

CURRENT AFFAIRS: AUGUST 2024

Q1 Who has been appointed as the first woman Director General of Medical Services in the Indian Armed Forces?

- (a) Anjali Kumar
- (b) Priya Mehta
- (c) Sadhna Saxena Nair
- (d) Meena Sharma

Answer- C

Solution: Lieutenant General Sadhna Saxena Nair becomes the first woman to be appointed as the Director General of Medical Services in the Indian Armed Forces. Her distinguished career includes being the first woman to serve as the Director of General Hospital Services (Armed Forces) and as the Principal Medical Officer of the Western Air Command.

Q2 What is the name of India first multinational air exercise?

- (a) Tarang Shakti
- (b) Gagan Shakti
- (c) Vayu Shakti
- (d) Black Skies

Answer- A

Solution: India's first multinational air exercise, 'Tarang Shakti 2024', was hosted in Sular, Tamil Nadu. This event is a significant milestone for India, aimed at demonstrating its defence capabilities and enhancing interoperability among participating nations. This exercise features Indian Air Force aircraft including the LCA Tejas, Mirage 2000, and Rafale, and will support India's goals of achieving greater self-reliance in defence.

Q3 Who won the bronze medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions final at the Paris Olympics?

- (a) Swapnil Kusale
- (b) Manu Bhaker
- (c) Sarabjot Singh
- (d) Serhiy Kulish

Answer- A

Solution: Swapnil Kusale won the bronze medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions event at the Paris Olympics. His performance was marked by a total of 451.4 points, securing him the third spot on the podium.

Q 4. 'Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan' scheme launched by the Goa's state government is related to _____.

- (a) Wind turbine installations
- (b) Solar rooftop installations
- (c) Hydroelectric power projects
- (d) Biomass energy production

Answer-B

Solution: Goa's 'Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan' scheme, launched by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, focuses on enhancing solar rooftop installations for residential users. This initiative aims to enable households that consume 400 or fewer units of electricity annually to generate their own electricity, thereby reducing their reliance on traditional power sources.

Q 5. Which state is organised the "Jhumur dance" performance featuring 8,000 tea tribe artists?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Assam

Answer- D

Solution: The Assam government organised an impressive Jhumur dance performance involving 8,000 tea tribe artists. Jhumur is a traditional dance linked to the tea tribe communities in Assam, performed mainly during the Autumn season.

Q6 Which country's proposal inspired the G20's agreement on taxing the ultra-rich?

- (a) India
- (b) Brazil
- (c) China
- (d) South Africa

Answer- B

Solution: The G20 endorsed Brazil's proposal to levy a 2% wealth tax on fortunes exceeding \$1 billion, which inspired their agreement on taxing the ultra-rich. This initiative seeks to address wealth inequality and is projected to generate up to \$250 billion annually from approximately 3,000 individuals.

Q 7 For which mission has India selected Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair to the ISS?

- (a) Axiom-4
- (b) Gaganyaan-1
- (c) Artemis-2
- (d) Crew-7

Answer- A

Solution: Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair have been selected for the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS). Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla will serve as the primary mission pilot, while Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair will act as the backup. This mission marks a significant step in strengthening human spaceflight cooperation between ISRO and NASA and advancing India's human space program.

Q 8 Lt Col Kabilan Sai Ashok become the youngest Olympic referee from India at the Paris Olympics 2024, to which sport he belongs?

- (a) Wrestling
- (b) Boxing
- (c) Archery
- (d) Badminton

Answer- B

Solution: Lieutenant Colonel Kabilan Sai Ashok, a serving Indian Army Officer, achieved the distinction of becoming the youngest Olympic referee from India in boxing at the Paris Olympics 2024.

Q9 What is India's rank in the Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024?

- (a) 39th
- (b) 38th
- (c) 54th
- (d) 15th

Answer-A

Solution: According to the Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) for 2024 released by the World Economic Forum, India secured the 39th position. This ranking reflects India's performance in enhancing the competitiveness and sustainability of its tourism sector. Despite a methodological adjustment by the WEF, which revised India's 2021 rank to 38th, the 2024 ranking indicates a slight decrease, demonstrating India's consistent efforts in maintaining a robust tourism ecosystem.

