor Townsend and Donald Young with scores of 7-6 (0), 7-5.

97 How many medals did India win at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris?

- (a) 19
- (b) 27
- (c) 15
- (d) 29

Answer: D (29)

Explanation: India set a historic record at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris by winning 29 medals, the highest ever for the country in the 17 editions of the games. This impressive medal tally included 7 golds, 9 silvers, and 13 bronzes, marking a significant achievement for Indian athletes.

98 Who has been elected as the first Indian president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)?

- (a) Narinder Batra
- (b) Randhir Singh
- (c) Anil Khanna
- (d) Abhinav Bindra

Answer: B (Randhir Singh)

Explanation: Randhir Singh, a prominent figure in Indian sports administration, has been elected as the first Indian president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) during its 44th General Assembly.

99 Which state hosted Semicon India 2024 at India Expo Mart?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Karnataka

Answer: B (Uttar Pradesh)

Explanation: Uttar Pradesh, under the leadership of CM Yogi Adityanath, is hosting Semicon India 2024 from September 11-13 at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida. The event is designed to promote India's semiconductor sector and draw global investments.

100 Where is the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant, the first nuclear facility in the Arab world, located?

- (a) Dubai
- (b) Al Ain

- (c) Abu Dhabi
- (d) Sharjah

Answer: C (Abu Dhabi)

Explanation: The Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant, a groundbreaking nuclear facility, is situated in Al Dhafra, Abu Dhabi, marking a significant milestone in the UAE's energy landscape.

101 Which country became the 101st member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- (a) Paraguay
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Laos
- (d) Sri Lanka

Answer: B (Nepal)

Explanation: Nepal officially joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as its 101st member. The ratification was delivered by Nepal's Charge d'Affaires, Dr Surendra Thapa, during a meeting in New Delhi with Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary in India's Ministry of External Affairs.

102 Which country is participating with India in the joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' in 2024?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Australia
- (c) United States
- (d) United Kingdom

Answer: C (United States)

Explanation: The 20th edition of the Indo-US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' began at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan. This annual exercise, alternately held in India and the United States since 2004, focuses on enhancing counter-terrorism strategies in semi-desert conditions.

103 Where is the world's first Asian King Vulture Conservation and Breeding Centre inaugurated?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer: C (Uttar Pradesh)

Explanation: The world's first dedicated Asian King Vulture Conservation and Breeding Centre was inaugurated in Bharivaisi, Campierganj Range of the Gorakhpur Forest Division in Uttar Pradesh on September 6, 2024.

104 Which country announced joint naval and air drills with Russia, termed "Northern United-2024"?

- (a) China
- (b) Mongolia
- (c) North Korea
- (d) India

Answer: A (China)

Explanation: China announced the "Northern United-2024" joint drills with Russia, focusing on naval and air operations in the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk.

106 Which country won the 4th Intercontinental Cup Football Championship by defeating India in the final match?

- (a) Mauritius
- (b) India
- (c) Syria
- (d) Qatar

Answer: C (Syria)

Explanation: Syria triumphed in the 4th Intercontinental Cup Football Championship, defeating defending champions India with a dominant 3-0 score in the final round-robin match.

107 Who led the U.S. men's Davis Cup team to victory over Chile in 2024?

- (a) Reilly Opelka
- (b) Bob Bryan
- (c) Brandon Nakashima
- (d) Bob Smith

Answer: B (Bob Bryan)

Explanation: Bob Bryan led the U.S. men's Davis Cup team to a 3-0 victory over Chile in their Group Stage opener, marking a return to the competition after 16 years.

108 How many districts in Nagaland were newly brought under the Inner Line Permit system?

- (a) Three
- (b) Four
- (c) Two
- (d) Five

Answer: A (Three)

Explanation: The Nagaland government approved the extension of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) to three districts: Chumoukedima, Niuland, and Dimapur. This measure introduces new regulations

for residents and visitors, where some groups are exempted from the ILP, while others, particularly under Category III, will require it.

109 What is the new name of Port Blair announced by the Home Minister of India?

- (a) Sri Chandra Puram
- (b) Sri Vijay Nagar
- (c) Sri Vijaya Puram
- (d) Sri Chola Boomi

Answer: C (Sri Vijaya Puram)

Explanation: The Home Minister of India, Shri Amit Shah, has announced that Port Blair in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands will be renamed Sri Vijaya Puram.