Q 10 India has secured the operational rights for a terminal at Mongla Port, In which country Mongla Port is located?

- (a)China
- (b)Sri Lanka
- (c)India
- (d)Japan

Answer- C

Solution: India has successfully obtained the operational rights for a terminal at Mongla Port in Bangladesh, which is the country's second-largest seaport. This strategic acquisition is significant as it represents a counter to China's growing influence in the Indian Ocean region. Indian Port Global Limited (IPGL) will manage the terminal, which will enhance India's regional presence and security.

Q 11 What percentage of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is permitted for aircraft Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) via the automatic route?

- (a)100%
- (b)75%
- (c)50%
- (d)25%

Answer-A

Solution: Indian government has authorized 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) via the automatic route for the aircraft Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) sector. This move is aimed at boosting the MRO industry by increasing foreign investment. Alongside this, a uniform 5% IGST rate on aircraft parts and tools imports has been introduced, which enhances the sector's competitiveness.

Q 12 When is World Breastfeeding Week celebrated annually?

- (a)July 25th to 31st
- (b)August 1st to 7th
- (c)September 1st to 7th
- (d)October 1st to 7th

Answer- B

Solution: World Breastfeeding Week is a global healthcare event observed annually from August 1st to 7th. The 2024 theme is "Closing the gap: Breastfeeding support for all." This campaign not only emphasizes the importance of breastfeeding but also celebrates the diverse experiences of breastfeeding mothers.

Q 13 Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved how many new national high-speed road corridor projects?

- (a) Six
- (b) Four
- (c) Ten
- (d) Eight

Answer- D

Solution: Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the construction of eight new national high-speed road corridor projects. This initiative is part of a larger effort to modernize and expand India's road network.

Q14 Which country is currently facing a major political crisis following the resignation of its prime minister Sheikh Hasina?

- (a) Yemen
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Bangladesh

Answer- D

Solution: Bangladesh is experiencing a significant political crisis after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned and left the country amid widespread protests against her regime. The protests, initially sparked by controversy over a job quota order, expanded into larger demands for her removal from office. The crisis has led to an interim government taking over and the army urging citizens to trust them during this transitional period.

Q15 Indian Air Force has recently approved for production which type of missile?

- (a) BrahMos Missiles
- (b) Astra Mark 1 Missiles
- (c) Akash Missiles
- (d) Nag Missiles

Answer- B

Solution: The Indian Air Force has recently approved the production of 200 Astra Mark 1 missiles, which are advanced air-to-air missiles developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). These missiles are designed for

use with Su-30 and LCA Tejas fighter aircraft and feature advanced guidance systems, including active radar and infrared homing capabilities.

Q 16 Who is the author of the book "India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse"?

- (a) Krishnamoorthy
- (b) Arvind Subramanian
- (c) Raghuram Rajan
- (d) K V Subramanian

Answer- D

Solution: The book "India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse" was authored by Prof. K V Subramanian. It outlines India's economic goals and aspirations as the country approaches its 100th year of independence in 2047.

Q17 Indo-Tibetan Border Police has acquired the KAMAZ Typhoon-K vehicle from which country?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Japan
- (c) USA
- (d) UK

Answer- A

Solution: Indo-Tibetan Border Police has acquired The KAMAZ Typhoon-K vehicle manufactured by Russia. The Typhoon-K is developed by Remdiesel, a subsidiary of KamAZ, a leading Russian automotive manufacturer. This 4×4 Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle is designed for troop and cargo transportation in high-risk mine areas and features advanced protection and mobility characteristics.

Q18 Which country has the world's largest lithium reserves and is a key player in the global lithium market?

- (a) Argentina
- (b) Bolivia
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Chile

Answer- D

Solution: Chile is renowned for having the largest lithium reserves globally, holding 36% of the world's total. It also stands as the second-largest global producer, contributing 32% to the global market. This makes Chile a significant player in the

lithium industry, which is vital for various applications such as rechargeable batteries, ceramics, and pharmaceuticals.

Q19 Which Indian leader was conferred with the Companion of the Order of Fiji during a state visit?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Droupadi Murmu
- (c) Ram Nath Kovind
- (d) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer- B

Solution: Indian President Droupadi Murmu was conferred with the Companion of the Order of Fiji, the highest honor awarded by the Fijian government.

Q20 When was the original Boilers Act was enacted which is now being replaced by the Boilers Bill, 2024?

- (a) 1923
- (b) 1947
- (c) 1956
- (d) 1980

Answer- A

Solution: The Boilers Bill, of 2024 enacted by parliament to replace the Boilers Act of 1923. The new bill seeks to modernize boiler regulations and enhance safety standards. It decriminalizes certain offences, simplifies provisions to facilitate ease of doing business, and mandates the employment of qualified personnel for boiler repairs to ensure worker safety.

Q21 India exported its first GI-tagged fig juice to which country?

- (a) Hong Kong
- (b) Germany
- (c) France
- (d) Poland

Answer- D

Solution: India exported its first GI-tagged fig juice to Poland, marking a significant achievement for Indian agriculture. This follows the earlier success of exporting GI-tagged Purandar figs to Hong Kong, highlighting the potential for Indian agricultural products in global markets.

Q22 Who is heading the interim government in Bangladesh after former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stepped down?

- (a) Khaleda Zia
- (b) Muhammad Yunus
- (c) Ahmad Bin Quasem
- (d) Joynal Abedin

Answer- B

Solution: Muhammad Yunus, the Nobel laureate, was appointed to lead Bangladesh's interim government following the resignation and flight of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

23. Which Indian wrestler announced her retirement following a disqualification at the Paris Olympics 2024?

- (a) Sakshi Malik
- (b) Vinesh Phogat
- (c) Geeta Phogat
- (d) Babita Kumari

Answer- B

Solution: Vinesh Phogat announced her retirement from wrestling after a disqualification incident at the Paris Olympics 2024. She was disqualified from the 50 kg gold medal bout due to being overweight by 100 grams. This came after a semi-final victory that had set her up for a highly anticipated final match.

24. Which Indian state has replaced "Good Morning" with "Jai Hind" in its schools starting August 15?

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

Answer-D

Solution: Starting August 15, schools in Haryana students will now greet with "Jai Hind" instead of "Good Morning" to promote patriotism and national pride.

25. Which Indian wrestler won the bronze medal in the men's 57kg wrestling category at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games?

- (a) Ravi Kumar Dahiya
- (b) Aman Sehrawat

- (c) Bajrang Punia
- (d) Sushil Kumar

Answer-B

Solution: Aman Sehrawat won the bronze medal in the men's 57kg wrestling category at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. He triumphed in the bronze medal bout against Puerto Rico's Darian Toi Cruz. This accomplishment continued India's successful streak in Olympic wrestling, following Ravi Kumar Dahiya's silver medal win in the same weight class at the Tokyo Olympics.

26. Neeraj Chopra won _____ medal in the men's javelin throw event at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

- (a) Silver
- (b) Gold
- (c) Bronze
- (d) None

Answer- A

Solution: Neeraj Chopra secured the silver medal in the men's javelin throw event at the Paris 2024 Olympics with a season-best throw of 89.45m. Although he was the reigning Olympic champion, Chopra was unable to defend his title, as Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem took the gold with a record-breaking throw of 92.97m.

27. Which state launched India's first 24/7 grain dispensing machine, known as the Annapurthi Grain ATM?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Kerala

Answer- A

Solution: Odisha has launched India's first 24/7 grain dispensing machine, called the Annapurthi Grain ATM, aimed at modernizing the Public Distribution System (PDS). This machine, introduced in Bhubaneswar, dispenses up to 50 kg of rice with high accuracy and efficiency, significantly reducing queues and minimizing fraud in the distribution process.