110 Which political party did Sitaram Yechury belong to?

- (a) Congress
- (b) CPI
- (c) BJP
- (d) TMC

Answer: B (Communist Party of India)

Explanation: Sitaram Yechury was a prominent leader of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), or CPI(M), a left-wing political party in India. Yechury played a significant role in Indian politics, serving as General Secretary of the CPI(M) from 2015.

111 Which ministry has appointed Manu Bhaker as its brand ambassador?

- (a) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- (b) Ministry of Defence
- (c) Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
- (d) Ministry of Tourism

Answer: C (Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways)

Explanation: Manu Bhaker, a double Olympic medalist in shooting, has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways. Bhaker, whose father is a marine engineer, is the first Indian to win two individual Olympic medals.

112 Where will the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024 be held?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Goa
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Kolkata

Answer: B (Goa)

Explanation: The 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will take place in Goa from November 20th to 28th, 2024. This prestigious event will introduce a new section called the 'Best Debut Indian Film Section' aimed at promoting young filmmakers.

113 Which country has secured the hosting rights for the 2026 Commonwealth Games?

- (a) England
- (b) Australia
- (c) Scotland
- (d) Northern Ireland

Answer: C

Explanation: Scotland has secured the hosting rights for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, following Australia's withdrawal due to cost concerns. This marks Scotland's second time hosting the event, after successfully organizing the 2014 Games in Glasgow.

114 Who led the committee that submitted the report on the "One Nation, One Election" proposal to the Union Cabinet?

- (a) Arjun Ram Meghwal
- (b) J. P. Nadda
- (c) Ram Nath Kovind
- (d) M. Venkaiah Naidu

Answer: C (Ram Nath Kovind)

Explanation: The committee, headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind, was set up by the Union government to examine the feasibility of holding simultaneous elections. The report suggests eighteen constitutional amendments to achieve synchronized elections for Lok Sabha, state assemblies, and local bodies.

115 India is targeting to launch the first module of the Bharatiya Antariksh Station by which year?

- (a) 2025
- (b) 2026
- (c) 2028
- (d) 2030

Answer: Option

Explanation: India's ambitious space program has set its sights on launching the first module of the Bharatiya Antariksh Station by 2028, marking a significant milestone in the country's space research and exploration journey.

116 Which country has been declared the first to eliminate leprosy?

- (a) Jordan
- (b) Zimbabwe

- (c) Brazil
- (d) Nigeria

Answer: A (Jordan)

Explanation: Jordan has achieved a significant public health milestone by being declared the first country to eliminate leprosy, as recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO). This declaration follows over 20 years without any local cases of the disease in Jordan, confirmed through an independent assessment.

117 In which city was the 19th Divya Kala Mela inaugurated?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Visakhapatnam
- (d) Bangalore

Answer: C (Visakhapatnam)

Explanation: The 19th Divya Kala Mela was inaugurated in Visakhapatnam, showcasing a diverse array of products created by 100 Divyang artisans from 20 states.

118 Who became the 10th Indian bowler to reach 400 international wickets?

- (a) Axar Patel
- (b) Kuldeep Yadav
- (c) Mohammed Siraj
- (d) Jasprit Bumrah

Answer: D (Jasprit Bumrah)

Explanation: Jasprit Bumrah achieved a significant milestone by becoming the 10th Indian bowler to take 400 international wickets, marking a momentous occasion for Indian cricket.

119 Who is set to become the first Indian astronaut to travel to the International Space Station in 2025?

- (a) Prasanth Nair
- (b) Ajit Krishnan
- (c) Angad Pratap
- (d) Shubhanshu Shukla

Answer: D (Shubhanshu Shukla)

Explanation: Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla of the Indian Air Force has been selected to pilot the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2025, marking a historic achievement as the first Indian astronaut to embark on this journey.