28. Where is the world's first large, ultra-shallow gas field, the Lingshui 36-1 discovered in ultra-deep waters?

- (a) Vietnam
- (b) China

- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Philippines

Answer- B

Solution: China has announced the discovery of the Lingshui 36-1 gas field in the South China Sea, marking it as the world's first large, ultra-shallow gas field in ultra-deep waters.

29. Where is the country's third-largest tiger reserve located?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Chhattisgarh

Answer-D

Solution: Chhattisgarh government approved the third largest Tiger Reserve in the country. The Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve, formed by integrating an existing national park with a wildlife sanctuary, spans 2,829 square kilometres across four northern districts of the state. This is Chhattisgarh's fourth tiger reserve, addressing concerns about the state's declining tiger population, which fell from 46 in 2014 to 17 in 2022.

30. Which state Assembly recently introduced the Bill for Scheduled Tribes (ST) reservation?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Goa
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Kerala

Answer- B

Solution: The Goa state government has introduced the ST Reservation Bill 2024 to address the representation of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the Goa Assembly.

31. India men's hockey team defeated which team to win the bronze medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics?

- (a) Mexico
- (b) Spain
- (c) Germany
- (d) Netherlands

Answer- B

Solution: The Indian men's hockey team won the bronze medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics by defeating Spain 2-1 in the third-place match. This achievement is notable as it marks India's first back-to-back Olympic medals in hockey since the 1972 Munich Games.

32. Which Indian state has launched the 'HaatiApp' to address Human-Elephant conflicts?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Assam
- (d) Odisha

Answer- C

Solution: Assam has launched the 'HaatiApp' to mitigate Human-Elephant conflicts, which is supported by Aaranyak and the SBI Foundation. This early warning system aims to alert communities about the presence of wild elephants, thus reducing the frequency of conflicts.

33. What is the name of second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine commissioned by India Navy?

- (a) INS Arihant
- (b) INS Chakra
- (c) INS Sindhurakshak
- (d) INS Arighat

Answer- D

Solution: Indian navy has commissioned INS Arighat is the name of India's second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN). The submarine will enhance India's maritime defence capabilities with its advanced features, including four launch tubes for K-4 and K-15 missiles

34. When is International Youth Day observed annually?

- (a) August 12
- (b) August 15
- (c) September 12
- (d) July 15

Answer- A

Solution: International Youth Day is observed annually on August 12th. The theme for International Youth Day 2024, "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways

for Sustainable Development," emphasizes the role of digital technologies in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

35. Who authored the book '75 Great Revolutionaries of India'?

- (a) Bhim Singh
- (b) Harivansh Narayan Singh
- (c) Sanjay Raut
- (d) Sagarika Ghose

Answer- A

Solution: The book titled '75 Great Revolutionaries of India' was authored by MP Bhim Singh. The book, launched on August 11, focuses on highlighting the contributions of lesser-known freedom fighters who played significant roles in India's struggle for independence. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh attended the launch event and commended Bhim Singh for his work. The book aims to inspire future generations by recognizing the sacrifices of unsung heroes and contributing to the vision of a developed India.

36. Which country hosted the "Udara Shakti 2024" bilateral air exercise with the Indian Air Force?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Vietnam

Answer- B

Solution: The "Udara Shakti 2024" bilateral air exercise was hosted by the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) in Kuantan, Malaysia. This exercise marked a significant milestone in strengthening military cooperation between India and Malaysia.

37. Which Indian state has declared the ancient geoglyphs and petroglyphs as protected monuments?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Goa

Answer-B

Solution: The Maharashtra government has declared the ancient Mesolithic geoglyphs and petroglyphs in Ratnagiri as protected monuments. These rock

artworks, dating back thousands of years, include over 1,500 depictions of animals and footprints across 70 sites.

38. Which is the partner country with India in the annual Mitra Shakti military exercise?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Sri Lanka

Answer- D

Solution: The Mitra Shakti military exercise initiated in 2012 is an annual bilateral engagement between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army, aimed at enhancing military cooperation and strengthening ties between the two nations. The 2024 exercise, held at the Sri Lankan Army Training School, continues this tradition, highlighting the strategic partnership between India and Sri Lanka in maintaining regional security.

39. The first-ever Global Women's Kabaddi League scheduled to be organised in which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Haryana

Answer-D

Solution: The first-ever Global Women's Kabaddi League, officially named the Global Pravasi Women's Kabaddi League (GPKL), is set to commence in September in Haryana. This tournament is a significant initiative to promote women's kabaddi on an international level, featuring athletes from over 15 countries.

40. Which institution secured the top position in the 'overall' category in the NIRF 2024 rankings?

- (a) IISc Bengaluru
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) Miranda House

Answer- B

Solution: IIT Madras secured the top position in the 'overall' category in the NIRF 2024 rankings, continuing its consistent performance in India's higher education landscape. The NIRF, introduced by the Ministry of Education in 2015, ranks institutions based on various key parameters.

41. Which country has discovered the plastic-eating fungi capable of breaking down polyurethane?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Canada
- (c) Germany
- (d) Australia

Answer- C

Solution: Germany scientists have discovered fungi capable of breaking down plastics, particularly polyurethane. These fungi, primarily from the genera *Aspergillus* and *Pestalotiopsis*, can degrade plastics, offering a potential solution to plastic waste.

42. Who has been appointed as the new head coach of India's junior men's hockey team in 2024?

- (a) Manpreet Singh
- (b) PR Sreejesh
- (c) Dhanraj Pillay
- (d) Sardar Singh

Answer- B

Solution: PR Sreejesh, who recently led India to a bronze medal at the 2024 Olympics, has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian junior men's hockey team. Hockey India celebrated this move, acknowledging Sreejesh's inspiring journey from playing to coaching, which is expected to have a positive impact on the young athletes under his guidance.

43. Which state became the first in India to introduce Digital Health education for all medical students through a partnership between NHA and MUHS?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer- D

Solution: Maharashtra became the first state in India to introduce Digital Health education for all medical students through a significant partnership between the

National Health Authority (NHA) and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS).

44. What is the name of the long-range glide bomb successfully tested by DRDO from a Su-30 MK-I fighter jet?

- (a) GAURAV
- (b) GARUDA
- (c) NAG
- (d) AGNI

Answer- A

Solution: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully tested the the long-range glide bomb named GAURAV on August 13, 2024, from a Su-30 MK-I fighter jet of the Indian Air Force. This air-launched 1,000 kg class bomb is designed to hit targets at long distances with high accuracy using a hybrid navigation scheme.

45. Which company developed India's first indigenous dengue vaccine, "DengiAll," currently in Phase 3 trials?

- (a) Bharat Biotech
- (b) Panacea Biotec
- (c) Serum Institute of India
- (d) Zydus Cadila

Answer- B

Solution: Panacea Biotec developed DengiAll, India's first indigenous dengue vaccine, which is currently in Phase 3 trials. The vaccine targets all four dengue virus serotypes and is being tested across 19 sites with over 10,000 participants. The successful trial of DengiAll could provide a vital tool in combating this widespread disease.

46. Where was the world's oldest solar calendar discovered?

- (a) Egypt
- (b) Turkey
- (c) Greece
- (d) Iraq

Answer- B

Solution: The world's oldest solar calendar was discovered at Göbekli Tepe, a renowned archaeological site in southern Turkey. This discovery highlights the advanced astronomical knowledge of the people who lived nearly 13,000 years ago.

47. Which Indian state uses bio-fertilisers for cotton cultivation?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Telangana

Answer- D

Solution: In Telangana's Sangareddy district, farmers from various regions are successfully using bio-fertilisers for cotton cultivation. In the village of Peddapur, these farmers have seen their cotton crops benefit from bio-fertilisers, resulting in healthier and more abundant growth without the need for chemical pesticides.

48. Which telecom company has launched India's first eSIM services, offering a seamless travel experience with no need for physical SIM cards?