120 Who announced the discovery of the Indus Valley Civilisation in 1924?

- (a) Daya Ram Sahni
- (b) Rakhal Das Banerji
- (c) John Marshall
- (d) Ernest Mackay

Answer: C (John Marshall)

Explanation: John Marshall played a pivotal role in unveiling the mysteries of the Indus Valley Civilisation. As the then-Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), he made the historic announcement of the discovery on September 20, 1924.

121 Which country won historic gold medals at the Chess Olympiad 2024?

- (a) India
- (b) China
- (c) United States
- (d) Uzbekistan

Answer: A

Explanation: India made history by winning gold medals in both the men's and women's categories at the 2024 Chess Olympiad, a feat achieved after nearly a century. Led by talented players like D Gukesh, Erigaisi, and Praggnanandhaa R, the Indian men's team secured an impressive 21 points out of 22, while the women's team triumphed over Azerbaijan to claim the top spot.

122 Which country hosted the Quad Leaders Summit?

- (a) United States
- (b) Australia
- (c) Japan
- (d) India

Answer: A (United States)

Explanation: The Quad Leaders Summit, hosted by US President Joe Biden, took place in Wilmington, Delaware, USA, where Prime Ministers met with fellow Quad leaders, including Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Japanese Prime Minister Kishida Fumio.

123 Who has emerged as Sri Lanka's newly elected president following the recent election?

- (a) Sajith Premadasa
- (b) Anura Kumara Dissanayake
- (c) Ranil Wickremesinghe
- (d) Dinesh Gunawardena

Answer: B

Explanation: Anura Kumara Dissanayake has been elected as Sri Lanka's new president, receiving 42% of the votes in the first election since the country's economic collapse in 2022. Leading the National People's Power (NPP) coalition, Dissanayake defeated his main opponent, Sajith Premadasa, who secured 23% of the vote.

124 With which country did the Indian Air Force recently conclude Exercise Eastern Bridge-7?

- (a) Oman
- (b) United Arab Emirates
- (c) Qatar
- (d) Saudi Arabia

Answer: A (Oman)

Explanation: The Indian Air Force successfully completed Exercise Eastern Bridge-7 with the Royal Air Force of Oman, enhancing strategic relations, operational coordination, and tactical skills between the two air forces. The exercise, held at the RAFO airbase in Masirah, Oman, from September 11 to 22, 2024, featured MiG-29 and Jaguar aircraft from the IAF and F-16 and Hawk aircraft from Oman.

125 When did Indian soldiers achieve a decisive victory in the Battle of Haifa?

- (a) 1918
- (b) 1920
- (c) 1915
- (d) 1917

Answer: A (1918)

Explanation: The Battle of Haifa, a significant military engagement during World War I, took place in 1918. Indian soldiers from the British Indian Army played a crucial role in achieving a decisive victory against Ottoman and German forces, marking the liberation of Haifa. This event is commemorated as Haifa Day, reflecting the historic contribution of Indian troops. The victory strengthened India's legacy in military history and is celebrated as a symbol of courage and

126 Which airport is set to be renamed "Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Airport"?

- (a) Nagpur airport
- (b) Pune airport
- (c) Mumbai airport
- (d) Aurangabad airport

Answer: B (Pune airport)

Explanation: The Maharashtra government has approved the renaming of Pune Airport to "Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Airport" to honour the revered saint's contributions to Bhagwat Dharma. Sant Tukaram was born in Lohgaon, near the airport

127 What is India's ranking in the Global Innovation Index 2024?

- (a) 39th
- (b) 40th
- (c) 45th
- (d) 50th

Answer: A (39)

Explanation: India has secured the 39th position among 133 global economies in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024, marking a significant improvement from its 81st position in 2015. This achievement is attributed to India's thriving innovation ecosystem, fueled by entrepreneurs, startups, and public-private partnerships.

128 What is India's rank in the World Talent Ranking 2024?

- (a) 52nd
- (b) 45th
- (c) 58th
- (d) 67th

Answer: C

Explanation: In the IMD World Talent Ranking 2024, India is ranked 58th globally, with a talent score of 40.47 out of the 67 economies surveyed.

129 In which year was the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) enacted?

- (a) 1958
- (b) 1965
- (c) 1975
- (d) 1985

Answer: A (1958)

Explanation: The Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) was enacted in 1958, granting security forces extraordinary powers to maintain law and order in disturbed areas.

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