- (a) Jio
- (b) Airtel
- (c) Vodafone Idea
- (d) Matrix Cellular

Answer- D

Solution: Matrix Cellular has launched India's first eSIM services, offering a seamless travel experience with no need for physical SIM cards. This eSIM, a software-based system embedded in devices, allows for easy activation of various cellular plans, reducing costs and simplifying connectivity for travellers.

49. A 13-year-old girl Lei Muzi, performed a historic Bharatanatyam "Arangetram", She belongs to which country?

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) South Korea
- (d) Thailand

Answer- A

Solution: A 13-year-old Chinese girl, Lei Muzi, performed a historic Bharatanatyam "Arangetram" in China at the Indian Embassy. Her debut was attended by Indian diplomats and a large crowd of fans, including the first Indian ambassador to China,

marking a milestone in the spread of India's ancient dance form among Chinese audiences.

50. Which virus led to The World Health Organization to declare the global public health emergency?

- (a) Zika virus
- (b) Ebola virus
- (c) Mpox virus
- (d) Dengue virus

Answer- C

Solution: The World Health Organization has declared mpox a global public health emergency after an outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, spreading to several African countries including Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda.

51. What was the India position in the medal tally at the Paris Olympics 2024?

- (a) 48th
- (b) 71st
- (c) 65th
- (d) 56th

Answer- B

Solution: India finished 71st in the medal tally at the Paris Olympics 2024, marking a decline from its 48th place in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Despite winning six medals, including one silver and five bronze, the nation faced numerous challenges and near misses.

52. What is the width-to-length ratio of the Indian national flag as per the Bureau of Indian Standards?

- (a) 3:4
- (b) 2:3
- (c) 1:2
- (d) 5:8

Answer- B

Solution: The width-to-length ratio of the Indian national flag, also known as the Tiranga, is set at 2:3 by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). This ratio is strictly maintained to ensure uniformity and respect across all sizes of the flag, which symbolizes the unity and pride of the nation.

53. Who was the father of Agni missiles and a former Director of ASL?

- (a) R N Agarwal
- (b) K S Hegde
- (c) V K Krishna
- (d) A R Desai

Answer- A

Solution: R N Agarwal, known for his significant contributions to India's missile development and his leadership at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), died at 84. Agarwal, who received the Padma Bhushan, played a crucial role in India's missile development. As the director of ASL, his efforts were instrumental in initiating the Agni missile programme under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMP). His contributions were pivotal to India's missile capabilities, including the Agni series of missiles and the BrahMos missile system.

54. Where is India's first-of-its-kind animal rescue and rehabilitation centre (Vantara) located?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Jamnagar
- (d) Bangalore

Answer- C

Solution: Vantara, India's first-of-its-kind animal rescue and rehabilitation centre located within the Jamnagar Refinery Complex founded by Anant Ambani and supported by Reliance Industries and Reliance Foundation, aims to restore balance and preserve biodiversity in India.

55. Where is the historic Rajabai Clock Tower located?

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

Answer- A

Solution: The Rajabai Clock Tower, resembling London's Big Ben, stands tall in Mumbai. Built in 1878 by the wealthy broker Premchand Roychand Jain for £5,000, its construction was a testament to his commitment to his blind mother's needs. Designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, the tower, now a World Heritage Site, was originally intended to help Jain's mother, Rajabai, time her meals with the bell's chimes.

56. Which state government launched the 'Rattirer Shaathi-Helpers of Night' program?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Karnataka

Answer- C

Solution: The West Bengal government introduced the 'Rattirer Shaathi-Helpers of Night' program aimed at safeguarding women medical professionals on night shifts. This initiative follows the tragic RG Kar incident, where a 31-year-old doctor was brutally murdered.

57. Where was Rajanna Sircilla's first park inaugurated?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Karnataka

Answer- A

Solution: Rajanna Sircilla's first park, Vemulawada Municipal Park, has been inaugurated in Vemulawada, a town in Telangana.

58. Which country has declared a cholera outbreak?

- (a) Sudan
- (b) South Sudan
- (c) Ethiopia
- (d) Somalia

Answer- A

Solution: Sudan has declared a cholera outbreak, with the World Health Organization (WHO) reporting 316 deaths. The outbreak is a result of the ongoing conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces and Rapid Support Forces since April 2023, leading to the spread of epidemic diseases like cholera, malaria, and measles.

59. Which country banned the Clooney Foundation for Justice?

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

(d)Ukraine

Answer- A

Solution: Russia's prosecutor general banned the Clooney Foundation for Justice, founded by Hollywood actor George Clooney and his wife, accusing the foundation of conducting activities aimed at discrediting Russia and supporting false patriots.

60. Where was the rare Brahma Kamal flower found?

- (a)Himachal Pradesh
- (b)Uttarakhand
- (c)Sikkim
- (d)Assam

Answer- B

Solution: The Brahma Kamal flower is a rare bloom found in Uttarakhand, India. This unique flower is known for its night-blooming properties, opening its petals for just a few hours before closing again. It belongs to the genus Brahma Kamal, with its name translating to "Brahma's Lotus" in Sanskrit, symbolizing purity and enlightenment in Hinduism and Buddhism.

61. To which country Prime Minister of India made a landmark visit making it the first by an Indian leader in 45 years?

- (a)Poland
- (b)France
- (c)United States
- (d)Germany

Answer- A

Solution: Prime Minister made a landmark visit to Poland in Aug 2024. It is the first visit by an Indian leader in 45 years. This trip is aimed at strengthening the strategic partnership in areas like defence and trade between the two countries, amidst heightened global tensions and geopolitical dynamics.

62. Which Indian state has become the first to implement digital communication for issuing legal summons and warrants?

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

Answer- C

Solution: The Madhya Pradesh government has pioneered the use of digital communication for issuing legal summons and warrants, becoming India's first state to allow this. Through WhatsApp, e-mail, and text messages, this new process aims to streamline judicial proceedings, reduce government expenditure, and improve access to justice in rural areas.

63. Which country will host the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 after the event was moved from Bangladesh?

- (a) UAE
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Zimbabwe
- (d) Bangladesh

Answer- A

Solution: The ICC Women's T20 World Cup, originally scheduled to be held in Bangladesh, has been relocated to the UAE due to ongoing unrest in Bangladesh and subsequent travel advisories from several countries.

64. What is the name of India's first reusable hybrid rocket to be launched from Chennai?

- (a) SLV 3
- (b) HYBRID 1
- (c) RHUMI 1
- (d) SPACE 1

Answer- C

Solution: Space Zone India launched India's first reusable hybrid rocket, RHUMI 1, which will transport 3 Cube Satellites and 50 PICO Satellites to a suborbital trajectory. This launch represents India's first attempt at a reusable hybrid rocket, focusing on flexibility and reusability.

65. Where were the 2024 Paralympic Games held?

- (a) Paris
- (b) Beijing
- (c) London
- (d) Tokyo

Answer- A

Solution: India sent its largest Paralympic delegation to Paris 2024, comprising 84 athletes, with an increased representation of women to 32 participants. This marks a significant improvement from Tokyo 2020, where India had sent 54 athletes with only 14 women.

66. Who became India's youngest Olympic medalist by clinching a bronze medal in the men's 57kg wrestling event at the 2024 Paris Olympics?

- (a) Sushil Kumar
- (b) Bajrang Punia
- (c) Sakshi Malik
- (d) Aman Sehrawat

Answer- D

Solution: Aman Sehrawat, a 21-year-old wrestler from the Chhatrasal Akhada in Haryana, made history at the 2024 Paris Olympics by securing India's first wrestling medal.

67. Where is Jaldapara National Park located?

- (a) Assam
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Odisha

Answer- B

Solution: Jaldapara National Park, located in West Bengal, has reported the unfortunate deaths of five rhino cubs in 2023. These deaths are suspected to be caused by a tapeworm infestation, as confirmed by forest officials.

68. In which year does ISRO plan to launch the first base module of the Bharatiya Antariksh Station?

- (a) 2028
- (b) 2029
- (c) 2030
- (d) 2032

Answer- A

Solution: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced its plan to launch the first base module of India's first manned space module, the Bharatiya Antariksh Station, by 2028. This initial module will be robotic, marking the first step towards fully assembling the space station by 2035.

69. Which airport has achieved Net Zero Carbon Emission status and became the first Indian airport with Level 5 certification by Airport Council International?

- (a) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- (b) Kempegowda International Airport
- (c) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- (d) Indira Gandhi International Airport

Answer- D

Solution: Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first Indian airport to attain Net Zero Carbon Emission status.

70. Which country has introduced the 'Right to disconnect' law, allowing employees to ignore work-related communications outside of working hours?

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

Answer- D

Solution: Australia has taken a significant step towards work-life balance by introducing the 'Right to disconnect' law. This legislation enables employees to disregard work-related communications outside of their regular working hours, promoting a healthier separation between work and personal life.

71. Where is South India's first Adivasi library, 'Kaanu,' set to open?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Kerala

Answer- A

Solution: South India's first Adivasi library, 'Kaanu,' was inaugurated in Chamarajanagar, Karnataka, on August 25. Located at the Institute of Public Health, this library is dedicated to the research and documentation of tribal cultures.

72. Which country has recognised Hilsa fish as its national fish?

- (a) Myanmar

- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Nepal

Answer- B

Solution: Hilsa fish, also known as ilish, is revered as the national fish of Bangladesh and is highly valued for its nutritional benefits. Rich in protein, omega-3 fatty acids, and essential vitamins and minerals.

73. Which country recently unveiled new "suicide drones" amid rising military tensions?

- (a) Iran
- (b) China
- (c) North Korea
- (d) Russia

Answer-C

Solution: North Korea, under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, recently showcased new "suicide drones," which function similarly to guided missiles and have a range of over 1,000 km.

74. How many new districts have Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced for Ladakh?

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

Answer- B

Solution: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced the creation of five new districts in Ladakh: Zaskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra, and Changthang. This expansion aims to improve governance and development in the region, complementing the Prime Minister's development vision for Ladakh. Currently, Ladakh consists of two districts, Leh and Kargil, and this move is expected to enhance administrative efficiency and infrastructure in the Union Territory.

75. In which year was India's first magic theme park, Magic Planet, founded in Kerala?

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2018

(d)2020

Answer- A

Solution: Magic Planet, India's first theme park dedicated to magic and illusion, was founded in 2014 in Kerala. The park, created by magician Gopinath Muthukad, blends street magic with science and education, offering a unique experience for visitors.

76. India finalised the order for 73,000 SiG 716 assault rifles from which country?

- (a)Germany
- (b)Israel
- (c)Russia
- (d)United States

Answer- D

Solution: India finalised a repeat order for 73,000 SiG 716 assault rifles from the United States to equip its frontline troops. This follows a successful 2019 procurement of 72,400 SiG 716 rifles, driven by their superior performance, extended range, and automatic firing capability.

77. Who was appointed as Iran's first female government spokesperson?

- (a)Shina Ansari
- (b)Fatemeh Mohajerani
- (c)Farzaneh Sadeq Malvajard
- (d)Maryam Jalali

Answer- B

Solution: Fatemeh Mohajerani has been appointed as Iran's first female government spokesperson by President Masoud Pezeshkian. With a Doctorate in Business Administration from Heriot-Watt University, Mohajerani joins other high-ranking women in Iran's government, such as Shina Ansari, head of the Department of Environment, and Farzaneh Sadeq Malvajard, Minister of Roads and Urban Development. This appointment marks a significant step in increasing the representation of women in Iran's governmental roles.

78. Who became the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic gold medals?

- (a)Preethi Pal
- (b)Mona Agrawal
- (c)Avani Lekhara
- (d)Manish Narwal

Answer- C

Solution: Avani Lekhara made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic gold medals with her victory in the women's 10m air rifle (SH1) event. This achievement marks a significant milestone in Indian sports, highlighting her exceptional talent and dedication.

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